

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : 2-Mercaptoethanol

Product Number : M6250

Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 60-24-2

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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Hours/day; 7 Days/week

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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 4), H227

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2), H310

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Skin sensitization (Sub-category 1A), H317

Reproductive toxicity (Category 2), H361

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Oral (Category 2), Liver, Heart, H373

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 2), H411

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

- H227 Combustible liquid.
- H301 + H331 Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled.
- H310 Fatal in contact with skin.
- H315 Causes skin irritation.
- H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H318 Causes serious eye damage.
- H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
- H373 May cause damage to organs (Liver, Heart) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
- H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.
- H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

- P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
- P260 Do not breathe mist or vapors.
- P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
- P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
- P273 Avoid release to the environment.
- P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
- P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.
- P302 + P350 + P310 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
- P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
- P304 + P340 + P311 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
- P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
- P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
- P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
- P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
- P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
- P391 Collect spillage.
- P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
- P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
- P405 Store locked up.
- P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal

plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Stench.

Stench., Rapidly absorbed through skin.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Thioethylene glycol  
2-Hydroxyethylmercaptan  
BME  
β-Mercaptoethanol

Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OS  
Molecular weight : 78.13 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 60-24-2  
EC-No. : 200-464-6

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Mercaptoethanol</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1A; Repr. 2; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 2; H227, H301, H331, H310, H315, H318, H317, H361, H373, H400, H411 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 1	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Sulfur oxides

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### **Storage stability**

Recommended storage temperature

2 - 8 °C

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	TWA	0.2 ppm	USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)
Remarks		Skin		

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

## **Personal protective equipment**

### **Eye/face protection**

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

### **Skin protection**

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Butoject® (KCL 898)

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 120 min

Material tested:Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

### **Body Protection**

protective clothing

### **Respiratory protection**

required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                              | Form: liquid<br>Color: colorless    |
| b) Odor                                    | characteristic                      |
| c) Odor Threshold                          | 5.7 ppm                             |
| d) pH                                      | 4.5 - 6 at 500 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point: < -50 °C (< -58 °F)  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 157 °C 315 °F - lit.                |

g)	Flash point	74 °C (165 °F) - closed cup
h)	Evaporation rate	No data available
i)	Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 18 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 2.3 %(V)
k)	Vapor pressure	0.76 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F)
l)	Vapor density	2.70 - (Air = 1.0)
m)	Density	1.114 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit.
	Relative density	No data available
n)	Water solubility	soluble
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.056 at 25 °C (77 °F) - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p)	Autoignition temperature	No data available
q)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
r)	Viscosity	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	No data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapor density 2.70 - (Air = 1.0)

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

Strong oxidizing agents

A risk of explosion and/or of toxic gas formation exists with the following substances:

Acids

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Strong heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

## **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Mouse - 190 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

Symptoms: Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male - 4 h - 2.05 mg/l - vapor

Remarks: (ECHA)

Symptoms: Possible damages:, mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - 112 - 224 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

No data available

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritations

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe irritations

(Draize Test)

Remarks: (External MSDS)

Risk of corneal clouding.

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: positive

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Intraperitoneal

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Result: negative

#### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### **Reproductive toxicity**

Suspected of damaging the unborn child.  
Suspected of damaging fertility.

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Ingestion - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Liver, Heart

#### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

### **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 49 d - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 15 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 50 mg/kg

RTECS: KL5600000

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Weakness, Unconsciousness, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Systemic effects:

CNS disorders  
Nausea  
Vomiting  
Convulsions  
narcosis

The following applies to mercaptans in general: offensive odour.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

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### **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

#### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish static test LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 37 mg/l - 96 h (DIN 38412 T15)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.4 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)

Toxicity to algae static test ErC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 19 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

Toxicity to bacteria static test EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 125 mg/l - 17 h

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## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

### **SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

### **SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### **SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

### **Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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## **SECTION 16: Other information**

### **Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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