

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** tert-Butyl methyl ether

**Cat No. :** 40477

**CAS-No** 1634-04-4  
**Synonyms** 2-Methyl-2-methoxy propane; MTBE; Methyl tert-butyl ether

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

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**Emergency Telephone Number**

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

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

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Lungs.	

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Causes skin irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
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  
Keep cool  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

**Response**

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

**Inhalation**

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

**Skin**

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

**Eyes**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

**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)****Other hazards**

Aspiration hazard if swallowed - can enter lungs and cause damage.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact**

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

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. 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>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	-28 °C / -18.4 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	224 °C / 435.2 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	15.1 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	1.6 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

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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

### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
3

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate ventilation.
<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. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only under a chemical fume hood. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal
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parts of the equipment must be grounded.

**Storage**

Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. May form explosive peroxides on prolonged storage.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	TWA: 50 ppm			TWA: 50 ppm

*Legend*

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. 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**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	Petroleum distillates
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-110 °C / -166 °F
Boiling Point/Range	54 - 56 °C / 129.2 - 132.8 °F
Flash Point	-28 °C / -18.4 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	15.1 vol %
Lower	1.6 vol %
Vapor Pressure	268 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	0.2
Specific Gravity	0.740
Solubility	Slightly soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	224 °C / 435.2 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.36 mPa.s at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C5 H12 O
Molecular Weight	88.15

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl tert-butyl ether	LD50 = 2963 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 10000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 85 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes and skin

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen. Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Not listed	Not listed	A3	Not listed	A3

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)

**Mutagenic Effects** Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Lungs  
**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

### Endocrine Disruptor Information

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Japan - Endocrine Disruptor Information
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Group III Chemical	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Other Adverse Effects**

Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.

**12. Ecological information****Ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl tert-butyl ether	800 mg/L EC50 > 72 h 184 mg/L EC50 = 96 h	887 mg/L LC50 96 h 100 mg/L LC50 96 h 929 mg/L LC50 96 h 672 mg/L LC50 96 h	EC50 = 11.4 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 8.23 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 9.67 mg/L 15 min	EC50: = 542 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**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
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1.06

**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	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

**TDG**

UN-No	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

**IATA**

UN-No	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

**15. Regulatory information****United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	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/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	X	-	216-653-1	X	X	X	X	KE-23648

**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Methyl tert-butyl ether	X		-

**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
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Methyl tert-butyl ether	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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.**Other International Regulations****Mexico - Grade** Serious risk, Grade 3**16. Other information**

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