

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Molecular Biology Grade Ethanol

**Cat No. :** BP2818-4, BP2818-100, BP2818-500; BP2818-212; BP2818-4AC22

**CAS No** 64-17-5  
**Synonyms** Ethyl alcohol; Absolute ethanol

**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 by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Use personal protective equipment as required  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Wear eye/face protection  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 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

**Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

**Skin**

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

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

WARNING. Cancer and Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	99-100

### 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. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

**Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

Water may be ineffective, Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire

**Flash Point**

12 °C / 53.6 °F

**Method -**

No information available

**Autoignition Temperature**

363 °C / 685.4 °F

**Explosion Limits****Upper**

19 vol %

**Lower**

3.3 vol %

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

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

**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.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
3

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
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. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**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. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. 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.**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from

open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Acid anhydrides. Acid chlorides.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Ethyl alcohol	STEL: 1000 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 1000 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 3300 ppm TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 1000 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

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

### 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.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Clear, Colorless
Odor	Alcohol
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	7 @ 20°C 10g/l aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	-114 °C / -173.2 °F
Boiling Point/Range	78 °C / 172.4 °F
Flash Point	12 °C / 53.6 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	19 vol %
Lower	3.3 vol %
Vapor Pressure	59 kPa @ 20°C
Vapor Density	No information available
Specific Gravity	0.785 g/cm <sup>3</sup> @20°C
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	363 °C / 685.4 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	46.07
<b>VOC Content(%)</b>	100% (Organic Carbon (by mass) = 52.1 %) (EC/1999/13)

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides
<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
Ethyl alcohol	LD50 = 10470 mg/kg OECD 401 (Rat) 3450 mg/kg ( Mouse )	Not listed	LC50 = 117-125 mg/l (4h) OECD 403 (rat) 20000 ppm/10H (rat)

**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
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Not listed	Known	A3	Not listed	A3

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

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*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

*NTP: (National Toxicity Program)*

*Known - Known Carcinogen*

*Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen*

*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)*

*OSHA: (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)*

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*X - Present*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

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*A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen*

*A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen*

*A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen*

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	No information available
<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>	None known
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ethyl alcohol	EC50 (72h) = 275 mg/l (Chlorella vulgaris)	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) LC50 = 14200 mg/l/96h	Photobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 34634 mg/L/30 min Photobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 35470 mg/L/5 min	EC50 = 9268 mg/L/48h EC50 = 10800 mg/L/24h

**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 alcohol	-0.32

## 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

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1170
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	ETHANOL
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

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### IATA

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1170
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	ETHANOL

<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN1170
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	ETHANOL
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	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 alcohol	64-17-5	X	-	200-578-6	X	X	X	X	X	KE-13217

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

### U.S. Federal Regulations

**SARA 313** Not applicable

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

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

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

**CERCLA** Not applicable

**California Proposition 65** This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals. Ethyl alcohol is only a considered a Proposition 65 developmental hazard when it is ingested as an alcoholic beverage.

Component	CAS No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Development (alcoholic beverages only) Carcinogen	-	Developmental Carcinogen

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Ethyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
 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** 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 alcohol	64-17-5	-	-	-

**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 alcohol	64-17-5	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)
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y42

## 16. Other information

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