

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 01/22/2022**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : *tert*-Butyl methyl ether

Product Number : 306975  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 603-181-00-X  
CAS-No. : 1634-04-4

**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**

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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 2), H225  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

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)  
H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| H315                       | Causes skin irritation.  |
| Precautionary statement(s) |  |
| P210                       | Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.                                  |
| P233                       | Keep container tightly closed.   |
| P240                       | Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.   |
| P241                       | Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.                                    |
| P242                       | Use only non-sparking tools.   |
| P243                       | Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  |
| P264                       | Wash skin thoroughly after handling.   |
| P280                       | Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.   |
| P303 + P361 + P353         | IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. |
| P332 + P313                | If skin irritation 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.                 |
| P403 + P235                | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.   |
| P501                       | Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.                                  |

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : MTBE  
Methyl tert-butyl ether

Formula : C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O  
Molecular weight : 88.15 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 1634-04-4  
EC-No. : 216-653-1  
Index-No. : 603-181-00-X

| Component                      | Classification                             | Concentration |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>tert-butyl methyl ether</b> | Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2;<br>H225, H315 | <= 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

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air.

**In case of skin contact**

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

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

After swallowing: caution if victim vomits. Risk of aspiration! Keep airways free. Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit. Call a physician immediately.

**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**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Foam 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

Combustible.

Pay attention to flashback.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

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

Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

**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. 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. Risk of explosion.

### 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 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 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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

### 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   |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| tert-butyl methyl ether | 1634-04-4 | TWA  | 50 ppm                          | USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)   |
|                         | Remarks   | Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans |                                 |   |
|                         |           | PEL  | 40 ppm<br>144 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107) |

### 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). Safety glasses

### 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)).

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

Flame retardant antistatic 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. Risk of explosion.

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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                               | 0.053 ppm  |
| d) pH   | No data available  |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point: -108.6 °C (-163.5 °F) at 1,013 hPa                  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 55 - 56 °C 131 - 133 °F - lit.                                     |
| g) Flash point                                  | -28 °C (-18 °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: 8.5 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 1.6 %(V) |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | 330 hPa at 25 °C (77 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 104                 |
| l) Vapor density                                | No data available  |

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|---|---|
| m) Relative density                       | 0.74 at 20 °C (68 °F)   |
| n) Water solubility                       | 42 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 105   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: 1.06 at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 107 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.   |
| p) Autoignition temperature               | 460 °C (860 °F) at 1013.0 hPa - DIN 51794   |
| q) Decomposition temperature              | Distillable in an undecomposed state at normal pressure.  |
| r) Viscosity                              | 0.409 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 40 °C (104 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 -<br>0.464 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 - |
| s) Explosive properties                   | No data available   |
| t) Oxidizing properties                   | No data available   |

## 9.2 Other safety information

Surface tension 72.5 mN/m at 1.07g/l at 21.5 °C (70.7 °F) - Surface tension

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

### 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:

Oxidizing agents  
Strong acids  
halogens  
Strong bases

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.  
Warming.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

rubber, various plastics

### 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 - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Symptoms: Nausea, Vomiting, Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit.,  
Aspiration may cause pulmonary edema and pneumonitis.

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 85 mg/l  
(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Symptoms: Possible damages:, mucosal irritations

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

No data available

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

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Drying-out effect resulting in rough and chapped skin.

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

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

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

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): micronucleus.

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: negative

Test Type: unscheduled DNA synthesis assay

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Liver cells

Application Route: inhalation (vapor)

Method: OECD Test Guideline 486

Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: inhalation (vapor)

Method: US-EPA

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Species: Rat

Cell type: Bone marrow  
Application Route: inhalation (vapor)  
Method: US-EPA  
Result: negative

Test Type: Transgenic rodent somatic cell gene mutation assay  
Species: Rat  
Cell type: Bone marrow  
Application Route: inhalation (vapor)  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 488  
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**

No data available

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

No data available

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

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 90 d - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 3,000 mg/kg  
Remarks: Subchronic toxicity

RTECS: KN5250000

Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness, Central nervous system depression, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) is reported to metabolize to tert-butyl alcohol and formaldehyde by microsomal demethylation, MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) should be considered a "potential human carcinogen" due to an increase in leydig interstitial cell tumors of testes in male rats and an increase in lymphomas, leukemias, and uterine sarcomas in female rats., In another unpublished study MTBE was shown to be carcinogenic due to "increased incidence of a rare type of kidney tumor" in male rats and an "increase in the incidence of hepatocellular adenomas" in female mice. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish                      semi-static test LC50 - Menidia beryllina - 574 mg/l - 96 h

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|   | (OECD Test Guideline 203)  |
| Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates | flow-through test EC50 - Americamysis bahia (Mysid) - 187 mg/l - 96 h<br>(US-EPA OPPTS 850.1035) |
| Toxicity to algae                                   | static test IC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 491 mg/l - 96 h               |
| Toxicity to bacteria                                | static test EC10 - Pseudomonas putida - 710 mg/l - 18 h<br>Remarks: (ECHA)                       |

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d  
Result: 0 % - Not readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301D)

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Cyprinus carpio (Carp) - 28 d  
at 25 °C(tert-butyl methyl ether)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 1.5

## 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER

**IATA**

UN number: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether

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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**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

|                         | CAS-No.   | Revision Date |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| tert-butyl methyl ether | 1634-04-4 | 2007-07-01    |

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic 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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