

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** tert-Butyl methyl ether

**Cat No. :** AC177040000; AC177040010; AC177040025; AC177040051;  
AC177040100; AC177040250; AC177042500

**CAS No** 1634-04-4  
**Synonyms** 2-Methyl-2-methoxy propane; MTBE; Methyl tert-butyl 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

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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Lungs.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Causes skin irritation

May cause respiratory irritation



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Keep container tightly closed  
 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment  
 Use only non-sparking tools  
 Take precautionary measures against static discharge  
 Keep cool  
 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

#### Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Skin

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### 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)

#### Other hazards

Aspiration hazard if swallowed - can enter lungs and cause damage. Contains a known or suspected endocrine disruptor.

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	>95

## 4. First-aid measures

#### Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	-28 °C / -18.4 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	224 °C / 435.2 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	15.1 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	1.6 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### 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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
2	3	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate ventilation.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	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. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and
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sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only under a chemical fume hood. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

**Storage.**

Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. May form explosive peroxides on prolonged storage. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	TWA: 50 ppm			TWA: 50 ppm

*Legend*

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**Engineering Measures**

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

**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**

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	Petroleum distillates
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-110 °C / -166 °F
Boiling Point/Range	54 - 56 °C / 129.2 - 132.8 °F
Flash Point	-28 °C / -18.4 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	15.1 vol %
Lower	1.6 vol %
Vapor Pressure	268 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	0.2
Specific Gravity	0.740
Solubility	Slightly soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	224 °C / 435.2 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.36 mPa.s at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C5 H12 O
Molecular Weight	88.15

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl tert-butyl ether	LD50 = 2963 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 10000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 85 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Irritation</b>	Irritating to eyes and skin
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen. Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Not listed	Not listed	A3	Not listed	A3

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen  
A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen  
A3 - Animal Carcinogen*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Lungs
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Japan - Endocrine Disruptor Information
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Group III Chemical	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Other Adverse Effects** Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl tert-butyl ether	800 mg/L EC50 > 72 h 184 mg/L EC50 = 96 h	887 mg/L LC50 96 h 100 mg/L LC50 96 h 929 mg/L LC50 96 h 672 mg/L LC50 96 h	EC50 = 11.4 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 8.23 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 9.67 mg/L 15 min	EC50: = 542 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**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
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1.06

## 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.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN2398  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

### TDG

UN-No UN2398  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

### IATA

UN-No UN2398  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2398  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

### International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	X	-	216-653-1	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23648

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

### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### **SARA 313**

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

#### **Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Methyl tert-butyl ether	X		-

**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)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1000 lb	-

**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
Methyl tert-butyl 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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.

### Other International Regulations

**Mexico - Grade** Serious risk, Grade 3

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	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)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## 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)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y40

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary** This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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