

Safety Data Sheet

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BUILDING PRODUCTS

WESTOX CRETESEAL

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1 - IDENTIFICATION

Product Name	WESTOX CRETESEAL	
Synonyms	Self crosslinking thermosetting acrylic copolymer; coating emulsion; masonry seal coating; cement sealing cement consolidation	
Recommended Use	Sealing- consolidation of cement and fibrous materials.	
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2 - HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

Poisons Schedule	Not Applicable
Hazard Classification	Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2
	Eye Irritation Category 2A
	Skin Sensitizer Category 1

Legend: 1. Classification drawn from HCIS; 2. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

Pictograms



Signal Word **WARNING**

Hazard statement(s)
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
AUH019 May form explosive peroxides.
AUH066 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness and cracking.

Precautionary statement(s) Prevention P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P261 Avoid breathing mist/vapours/spray.
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Precautionary statement(s) Response P321 Specific treatment (see advice on this label).
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P333+P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: get medical advice/attention.

Precautionary statement(s) Storage Not Applicable

Precautionary statement(s) Disposal P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

3 - COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	CAS Number	Content %
additives unregulated	Not available	1-40
ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	111-76-2	1-10
isothiazolinones, mixed	55965-84-9	0.003-0.005
ammonia	1336-21-6	<0.2
water	7732-18-5	>60

4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact	<p>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash out immediately with fresh running water. Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.
Skin Contact	<p>If skin contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear. Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available). Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Other measures are usually unnecessary.
Ingestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration. Observe the patient carefully. Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious. Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink. Seek medical advice.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

Followed acute or short term repeated exposures to ethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers and their acetates:

- Hepatic metabolism produces ethylene glycol as a metabolite.
- Clinical presentation, following severe intoxication, resembles that of ethylene glycol exposures.
- Monitoring the urinary excretion of the alkoxyacetic acid metabolites may be a useful indication of exposure.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

For acute or short term repeated exposures to ethylene glycol:

- Early treatment of ingestion is important. Ensure emesis is satisfactory.
- Test and correct for metabolic acidosis and hypocalcaemia.
- Apply sustained diuresis when possible with hypertonic mannitol.
- Evaluate renal status and begin haemodialysis if indicated. [I.L.O.]
- Rapid absorption is an indication that emesis or lavage is effective only in the first few hours. Cathartics and charcoal are generally not effective.
- Correct acidosis, fluid/electrolyte balance and respiratory depression in the usual manner. Systemic acidosis (below 7.2) can be treated with intravenous sodium bicarbonate solution.
- Ethanol therapy prolongs the half-life of ethylene glycol and reduces the formation of toxic metabolites.
- Pyridoxine and thiamine are cofactors for ethylene glycol metabolism and should be given (50 to 100 mg respectively) intramuscularly, four times per day for 2 days.
- Magnesium is also a cofactor and should be replenished. The status of 4-methylpyrazole, in the treatment regime, is still uncertain. For clearance of the material and its metabolites, haemodialysis is much superior to peritoneal dialysis.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

It has been suggested that there is a need for establishing a new biological exposure limit before a workshift that is clearly below 100 mmol ethoxy-acetic acids per mole creatinine in morning urine of people occupationally exposed to ethylene glycol ethers. This arises from the finding that an increase in urinary stones may be associated with such exposures.

Laitinen J., et al: Occupational & Environmental Medicine 1996; 53, 595-600

5 - FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

The product contains a substantial proportion of water, therefore there are no restrictions on the type of extinguishing media which may be used. Choice of extinguishing media should take into account surrounding areas.

Though the material is non-combustible, evaporation of water from the mixture, caused by the heat of nearby fire, may produce floating layers of combustible substances. In such an event consider:

- foam.
- dry chemical powder.
- carbon dioxide.

Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility None Known

- Fire Fighting**
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
 - Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.
 - Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
 - Use firefighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
 - DO NOT** approach containers suspected to be hot.
 - Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
 - If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.

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- ▶ Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

Fire/ Explosion Hazard

- ▶ The material is not readily combustible under normal conditions.
- ▶ However, it will break down under fire conditions and the organic component may burn.
- ▶ Not considered to be a significant fire risk.
- ▶ Heat may cause expansion or decomposition with violent rupture of containers.
- ▶ Decomposes on heating and may produce toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO).
- ▶ May emit acrid smoke.

Decomposes on heating and produces toxic fumes of:
carbon dioxide (CO₂)
nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
acrylic monomer
other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.
May emit poisonous fumes.
May emit corrosive fumes

Hazchem

Not Applicable

6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

Environmental precautions

See section 12

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills

- ▶ Clean up all spills immediately.
- ▶ Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- ▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.
- ▶ Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite.
- ▶ Wipe up.
- ▶ Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

Major Spills

Moderate hazard.

- ▶ Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- ▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- ▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- ▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- ▶ Stop leak if safe to do so.
- ▶ Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- ▶ Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.
- ▶ Neutralise/decontaminate residue (see Section 13 for specific agent).
- ▶ Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.
- ▶ Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- ▶ After clean-up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- ▶ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Safe Handling

- ▶ **DO NOT** allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin.
- ▶ Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- ▶ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- ▶ Use in a well-ventilated area.
- ▶ Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- ▶ **DO NOT** enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- ▶ **DO NOT** allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- ▶ Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- ▶ **When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.**
- ▶ Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- ▶ Avoid physical damage to containers.
- ▶ Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- ▶ Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- ▶ Use good occupational work practice.
- ▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.
- ▶ Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Other information

- ▶ Store in original containers.
- ▶ Keep containers securely sealed
- ▶ Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- ▶ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuffs containers.
- ▶ Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- ▶ Observe manufacturers storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container

- ▶ Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- ▶ Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- ▶ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

Storage Incompatibility

- ▶ Avoid reaction with oxidising agents.

8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

Ingredient Data

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure Standards	ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	2-Butoxyethanol	20 ppm / 96.9 mg/m3	242 mg/m3 / 50 ppm	Not Available	Not Available

Emergency Limits

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	Butoxyethanol, 2-; (Glycol ether EB)	60 ppm	120 ppm	700 ppm
ammonia	Ammonium hydroxide	61 ppm	330 ppm	2300 ppm

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	700 ppm	Not Available
isothiazolinones, mixed	Not Available	Not Available
ammonia	Not Available	Not Available
water	Not Available	Not Available

Material Data

Exposure Controls

Engineering Controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.

The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use.

Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection.

Supplied-air type respirator may be required in special circumstances. Correct fit is essential to ensure adequate protection.

An approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required in some situations.

Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage area. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant	Air Speed
solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).	0.25–0.5 m/s (50-100 f/min)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5-1 m/s (100-200 f/min)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion)	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly,

after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Personal Protective Equipment



Eye and face protection

- ▶ Safety glasses with side shields.
- ▶ Chemical goggles.
- ▶ Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]

Skin/hands/feet protection

- ▶ Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC.
- ▶ Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, e.g. Rubber

NOTE:

- ▶ The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.
- ▶ Contaminated leather items, such as shoes, belts and watch-bands should be removed and destroyed.

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended. Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:

- Excellent when breakthrough time > 480 min
- Good when breakthrough time > 20 min
- Fair when breakthrough time < 20 min
- Poor when glove material degrades

For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.

It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.

Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers' technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.

Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:

- Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.
- Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

- ▶ Neoprene gloves

Body/other protection

- ▶ Overalls.
- ▶ P.V.C. apron.
- ▶ Barrier cream.
- ▶ Skin cleansing cream.
- ▶ Eye wash unit.

Glove selection index

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

"Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the **computer-generated** selection:

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Material	Rating
BUTYL	GOOD
NEOPRENE	SATISFACTORY
HYPALON	POOR
NAT+NEOPR+NITRILE	POOR
NATURAL RUBBER	POOR
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	POOR
NEOPRENE/NATURAL	POOR
NITRILE	POOR
NITRILE+PVC	POOR
PE/EVAL/PE	POOR
PVA	POOR
PVC	POOR
SARANEX-23	POOR
VITON	POOR

Good Best Selection
Satisfactory May degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion
Poor Poor to dangerous choice for other than short term immersion

NOTE: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. –

* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

Respiratory Protection

Type AK-P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent).

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required.

Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-face Respirator	Powered Air-Respirator
Up to 10 x ES	AK-AUS P2	-	AK-PAPR-AUS / Class 1 P2
Up to 50 x ES	-	AK-AUS / Class 1 P2	-
Up to 100 x ES	-	AK-2 P2	AK-PAPR-2 P2^

^ - Full-face

A (All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide (HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide (HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide (SO₂), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia (NH₃), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds (below 65 degC)

- ▶ Cartridge respirators should never be used for emergency ingress or in areas of unknown vapour concentrations or oxygen content.
- ▶ The wearer must be warned to leave the contaminated area immediately on detecting any odours through the respirator. The odour may indicate that the mask is not functioning properly, that the vapour concentration is too high, or that the mask is not properly fitted. Because of these limitations, only restricted use of cartridge respirators is considered appropriate.
- ▶ Cartridge performance is affected by humidity. Cartridges should be changed after 2 hr of continuous use unless it is determined that the humidity is less than 75%, in which case, cartridges can be used for 4 hr. Used cartridges should be discarded daily, regardless of the length of time used

9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

General Information

Appearance Milky hazy emulsion with a slight acrylic odour; mixes with water.

Physical state	Liquid	Relative density (Water = 1)	1.05-1.15
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Applicable
pH (as supplied)	8-10	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Available	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Applicable
Flash point (°C)	Not Applicable	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available

Flammability	Not Applicable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Miscible	pH as a solution (1%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials. ▶ Product is considered stable. ▶ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Inhaled	<p>Not normally a hazard due to non-volatile nature of product.</p> <p>Acute effects from inhalation of high vapour concentrations may be chest and nasal irritation with coughing, sneezing, headache and even nausea.</p> <p>Acrylic polymer emulsions may contain residual traces of odorous acrylic monomers; the amounts remaining in compounded mixtures represents a very low order of exposure, however this may become noticeable with some materials particularly in confined or poorly ventilated spaces.</p>
Ingestion	<p>Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.</p> <p>Severe acute exposure to ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, by ingestion, may cause kidney damage, haemoglobinuria, (blood in urine) and is potentially fatal.</p>
Skin Contact	<p>Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use.</p> <p>Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either produces inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or produces significant inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals, for up to four hours, such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period. Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.</p> <p>Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.</p> <p>Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.</p> <p>Ethylene glycol monobutyl ether (2-butoxyethanol) penetrates the skin easily and toxic effects via this route may be more likely than by inhalation.</p> <p>Percutaneous uptake rate in the guinea pig was estimated to be 0.25 umole/min/cm².</p>
Eye	<p>Evidence exists, or practical experience suggests, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or is expected to produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals.</p> <p>Repeated or prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterised by temporary redness (similar to windburn) of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur.</p> <p>When instilled in rabbit eyes ethylene glycol monobutyl ether produced pain, conjunctival irritation, and transient corneal injury.</p>
Chronic	<p>Practical experience shows that skin contact with the material is capable either of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a substantial number of individuals, and/or of producing a positive response in experimental animals.</p> <p>Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying with cracking, irritation and possible dermatitis following.</p> <p>Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.</p> <p>There is some evidence that human exposure to the material may result in developmental toxicity. This evidence is based on animal studies where effects have been observed in the absence of marked maternal toxicity, or at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects but which are not secondary non-specific consequences of the other toxic effects.</p> <p>Exposure to the material may cause concerns for human fertility, on the basis that similar materials provide some evidence of impaired fertility in the absence of toxic effects, or evidence of impaired fertility occurring at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects, but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of other toxic effects.</p> <p>Prolonged or repeated minor exposure to ammonia gas/vapour may cause long-term irritation to the eyes, nose and upper respiratory tract. Repeated exposure or prolonged contact may produce dermatitis, and conjunctivitis.</p> <p>Other effects may include ulcerative changes to the mouth and bronchial and gastrointestinal disturbances. Adaptation to usually irritating concentrations may result in tolerance. In animals, repeated exposures to sub-lethal levels produces adverse effects on the respiratory tract, liver, kidneys and spleen.</p> <p>Exposure at 675 ppm for several weeks produced eye irritation in dogs and rabbits; corneal opacity, covering between a quarter to one half of the total surface area, was evident in rabbits.</p> <p>On the basis, primarily, of animal experiments, concern has been expressed by at least one classification body that the material may produce carcinogenic or mutagenic effects; in respect of the available information, however, there presently exists inadequate data for making a satisfactory assessment.</p>

Studies with some ethylene glycol ethers and their esters indicate reproductive changes, testicular atrophy, infertility and kidney function changes. The metabolic acetic acid derivatives of the glycol ethers (alkoxyacetic acids), not the ether itself, have been found to be the proximal reproductive toxin in animals. The potency of these metabolites decreases significantly as the chain length of the ether increases. Consequently, glycol ethers with longer substituents (e.g. diethylene glycols, triethylene glycols) have not generally been associated with reproductive effects. One of the most sensitive indicators of toxic effects observed from many of the glycol ethers is an increase in the erythrocytic osmotic fragility in rats. This appears to be related to the development of haemoglobinuria (blood in the urine) at higher exposure levels or as a result of chronic exposure. Ethylene glycol ethers and acetates are mainly metabolised to alkoxyacetic acids but there is also a minor pathway through ethylene glycol to oxalic acid. The main pathway of ethylene glycol ethers is associated with significant clinical or experimental health effects, but the minor pathway is also interesting because formation of urinary stones depends principally upon urinary concentration of oxalate and calcium. In one study (1) the tendency to form urinary stones was 2.4 times higher amongst silk-screen printers exposed to ethylene glycol ethers, than among office workers. (1) Laitinen J., et al: Occupational Environmental Medicine 1996, 53 595-600

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	Not Available	Not Available

ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Dermal (rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg ^[1]	Eye (rabbit): 100 mg SEVERE
	Inhalation (rat) LC50: 449.48655 mg/l/4h ^[2]	Eye (rabbit): 100 mg/24h-moderate
	Oral (rat) LD50: 250 mg/kg ^[2]	Eye: adverse effect observed (irritating) ^[1]
		Skin (rabbit): 500 mg, open; mild
		Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating) ^[1]
		Skin: no adverse reaction observed (not irritating) ^[1]

isothiazolinones, mixed	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Dermal (rat) LD50: >1008 mg/kg ^[1]	Eye: adverse effect observed (irreversible damage) ^[1]
	Oral (rat) LD50: 53 mg/kg ^[2]	Skin: adverse effect observed (corrosive) ^[1]
		Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating) ^[1]

ammonia	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Inhalation (rat) LC50: 1997.718 mg/l/4h ^[2]	Eye (rabbit): 0.25 mg SEVERE
	Oral (rat) LD50: 350 mg/kg ^[2]	Eye (rabbit): 1 mg/30s SEVERE

water	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Oral (rat) LD50: >90000 mg/kg ^[2]	Not Available

Legend: 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. * Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

ETHYLENE GLYCOL MONOBUTYL ETHER

NOTE: Changes in kidney, liver, spleen and lungs are observed in animals exposed to high concentrations of this substance by all routes. ** ASCC (NZ) SDS

For ethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers and their acetates (EGMAEs):

Typical members of this category are ethylene glycol propylene ether (EGPE), ethylene glycol butyl ether (EGBE) and ethylene glycol hexyl ether (EGHE) and their acetates.

EGMAEs are substrates for alcohol dehydrogenase isozyme ADH-3, which catalyzes the conversion of their terminal alcohols to aldehydes (which are transient metabolites). Further, rapid conversion of the aldehydes by aldehyde dehydrogenase produces alkoxyacetic acids, which are the predominant urinary metabolites of mono substituted glycol ethers.

Acute Toxicity: Oral LD50 values in rats for all category members range from 739 (EGHE) to 3089 mg/kg bw (EGPE), with values increasing with decreasing molecular weight. Four to six hour acute inhalation toxicity studies were conducted for these chemicals in rats at the highest vapour concentrations practically achievable. Values range from LC0 > 85 ppm (508 mg/m³) for EGHE, LC50 > 400ppm (2620 mg/m³) for EGBEA to LC50 > 2132 ppm (9061 mg/m³) for EGPE. No lethality was observed for any of these materials under these conditions. Dermal LD50 values in rabbits range from 435 mg/kg bw (EGBE) to 1500 mg/kg bw (EGBEA). Overall these category members can be considered to be of low to moderate acute toxicity. All category members cause reversible irritation to skin and eyes, with EGBEA less irritating and EGHE more irritating than the other category members. EGPE and EGBE are not sensitizers in experimental animals or humans. Signs of acute toxicity in rats, mice and rabbits are consistent with haemolysis (with the exception of EGHE) and non-specific CNS depression typical of organic solvents in general. Alkoxyacetic acid metabolites, propoxyacetic acid (PAA) and butoxyacetic acid (BAA), are responsible for the red blood cell hemolysis. Signs of toxicity in humans deliberately ingesting cleaning fluids containing 9-22% EGBE are similar to those of rats, with the exception of haemolysis. Although decreased blood haemoglobin and/or haemoglobinuria were observed in some of the human cases, it is not clear if this was due to haemolysis or haemodilution as a result of administration of large volumes of fluid. Red blood cells of humans are many-fold more resistant to toxicity from EGPE and EGBE *in vitro* than those of rats.

Repeat dose toxicity: The fact that the NOAEL for repeated dose toxicity of EGBE is less than that of EGPE is consistent with red blood cells being more sensitive to EGBE than EGPE. Blood from mice, rats, hamsters, rabbits and baboons were sensitive to the effects of BAA *in vitro* and displayed similar responses, which included erythrocyte swelling (increased haematocrit and mean corpuscular hemoglobin), followed by hemolysis. Blood from humans, pigs, dogs, cats, and guinea pigs was less sensitive to haemolysis by BAA *in vitro*.

Mutagenicity: In the absence and presence of metabolic activation, EGBE tested negative for mutagenicity in Ames tests conducted in *S. typhimurium* strains TA97, TA98, TA100, TA1535 and TA1537 and EGHE tested negative in strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537 and TA1538. *In vitro* cytogenetic and sister chromatid exchange assays with EGBE and EGHE in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells with and without metabolic activation and *in vivo* micronucleus tests with EGBE in rats and mice were negative, indicating that these glycol ethers are not genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity: In a 2-year inhalation chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity study with EGBE in rats and mice a significant increase in the incidence of liver haemangiosarcomas was seen in male mice and forestomach tumours in female mice. It was decided that based on the mode of action data available, there was no significant hazard for human carcinogenicity.

Reproductive and developmental toxicity. The results of reproductive and developmental toxicity studies indicate that the glycol ethers in this category are not selectively toxic to the reproductive system or developing fetus, developmental toxicity is secondary to maternal toxicity. The repeated dose toxicity studies in which reproductive organs were examined indicate that the members of this category are not associated with toxicity to reproductive organs (including the testes).

Results of the developmental toxicity studies conducted via inhalation exposures during gestation periods on EGPE (rabbits -125, 250, 500 ppm or 531, 1062, or 2125 mg/m³ and rats - 100, 200, 300, 400 ppm or 425, 850, 1275, or 1700 mg/m³), EGBE (rat and rabbit - 25, 50, 100, 200 ppm or 121, 241, 483, or 966 mg/m³), and EGHE (rat and rabbit - 20.8, 41.4, 79.2 ppm or 124, 248, or 474 mg/m³) indicate that the members of the category are not teratogenic.

The NOAELs for developmental toxicity are greater than 500 ppm or 2125 mg/m³ (rabbit-EGPE), 100 ppm or 425 mg/m³ (rat-EGPE), 50 ppm or 241 mg/m³ (rat EGBE) and 100 ppm or 483 mg/m³ (rabbit EGBE) and greater than 79.2 ppm or 474 mg/m³ (rat and rabbit-EGHE).

Exposure of pregnant rats to ethylene glycol monobutyl ether (2-butoxyethanol) at 100 ppm or rabbits at 200 ppm during organogenesis resulted in maternal toxicity and embryotoxicity including a decreased number of viable implantations per litter. Slight foetotoxicity in the form of poorly ossified or unossified skeletal elements was also apparent in rats. Teratogenic effects were not observed in other species.

At least one researcher has stated that the reproductive effects were less than that of other monoalkyl ethers of ethylene glycol.

Chronic exposure may cause anaemia, macrocytosis, abnormally large red cells and abnormal red cell fragility.

Exposure of male and female rats and mice for 14 weeks to 2 years produced a regenerative haemolytic anaemia and subsequent effects on the haemopoietic system in rats and mice. In addition, 2-butoxyethanol exposures caused increases in the incidence of neoplasms and nonneoplastic lesions (1). The occurrence of the anaemia was concentration-dependent and more pronounced in rats and females. In this study it was proposed that 2-butoxyethanol at concentrations of 500 ppm and greater produced an acute disseminated thrombosis and bone infarction in male and female rats as a result of severe acute haemolysis and reduced deformability of erythrocytes or through anoxic damage to endothelial cells that compromise blood flow. In two-year studies, 2-butoxyethanol continued to affect circulating erythroid mass, inducing a responsive anaemia. Rats showed a marginal increase in the incidence of benign or malignant pheochromocytomas (combined) of the adrenal gland. In mice, 2-butoxyethanol exposure resulted in a concentration dependent increase in the incidence of squamous cell papilloma or carcinoma of the forestomach. It was hypothesised that exposure-induced irritation produced inflammatory and hyperplastic effects in the forestomach and that the neoplasia were associated with a continuation of the injury/ degeneration process. Exposure also produced a concentration -dependent increase in the incidence of haemangiosarcoma of the liver of male mice and hepatocellular carcinoma.

1: NTP Toxicology Program Technical report Series 484, March 2000.

For ethylene glycol:

Ethylene glycol is quickly and extensively absorbed through the gastrointestinal tract. Limited information suggests that it is also absorbed through the respiratory tract; dermal absorption is apparently slow. Following absorption, ethylene glycol is distributed throughout the body according to total body water. In most mammalian species, including humans, ethylene glycol is initially metabolised by alcohol.

dehydrogenase to form glycolaldehyde, which is rapidly converted to glycolic acid and glyoxal by aldehyde oxidase and aldehyde dehydrogenase. These metabolites are oxidised to glyoxylate; glyoxylate may be further metabolised to formic acid, oxalic acid, and glycine. Breakdown of both glycine and formic acid can generate CO₂, which is one of the major elimination products of ethylene glycol. In addition to exhaled CO₂, ethylene glycol is eliminated in the urine as both the parent compound and glycolic acid. Elimination of ethylene glycol from the plasma in both humans and laboratory animals is rapid after oral exposure; elimination half-lives are in the range of 1-4 hours in most species tested.

Respiratory Effects. Respiratory system involvement occurs 12-24 hours after ingestion of sufficient amounts of ethylene glycol and is considered to be part of a second stage in ethylene glycol poisoning. The symptoms include hyperventilation, shallow rapid breathing, and generalized pulmonary edema with calcium oxalate crystals occasionally present in the lung parenchyma. Respiratory system involvement appears to be dose-dependent and occurs concomitantly with cardiovascular changes. Pulmonary infiltrates and other changes compatible with adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) may characterise the second stage of ethylene glycol poisoning. Pulmonary oedema can be secondary to cardiac failure, ARDS, or aspiration of gastric contents. Symptoms related to acidosis such as hyperpnea and tachypnea are frequently observed; however, major respiratory morbidities such as pulmonary edema and bronchopneumonia are relatively rare and usually only observed with extreme poisoning (e.g., in only 5 of 36 severely poisoned cases).

Cardiovascular Effects. Cardiovascular system involvement in humans occurs at the same time as respiratory system involvement, during the second phase of oral ethylene glycol poisoning, which is 12- 24 hours after acute exposure. The symptoms of cardiac involvement include tachycardia, ventricular gallop and cardiac enlargement. Ingestion of ethylene glycol may also cause hypertension or hypotension, which may progress to cardiogenic shock.

Myocarditis has been observed at autopsy in cases of people who died following acute ingestion of ethylene glycol. As in the case of respiratory effects, cardiovascular involvement occurs with ingestion of relatively high doses of ethylene glycol.

Nevertheless, circulatory disturbances are a rare occurrence, having been reported in only 8 of 36 severely poisoned cases. Therefore, it appears that acute exposure to high levels of ethylene glycol can cause serious cardiovascular effects in humans. The effects of a long-term, low-dose exposure are unknown.

Gastrointestinal Effects. Nausea, vomiting with or without blood, pyrosis, and abdominal cramping and pain are common early effects of acute ethylene glycol ingestion. Acute effects of ethylene glycol ingestion in one patient included intermittent diarrhea and abdominal pain, which were attributed to mild colonic ischaemia; severe abdominal pain secondary to colonic stricture and perforation developed 3 months after ingestion, and histology of the resected colon showed birefringent crystals highly suggestive of oxalate deposition.

Musculoskeletal Effects. Reported musculoskeletal effects in cases of acute ethylene glycol poisoning have included diffuse muscle tenderness and myalgias associated with elevated serum creatinine phosphokinase levels, and myoclonic jerks and tetanic contractions associated with hypocalcaemia.

Hepatic Effects. Central hydropic or fatty degeneration, parenchymal necrosis, and calcium oxalate crystals in the liver have been observed at autopsy in cases of people who died following acute ingestion of ethylene glycol.

Renal Effects. Adverse renal effects after ethylene glycol ingestion in humans can be observed during the third stage of ethylene glycol toxicity 24-72 hours after acute exposure. The hallmark of renal toxicity is the presence of birefringent calcium oxalate monohydrate crystals deposited in renal tubules and their presence in urine after ingestion of relatively high amounts of ethylene glycol. Other signs of nephrotoxicity can include tubular cell degeneration and necrosis and tubular interstitial inflammation. If untreated, the degree of renal damage caused by high doses of ethylene glycol progresses and leads to haematuria, proteinuria, decreased renal function, oliguria, anuria, and ultimately renal failure. These changes in the kidney are linked to acute tubular necrosis but normal or near normal renal function can return with adequate supportive therapy.

Metabolic Effects. One of the major adverse effects following acute oral exposure of humans to ethylene glycol involves metabolic changes. These changes occur as early as 12 hours after ethylene glycol exposure. Ethylene glycol intoxication is accompanied by metabolic acidosis which is manifested by decreased pH and bicarbonate content of serum and other bodily fluids caused by accumulation of excess glycolic acid. Other characteristic metabolic effects of ethylene glycol poisoning are increased serum anion gap, increased osmolal gap, and hypocalcaemia. Serum anion gap is calculated from concentrations of sodium, chloride, and bicarbonate, is normally 12-16 mM, and is typically elevated after ethylene glycol ingestion due to increases in unmeasured metabolite anions (mainly glycolate).

Neurological Effects: Adverse neurological reactions are among the first symptoms to appear in humans after ethylene glycol ingestion. These early neurotoxic effects are also the only symptoms attributed to unmetabolised ethylene glycol. Together with metabolic changes, they occur during the period of 30 minutes to 12 hours after exposure and are considered to be part of the first stage in ethylene glycol intoxication. In cases of acute intoxication, in which a large amount of ethylene glycol is ingested over a very short time period, there is a progression of neurological manifestations which, if not treated, may lead to generalized seizures and coma. Ataxia, slurred speech, confusion, and somnolence are common

during the initial phase of ethylene glycol intoxication as are irritation, restlessness, and disorientation. Cerebral edema and crystalline deposits of calcium oxalate in the walls of small blood vessels in the brain were found at autopsy in people who died after acute ethylene glycol ingestion. Effects on cranial nerves appear late (generally 5-20 days post-ingestion), are relatively rare, and according to some investigators constitute a fourth, late cerebral phase in ethylene glycol intoxication. Clinical manifestations of the cranial neuropathy commonly involve lower motor neurons of the facial and bulbar nerves and are reversible over many months.

Reproductive Effects: Reproductive function after intermediate-duration oral exposure to ethylene glycol has been tested in three multi-generation studies (one in rats and two in mice) and several shorter studies (15-20 days in rats and mice). In these studies, effects on fertility, foetal viability, and male reproductive organs were observed in mice, while the only effect in rats was an increase in gestational duration.

Developmental Effects: The developmental toxicity of ethylene glycol has been assessed in several acute-duration studies using mice, rats, and rabbits. Available studies indicate that malformations, especially skeletal malformations occur in both mice and rats exposed during gestation; mice are apparently more sensitive to the developmental effects of ethylene glycol. Other evidence of embryotoxicity in laboratory animals exposed to ethylene glycol exposure includes reduction in foetal body weight.

Cancer: No studies were located regarding cancer effects in humans or animals after dermal exposure to ethylene glycol.

Genotoxic Effects: Studies in humans have not addressed the genotoxic effects of ethylene glycol. However, available *in vivo* and *in vitro* laboratory studies provide consistently negative genotoxicity results for ethylene glycol.

ISOTHIAZOLINONES, MIXED

The following information refers to contact allergens as a group and may not be specific to this product.

Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested.

The material may be irritating to the eye, with prolonged contact causing inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

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The material may produce severe irritation to the eye causing pronounced inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

ETHYLENE GLYCOL MONOBUTYL ETHER & ISOTHIAZOLINONES, MIXED

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

ISOTHIAZOLINONES, MIXED & AMMONIA & WATER

No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

ISOTHIAZOLINONES, MIXED & AMMONIA

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

Acute Toxicity	✗	Carcinogenicity	✗
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✓	Reproductivity	✗
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✓	STOT - Single Exposure	✗
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	✓	STOT - Repeated Exposure	✗
Mutagenicity	✗	Aspiration Hazard	✗

Legend: ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification

✓ – Data available to make classification

12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

WESTOX CRETESEAL	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
	LC50	96	Fish	1-700 mg/L	2
	EC50	48	Crustacea	ca.1-800 mg/L	2
	EC50	72	Algae or other aquatic plants	1-840 mg/L	2
	NOEC	24	Crustacea	>1-mg/L	2

	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
isothiazolinones, mixed	LC50	96	Fish	0.129 mg/L	2
	EC50	48	Crustacea	0.007 mg/L	2
	EC50	72	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.0063 mg/L	2
	NOEC	48	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.00049 mg/L	2
	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
ammonia	LC50	96	Fish	15 mg/L	4
	NOEC	72	Fish	3.5 mg/L	4
	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
water	LC50	96	Fish	897.520 mg/L	3
	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	8768.874 mg/L	3

Legend: Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data

For ethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers and their acetates:

Members of this category include ethylene glycol propyl ether (EGPE), ethylene glycol butyl ether (EGBE) and ethylene glycol hexyl ether (EGHE)

Environmental fate:

The ethers, like other simple glycol ethers possess no functional groups that are readily subject to hydrolysis in the presence of waters. The acetates possess an ester group that hydrolyses in neutral ambient water under abiotic conditions.

Level III fugacity modeling indicates that category members, when released to air and water, will partition predominately to water and, to a lesser extent, to air and soil. Estimates of soil and sediment partition coefficients (K_{oc} ranging from 1- 10) suggest that category members would exhibit high soil mobility. Estimated bioconcentration factors (log BCF) range from 0.463 to 0.732.

Biodegradation studies indicate that all category members are readily biodegradable. The physical chemistry and environmental fate properties indicate that category members will not persist or bioconcentrate in the environment.

Ecotoxicity:

Glycol ether acetates do not hydrolyse rapidly into their corresponding glycol ethers in water under environmental conditions. The LC50 or EC50 values for EGHE are lower than those for EGPE and EGBE (which have shorter chain lengths and lower log K_{ow} values). Overall, the LC50 values for the glycol ethers in aquatic species range from 94 to > 5000 mg/L. For EGHE, the 96-hour LC50 for *Brachydanio rerio* (zebra fish) is between 94 and mg/L, the 48-hour EC50 for *Daphnia magna* was 145 mg/L and the 72-hour EC50 values for biomass and growth rate of algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*) were 98 and 198 mg/L, respectively. LC50/EC50 values for EGPE and EGBE in aquatic species are 835 mg/l or greater. Aquatic toxicity data for EGBEA show a 96-hour LC50 of 28.3 mg/L for rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a 48-hour LC50 of 37-143 mg/L for *Daphnia magna*, a 72-hour EC50 of greater than 500 mg/L for biomass or growth rate of algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus* and *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*, respectively), and a 7-day EC10 of 30.4 mg/L and a NOEC of 16.4 mg/L for reproduction in *Ceriodaphnia dubia*.

For glycol ethers:

Environmental fate:

Ether groups are generally stable to hydrolysis in water under neutral conditions and ambient temperatures. OECD guideline studies indicate ready biodegradability for several glycol ethers although higher molecular weight species seem to biodegrade at a slower rate. No glycol ethers that have been tested demonstrate marked resistance to biodegradative processes. Upon release to the atmosphere by evaporation, high boiling glycol ethers are estimated to undergo photodegradation (atmospheric half lives = 2.4-2.5 hr). When released to water, glycol ethers undergo biodegradation (typically 47-92% after 8-21 days) and have a low potential for bioaccumulation (log K_{ow} ranges from -1.73 to +0.51).

Ecotoxicity:

Aquatic toxicity data indicate that the tri- and tetra ethylene glycol ethers are "practically non-toxic" to aquatic species. No major differences are observed in the order of toxicity going from the methyl- to the butyl ethers.

Glycols exert a high oxygen demand for decomposition and once released to the environments cause the death of aquatic organisms if dissolved oxygen is depleted.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Persistence and degradability

Ingredient

ethylene glycol monobutyl ether
water

Persistence: Water/Soil

LOW (Half-life = 56 days)
LOW

Persistence: Air

LOW (Half-life = 1.37 days)
LOW

Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient

ethylene glycol monobutyl ether
water

Bioaccumulation

LOW (BCF = 2.51)
LOW (LogKOW = -1.38)

Mobility in soil

Ingredient

ethylene glycol monobutyl ether
water

Mobility

HIGH (KOC = 1)
LOW (KOC = 14.3)

13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.

Otherwise:

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- ▶ If container cannot be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- ▶ Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- ▶ Reduction
- ▶ Reuse
- ▶ Recycling
- ▶ Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. Shelf-life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

- ▶ **DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.**
- ▶ It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- ▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- ▶ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
- ▶ Recycle wherever possible.
- ▶ Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- ▶ Dispose of by: burial in a land-fill specifically licensed to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material).
- ▶ Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Labels Required

Marine Pollutant	NO
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

ETHYLENE GLYCOL MONOBUTYL ETHER IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Dangerous Goods List
 Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - List of Emergency Action Codes
 Australia Exposure Standards
 Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals
 Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)
 Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Part 2, Section Seven - Appendix I
 Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) – Schedule 6
 GESAMP/EHS Composite List - GESAMP Hazard Profiles
 IMO IBC Code Chapter 17: Summary of minimum requirements
 IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Other Liquid Substances
 International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs
 International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations
 International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code)
 United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations

ISOTHIAZOLINONES, MIXED IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Dangerous Goods List
 Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - List of Emergency Action Codes
 Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals
 International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations
 International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code)
 United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations

AMMONIA IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Dangerous Goods List
 Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - List of Emergency Action Codes
 Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals
 Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)
 IMO MARPOL (Annex II) - List of Noxious Liquid Substances Carried in Bulk
 International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations
 International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code)

WATER IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

IMO IBC Code Chapter 18: List of products to which the Code does not apply

National Inventory	Status
Australia – AICS	No (isothiazolinones, mixed)
Canada – DSL	Yes
Canada – NDSL	No (isothiazolinones, mixed; ammonia; water; ethylene glycol monobutyl ether)
China – IECSC	Yes
Europe – EINIC / ELINCS / NLP	No (isothiazolinones, mixed)
Japan – ENCS	No (isothiazolinones, mixed)
Korea – KECI	Yes
New Zealand – NZIoC	Yes
Philippines – PICCS	Yes
USA – TSCA	No (isothiazolinones, mixed)
Taiwan – TCSI	Yes
Mexico – INSQ	No (isothiazolinones, mixed)
Vietnam – NCI	Yes
Russia - ARIPS	Yes
<i>Legend</i>	<i>Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory</i> <i>No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory and are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing (see specific items in brackets)</i>

16 - OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

Definitions and abbreviations

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average
PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit.
IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations
OSF: Odour Safety Factor
NOAEL: No Observed Adverse Effect Level
LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
TLV: Threshold Limit Value
LOD: Limit Of Detection
OTV: Odour Threshold Value
BCF: BioConcentration Factors
BEI: Biological Exposure Index

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