

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : 2-Mercaptoethanol

Product Number : M6250  
Brand : Aldrich

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### OSHA Hazards

Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption, Skin sensitiser, Corrosive, Mutagen

##### Other hazards which do not result in classification

Stench., Rapidly absorbed through skin.

##### GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 4)  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2)  
Skin irritation (Category 2)  
Serious eye damage (Category 1)  
Skin sensitization (Category 1)  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Oral (Category 2), Liver, Heart  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1)  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H227 Combustible liquid  
H301 + H331 Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled  
H310 Fatal in contact with skin.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H373 May cause damage to organs (Liver, Heart) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.

H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P302 + P350 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**Other hazards**

Stench.

**HMIS Classification**

Health hazard: 3  
 Chronic Health Hazard: \*  
 Flammability: 0  
 Physical hazards: 0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 3  
 Fire: 0  
 Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Skin** May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes** Causes eye burns.

**Ingestion** Toxic if swallowed.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Thioethylene glycol  
 2-Hydroxyethylmercaptan  
 BME  
 β-Mercaptoethanol

Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OS  
 Molecular Weight : 78.13 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>2-Mercaptoethanol</b>		
CAS-No.	60-24-2	-
EC-No.	200-464-6	-

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****Conditions of flammability**

Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Sulphur oxides

**Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

**Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

**Conditions for safe storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	TWA	0.2 ppm	USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)
Remarks	Skin			

**Personal protective equipment****Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Immersion protection

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: > 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

#### Splash protection

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: > 30 min

Material tested: Lapren® (Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an Industrial Hygienist familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### Eye protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

### Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Hygiene measures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	liquid
Colour	colourless yellow

### Safety data

pH	4.5 - 6 at 500 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Melting point/freezing point	< -50 °C (< -58 °F)
Boiling point	157 °C (315 °F) - lit.
Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	295 °C (563 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg)
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	2.3 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	18 %(V)
Vapour pressure	0.76 hPa (0.57 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 4.67 hPa (3.50 mmHg) at 40 °C (104 °F)
Density	1.114 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient:	log Pow: -0.326

n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.056 at 25 °C (77 °F)
Relative vapour density	2.70 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	Stench.
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### Materials to avoid

Metals, Oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Sulphur oxides  
Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 98 - 162 mg/kg

#### Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 2 mg/l

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 625 ppm

#### Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 112 - 224 mg/kg

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Irritating to skin. - Draize Test

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Risk of serious damage to eyes.

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - guinea pig - OECD Test Guideline 406 - May cause sensitization by skin contact.

### Germ cell mutagenicity

Experiments showed mutagenic effects in cultured bacterial cells.

### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

### Teratogenicity

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

Ingestion - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Liver, Heart

### Aspiration hazard

no data available

### Potential health effects

<b>Inhalation</b>	Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Toxic if swallowed.
<b>Skin</b>	May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye burns.

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Weakness, Unconsciousness, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema

### Synergistic effects

no data available

### Additional Information

RTECS: KL5600000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 46 - 100 mg/l - 96.0 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia - 1.52 mg/l - 48 h
	EC50 - Daphnia - 0.89 mg/l - 48 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 202
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 12 mg/l - 72 h
Toxicity to bacteria	LC50 - Bacteria - 125 mg/l - 17 h

### Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Result: < 30.0 % - Not readily biodegradable.
	Result: 6 % - Not readily biodegradable.
	aerobic
	Result: < 10 % - Not readily biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

Does not accumulate in organisms.

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 105 mg/g

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 1.894 mg/g

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

This combustible material may be burned in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. 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.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 2966 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Thioglycol  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2966 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: THIOGLYCOL  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 2966 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Thioglycol

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****OSHA Hazards**

Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption, Skin sensitiser, Corrosive, Mutagen

**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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60-24-2

Revision Date  
1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

2-Mercaptoethanol

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60-24-2

Revision Date  
1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

2-Mercaptoethanol

CAS-No.  
60-24-2

Revision Date  
1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Further information**

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