

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Ethyl ether

Cat No. : E138-1; E138-20; E138-4; E138-4LC; E138-500; E138RS-19; E138RS-28; E138RS-50

CAS No 60-29-7
Synonyms Ethyl ether; Ether

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Flammable liquids	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor
Harmful if swallowed

May cause drowsiness or dizziness



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
Keep container tightly closed
Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Keep cool
Take action to prevent static discharges
Use non-sparking tools

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
Rinse mouth

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

Hazards resulting from a reaction with other chemicals under normal conditions of use

May form explosive peroxides.

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	<=100

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
Most important symptoms and effects	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Water may be ineffective
Flash Point	-45 °C / -49 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	160 °C / 320 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	36.0 vol %
Lower	1.9 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Extremely flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Containers may explode when heated. May form explosive peroxides. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). peroxides.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	4	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. If peroxide formation is suspected, do not open or move container. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Storage.	Flammables area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. May form explosive peroxides. Containers should be dated when opened and tested periodically for the presence of peroxides. Should crystals form in a peroxidizable liquid, peroxidation may have occurred and the product should be considered extremely dangerous. In this instance, the container should only be opened remotely by professionals. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Air sensitive. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Ethyl ether	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 400 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 1200 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 500 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 1500 mg/m ³ TWA: 400 ppm TWA: 1200 mg/m ³	IDLH: 1900 ppm	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
 OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.
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Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
Skin and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
Respiratory Protection	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended Filter type:	low boiling organic solvent. Type AX. Brown. conforming to EN371.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance**Physical State****Color****Odor****Odor Threshold****Property****Melting Point/Range****Softening Point****Boiling Point/Range****Flash Point****Flammability (liquid)****Flammability (solid,gas)****Explosion Limits****Autoignition Temperature****Decomposition Temperature****pH****Viscosity****Water Solubility****Solubility in other solvents****Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)****Component**

Ethyl ether

Vapor Pressure**Density / Specific Gravity****Bulk Density****Vapor Density****Particle characteristics**

Liquid

Colorless

aromatic

No information available

Values

-116 °C / -176.8 °F

No data available

34.6 °C / 94.3 °F

-45 °C / -49 °F

Extremely flammable

Not applicable

Lower 1.7 vol %**Upper** 48 vol %

160 °C / 320 °F

No data available

No information available

0.2448 cP at 20 °C

69 g/L (20°C)

No information available

log Pow

0.82

587 mbar @ 20 °C

0.714

Not applicable

2.55

Not applicable (liquid)

Remarks**• Method****Method** - No information available

On basis of test data

Liquid

Liquid
(Air = 1.0)**Other Information****Molecular Formula****Molecular Weight****Explosive Properties****Evaporation Rate**

C4 H10 O

74.12

Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air

37.5 - (Butyl Acetate = 1.0)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard

Yes

Stability

May form explosive peroxides. Air sensitive. Light sensitive. Hygroscopic.

Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to air. Exposure to light. Exposure to moisture. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), peroxides**Hazardous Polymerization**

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure**Inhalation**

Avoid breathing vapors or mists.

Ingestion

May be harmful if swallowed.

Eyes Avoid contact with eyes.
Skin Avoid contact with skin. Prolonged skin contact may defat the skin and produce dermatitis.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl ether	1215 mg/kg (Rat)	20 mL/kg (Rabbit)	32000 ppm (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
 Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
 The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3
Results / Target organs Central nervous system (CNS).

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
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Ethyl ether	Not listed	LC50: > 10000 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 2560 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 5600 mg/L 15 min	EC50 = 165 mg/L/24h
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Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Ethyl ether	0.82

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Ethyl ether - 60-29-7	U117	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1155
 Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

TDG

UN-No UN1155
 Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

IATA

UN-No UN1155
 Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1155
 Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)

Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	-	200-467-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-27690

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Ethyl ether	100 lb	-	100 lb 45.4 kg

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Ethyl ether	X	X	X	-	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:
Legend - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Ethyl ether	Release STQs - 10000lb

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade

Severe risk, Grade 4

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	-	-	-

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y40 Annex I - Y42

16. Other Information

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