



Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Product and Company Identification

Product name : **Dimethyl Ether**

Chemical formula : C₂H₆O

Synonyms : Methyl ether; methyl oxide; wood ether; oxybismethane; methoxymethane;
UN 1033

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2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Components	CAS Number	% Volume
Dimethyl Ether	115-10-6	100%

3. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

May cause respiratory tract irritation, skin irritation, eye irritation, central nervous system depression. Flammable gas. May cause flash fire. May form peroxides during prolonged storage.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation : Irritation, difficulty breathing, headache, drowsiness, symptoms of drunkenness, blurred vision.

Eye contact : Irritation (possibly severe).

Skin contact : Irritation (possibly severe).

Ingestion : No information on significant adverse effects.

Chronic Health Hazard : None.

4. First Aid Measures

Eye contact : Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

Skin contact : If frostbite occurs, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115°F; 41-46°C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion : If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

Inhalation : If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

Note to physicians : For inhalation, consider oxygen.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

- Suitable extinguishing media : Carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical.
Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.
- Specific hazards : Severe fire hazard. Vapor/air mixtures are explosive. The vapor is heavier than air. Vapors or gases may ignite at distant ignition sources and flash back. Electrostatic charges may be generated by flow or agitation resulting in ignition or explosion. Severe explosion hazard.
- Fire fighting : Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzle until well after the fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let fire burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other flammables. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Stop flow of gas.

6. Accidental Release Measures

- Occupational spill/release : Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Do not touch spilled material. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Keep unnecessary people away. Isolate hazard area and deny entry. Remove sources of ignition. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.
- Additional advice : None.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Secure cylinder when using to protect from falling. Use suitable hand truck to move cylinders.

Storage

Store in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106. Grounding and bonding required. Protect from physical damage. Store outside or in a detached building. Inside storage: Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a well-ventilated area. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure limits

1000 ppm TWA

Engineering measures/Ventilation

Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant if explosive concentrations of materials are present. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed. Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum. Consider warning properties before use.
Any chemical cartridge respirator with organic vapor cartridge(s).
Any chemical cartridge respirator with a full facepiece and organic vapor cartridge(s).

Any air-purifying respirator with a full facepiece and an organic vapor canister.
For unknown concentrations or immediately dangerous to life or death – Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

- Hand protection : Wear insulated gloves.
Eye protection : Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.
Skin and body protection : For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

- Form : Gas.
Color : Colorless.
Odor : Sweet odor.
Molecular weight : 46.08
Vapor pressure : 3982 mmHg @ 20°C
Vapor density : 1.6 (air = 1)
Specific gravity : 0.661 (water = 1)
Boiling point : -24°C
Melting point : -142°C
Water solubility : 7.6%
Solvent solubility : Soluble: alcohol, ether, chloroform, acetone, organic solvents.

10. Stability and Reactivity

- Stability : May form explosive peroxides. Avoid prolonged storage or contact with air, light or storage and use above room temperature.
Conditions to avoid : Avoid heat, flames, sparks or other sources of ignition. Minimize contact with material. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.
Materials to avoid : Oxidizing materials, combustible materials.
Hazardous decomposition products : Thermal decomposition products: miscellaneous decomposition products.

11. Toxicological Information

The components of this material have been reviewed in various sources and the following endpoints are published:

- DIMETHYL ETHER : Inhalation LC50 Rat: 308.5 mg/L/4H
(115-10-6)

Acute Toxicity Level

- DIMETHYL ETHER : Slightly toxic: Inhalation.
(115-10-6)

Component Carcinogenicity

None of this product's components are listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, OSHA or DFG.

Local Effects

DIMETHYL ETHER : Irritant: inhalation, skin, eye.
(115-10-6)

Target Organs

DIMETHYL ETHER : Central nervous system
(115-10-6)

12. Ecological Information

No LOLI ecotoxicity data are available for this product's components.

13. Disposal Considerations

Waste from residues : Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste
/ unused products Number(s): D001. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262.
Hazardous Waste Number(s): D003. Dispose in accordance with all applicable
regulations.
Contaminated : Return cylinder to supplier.
packaging

14. Transport Information

DOT (US only)

Proper shipping : Dimethyl Ether
name
Class : 2.1
UN/ID No. : UN1033
Labeling : Flammable Gas

15. Regulatory Information

U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this product's components are listed under SARA Section 302/304 (40 CFR 355 Appendix A), SARA Section 311/312 (40 CFR 370.21), SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65), CERCLA (40 CFR 302.4), TSCA 12(b), or require an OSHA process safety plan.

SARA 311/312

Acute: Yes
Chronic: No
Fire: Yes
Reactive: Yes
Pressure: Yes

U.S. State Regulations

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances lists:

Component	CAS	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA	RI
DIMETHYL ETHER	115-10-6	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Not regulated under California Proposition 65

16. Other Information

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