

# PROPYLENE GLYCOL INDUSTRIAL

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** PROPYLENE GLYCOL INDUSTRIAL

**Product Number:** 000000000000499202

**Chemical Family:** Glycols

**CAS Number:** 57-55-6

**Chemical Name:** 1,2-Propanediol

**Synonyms:** Propylene Glycol, 1,2-Propanediol, 1,2-Dihydroxypropane, Monopropylene Glycol

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## SECTION 2 : COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>Component Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>EU Inventory</u>	<u>Concentration Wt.%*</u>	<u>Risk</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Propylene Glycol	57-55-6	200-338-0	> 99.0	None	None

\* Concentration of gaseous products or materials is given in Mole %  
Compositions given are typical values not specifications.

## SECTION 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

### Emergency Overview

**Signal Word**

Caution.

**Hazards**

Slightly combustible liquid. Do not handle near heat, sparks, or open flame. May cause minor eye irritation. High aerosol concentrations may cause mild irritation of the nose and throat as well as central nervous system depression. Not expected to cause skin irritation. Not expected to be a sensitizer.

**Physical State**

Liquid.

**Color**

Clear, colorless.

**Odor**

Little or no odor.

**Odor Threshold**

No value available.

### Potential Health Effects

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**Routes of Exposure**

Eye Skin. Inhalation

**Signs and Symptoms of Acute Exposure**

See component summary.

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May cause minor eye irritation. High aerosol concentrations may cause mild irritation of the nose and throat as well as central nervous system depression.

**Skin**

Not a skin irritant. Not expected to be a sensitizer.

**Inhalation**

High aerosol concentrations may cause mild reversible irritation of the nose and throat as well as CNS depression (primarily fatigue, dizziness and possibly loss of concentration, with collapse, coma and death possible in cases of severe over exposure).

**Eye**

May cause minor eye irritation. Effects of eye irritation are reversible.

**Ingestion**

Ingestion of high doses may cause discomfort and irritation of the gastrointestinal tract and CNS depression (fatigue, dizziness and possibly loss of concentration, with collapse, coma and death in cases of severe over-exposure).

**Chronic Health Effects**

See component summary.

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Repeated or prolonged exposure of the skin to this material may cause defatting and drying of the skin. Prolonged or repeated breathing of high concentrations may cause symptoms of central nervous system depression.

**Conditions Aggravated by Exposure**

This material or its emissions may aggravate pre-existing eye disease.

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

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**General**

Take proper precautions to ensure your own health and safety before attempting rescue and providing first aid. For specific information refer to the Emergency Overview in Section 3 of this MSDS.

**Skin**

Not expected to present a significant skin hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use. If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly.

**Inhalation**

Not expected to present a significant inhalation hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use. If overcome by exposure, remove victim to fresh air immediately. Give oxygen or artificial respiration as needed. Obtain medical attention if breathing difficulty persists.

**Eye**

Thoroughly flush the eyes with large amounts of clean low-pressure water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion**

Ingestion unlikely. If large quantity swallowed, give lukewarm water (pint/ 1/2 litre) if victim completely conscious/alert. Obtain medical attention.

**Note to Physician**

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Treat symptomatically. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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### Flammable Properties

#### Classification

Slightly combustible.

#### Flash Point:

~ 109 °C (228.2 °F) (PMCC) (Aqueous solution).

#### Auto-Ignition Temperature

~ 371 °C (699.8 °F)

#### Lower Flammable Limit

~ 2.4 vol%

#### Upper Flammable Limit

~ 17.4 vol%

### Extinguishing Media

**Suitable:** SMALL FIRE: Use dry chemicals, CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, water fog or alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable:** Do not use solid water stream.

### Protection of Firefighters

**Protective Equipment/Clothing:** Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Structural firefighters protective clothing will only provide limited protection.

**Fire Fighting Guidance:** Heat from fire can generate flammable vapor. Fine sprays/mists may be combustible at temperatures below normal flash point. When mixed with air and exposed to ignition source, vapors can burn in open or explode if confined. Vapors may be heavier than air. May travel long distances along the ground before igniting and flashing back to vapor source. Aqueous solutions containing less than 95% propylene glycol by weight have no flash point as obtained by standard test methods. However aqueous solutions of propylene glycol greater than 22% by weight, if heated sufficiently, will produce flammable vapors. Only aqueous solutions of propylene glycol less than 22% should be used in sprinkler systems or other fire-fighting equipment. Always drain and flush systems containing propylene glycol with water before welding or other maintenance.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Incomplete combustion may produce carbon monoxide and other toxic gases.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### Release Response

In case of accidental spill, may contaminate water supplies/pollute public waters. Evacuate/limit access. Equip responders with proper protection. Extinguish ignition sources; stop release; prevent flow to sewers or public waters. Notify fire and environmental authorities. Restrict water use for cleanup. Slippery walking/spread granular cover or soak up. Impound/recover large land spill; soak up small spill with inert solids. Use suitable disposal containers. On water, material is soluble and will disperse rapidly unless contained and collected quickly to minimize dispersion. Report per regulatory requirements.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### Handling

Hygroscopic. Handle with care. After handling, always wash hands thoroughly with soap and water. Always drain and flush

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systems containing propylene glycol with water before welding or other maintenance. Wear recommended personal protective equipment. Observe precautions pertaining to confined space entry.

### Storage

Hygroscopic. Keep drums tightly closed to prevent contamination. Store away from heat, sparks, open flames, strong oxidizing agents and direct sunlight. Store at 65-90°F (18-32°C). Stainless steel containers. Lined steel. Mild steel. Reinforced plastic. Use dry nitrogen or low dew point air for tank padding.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Engineering Controls

No special ventilation is recommended under anticipated conditions of normal use beyond that needed for normal comfort control.

### Personal Protection

Inhalation No special respiratory protection is recommended under anticipated conditions of normal use with adequate ventilation.

Skin Wear chemical resistant gloves such as: Neoprene. Where use can result in skin contact, practice good personal hygiene. The equipment must be cleaned thoroughly after each use.

Eye Use splash goggles when eye contact due to splashing or spraying liquid is possible.

### Additional Remarks

Selection of appropriate personal protective equipment should be based on an evaluation of the performance characteristics of the protective equipment relative to the task(s) to be performed, conditions present, duration of use, and the hazards and/or potential hazards that may be encountered during use. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Use good personal hygiene practices. Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking, or using toilet facilities. Promptly remove soiled clothing/wash thoroughly before reuse.

### Occupational Exposure Limits

Component Name	Source / Date	Value	Type	Notation
Propylene Glycol	US (ACGIH) / 2005	N/L		

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Liquid. Clear, colorless.

**Odor:** Little or no odor.

**Odor Threshold:** No value available.

**pH:** ~ 7

**Boiling Point/Boiling Range:** ~ 188 °C (370.4 °F) @ 760 mm Hg

**Freezing Point/Melting Point:** ~ -60 °C (-76 °F)

**Flash Point:** ~ 109 °C (228.2 °F) (PMCC) (Aqueous solution).

**Auto-ignition:** ~ 371 °C (699.8 °F)

**Flammability:** Slightly combustible.

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**Lower Flammable Limit:** ~ 2.4 vol%

**Upper Flammable Limit:** ~ 17.4 vol%

**Explosive Properties:** No Data Available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** No Data Available.

**Vapor Pressure:** < 0.1 mm Hg @ 25 °C (77 °F)

**Evaporation Rate:** 0.01 (butyl acetate = 1)

**Relative Density:** ~ 1.04 @ 25 °C (77 °F)

**Relative Vapor Density:** ~ 2.6 @ ~ 15 - 32 °C (59 - 89.6 °F) (Air = 1.0)

**Viscosity:** ~ 46 mPa.s @ 25 °C (77 °F) (Brookfield).

**Solubility (Water):** Complete (In All Proportions).

**Partition Coefficient (Kow):** ~ -0.92

**Additional Physical and Chemical Properties:** Volatile Characteristics: Slight: 0.1 to 1.0% Hygroscopic. Additional properties may be listed in Sections 3 and 5.

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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### Chemical Stability

Stable.

### Conditions to Avoid

High temperatures, oxidizing conditions. May degrade when exposed to light or other radiation sources.

### Substances to Avoid

Reacts with strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Isocyanates.

### Decomposition Products

Carbon Monoxide and other toxic vapors.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Not expected to occur.

### Reactions with Air and Water

Not expected to occur.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### PRODUCT INFORMATION

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### Product Summary

No additional toxicology information is available for this product itself. (See Component Toxicity Information).

### COMPONENT INFORMATION

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**Acute Toxicity - Lethal Doses**

LD50 (Oral) Rat 22,000 MG/KG BWT

LD50 (Skin) Rabbit. 20,800 MG/KG BWT

**Irritation**

Skin Not a skin irritant. Repeated or prolonged contact with skin may cause dermatitis.

Eye May cause minor eye irritation. Effects of eye irritation are reversible.

**Sensitization**

Not expected to cause sensitization by skin contact, however skin reactions of unknown etiology have been described in some hypersensitive individuals following topical application.

**Target Organ Effects**

Skin. Repeated or prolonged contact with skin may cause defatting and drying of the skin which may result in dermatitis.

**Repeated Dose Toxicity**

No adverse systemic changes were reported in rats or dogs following repeated dietary exposure to high concentrations of propylene glycol. Cats responded with species-specific hematological changes (Heinz body formation) yet all other tissues were unaffected. No systemic effects, but mild eye and nasal irritation were noted in rats following sub-chronic exposure to high concentrations of propylene glycol aerosol. Overall propylene glycol is of low inherent toxicity following repeated oral or inhalation exposure.

**Reproductive Effects**

No adverse effect on reproductive performance was seen in male and female mice exposed continuously to high doses of propylene glycol in drinking water for up to 3 months.

**Developmental Effects**

Results from studies in pregnant rats, mice, hamsters and rabbits demonstrate that propylene glycol is not teratogenic or fetotoxic.

**Genetic Toxicity**

Negative for genotoxicity both in vitro and in vivo tests.

**Carcinogenicity**

No increase in tumors was noted in rats and dogs exposed to high concentrations of propylene glycol via the diet for up to 2 years. The incidence of skin tumors was unaltered in mice following dermal application over a lifetime. Not listed by IARC, NTP, or OSHA.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity**

This material is expected to be non-hazardous to aquatic species.

**Environmental Fate and Pathway**

See component summary.

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## Ecotoxicity

This material is expected to be non-hazardous to aquatic species.

### Acute toxicity to fish

LC50 / 96 HOUR fathead minnow 51,400 mg/l

LC50 / 96 HOUR salmon 51,600 mg/l

### Acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

EC50 / 48 HOUR Daphnia magna. 43,500 mg/l

EC50 / 48 HOUR saltwater mysid. 27,300 mg/l

### Toxicity to aquatic plants

EC50 / 72 HOUR Freshwater Algae. 24,200 mg/l

EC50 / 72 HOUR Marine algae 19,300 mg/l

### Toxicity to microorganisms

Summary: No Data Available.

### Chronic toxicity to fish

Summary: No Data Available.

### Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

IC25 / waterflea. 13,470 mg/l

Summary: A three generation reproductive study.

## Environmental Fate and Pathway

### Mobility

Transport between environmental compartments: Environmental releases of propylene glycol will tend to partition to water and soil, with little potential for evaporation.

### Persistence and Degradability

Biodegradation: Readily biodegradable in aerobic conditions. There is evidence that it is degraded under anaerobic conditions.

Bioaccumulation: This material is not expected to bioaccumulate. BCF < 1.5

### Other Adverse Effects

No additional information available.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Comply with applicable local, state or international regulations concerning solid or hazardous waste disposal and/or container disposal. Landfill solids at permitted sites. Burn concentrated liquids, diluting with clean, low viscosity fuel. Dilute aqueous waste may biodegrade. Assure effluent complies with applicable regulations.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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### Special Requirements

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If you reformulate or further process this material, you should consider re-evaluation of the regulatory status of the components listed in the composition section of this sheet, based on final composition of your product.

**Proper Shipping Name** PROPYLENE GLYCOL

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### Regulatory Status

Country	Inventory		<b>X = All components are included or are otherwise exempt from inclusion on this inventory.</b>  <b>C = Contact Lyondell/Equistar by e-mail at <a href="mailto:product.safety@lyondell.com">product.safety@lyondell.com</a> or <a href="mailto:product.safety@equistarchem.com">product.safety@equistarchem.com</a> for additional information.</b>
Australia	AICS	X	
Canada	DSL	X	
Canada	NDSL		
China	IECS	X	
European Union	EINECS	X	
European Union	ELINCS		
European Union	NLP		
Japan	ENCS	X	
Korea	ECL	X	
Philippines	PICCS	X	
United States	TSCA	X	

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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### Numerical Data Presentation

The presentation of numerical data, such as that used for physical and chemical properties and toxicological values, is expressed using a comma (,) to separate digits into groups of three and a period (.) as the decimal marker. For example, 1,234.56 mg/kg = 1 234,56 mg/kg

### Language Translations

This document may be available in languages other than English.



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