

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** 2-Mercaptoethanol (Electrophoresis)  
**Cat No. :** BP176-100  
**CAS-No** 60-24-2  
**Synonyms** 2-Hydroxy-1-ethanethiol; Thioglycol  
**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for 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 4
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 2
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Combustible liquid  
Toxic if swallowed  
Fatal in contact with skin  
Causes skin irritation  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Causes serious eye damage  
Toxic if inhaled

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 get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 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

#### Skin

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water  
 Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
 Rinse mouth

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Storage

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

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	99

## 4. First-aid measures

#### Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.  
 Immediate medical attention is required.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move 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. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes eye burns. May cause allergic skin reaction. Breathing difficulties. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	73 °C / 163.4 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	295 °C / 563 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	2.7 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	1.1 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Sulfur oxides Sulfides

### 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

<b>Health</b> 4	<b>Flammability</b> 2	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. See Section 12 for additional ecological information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not ingest. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	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.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	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.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	Stench
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	5.2 (0.1M)
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-100 °C / -148 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	157 - 158 °C / 314.6 - 316.4 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	73 °C / 163.4 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	2.7 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	1.1 vol %
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	1 mmHg @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	2.69
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.110
<b>Solubility</b>	soluble
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	295 °C / 563 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 157°C
<b>Viscosity</b>	3.43 cP at 20 °C
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O S
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	78.13

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions. heat sensitive. Water reactive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Metals, Heavy metal salts
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Sulfur oxides, Sulfides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
2-Mercaptoethanol	LD50 = 244 mg/kg ( Rat )	150 µL/kg ( Rabbit ) 112 - 224 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

<b>Irritation</b>	Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin
<b>Sensitization</b>	May cause sensitization by skin contact
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	Not listed				

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
2-Mercaptoethanol	EC50: = 12 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: 46 - 100 mg/L, 96h static (Leuciscus idus)	= 125 mg/L EC50 Pseudomonas putida 17 h	EC50: = 1.52 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
2-Mercaptoethanol	-0.056

### 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.

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

UN-No UN2966  
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

#### TDG

UN-No UN2966  
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

#### IATA

UN-No UN2966  
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2966  
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

### 15. Regulatory information

#### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
2-Mercaptoethanol	X	X	-	200-464-6	-		X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base

**Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).**

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

<b>TSCA 12(b)</b>	Not applicable
<b>SARA 313</b>	Not applicable
<b>SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories</b>	See section 2 for more information
<b>CWA (Clean Water Act)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Clean Air Act</b>	Not applicable
<b>OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b>	Not applicable
<b>CERCLA</b>	Not applicable
<b>California Proposition 65</b>	This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

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

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
2-Mercaptoethanol	X	X	X	-	-

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

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

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

<b>Mexico - Grade</b>	No information available
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**16. Other information**

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<b>Revision Summary</b>	This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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