

Material Safety Data Sheet



1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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24-Hour Emergency Phone Number: 517-636-4400

Product: ETHYLENE GLYCOL, REGULAR GRADE

Product Code: 30478

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The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI 48674

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ethylene glycol CAS# 000107-21-1 >99%

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

* Colorless. Viscous liquid. Slight odor. May be fatal if *
* swallowed. Toxic fumes are released in fire situations. *
* Slipping hazard. *

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS (See Section 11 for toxicological data.)

EYE: May cause slight transient (temporary) eye irritation.
Corneal injury is unlikely. Vapors or mists may cause eye irritation.

SKIN: Essentially nonirritating to skin. Repeated skin exposure to large quantities may result in absorption of harmful amounts. Massive contact with damaged skin or of material sufficiently hot to burn skin may result in absorption of potentially lethal amounts.

INGESTION: Single dose oral toxicity is considered to be moderate. Excessive exposure may cause central nervous system effects, cardiopulmonary effects (metabolic acidosis), and kidney failure. Small amounts swallowed incidental to normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury; however,

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swallowing amounts larger than that may cause serious injury, even death.

INHALATION: At room temperature, exposures to vapors are minimal due to physical properties; higher temperatures may generate vapor levels sufficient to cause adverse effects.

SYSTEMIC (OTHER TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS: Excessive exposure may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract. Observations in animals include kidney and liver effects and deposition of calcium salts in various tissues after long-term dietary intake of ethylene glycol.

CANCER INFORMATION: Ethylene glycol did not cause cancer in long-term animal studies.

TERATOLOGY (BIRTH DEFECTS): Based on animal studies, ingestion of very large amounts of ethylene glycol appears to be the major and possibly only route of exposure to produce birth defects. Exposures by inhalation (tested nose-only in animals to prevent ingestion) or skin contact, the primary routes of occupational exposure, had minimal or essentially no effect on the fetus.

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: Ingestion of large amounts of ethylene glycol has been shown to interfere with reproduction in animals. Specifically, growth retardation and decreased litter size in rats and mice and decreased mating frequency in mice were observed.

4. FIRST AID

EYE: Flush eyes with plenty of water.

SKIN: Wash off in flowing water.

INGESTION: If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult medical personnel.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air if effects occur. Consult a physician.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Early administration of ethanol may counter the toxic effects of ethylene glycol -- metabolic acidosis and renal damage. Hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis have been of benefit. New Eng. J. Med. 304:21 1981. 4-methyl

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pyrazole is an effective blocker of alcohol dehydrogenase and is available now as fomepizole (Antizol) (R) and should be used in the treatment of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol and methanol intoxication if available. Supportive care. Treatment based on judgement of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES

FLASH POINT: 320F*

METHOD USED: COC

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not available

* Flash point by PMCC for triethylene glycol is 350F, 177C and for tetraethylene glycol is 400F, 204C.

FLAMMABILITY LIMITS

LFL: Not determined

UFL: Not determined

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: During a fire smoke may contain the original material in addition to unidentified toxic and/or irritating compounds. Hazardous combustion products may include and are not limited to carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

OTHER FLAMMABILITY INFORMATION: Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot liquids. Spills of these organic liquids on hot fibrous insulations may lead to lowering of the autoignition temperatures possibly resulting in spontaneous combustion. Container may rupture from gas generation in a fire situation.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water fog or fine spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical and foam. Alcohol resistant foams (ATC type) are preferred if available. General purpose synthetic foams (including AFFF) or protein foams may function, but much less effectively. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Keep people away. Isolate fire area and deny unnecessary entry. Burning liquids may be moved by flushing with water to protect personnel and minimize property damage. Burning liquids may be extinguished by dilution with water. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Fight fire from protected location or safe

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distance. Consider use of unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles. Use water spray to cool fire exposed containers and fire affected zone until fire is out and danger of re-ignition has passed. Immediately withdraw all personnel from area in case of rising sound from venting safety device or discoloration of the container. Move container from fire area if this is possible without hazard.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTERS: Wear positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire-fighting helmet, coat, pants, boots and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

PROTECT PEOPLE: Clear non-emergency personnel from area.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT: Contain material to prevent contamination of soil, surface water or ground water.

CLEANUP: Small spills: Absorb with materials such as: cat litter, sand, sawdust, vermiculite and Zorb-All(R) or Hazorb(R). Large spills: Dike and pump into suitable and properly labeled containers.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: Accumulation of this product on surfaces can cause slippery conditions when wet.

STORAGE: Keep out of reach of children. Product may become a solid at temperatures below 8F, -13C. Do not store near food, foodstuffs, drugs or potable water supplies. For more storage and handling information refer to bulletin titled 'A Guide to Glycols'.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Provide general and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne levels below the exposure guidelines. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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EYE PROTECTION: Use safety glasses. If vapor exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator.

SKIN PROTECTION: When prolonged or frequently repeated contact could occur, use protective clothing impervious to this material. Selection of specific items such as faceshield, gloves, boots, apron, or full-body suit will depend on operation.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Atmospheric levels should be maintained below the exposure guideline. For most conditions, no respiratory protection should be needed; however, if material is heated or sprayed, use an approved air-purifying respirator.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINE(S): Ethylene glycol: ACGIH TLV is 100 mg/m³, Ceiling, A4. OSHA PEL is 50 ppm Ceiling. PELs are in accord with those recommended by OSHA, as in the 1989 revision of PELs.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE: Colorless liquid.
ODOR: Slight
VAPOR PRESSURE: 0.12 mmHg @ 25C
VAPOR DENSITY: 2.14
BOILING POINT: 387.1F 197C
SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Completely miscible.
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.1155 @ 20/20C

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable under recommended storage conditions. See Storage, Section 7.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Product can decompose at elevated temperatures. Generation of gas during decomposition can cause pressure in closed systems.

INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS: Avoid contact with strong acids, strong bases and strong oxidizers.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Hazardous decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Hazardous decomposition products may include and are not limited to aldehydes, ethers, ketones and

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organic acids.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (See Section 3 for Potential Health Effects. For detailed toxicological data, write or call the address or non-emergency number shown in Section 1)

SKIN: The dermal LD50 has not been determined.

INGESTION: The lethal dose in humans is estimated to be 3oz. or 100ml. The oral LD50 for rats is between 6000-13,000 mg/kg.

MUTAGENICITY (THE EFFECTS ON GENETIC MATERIAL): In vitro mutagenicity studies were negative. Animal mutagenicity studies were negative.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION (For detailed Ecological data, write or call the address or non-emergency number shown in Section 1)

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

MOVEMENT & PARTITIONING: Bioconcentration potential is low (BCF less than 100 or Log Kow less than 3). Log octanol/water partition coefficient (log Kow) is -1.36. Henry's Law Constant (H) is 6.0E-08 atm-m³/mol. Bioconcentration factor (BCF) is 10 in golden orfe.

DEGRADATION & TRANSFORMATION: Biodegradation under aerobic static laboratory conditions is high (BOD20 or BOD28/ThOD greater than 40%). 5-Day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) is 0.78 p/p. 10-Day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD10) is 1.06 p/p. 20-Day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD20) is 1.15 p/p. Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD) is calculated to be 1.29 p/p. Biodegradation may occur under both aerobic and anaerobic conditions (in either the presence or absence of oxygen). Inhibitory concentration (IC50) in OECD "Activated Sludge, Respiration Inhibition Test" (Guideline # 209) is <1000 mg/L. Degradation is expected in the atmospheric environment within days to weeks.

ECOTOXICOLOGY: Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC50 greater than 100 mg/L in most sensitive species). Acute LC50 for fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) is 51000 mg/L. Acute LC50 for bluegill (*Lepomis*

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macrochirus) is 27540 mg/L. Acute LC50 for rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss) is about 18000-46000 mg/L. Acute LC50 for guppy (Poecilia reticulata) is 49300 mg/L. Acute LC50 for water flea (Daphnia magna) is 46300-51100 mg/L. Acute LC50 for the cladoceran Ceriodaphnia dubia is 10000-25800 mg/L. Acute LC50 for crayfish is 91430 mg/L. Acute LC50 for brine shrimp (Artemia salina) is 20000 mg/L. Acute LC50 for golden orfe (Leuciscus idus) is greater than 10000 mg/L. Acute LC50 for goldfish (Carassius auratus) is greater than 5000 mg/L. Growth inhibition EC50 for green alga Selenastrum capricornutum is 9500-13000 mg/L.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS (See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

DISPOSAL: DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal methods must be in compliance with all Federal, State/provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION 2 (Composition/Information On Ingredients).

FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: incinerator or other thermal destruction device.

As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customer Information Center at 800-258-2436 or 517-832-1556 for further details.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CANADIAN TDG INFORMATION:

For TDG regulatory information, if required, consult transportation regulations, product shipping papers or your Dow representative.

For DOT regulatory information, if required, consult transportation regulations, product shipping papers, or your Dow representative.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (Not meant to be all-inclusive--selected regulations represented)

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NOTICE: The information herein is presented in good faith and believed to be accurate as of the effective date shown above. However, no warranty, express or implied is given. Regulatory requirements are subject to change and may differ from one location to another; it is the buyer's responsibility to ensure that its activities comply with federal, state or provincial, and local laws. The following specific information is made for the purpose of complying with numerous federal, state or provincial, and local laws and regulations. See other sections for health and safety information.

U.S. REGULATIONS

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SARA 313 INFORMATION: This product contains the following substances subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372:

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION
ETHYLENE GLYCOL	000107-21-1	99 %

SARA HAZARD CATEGORY: This product has been reviewed according to the EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories:

- An immediate health hazard
- A delayed health hazard

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA):

All ingredients are on the TSCA inventory or are not required to be listed on the TSCA inventory.

STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW: The following product components are cited on certain state lists as mentioned. Non-listed components may be shown

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in the composition section of the MSDS.

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS NUMBER	LIST
ETHYLENE GLYCOL	000107-21-1	NJ3 PA1 PA3 NJ2

NJ2=New Jersey Environmental Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).
 NJ3=New Jersey Workplace Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).
 PA1=Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).
 PA3=Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).

OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD:

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA, or SUPERFUND):

This product contains the following substance(s) listed as "Hazardous Substances" under CERCLA which may require reporting of releases:

Category:

Chemical Name	CAS#	RQ	% in Product
Ethylene Glycol	000107-21-1	5000 lbs	> 99%

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

WHMIS INFORMATION: The Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Classification for this product is:

D2A - material is teratogenic, embryotoxic, or fetotoxic
Refer elsewhere in the MSDS for specific warnings and safe handling information. Refer to the employer's

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workplace education program.

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CPR STATEMENT: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

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HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS ACT INFORMATION: This product contains the following ingredients which are Controlled Products and/or on the Ingredient Disclosure List (Canadian HPA section 13 and 14):

COMPONENTS:	CAS #	AMOUNT(%w/w)
Ethylene glycol	CAS# 000107-21-1	>99%

16. OTHER INFORMATION

HAZARD RATING SYSTEM:

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) RATINGS:

Health	1
Flammability	1
Reactivity	0

NOTE: NOT FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FOOD OR PHARMACEUTICALS.

MSDS STATUS: Revised Sections 5, 10 and 16.

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