

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Ethyl ether

Cat No. : E138-1; E138-20; E138-4; E138-4LC; E138-500; E138RS-19;
E138RS-28; E138RS-50

CAS No 60-29-7
Synonyms Ethyl ether; Ether

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Liver.	
Aspiration Toxicity	Category 1

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor
 Harmful if swallowed
 May cause respiratory irritation
 May cause drowsiness or dizziness
 May be harmful if swallowed and enters airways
 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
 Keep container tightly closed
 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment
 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment
 Use only non-sparking tools
 Take precautionary measures against static discharge
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Keep cool

Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
 Rinse mouth

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
 Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

May form explosive peroxides
 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Get medical attention.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Water may be ineffective
Flash Point	-45 °C / -49 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	160 °C / 320 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	36.0 vol %
Lower	1.9 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Extremely flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Containers may explode when heated. May form explosive peroxides. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). peroxides.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
1	4	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Handle under an inert atmosphere. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. If peroxide formation is suspected, do not open or move container. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.
Storage.	Flammables area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. May form explosive peroxides. Containers should be dated when opened and tested periodically for the presence of peroxides. Should crystals form in a peroxidizable liquid, peroxidation may have occurred and the product should be considered extremely dangerous. In this instance, the container should only be opened remotely by professionals. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Ethyl ether	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 400 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 1200 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 500 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 1500 mg/m ³ TWA: 400 ppm TWA: 1200 mg/m ³	IDLH: 1900 ppm	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
 OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.
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Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
Skin and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
Respiratory Protection	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless

Odor	aromatic
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-116 °C / -176.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	34.6 °C / 94.3 °F
Flash Point	-45 °C / -49 °F
Evaporation Rate	37.5
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	36.0 vol %
Lower	1.9 vol %
Vapor Pressure	587 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.55
Specific Gravity	0.714
Solubility	Slightly soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	160 °C / 320 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.2448 cP at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C4 H10 O
Molecular Weight	74.12

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	May form explosive peroxides. Air sensitive. Light sensitive. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to air. Exposure to light. Exposure to moisture. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), peroxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	May form explosive peroxides.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl ether	1215 mg/kg (Rat)	20 mL/kg (Rabbit)	32000 ppm (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	No information available
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Reproductive Effects	No information available.
Developmental Effects	No information available.
Teratogenicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure STOT - repeated exposure	Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS) Liver
Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ethyl ether	Not listed	LC50: > 10000 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 2560 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 5600 mg/L 15 min	EC50 = 165 mg/L/24h

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Ethyl ether	0.82

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Ethyl ether - 60-29-7	U117	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1155
Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether
Hazard Class 3
Packing Group I

TDG

UN-No UN1155
Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether
Hazard Class 3
Packing Group I

IATA

UN-No	UN1155
Proper Shipping Name	Diethyl ether
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	I
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN1155
Proper Shipping Name	Diethyl ether
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	I

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	-	200-467-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-27690

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Ethyl ether	100 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Ethyl ether					

Ethyl ether	X	X	X	-	X
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U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:
Legend - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Ethyl ether	Release STQs - 10000lb

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Severe risk, Grade 4

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y40 Annex I - Y42

16. Other information

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