

## 1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company/undertaking

### Product Name

DIETHYLENE GLYCOL HIGH PURITY

### Use of the substance/preparation

Chemical intermediate, e.g. for manufacture of polyester resins. De-icing fluid. Heat transfer fluid. It is recommended that you use this product in a manner consistent with the recommended use. If your intended use is not consistent with the recommended use, please contact our Customer Information Group (telephone number in Section 1 of this document).

## 2. Hazards Identification

Harmful if swallowed.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Component	Amount	Classification:	CAS #	EC #
Diethylene glycol	> 99.0 %	Xn: R22	111-46-6	203-872-2

See Section 16 for full text of R-phrases.

## 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes thoroughly with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses after the initial 1-2 minutes and continue flushing for several additional minutes. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.

**Skin Contact:** Immediately flush skin with water while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse. Contaminated leather items such as shoes should be disposed of properly.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration; if by mouth to mouth use rescuer protection (pocket mask, etc). If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Call a physician or transport to a medical facility.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention immediately. If person is fully conscious give 1 cup or 8 ounces (240 ml) of water. If medical advice is delayed and if an adult has swallowed several ounces of chemical, then give 3-4 ounces (1/3-1/2 Cup) (90-120 ml) of hard liquor such as 80 proof whiskey. For children, give proportionally less liquor at a dose of 0.3 ounce (1 1/2 tsp.) (8 ml) liquor for each 10 pounds of body weight, or 2 ml per kg body weight [e.g., 1.2 ounce (2 1/3 tbsp.) for a 40 pound child or 36 ml for an 18 kg child].

**Notes to Physician:** Due to structural analogy and clinical data, this material may have a mechanism of intoxication similar to ethylene glycol. On that basis, treatment similar to ethylene glycol intoxication may be of benefit. In cases where several ounces (60 - 100 ml) have been ingested, consider the use of ethanol and hemodialysis in the treatment. Consult standard literature for details of treatment. If ethanol is used, a therapeutically effective blood concentration in the range of 100 - 150 mg/dl may be achieved by a rapid loading dose followed by a continuous intravenous infusion. Consult standard literature for details of treatment. 4-Methyl pyrazole (Antizol®) is an effective blocker of alcohol dehydrogenase and should be used in the treatment of ethylene glycol (EG), di- or triethylene glycol (DEG, TEG), ethylene glycol butyl ether (EGBE), or methanol intoxication if available. Fomepizole protocol (Brent, J. et al., New England Journal of Medicine, Feb. 8, 2001, 344:6, p. 424-9): loading dose 15 mg/kg intravenously, follow by bolus dose of 10 mg/kg every 12 hours; after 48 hours, increase bolus dose to 15 mg/kg every 12 hours. Continue fomepizole until serum methanol, EG, DEG, TEG or EGBE are undetectable. The signs and symptoms of poisoning include anion gap metabolic acidosis, CNS depression, renal tubular injury, and possible late stage cranial nerve involvement. Respiratory symptoms, including pulmonary edema, may be delayed. Persons receiving significant exposure should be observed 24-48 hours for signs of respiratory distress. Maintain adequate ventilation and oxygenation of the patient. In severe poisoning, respiratory support with mechanical ventilation and positive end expiratory pressure may be required. If lavage is performed, suggest endotracheal and/or esophageal control. Danger from lung aspiration must be weighed against toxicity when considering emptying the stomach. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water fog or fine spray. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers. Foam. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Alcohol resistant foams (ATC type) are preferred. General purpose synthetic foams (including AFFF) or protein foams may function, but will be less effective.

**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Use water spray to cool fire exposed containers and fire affected zone until fire is out and danger of reignition has passed. Fight fire from protected location or safe distance. Consider the use of unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Immediately withdraw all personnel from the area in case of rising sound from venting safety device or discoloration of the container. Burning liquids may be extinguished by dilution with water. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Move container from fire area if this is possible without hazard. Burning liquids may be moved by flushing with water to protect personnel and minimize property damage.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Container may rupture from gas generation in a fire situation. Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot liquids.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:** Contain spilled material if possible. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. Small spills: Absorb with materials such as: Cat litter. Sand. Sawdust. Vermiculite. Zorb-all®. Hazorb®. Large spills: Dike area to contain spill. Pump into suitable and properly labeled containers. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** Isolate area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area. Refer to Section 7, Handling, for additional precautionary measures. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

**General Handling:** Do not swallow. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Spills of these organic materials on hot fibrous insulations may lead to lowering of the autoignition temperatures possibly resulting in spontaneous combustion. See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

### Storage

Do not store near food, foodstuffs, drugs or potable water supplies. Additional storage and handling information on this product may be obtained by calling your sales or customer service contact. Ask for a product brochure.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Exposure Limits

Component	List	Type	Value
Diethylene glycol	Ireland OELV	TWA	100 mg/m3 23 ppm
	WEEL	TWA	10 mg/m3
	UK WEL	TWA	101 mg/m3 23 ppm

### Personal Protection

**Eye/Face Protection:** Use safety glasses. Safety glasses should be consistent with EN 166 or equivalent.

**Skin Protection:** Use protective clothing chemically resistant to this material. Selection of specific items such as face shield, boots, apron, or full body suit will depend on the task. Remove contaminated clothing immediately, wash skin area with soap and water, and launder clothing before reuse or dispose of properly. When handling hot material, protect skin from thermal burns as well as from skin absorption.

**Hand protection:** If hands are cut or scratched, use gloves chemically resistant to this material even for brief exposures. Use chemical resistant gloves classified under Standard EN374: Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Butyl rubber. Polyethylene. Neoprene. Natural rubber ("latex"). Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl"). Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR").

Polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA"). Ethyl vinyl alcohol laminate ("EVAL"). When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 6 (breakthrough time greater than 480 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended. When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 2 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 30 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended. NOTICE: The selection of a specific glove for a particular application and duration of use in a workplace should also take into account all relevant workplace factors such as, but not limited to: Other chemicals which may be handled, physical requirements (cut/puncture protection, dexterity, thermal protection), potential body reactions to glove materials, as well as the instructions/specifications provided by the glove supplier.

**Respiratory Protection:** Atmospheric levels should be maintained below the exposure guideline. When respiratory protection is required for certain operations, use an approved air-purifying respirator. Use the following CE approved air-purifying respirator: Organic vapor cartridge with a particulate pre-filter, type AP2.

**Ingestion:** Use good personal hygiene. Do not consume or store food in the work area. Wash hands before smoking or eating.

### Engineering Controls

**Ventilation:** Provide general and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne levels below the exposure guidelines.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	Liquid
Color	Colorless
Odor	Sweet
Flash Point - Closed Cup	154 °C <i>Literature</i>
Flammable Limits in Air	<b>Lower:</b> 2.0 %(V) <i>Calculated</i> <b>Upper:</b> 12.3 %(V) <i>Estimated</i>
Autoignition Temperature	364 °C <i>Literature</i>
Vapor Pressure	0.002 mmHg @ 20 °C <i>Literature</i>
Boiling Point (760 mmHg)	245 °C <i>Literature</i> .
Vapor Density (air = 1)	3.65 <i>Literature</i>
Specific Gravity (H2O = 1)	1.118 <i>Literature</i>
Freezing Point	-9 °C <i>Literature</i>
Melting Point	No test data available
Solubility in Water (by weight)	100 % @ 20 °C <i>Literature</i>
pH	No test data available
Molecular Weight	<i>Not reported</i> No test data available
Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient	-1.47 <i>Estimated</i>
Kinematic Viscosity	32 cSt <i>Literature</i>

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at recommended temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose. Generation of gas during decomposition can cause pressure in closed systems.

**Incompatible Materials:** Avoid contact with: Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizers.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

**Thermal Decomposition**

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Decomposition products can include and are not limited to: Aldehydes. Alcohols. Ethers.

**11. Toxicological Information****Acute Toxicity****Ingestion**

Oral toxicity is expected to be moderate in humans due to diethylene glycol even though tests with animals show a lower degree of toxicity. Small amounts swallowed incidentally as a result of normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury; however, swallowing larger amounts may cause serious injury, even death. May cause nausea and vomiting. May cause abdominal discomfort or diarrhea. Excessive exposure may cause central nervous system effects, cardiopulmonary effects (metabolic acidosis), and kidney failure.

LD50, Rat 12,565 mg/kg

Approximate. Lethal Dose, Human, adult 65 ml

**Eye Contact**

May cause slight temporary eye irritation. Corneal injury is unlikely.

**Skin Contact**

Prolonged contact is essentially nonirritating to skin.

**Skin Absorption**

Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts. Repeated skin contact 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.

LD50, Rabbit 12,510 mg/kg

**Inhalation**

At room temperature, exposure to vapor is minimal due to low volatility. With good ventilation, single exposure is not expected to cause adverse effects. If material is heated or areas are poorly ventilated, vapor/mist may accumulate and cause respiratory irritation and symptoms such as headache and nausea.

LC50, 4 h, Rat > 4.4 mg/l

**Sensitization****Skin**

Did not cause allergic skin reactions when tested in humans. Did not cause allergic skin reactions when tested in guinea pigs.

**Repeated Dose Toxicity**

In humans, effects have been reported on the following organs: Kidney. Gastrointestinal tract. In humans, symptoms may include: Headache. Nausea and/or vomiting. Abdominal discomfort. The use of topical applications containing this material may not be appropriate in severely burned patients or individuals with impaired renal function. Reports of kidney failure and death in burn patients suggest that diethylene glycol may have been a factor. In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs: Bladder. Respiratory tract. Liver. Kidney. Central nervous system. Gastrointestinal tract.

**Chronic Toxicity and Carcinogenicity**

Diethylene glycol has been tested for carcinogenicity in animal studies and is not believed to pose a carcinogenic risk to man.

**Developmental Toxicity**

Diethylene glycol has caused toxicity to the fetus and some birth defects at maternally toxic, high doses in animals. Other animal studies have not reproduced birth defects even at much higher doses that caused severe maternal toxicity.

**Reproductive Toxicity**

Diethylene glycol did not interfere with reproduction in animal studies except at very high doses.

**Genetic Toxicology**

In vitro genetic toxicity studies were negative. Animal genetic toxicity studies were negative.

## 12. Ecological Information

### CHEMICAL FATE

#### Movement & Partitioning

Bioconcentration potential is low (BCF less than 100 or log Pow less than 3). Potential for mobility in soil is very high (Koc between 0 and 50). Given its very low Henry's constant, volatilization from natural bodies of water or moist soil is not expected to be an important fate process.

**Henry's Law Constant (H):** 7.96E-10 atm\*m3/mole; 25 °C Estimated

**Partition coefficient, n-octanol/water (log Pow):** -1.47 Estimated

**Partition coefficient, soil organic carbon/water (Koc):** < 1 Estimated

#### Persistence and Degradability

Material is readily biodegradable. Passes OECD test(s) for ready biodegradability. Material is ultimately biodegradable (reaches > 70% mineralization in OECD test(s) for inherent biodegradability).

#### OECD Biodegradation Tests:

Biodegradation	Exposure Time	Method
92 %	28 d	OECD 301C Test
82 - 98 %	28 d	OECD 302C Test

### ECOTOXICITY

Material is not classified as dangerous to aquatic organisms (LC50/EC50/IC50 greater than 100 mg/L in most sensitive species).

#### Fish Acute & Prolonged Toxicity

LC50, rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), 96 h: > 1,000 mg/l

#### Aquatic Invertebrate Acute Toxicity

EC50, water flea *Daphnia magna*, 48 h, immobilization: 48,900 mg/l

#### Aquatic Plant Toxicity

EC50, diatom *Skeletonema costatum*, biomass growth inhibition, 72 h: > 1,000 mg/l

## 13. Disposal Considerations

This product, when being disposed of in its unused and uncontaminated state should be treated as a hazardous waste according to EC Directive 91/689/EEC. Any disposal practices must be in compliance with all national and provincial laws and any municipal or local by-laws governing hazardous waste. For used, contaminated and residual materials additional evaluations may be required. Do not dump into any sewers, on the ground, or into any body of water.

## 14. Transport Information

### ROAD & RAIL

NOT REGULATED

### OCEAN

NOT REGULATED

### AIR

NOT REGULATED

### INLAND WATERWAYS

NOT REGULATED

## **15. Regulatory Information**

### **US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

### **European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)**

This product is on the EINECS inventory.

### **EC Classification and User Label Information**

#### **Hazard Symbol :**

Xn - Harmful.

#### **Risk Phrases :**

R22 - Harmful if swallowed.

**Safety Phrases :**None Required

**Chemical Name** Diethylene glycol  
(EC Label) (EC # 203-872-2 )

## **16. Other Information**

### **Risk-phrases in the Composition section**

R22 Harmful if swallowed.