Material Safety Data Sheet

2-Mercaptoethanol

1 . Product and company identification

Product name	:	2-Mercaptoethanol
Product code	:	6050
Supplier	:	EMD Chemicals Inc. 480 S. Democrat Rd. Gibbstown, NJ 08027 856-423-6300 Technical Service Monday-Friday: 8:00 -5:00 PM
Synonym	:	Thioethylene glycol
Material uses	:	Other non-specified industry: Analytical reagent.
Validation date	:	8/3/2009.
In case of emergency	:	800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) 613-996-6666 CANUTEC (Canada) 24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

2 . Hazards identification

Emergency overview	:	DANGER! POISON! MAY BE FATAL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. HARMFUL IF INHALED OR SWALLOWED. CAUSES SEVERE EYE IRRITATION. CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT AND SKIN IRRITATION. COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. VAPOR MAY CAUSE FIRE. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Wash thoroughly after handling.
Physical state	:	Liquid. [Colorless.]
OSHA/HCS status	:	This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).
Routes of entry	:	Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.
Potential acute health effects		
Inhalation	:	Toxic by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system.
Ingestion	:	Toxic if swallowed.
Skin	:	Very toxic in contact with skin. Irritating to skin.
Eyes	:	Severely irritating to eyes. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Potential chronic health effects		
Carcinogenicity	:	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenicity	:	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Teratogenicity	:	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Developmental effects	:	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Fertility effects	:	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure	:	None known.

See toxicological information (section 11)

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3 . Composition/information on ingredients

Name	CAS number	% by weight
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	100

4 . First aid measures

Eye contact : Call medical doctor or poison control center immediately. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact : Call medical doctor or poison control center immediately. In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

Inhalation : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

Ingestion : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

5 . Fire-fighting measures

Flammability of the product : Combustible liquid. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst, with the risk of a subsequent explosion. The vapor/gas is heavier than air and will spread along the ground. Vapors may accumulate in low or confined areas or travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back.

Extinguishing media : Use dry chemical, CO_2, water spray (fog) or foam.

Not suitable : Do not use water jet.

Special exposure hazards : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
carbon dioxide
carbon monoxide
sulfur oxides

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

6 . Accidental release measures

Personal precautions : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).

Environmental precautions : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

Methods for cleaning up

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6 . Accidental release measures

Spill : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilled product. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

7 . Handling and storage

Handling : Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Do not enter storage areas and confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Use non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.

Storage : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store in original container, protected from direct sunlight. Eliminate all ignition sources. Separate from oxidizing materials. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

8 . Exposure controls/personal protection

Ingredient	Exposure limits
2-Mercaptoethanol	**AIHA WEEL (United States, 1/2009). Absorbed through skin.** TWA: 0.2 ppm 8 hour(s).

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Engineering measures : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal protection

Respiratory : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Hands : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Recommended: nitrile rubber

Eyes : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts. Recommended: splash goggles , face shield

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8 . Exposure controls/personal protection

Skin : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Recommended: safety apron

Environmental exposure controls : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

9 . Physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Liquid. [Colorless.]
Flash point : Open cup: 72.9°C (163.2°F).
Color : Clear.
Odor : Sulfurous.
Molecular weight : 78.14 g/mole
Molecular formula : C2-H6-O-S
pH : Not available.
Boiling/condensation point : 157°C (314.6°F)
Melting/freezing point : Not available.
Relative density : 1.1
Vapor pressure : Not available.
Vapor density : 2.7 [Air = 1]
Odor threshold : Not available.
Evaporation rate : Not available.
Solubility : Soluble in the following materials: water

10 . Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability : The product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
Hazardous polymerization : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.
Conditions to avoid : Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose containers to heat or sources of ignition. Do not allow vapor to accumulate in low or confined areas.
Materials to avoid : Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials, reducing materials, acids and alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
Conditions of reactivity : Flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat and oxidizing materials.

11 . Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Route	Species	Result
2-Mercaptoethanol	LD50	Dermal	Rabbit	150 uL/kg
	LD50	Oral	Rat	244 mg/kg
	LD50	Oral	Mouse	190 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

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11 . Toxicological information

Teratogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

12 . Ecological information

Environmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

13 . Disposal considerations

The information presented only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations. Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

14 . Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN2966	THIOGYCOL	6.1	II		-

PG* : Packing group

15 . Regulatory information

United States

HCS Classification : Combustible liquid
Highly toxic material
Irritating material

U.S. Federal regulations : **United States inventory (TSCA 8b):** This material is listed or exempted.

TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act): This product is listed on the TSCA Inventory.

SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: 2-Mercaptoethanol
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: 2-Mercaptoethanol : Fire hazard, Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.

Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals) : Not listed

DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals) : Not listed

Massachusetts Substances : This material is listed.

Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances : This material is listed.

Canada

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15 . Regulatory information

WHMIS (Canada) : Class B-3: Combustible liquid with a flash point between 37.8°C (100°F) and 93.3°C (200°F).
Class D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (Very toxic).
Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).

Canadian lists : **CEPA Toxic substances:** This material is not listed.
Canadian ARET: This material is not listed.
Canadian NPRI: This material is not listed.
Alberta Designated Substances: This material is not listed.
Ontario Designated Substances: This material is not listed.
Quebec Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

CEPA DSL / CEPA NDSL : This material is listed or exempted.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

EU regulations

Hazard symbol or symbols :

Risk phrases : R22- Harmful if swallowed.

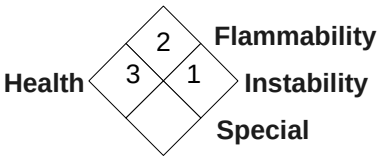
Safety phrases : S2- Keep out of the reach of children.
S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

International regulations

International lists : **Australia inventory (AICS):** This material is listed or exempted.
China inventory (IECSC): This material is listed or exempted.
Japan inventory (ENCS): This material is listed or exempted.
Japan inventory (ISHL): Not determined.
Korea inventory (KECI): This material is listed or exempted.
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC): This material is listed or exempted.
Philippines inventory (PICCS): This material is listed or exempted.

16 . Other information

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.) :



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