

• SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : tert-Butyl methyl ether anhydrous, 99.8 %
Product Number : 5.89595
Catalogue No. : 589595
Brand : Millipore
Index-No. : 603-181-00-X
CAS-No. : 1634-04-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

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Flammable liquids : Category 2

Skin irritation : Category 2

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H315 Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P233 Keep container tightly closed.
P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.
P242 Use non-sparking tools.
P243 Take action to prevent static discharges.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

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

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

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CAS-No. : 1634-04-4

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
tert-butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.
- In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : After swallowing: caution if victim vomits. Risk of aspiration! Keep airways free. Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit. Call a physician immediately.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
- Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.
- Notes to physician : No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Foam
Dry powder
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.

Pay attention to flashback.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : Remove container from danger zone and cool with water.
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Do not breathe vapours, aerosols.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.
Risk of explosion.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemisorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Further information on storage conditions : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Storage class : 3, Flammable liquids

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

Further information on storage stability : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
tert-butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	TWA	50 ppm	ACGIH

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter : Filter type AX

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type:

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 120 min
Glove thickness : 0.4 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

Remarks : This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : liquid (68 °F / 20 °C, 1,013 hPa)

Color : colourless

Odor : characteristic

Odor Threshold : 0.053 ppm

pH : No data available

Melting point : -163.5 °F / -108.6 °C

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	(1,013 hPa) Decomposition: no
Boiling point/boiling range	: 131 - 133 °F / 55 - 56 °C Method: lit.
Flash point	: -18 °F / -28 °C (1,013 hPa) Method: closed cup
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: 860 °F / 460 °C 101.3 kPa Method: DIN 51794
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: 8.5 %(V)
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: 1.6 %(V)
Vapor pressure	: 330 hPa (77 °F / 25 °C) Decomposition: no Method: OECD Test Guideline 104 GLP: yes
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: 0.74 (68 °F / 20 °C)
Density	: 0.74 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: lit.
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: 42 g/l (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 105
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: log Pow: 1.06 (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 107 Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: 860 °F / 460 °C Method: DIN 51794
Decomposition	: Distillable in an undecomposed state at normal

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temperature	pressure.
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: 0.36 mPa.s (68 °F / 20 °C)
Viscosity, kinematic	: 0.409 mm ² /s (104 °F / 40 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114 GLP: yes
	0.464 mm ² /s (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114 GLP: yes
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: none
Surface tension	: 72.5 mN/m, 1.07 g/l, 70.7 °F / 21.5 °C, Surface tension, GLP: yes
Molecular weight	: 88.15 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Violent reactions possible with: Oxidizing agents Strong acids halogens Strong bases
Conditions to avoid	: Heat, flames and sparks. Warming.
Incompatible materials	: rubber various plastics
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Symptoms: Nausea, Vomiting, Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit.,
Aspiration may cause pulmonary oedema and pneumonitis.

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 85 mg/l - vapour

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Symptoms: Possible damages:, mucosal irritations

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Remarks: Drying-out effect resulting in rough and chapped skin.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): micronucleus.

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: negative

Test Type: unscheduled DNA synthesis assay

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Liver cells

Application Route: inhalation (vapour)

Method: OECD Test Guideline 486

Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: inhalation (vapour)

Method: US-EPA

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Species: Rat

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: inhalation (vapour)

Method: US-EPA

Result: negative

Test Type: Transgenic rodent somatic cell gene mutation assay

Species: Rat

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: inhalation (vapour)

Method: OECD Test Guideline 488

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (tert-butyl methyl ether)

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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 90 d - No observed adverse effect level - 3,000 mg/kg

Remarks: Subchronic toxicity

RTECS: KN5250000

Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness, Central nervous system depression, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) is reported to metabolize to tert-butyl alcohol and formaldehyde by microsomal demethylation, MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) should be considered a "potential human carcinogen" due to an increase in leydig interstitial cell tumors of testes in male rats and an increase in lymphomas,

leukemias, and uterine sarcomas in female rats., In another unpublished study MTBE was shown to be carcinogenic due to "increased incidence of a rare type of kidney tumor" in male rats and an "increase in the incidence of hepatocellular adenomas" in female mice. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Systemic effects:

After absorption of large quantities:

somnolence
Dizziness
agitation, spasms
CNS disorders
narcosis
Unconsciousness

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

tert-butyl methyl ether:

Toxicity to fish	:	LC50 (Menidia beryllina): 574 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: semi-static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Americamysis bahia (Mysid)): 187 mg/l End point: Swimming behavior Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: flow-through test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: US-EPA OPPTS 850.1035 GLP: yes
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	IC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 491 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes GLP: yes

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 299 mg/l
 End point: Growth inhibition
 Exposure time: 31 d
 Test Type: flow-through test
 Analytical monitoring: yes
 GLP: yes
 Remarks: (ECHA)

NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 450 mg/l
 End point: mortality
 Exposure time: 31 d
 Test Type: flow-through test
 Analytical monitoring: yes
 GLP: yes
 Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 51 mg/l
 Exposure time: 21 d
 Test Type: flow-through test
 Analytical monitoring: yes
 Method: OPPTS 850.1300
 GLP: yes

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC10 (Pseudomonas putida): 710 mg/l
 End point: Growth rate
 Exposure time: 18 h
 Test Type: static test
 GLP: yes
 Remarks: (ECHA)

Persistence and degradability

Components:

tert-butyl methyl ether:

Biodegradability : aerobic
 Inoculum: activated sludge
 Concentration: 2 mg/l
 Result: Not readily biodegradable.
 Biodegradation: 0 %
 Exposure time: 28 d
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 301D
 GLP: yes

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

tert-butyl methyl ether:

Bioaccumulation : Species: Cyprinus carpio (Carp)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 1.5
Exposure time: 28 d
Temperature: 77 °F / 25 °C

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 1.06 (68 °F / 20 °C)
pH: 7
Method: OECD Test Guideline 107
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

tert-butyl methyl ether:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Not persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT). Not very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB).
: Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 2398
Proper shipping name : Methyl tert-butyl ether
Class : 3
Packing group : II
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 364
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 353

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2398
Proper shipping name : METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER

Class : 3
 Packing group : II
 Labels : 3
 EmS Code : F-E, S-D
 Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 2398
 Proper shipping name : Methyl tert-butyl ether

Class : 3
 Packing group : II
 Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids
 ERG Code : 127
 Marine pollutant : no

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
tert-butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	1000	1000

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Fire Hazard
 Acute Health Hazard
 Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313 : The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:
 tert-butyl 1634-04-4 >= 90 - <= 100 %
 methyl ether

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

tert-butyl methyl ether 1634-04-4

Pennsylvania Right To Know

tert-butyl methyl ether 1634-04-4

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

tert-butyl methyl ether 1634-04-4

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed

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(Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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