

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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According to 91/155/EEC

Classified as Hazardous according to the criteria of EU Annex 1 and NOHSC.

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1 - Product and Company Information

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2 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

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Product Name	CAS #	EC no	Annex I Index Number
4-METHYLPENTANOIC ACID	646-07-1	211-464-0	None
Formula	C6H12O2		
Molecular Weight	116.16 AMU		

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3 - Hazards Identification

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SPECIAL INDICATION OF HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
Harmful in contact with skin.

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4 - First Aid Measures

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## AFTER INHALATION

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

## AFTER SKIN CONTACT

In case of skin contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician.

## AFTER EYE CONTACT

In case of contact with eyes, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure adequate flushing by separating the eyelids with fingers. Call a physician.

## AFTER INGESTION

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician.

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5 - Fire Fighting Measures

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#### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Water spray. Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam.

#### SPECIAL RISKS

Specific Hazard(s): Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

#### SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

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### 6 - Accidental Release Measures

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#### PERSONAL PRECAUTION PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE OF LEAK OR SPILL

Evacuate area.

#### PROCEDURE(S) OF PERSONAL PRECAUTION(S)

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

#### METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Absorb on sand or vermiculite and place in closed containers for disposal. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

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### 7 - Handling and Storage

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#### HANDLING

Directions for Safe Handling: Do not breathe vapor. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### STORAGE

Conditions of Storage: Keep tightly closed.

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### 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

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#### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Use only in a chemical fume hood. Safety shower and eye bath.

#### GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES

Wash thoroughly after handling.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory Protection: Government approved respirator.

Hand Protection: Compatible chemical-resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Chemical safety goggles.

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### 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

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#### Appearance

Color: Faintly brown  
Form: Clear liquid

#### Property

Value

At Temperature or Pressure

pH

N/A

BP/BP Range

199 - 201 °C

MP/MP Range

N/A

Flash Point

97 °C

Method: closed cup

Flammability

N/A

Autoignition Temp

N/A

Oxidizing Properties

N/A

Explosive Properties	N/A
Explosion Limits	N/A
Vapor Pressure	N/A
SG/Density	0.924 g/cm3
Partition Coefficient	N/A
Viscosity	N/A
Vapor Density	N/A
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A
Evaporation Rate	N/A
Bulk Density	N/A
Decomposition Temp.	N/A
Solvent Content	N/A
Water Content	N/A
Surface Tension	N/A
Conductivity	N/A
Miscellaneous Data	N/A
Solubility	N/A

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## 10 - Stability and Reactivity

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### STABILITY

Stable: Stable.

Materials to Avoid: Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide.

### HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

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## 11 - Toxicological Information

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RTECS NUMBER: NR2975000

### ACUTE TOXICITY

LD50  
Oral  
Rat  
2050 mg/kg

LD50  
Skin  
Rabbit  
1050 UL/KG

### IRRITATION DATA

Skin  
Rabbit  
465 mg  
Remarks: Open irritation test

Eyes  
Rabbit  
0.93 mg  
Remarks: Mild irritation effect

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

## ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Skin Contact: May cause skin irritation.  
Skin Absorption: Harmful if absorbed through skin.  
Eye Contact: May cause eye irritation.  
Inhalation: Material may be irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. May be harmful if inhaled.  
Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.

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## 12 - Ecological Information

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No data available.

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## 13 - Disposal Considerations

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### SUBSTANCE DISPOSAL

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

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## 14 - Transport Information

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### RID/ADR

UN#: 2810  
Class: 6.1  
PG: III  
Proper Shipping Name: Toxic liquid, organic, n.o.s.

### IMDG

UN#: 2810  
Class: 6.1  
PG: III  
Proper Shipping Name: Toxic liquid, organic, n.o.s.  
Marine Pollutant: No  
Severe Marine Pollutant: No  
Technical Name: Required

### IATA

UN#: 2810  
Class: 6.1  
PG: III  
Proper Shipping Name: Toxic liquid, organic, n.o.s.  
Inhalation Packing Group I: No  
Technical Name: Required

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## 15 - Regulatory Information

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### CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING ACCORDING TO EU DIRECTIVES

INDICATION OF DANGER: Xn  
Harmful.  
R-PHRASES: 21  
Harmful in contact with skin.  
S-PHRASES: 36/37  
Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

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## 16 - Other Information

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### WARRANTY

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