

# PROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER ACETATE, ISOMERS

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Safety Data Sheet according to OSHA HazCom Standard (2012) requirements

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# **SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION**

Product	Identifier
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Product name	PROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER ACETATE, ISOMERS
Chemical Name	propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer
Synonyms	1 methoxy propyl acetate glycol ether PM acetate, 1-methoxy-2-acetoxypropane, 1-methoxy-2-propanol acetate, 1-methoxypropyl acetate-2, 2PG1MEA, Arcosolv PM Acetate, C6-H12-O3, CH3OCH2CH(CH3)OC(O)CH3, Dowanol PMA glycol ether acetate, Ektasol PM acetate, Hoechst C-260 Rinse, Methyl Proxitol Acetate, PGMA, PGMEA, PM Acetate, acetic acid, 2-methoxy-1-methylethyl ester, propylene glycol ether acetate ester
Proper shipping name	Esters, n.o.s. (contains propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer)
Chemical formula	C6-H12-O3
Other means of identification	Not Available
CAS number	84540-57-8

# Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Relevant identified uses

A solvent for acrylics, nitrocellulose, urethanes, lacquers, oils, resins. Component of thinner mixes. [~Regeant ~]

# Name, address, and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party

Registered company name	Not Available
Address	Not Available
Telephone	Not Available
Fax	Not Available
Website	Not Available
Email	Not Available

# **Emergency phone number**

Association / Organisation	Not Available
Emergency telephone numbers	Not Available
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available

# **SECTION 2 HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION**

# Classification of the substance or mixture

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Note: The hazard category numbers found in GHS classification in section 2 of this SDSs are NOT to be used to fill in the NFPA 704 diamond. Blue = Health Red = Fire Yellow = Reactivity White = Special (Oxidizer or water reactive substances)

Classification

Flammable Liquid Category 3, Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B

#### Label elements

#### **GHS** label elements





SIGNAL WORD

DANGER

# Hazard statement(s)

H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.

# Hazard(s) not otherwise specified

Not Applicable

# Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P281	Use personal protective equipment as required.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Response

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P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam or normal protein foam for extinction.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

# Precautionary statement(s) Storage

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P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.

# Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

# SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

# **Substances**

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
84540-57-8	>98	propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers
108-65-6	>98	propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer
70657-70-4	<2	propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer

# **Mixtures**

See section above for composition of Substances

# **SECTION 4 FIRST-AID MEASURES**

# Description of first aid measures

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Eye Contact	If this product comes in contact with the eyes:  • 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	If skin contact occurs:  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> <li>If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.</li> <li>Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.</li> <li>Transport to hospital, or doctor.</li> </ul>
Ingestion	<ul> <li>If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.</li> <li>If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</li> <li>Observe the patient carefully.</li> <li>Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.</li> <li>Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.</li> <li>Seek medical advice.</li> <li>If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.</li> </ul>

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11

# Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Any material aspirated during vomiting may produce lung injury. Therefore emesis should not be induced mechanically or pharmacologically. Mechanical means should be used if it is considered necessary to evacuate the stomach contents; these include gastric lavage after endotracheal intubation. If spontaneous vomiting has occurred after ingestion, the patient should be monitored for difficult breathing, as adverse effects of aspiration into the lungs may be delayed up to 48 hours.

#### **SECTION 5 FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

# **Extinguishing media**

- · Alcohol stable foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- ▶ BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.

# Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility
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 Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

# Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

# Fire Fighting

- ▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- ▶ May be violently or explosively reactive.
- ▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- ▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.

# Fire/Explosion Hazard

- Liquid and vapour are flammable.
- ▶ Moderate fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.
- ▶ Vapour forms an explosive mixture with air.
- ▶ Moderate explosion hazard when exposed to heat or flame.

Combustion products include; carbon monoxide (CO) carbon dioxide (CO2) other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material

#### **SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

# Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

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# **Environmental precautions**

See section 12

# Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

# Minor Spills

- ▶ Remove all ignition sources.
- ▶ Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- ▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.

# Major Spills

- ▶ Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- ▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- ▶ May be violently or explosively reactive.
- ▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.

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

#### **SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

# Precautions for safe handling

- ► Containers, even those that have been emptied, may contain explosive vapours.
- ▶ Do NOT cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.
- ▶ DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin

The tendency of many ethers to form explosive peroxides is well documented. Ethers lacking non-methyl hydrogen atoms adjacent to the ether link are thought to be relatively safe

- ▶ DO NOT concentrate by evaporation, or evaporate extracts to dryness, as residues may contain explosive peroxides with DETONATION potential.
- ▶ Any static discharge is also a source of hazard.

# Safe handling

• Before any distillation process remove trace peroxides by shaking with excess 5% aqueous ferrous sulfate solution or by percolation through a column of activated alumina.

The substance accumulates peroxides which may become hazardous only if it evaporates or is distilled or otherwise treated to concentrate the peroxides. The substance may concentrate around the container opening for example. Purchases of peroxidisable chemicals should be restricted to ensure that the chemical is used completely before it can

- become peroxidised.
  A responsible person should maintain an inventory of peroxidisable chemicals or annotate the general chemical inventory to indicate which chemicals are subject to peroxidation.
- ▶ Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- ▶ Wear protective clothing when risk of overexposure occurs.
- ▶ Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.

#### Other information

- ► Store in original containers in approved flammable liquid storage area.
- ▶ Store away from incompatible materials in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- ▶ DO NOT store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapours may be trapped.
- ▶ No smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.

# Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

# Suitable container

- ▶ Packing as supplied by manufacturer.
- ▶ Plastic containers may only be used if approved for flammable liquid.
- ► Check that containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.
- For low viscosity materials (i): Drums and jerry cans must be of the non-removable head type. (ii): Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.
- ▶ For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C)
- ▶ For manufactured product having a viscosity of at least 250 cSt.

# Storage incompatibility

- Glycol ethers may form peroxides under certain conditions; the potential for peroxide formation is enhanced when these substances are used in processes such as distillation where they are concentrated or even evaporated to near-dryness or dryness; storage under a nitrogen atmosphere is recommended to minimise the possible formation of highly reactive peroxides
- ▶ Nitrogen blanketing is recommended if transported in containers at temperatures within 15 deg C of the flash-point and at or above the flash-point large containers may first need to be purged and inerted with nitrogen prior to loading
- ▶ In the presence of strong bases or the salts of strong bases, at elevated temperatures, the potential exists for runaway reactions.
- Contact with aluminium should be avoided; release of hydrogen gas may result- glycol ethers will corrode scratched aluminium surfaces
- ► May discolour in mild steel/ copper; lined containers, glass or stainless steel is preferred
- Glycols and their ethers undergo violent decomposition in contact with 70% perchloric acid. This seems likely to involve formation of the glycol perchlorate esters (after scission of ethers) which are explosive, those of ethylene glycol and 3-chloro-1,2-propanediol being more powerful than glyceryl nitrate, and the former so sensitive that it explodes on addition of water

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- ▶ may polymerise unless properly inhibited due to peroxide formation
- ▶ should be isolated from UV light, high temperatures, free radical initiators
- ▶ may react with strong oxidisers to produce fire and/ or explosion
- ▶ reacts violently with with sodium peroxide, uranium fluoride
- ▶ is incompatible with sulfuric acid, nitric acid, caustics, aliphatic amines, isocyanates, boranes
- ▶ Avoid reaction with oxidising agents

#### SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

# **Control parameters**

# OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS (OEL)

# INGREDIENT DATA

Not Available

# **EMERGENCY LIMITS**

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	Propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer; (1-Methoxypropyl-2-acetate)	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	Propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer; (2-Methoxypropoyl-1-acetate)	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	Propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer; (2-Methoxypropoyl-1-acetate)	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	Not Available	Not Available
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	Not Available	Not Available
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	Not Available	Not Available

#### MATERIAL DATA

for propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate (PGMEA)

Saturated vapour concentration: 4868 ppm at 20 C.

A two-week inhalation study found nasal effects to the nasal mucosa in animals at concentrations up to 3000 ppm. Differences in the teratogenic potential of the alpha (commercial grade) and beta isomers of PGMEA may be explained by the formation of different metabolites. The beta-isomer is thought to be oxidised to methoxypropionic acid, a homologue to methoxyacetic acid which is a known teratogen.

# **Exposure controls**

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Appropriate 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.
Personal protection	
Eye and face protection	<ul> <li>Safety glasses with side shields.</li> <li>Chemical goggles.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Skin protection	See Hand protection below
Hands/feet protection	<ul> <li>▶ Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC.</li> <li>▶ Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, e.g. Rubber</li> </ul>

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# 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. **Body protection** See Other protection below Overalls. ▶ PVC Apron.

# Other protection

▶ PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.

▶ Eyewash unit.

Some plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity

For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets).

Non sparking safety or conductive footwear should be considered. Conductive footwear describes a boot or shoe with a sole made from a conductive compound chemically bound to the bottom components, for permanent control to electrically ground the foot an shall dissipate static electricity from the body to reduce the possibility of ignition of volatile compounds.

Thermal hazards

Not Available

# Respiratory protection

Type A 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

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	A-AUS	-	A-PAPR-AUS / Class 1
up to 50 x ES	-	A-AUS / Class 1	-
up to 100 x ES	-	A-2	A-PAPR-2 ^

#### ^ - 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)

# **SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

# Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Note that all of the monopropylene glycol ethers may exist in two isomeric forms, alpha or beta. The alpha form, which is thermodynamically favored during synthesis, consists of a secondary alcohol configuration. The beta form consists of a primary alcohol. The two isomeric forms are shown above.

|Colourless flammable liquid with sweet ether-like odour; mixes with water. Soluble in most solvents.

Physical state	Liquid	Relative density (Water = 1)	0.968
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	354.5
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Applicable	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	145.0	Molecular weight (g/mol)	132.2
Flash point (°C)	50	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Flammable.	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	7.0 (200 deg C)	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	1.5 (200 deg C)	Volatile Component (%vol)	100

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Vapour pressure (kPa)	0.53 (20 C)	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible	pH as a solution (1%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	4.6	VOC g/L	Not Available

#### **SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

#### **SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo.

#### Information on toxicological effects

Inhaled

Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual. Limited evidence or practical experience suggests that the material may produce irritation of the respiratory system, in a significant number of individuals, following inhalation. In contrast to most organs, the lung is able to respond to a chemical insult by first removing or neutralising the irritant and then repairing the damage. The repair process, which initially evolved to

Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss

protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens, may however, produce further lung damage resulting in the impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Respiratory tract irritation often results in an inflammatory response involving the recruitment and activation of many cell types, mainly derived from the vascular system. Mice exposed at up to 3000 ppm PGMEA 6 hr/day for a total of 9 days during an 11-day period showed no pronounced effect on the weights of liver, kidneys, heart, spleen, thymus or testes. Histopathological examination revealed degeneration of the olfactory epithelium in mice exposed at 300 ppm for the same time. Rats, similarly failed to show changes in internal organs and did not show olfactory epithelium degeneration until 3000 ppm. The no-effect level in rats was 1000 ppm.

Ingestion

Swallowing of the liquid may cause aspiration of vomit into the lungs with the risk of haemorrhaging, pulmonary oedema, progressing to chemical pneumonitis; serious consequences may result.

Signs and symptoms of chemical (aspiration) pneumonitis may include coughing, gasping, choking, burning of the mouth, difficult breathing, and bluish coloured skin (cyanosis).

Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.

Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives); the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.

Skin Contact

Limited 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.

Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material

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

Repeated application of commercial grade PGMEA to the skin of rabbits for 2-weeks caused slight redness and very slight exfoliation.

Eve

Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or may produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eve(s) of experimental animals.

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 eve damage/ulceration may occur Undiluted propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate (PGMEA) causes moderate discomfort, slight conjunctival redness and slight corneal injury in rabbits

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Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Studies with some glycol ethers (principally the monoethylene glycols) and their esters indicate reproductive changes, testicular atrophy, infertility and kidney function changes. The metabolic acetic acid derivatives of 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. Repeated exposure to higher concentrations of propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate (PGMEA) (1000 ppm and above) causes mild liver and kidney damage in animals.

#### Chronic

A minor component, 2-methoxy-1-propyl acetate (the beta-isomer) produced birth defects on inhalation exposure of pregnant rabbits at 545 ppm, but not at 145 or 36 ppm; maternal and embryo/foetal toxicity on inhalation exposure of pregnant rats at 2710 ppm, but not at 545 or 110 ppm; and no adverse effects on dermal exposure of pregnant rabbits at applied dosages of 1000 and 2000 mg/kg of body weight per day during the critical period or embryo/foetal development. In a further study, no developmental effects were seen following exposure of pregnant rats at air concentrations of commercial propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate (containing 3-5% of the minor component) up to 4000 ppm; slight maternal effects were seen at 5000 ppm and greater.

Exposure of pregnant rats and rabbits to the parent glycol ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether which contained comparable amounts of the primary isomer, 2-methoxy-1-propanol, did not produce teratogenic effects at concentrations up

	TOXICITY	IRRITATION	
propylene glycol	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >5000 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	* [CCINFO]	
monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	Inhalation (rat) LC50: 4345 ppm/6hr <sup>[2]</sup>	Nil reported	
·	Oral (rat) LD50: 8532 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>		
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION	
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	dermal (rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	* [CCINFO]	
	Inhalation (rat) LC50: 4345 ppm/6hr <sup>[2]</sup>	Nil reported	
	Oral (rat) LD50: >14.1 ml <sup>[1]</sup>		
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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

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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.

No data for material. Data for isomer only as its alpha isomer; propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate:

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**BETA-ISOMER** 

A BASF report (in ECETOC) showed that inhalation exposure to 545 ppm PGMEA (beta isomer) was associated with a teratogenic response in rabbits; but exposure to 145 ppm and 36 ppm had no adverse effects.

The beta isomer of PGMEA comprises only 10% of the commercial material, the remaining 90% is alpha isomer. Hazard appears low but emphasizes the need for care in handling this chemical. [I.C.I]

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for propylene glycol ethers (PGEs):

Typical propylene glycol ethers include propylene glycol n-butyl ether (PnB); dipropylene glycol n-butyl ether (DPnB); dipropylene glycol methyl ether acetate (DPMA); tripropylene glycol methyl ether (TPM).

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Testing of a wide variety of propylene glycol ethers Testing of a wide variety of propylene glycol ethers has shown that propylene glycol-based ethers are less toxic than some ethers of the ethylene series. The common toxicities associated with the lower molecular weight homologues of the ethylene series, such as adverse effects on reproductive organs, the developing embryo and fetus, blood (haemolytic effects), or thymus, are not seen with the commercial-grade propylene glycol ethers. In the ethylene series, metabolism of the terminal hydroxyl group produces an alkoxyacetic acid.

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Acute Toxicity	×	Carcinogenicity	0
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	0	Reproductivity	<b>✓</b>
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	0	STOT - Single Exposure	0
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	0	STOT - Repeated Exposure	0
Mutagenicity	0	Aspiration Hazard	0

Legend:

★ - Data available but does not fill the criteria for classification

Data required to make classification available

○ – Data Not Available to make classification

# **SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

# **Toxicity**

Ingredient	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	LC50	96	Fish	113.619mg/L	3
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	8.588mg/L	3
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	LC50	96	Fish	100mg/L	1
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	EC50	48	Crustacea	373mg/L	2
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	9.337mg/L	3
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	EC50	504	Crustacea	>100mg/L	2
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	NOEC	336	Fish	47.5mg/L	2

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propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	LC50	96	Fish	123.852mg/L	3
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	9.337mg/L	3
Legend:	Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 - 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 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).

for propylene glycol ethers:

#### **Environmental fate:**

Most are liquids at room temperature and all are water-soluble.

Typical propylene glycol ethers include propylene glycol n-butyl ether (PnB); dipropylene glycol n-butyl ether (DPnB); dipropylene glycol methyl ether acetate (DPMA); tripropylene glycol methyl ether (TPM)

Environmental fate: Log octanol-water partition coefficients (log Kow's) range from 0.309 for TPM to 1.523 for DPnB. Calculated BCFs range from 1.47 for DPnB to 3.16 for DPMA and TPM, indicating low bioaccumulation. Henry's Law Constants, which indicate propensity to partition from water to air, are low for all category members, ranging from 5.7 x 10-9 atm-m3/mole for TPM to 2.7 x10-9 atm-m3/mole for PnB.

**DO NOT** discharge into sewer or waterways.

# Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	LOW	LOW
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	LOW	LOW
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	LOW	LOW

# **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	LOW (LogKOW = 0.5898)
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	LOW (LogKOW = 0.56)
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	LOW (LogKOW = 0.5163)

# Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility	
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers	MEDIUM (KOC = 2.093)	
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	HIGH (KOC = 1.838)	
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer	HIGH (KOC = 1.838)	

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# **SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Waste treatment methods

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)

# Product / Packaging disposal

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use.

- ► 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 licenced to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material).
- ▶ Decontaminate empty containers.

# **SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

#### **Labels Required**



**Marine Pollutant** 

NO

#### Land transport (DOT)

UN number	3272	
UN proper shipping name	Esters, n.o.s. (contains propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer)	
Transport hazard class(es)	Class 3 Subrisk Not Applicable	
Packing group	III	
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
Special precautions for user	Hazard Label 3 Special provisions B1, IB3, T4, TP1, TP29	

# Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	3272		
UN proper shipping name	Esters, n.o.s. * (contains propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer)		
_ ,, ,	ICAO/IATA Class 3		
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO / IATA Subrisk Not Applica	e	
ciass(es)	ERG Code 3L		
Packing group	Ш		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	Special provisions	A3	
	Cargo Only Packing Instructions	366	
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack	220 L	
	Passenger and Cargo Packing Inst	ctions 355	
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Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack 60 L Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions Y344 Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack 10 L

# Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	3272	
UN proper shipping name	ESTERS, N.O.S. (contains propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer)	
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class 3 IMDG Subrisk Not Applicable	
Packing group		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
Special precautions for user	EMS Number F-E, S-D Special provisions 223 274 Limited Quantities 5 L	

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

Source	Product name	Pollution Category	Ship Type
IMO MARPOL (Annex II) - List of Noxious Liquid Substances Carried in Bulk	Propylene glycol methyl ether acetate	Z	3

# **SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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

# PROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER ACETATE, ISOMERS(84540-57-8) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

US - California OEHHA/ARB - Acute Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (RELs)

US EPCRA Section 313 Chemical List

US - California OEHHA/ARB - Chronic Reference Exposure Levels and

Target Organs (CRELs)

#### PROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER ACETATE, ALPHA-ISOMER(108-65-6) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

US - California OEHHA/ARB - Acute Reference Exposure Levels and

US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs)

Target Organs (RELs)

US EPCRA Section 313 Chemical List

US - California OEHHA/ARB - Chronic Reference Exposure Levels and

US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory

Target Organs (CRELs)

US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants

# PROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER ACETATE, BETA-ISOMER(70657-70-4) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

US - California OEHHA/ARB - Acute Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (RELs)

US EPCRA Section 313 Chemical List

US - California OEHHA/ARB - Chronic Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (CRELs)

# **Federal Regulations**

# Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

#### SECTION 311/312 HAZARD CATEGORIES

Immediate (acute) health hazard	No
Delayed (chronic) health hazard	Yes
Fire hazard	Yes
Pressure hazard	No
Reactivity hazard	No

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None Reported

# **State Regulations**

#### **US. CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65**

None Reported

National Inventory	Status	
Australia - AICS	N (propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers)	
Canada - DSL	Υ	
Canada - NDSL	N (propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer; propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers; propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer)	
China - IECSC	Υ	
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Y	
Japan - ENCS	N (propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers; propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer)	
Korea - KECI	Υ	
New Zealand - NZIoC	Υ	
Philippines - PICCS	Y	
USA - TSCA	N (propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, isomers; propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, beta-isomer)	
Legend:	Y = All ingredients are on the inventory N = Not determined or one or more ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets)	

#### **SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Other information

# Ingredients with multiple cas numbers

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Name	CAS No
propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, alpha-isomer	108-65-6, 84540-57-8, 142300-82-1

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:

www.chemwatch.net

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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