# Product Stewardship Summary Tertiary Butyl Alcohol

## **General Statement**

Tertiary butyl alcohol is a chemical used in coating products, washing & cleaning products, adhesives and sealants, fuels, lubricants and greases, fillers, putties, plasters, and modeling clay. Tertiary butyl alcohol is a low to moderate hazard material and risk of adverse health effects associated with both occupational and consumer use of this chemical is anticipated to be low.

## **Chemical Identity**

Name: Tertiary Butyl Alcohol Brand Names: Not Applicable Chemical name (IUPAC): 2-methylpropan-2-ol CAS number(s): 75-65-0 EC number: 200-889-7 Molecular formula:  $C_4H_{10}O$ Structure:



## **Uses and Applications**

Tertiary butyl alcohol is primarily utilized for its solvent power and fuel oxygenates. It is used for the removal of water from substances, in the extraction of drugs, in the manufacture of perfumes, in the recrystallization of chemicals, and as a chemical intermediate. It is an authorized denaturant for ethyl alcohol and for several specially denatured alcohols.



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## **Physical/Chemical Properties**

#### **Phys/Chem Safety Assessment**

Property	Value
Form	Crystalline
Physical state	Liquid
Color	Colorless
Odor	Camphor-like odor
Density	0.7825 g/cm <sup>3</sup> @ 26.00°C
Melting / boiling point	25.7°C / 82.41°C
Flammability	No data available
Explosive properties	No data available
Self-ignition temperature	No data available
Vapor pressure	5.426 kPa @ 25°C
Mol weight	74.12 g/mol
Water solubility	10 <sup>6</sup> mg/L @ 25°C
Flash point	11.11°C
Octanol-water partition coefficient (Logkow)	0.35

## **Exposure, Hazard and Safety Assessment**

The following section describes possible exposure scenarios and hazards associated with tertiary butyl alcohol. The exposure assessment describes both the amount of and the frequency with which a chemical substance reaches a person, a population of people, or the environment. Hazard refers to the inherent properties of a substance that make it capable of causing harm to human health or the environment. The safety assessments, below, report the possibility of a harmful event arising from exposure to a chemical or physical agent under specific conditions. Just because a substance may possess potentially harmful properties does not mean that it automatically poses a risk. It is not possible to make that determination without understanding the nature of the exposure.

## Human Health Effects

#### **Human Exposure Assessment**

**Consumer:** Tertiary butyl alcohol is used in fuels and fuel additives, chemical intermediates, and laboratory chemicals. The most likely way for a consumer to be exposed to tertiary butyl alcohol is by breathing in vapors off-gassing from products or from using solvents that contain tertiary butyl alcohol.

**Worker:** In industrial settings, tertiary butyl alcohol is manufactured and handled in closed processes as much as possible, which ensures that worker exposure to tertiary butyl alcohol is minimized. The proper use of personal protective equipment during loading, unloading, sampling or during maintenance operations, will further minimize potential exposures to tertiary butyl alcohol.

#### Human Hazard Assessment:

Tertiary butyl alcohol has low potential to elicit both acute and repeat dose toxicity. It can cause mild skin and serious eye irritation. Inhalation can cause respiratory irritation, drowsiness or dizziness. Tertiary butyl alcohol is neither mutagenic or genotoxic, is not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity and is not associated with adverse effects on fertility or development.

Effect Assessment	Result
Acute Toxicity	Low toxicity for oral, dermal and inhalation exposures.
Oral / inhalation / dermal	
Irritation / corrosion	Causes mild skin irritation.
Skin / eye / respiratory test	Causes serious eye irritation.
	Not a skin sensitizer.
Toxicity after repeated exposure	Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation,
Oral / inhalation / dermal	drowsiness or dizziness.
	Chronic animal exposure studies have
	indicated adverse effects on the kidney, urinary
	bladder and thyroid gland. No chronic systemic
	effects have been reported in humans.
Genotoxicity / Mutagenicity	Neither mutagenic or genotoxic.
Carcinogenicity	Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity.
Reporductive Toxicity	No adverse effect on fertility and development.

#### Human Health Safety Assessment

**Consumer:** Consumers may be exposed to tertiary butyl alcohol when using fuels and fuel additives, chemical intermediates, laboratory chemicals and solvents that contain tertiary butyl alcohol. When working with formulations that contain appreciable concentrations of tertiary butyl alcohol, safety glasses should be worn and care should be taken to ensure sufficient ventilation exists. In addition, repeat or prolonged skin contact should be avoided. The use of appropriate handling and disposal methods will ensure that consumer exposure and subsequent risk associated with the use of products containing tertiary butyl alcohol is unlikely.

**Worker:** In industrial settings, tertiary butyl alcohol is manufactured and handled primarily in closed processes which limit exposure. Based on good manufacturing processes and industrial hygiene the occupational health risk associated with tertiary butyl alcohol is low.

# **Environmental Effects**

#### **Environmental Exposures**

Tertiary butyl alcohol is inherently biodegradable and has low potential for bioaccumulation. It has a high water solubility and high potential for volatilization. Based on its physical and chemical properties, tertiary butyl alcohol is expected to have very high mobility in soil and volatilization from water or soil surfaces is expected to be an important fate and transport process.

#### **Environmental Hazard Assessment**

Effect Assessment	Result
Aquatic Toxicity	Low toxicity to fish, aquatic invertebrates, algae, and bacteria.

Fate and behavior	Result
Biodegradation	Inherently biodegradable.
Bioaccumulation potential	Not potentially bioaccumulative (log Kow = 0.35).
PBT / vPvB conclusion	Not considered to be either PBT or vPvB.

#### **Environmental Safety Assessment**

If released into the environment, tertiary butyl alcohol is anticipated to have a minimal effect on the aquatic environment due to its low aquatic toxicity. It is inherently biodegradable and has a low potential for bioaccumulation.

## **Risk Management Recommendations**

Exposure to tertiary butyl alcohol in the workplace can be controlled by sufficient ventilation, proper handling and storage techniques, and the use of appropriate personal protective equipment as recommended in the SDS. Consumer products that contain significant levels of tertiary butyl alcohol should include appropriate safety labeling and provide applicable handling and disposal methods.

A selection of occupational exposure limits are provided below:

- ACGIH TLV: (8h TWA): 100 ppm -central nervous system impairment NIOSH REL-TWA: 100ppm (300mg/m<sup>3</sup>) NIOSH REL ST: 150ppm (450 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) ٠
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- 100ppm (300mg/m<sup>3</sup>) OSHA OEL TWA:

## **Regulatory Agency Review**

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Tertiary butyl alcohol is on the following lists:

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) Alberta - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Argentina - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Arizona DOSH - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 ATSDR - 2015 Priority List of Hazardous Substances - Exposure Points ATSDR - 2015 Priority List of Hazardous Substances - Frequency Points ATSDR - 2015 Priority List of Hazardous Substances - Rank and Summarv ATSDR - 2015 Priority List of Hazardous Substances - Source Contribution Points ATSDR - 2015 Priority List of Hazardous Substances - Toxicity Points ATSDR - Completed Exposure Pathway (CEP) Cumulative Site Count Report Australia - Workplace Exposure Standards Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS) Austria - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Belgium - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) British Columbia - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Bulgaria - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Cal/EPA - Safer Consumer Products Regulation - Candidate Chemicals and Chemical Groups Cal/OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants Cal/OSHA - The Hazardous Substances List Carcinogenic Potency Database (CPDB) - Summary of Carcinogenicity Results - Rats and Mice China - Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (IECSC) - CAS Numbers Colombia - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Connecticut OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Denmark - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) DOE Protective Action Criteria (PAC) ECHA - Draft Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP) (2013-2015) ECHA - List of Pre-registered Substances Environment Canada - Chemical Management Plan - Status of Prioritized Substances Environment Canada - Domestic Substances List (DSL) Environment Canada - Domestic Substances List (DSL) - Persistent Categorization Environment Canada - Domestic Substances List (DSL) - Priorities for Human Health Categorization Environment Canada - Domestic Substances List (DSL) Categorization of Existing Substances Environment Canada - Hazardous Products Act (HPA) - Ingredient Disclosure List (IDL) Environment Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) - 2001-2014/15 EPA - Acute Exposure Guideline Leves (AEGLs) - Priority List 2 EPA - Chemical Update System (CUS) - 2002 EPA - Clean Air Act - Section 111 - Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources of Air Pollutants EPA - EPCRA - Section 313 - Toxic Chemicals **EPA - Fragrance Ingredient List** 

EPA - Inert Ingredients - Fragrance Use

**EPA - Inert Ingredients in Pesticide Products** EPA - Inert Ingredients Permitted for Use In Nonfood Pesticide Products **EPA - Master Testing List** EPA - Master Testing List (1996) EPA - Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) High Production Volume (HPV) Program - 1990 EPA - Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Chemicals EPA - TSCA - 8(a) - Preliminary Assessment Information Rules (PAIR) EPA - TSCA - 8D Health and Safety Data Rule (HSDR) (d) - Listed Members of Categories **EPA - TSCA - Inventory** EPA - TSCA - Test Submissions - Mega EPA - TSCA - Test Submissions - Section 4 EPA - Volatile Organic Chemicals - Test Method 8260C EU - Approved Flavouring Substances EU - Cosmetic Ingredients and Fragrance Inventory EU - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances (EINECS) EU - Table 3.1 of Annex VI to the CLP Regulation EU - Table 3.2 of Annex VI to the CLP Regulation FDA - Inactive Ingredients List FDA - List of Indirect Additives Finland - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) France - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Germany - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Hawaii - Department of Labor and Industrial Relations - Air Contaminants - Permissible Exposure Limits Iceland - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Indiana OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume (HPV) Initiative Iowa OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Japan - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Jordan - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Korea - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Maryland OSH - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Massachusetts Department of Public Health - Massachusetts Substance List (MSL) Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) Mexico - National Inventory of Chemical Substances Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Michigan - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table G-1-A Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) - Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) Minnesota - Department of Labor and Industry - Air Contaminants - Permissible Exposure Limits Minnesota - List of Hazardous Substances Nevada OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 New Jersey - Right to Know List New Mexico OHSB - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 New Zealand - Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC) New Zealand - Workplace Exposure Standards NFPA - Hazard Ratings NIOSH - Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Concentration Values NIOSH - Pocket Guide - Chemicals Listed NIOSH - Recommendations for Chemical Protective Clothing NIOSH - Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs) Norway - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) OECD - High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals - 2004 OECD - High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals - 2007 Ontario - Current Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) OSHA - 29 CFR 1910.1000 - Table Z-1 OSHA - 29 CFR 1910.1000 - Table Z-1 - Annotated OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) - Construction OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) - Federal Contractors OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) - Shipyards OSHA - Vacated Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List

Peru - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS) Poland - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Puerto Rico OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Rhode Island - Hazardous Substance List Russia - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Singapore - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) South Carolina OSH - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Sweden - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Switzerland - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Technischen Regeln für Gefahrstoffe (TRGS) - TRGS900 Tennessee OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 TETRATOX - Toxicity and Chemical Descriptor Data for 500 Aliphatic Chemicals The Netherlands - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Turkey - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) United Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) United Kingdom - Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) - 2011 USGS - Health-Based Screening Levels (HBSLs) Utah OSH - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Vermont - Department of Labor - Air Contaminants - Permissible Exposure Limits Vietnam - Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) Virgin Islands DOSH - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Virginia OSH - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1 Washington State - Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) for Airborne Contaminants Wyoming OSHA - Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants - Table Z-1

# **Regulatory Information / Classification and Labeling**

Under the Globally Harmonized System for classification and labeling (GHS), substances are classified according to their physical, health, and environmental hazards. The hazards are communicated via specific labels and the (Extended) SDS. GHS attempts to standardize hazard communication so that the intended audience (workers, consumers, transport workers, and emergency responders) can better understand the hazards associated with chemicals in use.

#### **GHS Classification:**

Flammable Liquid, Category 2 Eye Irritation, Category 2 Acute toxicity, Category 4 Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure (STOT-SE), Category 3

#### **Hazard Statements:**

H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapor H319: Causes serious eye irritation H332: Highly flammable liquid and vapor H335: May cause respiratory irritation

#### Signal Word: Danger

#### **Precautionary Statements:**

P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge. P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces - No smoking.

P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P312: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. P309: IF exposed or if you feel unwell: call a poison center or

doctor/physician

P304: IF INHALED: if breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P370: In case of fire: Use (measures specified by manufacturer/supplier) for extinction.

P403 + P233: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

## Hazard Pictograms:



# Conclusion

Tertiary butyl alcohol is a useful chemical in fuels and fuel additives, chemical intermediates, and laboratory chemicals. When handled responsibly, the potential for irritation, drowsiness or dizziness can be minimized, allowing consumers and workers to use materials containing tertiary butyl alcohol safely.

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# **Additional Information**

For more information on GHS, visit <u>http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghsguideoct05.pdf</u>or <u>http://live.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\_welcome\_e.html</u>. Ashland product stewardship summaries are located at <u>http://www.ashland.com/sustainability/product/product-stewardship</u>

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