

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Ethyl Ether, preserved with 1.5 - 2.5% Ethanol

**Cat No. :** E197-1, E197-4, E198-4, E199-4; E198-RS19; E198-SS19

**Synonyms** Ethyl Oxide; Diethyl Ether (Spectranalyzed; HPLC; Pesticide)

**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  
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).	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor  
Harmful if swallowed  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Avoid breathing 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

**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 CO<sub>2</sub>, 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	97.5 - 98.5
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	1.5 - 2.5

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**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. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Breathing difficulties. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water may be ineffective
<b>Flash Point</b>	-45 °C / -49 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	160 °C / 320 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	36.0%
<b>Lower</b>	1.9%
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	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 (CO<sub>2</sub>) 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.

### NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	4	1	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. If peroxide formation is suspected, do not open or move container. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Storage</b>	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 container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

## 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 <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 500 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 1500 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 400 ppm TWA: 1200 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 1900 ppm	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm STEL: 1500 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ethyl alcohol	STEL: 1000 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 1000 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 3300 ppm TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 1000 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or 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.

### 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

Long sleeved clothing.

#### 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 (Butyl Acetate = 1.0)
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	

Upper	36.0%
Lower	1.9%
Vapor Pressure	587 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.55 (Air = 1.0)
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

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	May form explosive peroxides. Air sensitive. Light sensitive. Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to air. Exposure to light. Exposure to moisture. Exposure to moist air or water. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), peroxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Category 4. ATE = 300 - 2000 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl ether	1215 mg/kg (Rat)	20 mL/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 32000 ppm ( Rat ) 4 h
Ethyl alcohol	LD50 = 7060 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	20000 ppm/10H ( Rat )

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes and skin

**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
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Group 1	Known	A3	X	A3

IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)

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Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans

NTP: (National Toxicity Program)	Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans NTP: (National Toxicity Program) Known - Known Carcinogen Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen
ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	A1 - Known Human Carcinogen A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen A3 - Animal Carcinogen ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)
Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens	Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS)
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

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
Ethyl alcohol	EC50 (72h) = 275 mg/l (Chlorella vulgaris)	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) LC50 = 14200 mg/l/96h	Photobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 34634 mg/L/30 min Photobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 35470 mg/L/5 min	EC50 = 9268 mg/L/48h EC50 = 10800 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
Ethyl alcohol	-0.32

### 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	-
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

**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), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	-	200-467-2	X	X	X	X	KE-27690
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	X	-	200-578-6	X	X	X	X	KE-13217

**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 contains the following proposition 65 chemicals Ethyl alcohol is only a considered a Proposition 65 developmental hazard when it is ingested as an alcoholic beverage

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Development (alcoholic beverages only)	-	Developmental Carcinogen

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Ethyl ether	X	X	X	-	X
Ethyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X

**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

## 16. Other information

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