

## Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

**tert-Butyl methyl ether**

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****Product identifier**

Product name : tert-Butyl methyl ether  
CBnumber : CB2853178  
CAS : 1634-04-4  
EINECS Number : 216-653-1  
Synonyms : MTBE, TBME

**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.  
Uses advised against : none

**Company Identification**

Company : Chemicalbook  
Address : Building 1, Huihuang International, Shangdi 10th Street, Haidian District, Beijing  
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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Symbol(GHS)



Signal word

Danger

**Precautionary statements**

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.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/.../equipment.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off Immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse SKIN with water/shower.

P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use ... for extinction.

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.....

#### **Hazard statements**

H225 Highly Flammable liquid and vapour

H303 May be harmful if swallowed

H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways

H315 Causes skin irritation

H319 Causes serious eye irritation

H335 May cause respiratory irritation

H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness

H351 Suspected of causing cancer

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### **Substance**

Product name	: tert-Butyl methyl ether
Synonyms	: MTBE, TBME
CAS	: 1634-04-4
EC number	: 216-653-1
MF	: C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O
MW	: 88.15

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### **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.

## 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

## Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 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.

### 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.

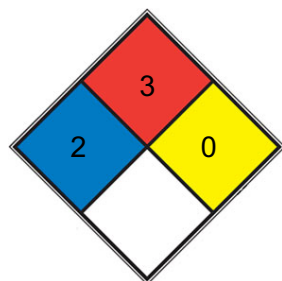
### Advice for firefighters

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

### Further information

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

### NFPA 704



■ HEALTH 2 Intense or continued but not chronic exposure could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury (e.g. [diethyl ether](#), ammonium phosphate, iodine)

■ FIRE 3 Liquids and solids (including finely divided suspended solids) that can be ignited under almost all ambient temperature conditions. Liquids having a flash point below 22.8 °C (73 °F) and having a boiling point at or above 37.8 °C (100 °F) or having a flash point between 22.8 and 37.8 °C (73 and 100 °F). (e.g. gasoline, [acetone](#))

■ REACT 0 Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and is not reactive with water (e.g. helium, [N<sub>2</sub>](#))

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### **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.

### **Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

### **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.

### **Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

## control parameter

### Hazard composition and occupational exposure limits

Does not contain substances with occupational exposure limits.

## Exposure controls

### 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.

Recommended Filter type: Filter type AX

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physicochemical properties

Appearance	colorless liquid
Odour	characteristic
Odour Threshold	0,053 ppm
pH	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point: -108,6 °C at 1.013 hPa
Initial boiling point and boiling range	55 - 56 °C - lit.
Flash point	-28 °C - closed cup
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 8,5 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1,6 %(V)
Vapour pressure	330 hPa at 25 °C - OECD Test Guideline 104
Vapour density	3.1 (vs air)
Relative density	0,74 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C - lit. 0,74 at 20 °C
Water solubility	42 g/l at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 105
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1,06 at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 107 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	460 °C at 1013,0 hPa - DIN 51794 Dis
Decomposition temperature	Distillable in an undecomposed state at normal pressure.
Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: 0,409 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 40 °C - OECD Test Guideline 114, 464 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 114 Viscosity, dynamic: 0,36 mPa.s at 20 °C
Explosive properties	No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available
$\lambda_{max}$	$\lambda$ : 210 nm Amax: 1.0 $\lambda$ : 225 nm Amax: 0.50 $\lambda$ : 250 nm Amax: 0.10 $\lambda$ : 300-400 nm Amax: 0.005

### Other safety information

Surface tension 72,5 mN/m at 1,07g/l at 21,5 °C

- Surface tension

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

### Chemical stability

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

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

Oxidizing agents Strong acids halogens

Strong bases

### Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Warming.

### Incompatible materials

rubber, various plastics

### Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 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)

#### 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

(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**

No data available

**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

**Toxicity**

. LC50 in mice (15 min): 1.6 mmol/liter of atmosphere (Marsh)

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### Toxicity

**Toxicity to fish**

semi-static test LC50 - Menidia beryllina - 574 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)

**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates**

flow-through test EC50 - Americamysis bahia (Mysid) - 187 mg/l - 96 h

(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 Remarks: (ECHA)

### Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d

Result: 0 % - Not readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301D)

### Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Cyprinus carpio (Carp) - 28 d

at 25 °C(tert-butyl methyl ether)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 1,5

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and  
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very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

### **Toxics Screening Level**

The Initial Threshold Screening Level (ITSL) for methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) is 3000 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, with annual averaging time.

### **Other adverse effects**

No data available

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **Waste treatment methods**

#### **Incompatibilities**

May form explosive mixture with air. Much less likely to form peroxides than other ethers. Incompatible with strong acids. Incompatible with oxidizers; contact may cause fires or explosions. Keep away from alkaline materials, strong bases, strong acids, oxoacids, epoxides. May accumulate static electrical charges, and cause ignition of its vapors.

#### **Product**

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.

#### **Waste Disposal**

Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. All federal, state, and local environmental regulations must be observed.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **UN number**

ADR/RID: 2398 IMDG: 2398 IATA: 2398

### **UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER IMDG: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER IATA: Methyl tert-butyl ether

### **Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 3 IMDG: 3 IATA: 3

### **Packaging group**

ADR/RID: II IMDG: II IATA: II

### **Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no IMDG Marine pollutant: no IATA: no

### **Special precautions for user**

No data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### Regulations on the Safety Management of Hazardous Chemicals

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015:Listed. website: <https://www.mem.gov.cn/>

#### Measures for Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory:Listed. website: <https://chemicaldata.gov.vn/>

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory:Listed. website: <https://www.epa.gov/>

Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):Listed. website: <https://emb.gov.ph/>

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):Listed. website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL):Listed. website: <http://ncis.nier.go.kr>

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS):Listed. website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

EC Inventory:Listed.

Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC):Listed. website: <https://www.mee.gov.cn/>

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Abbreviations and acronyms

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

STEL: Short term exposure limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

### References

**[1]** CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

**[2]** ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

**[3]** ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

**[4]** eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:

[http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

**[5]** ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

**[6]** Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

**[7]** HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

**[8]** IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

**[9]** IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

**[10]** Sigma-Aldrich, website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/>

## Other Information

Much less likely to form peroxides than other ethers.

### Disclaimer:

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