

**Tetrahydrofuran****BDH1149**

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**SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Tetrahydrofuran

MSDS Number : 000000011708

Product Use Description : Solvent

Manufactured for : VWR International LLC  
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Building One  
Suite 200  
100 Matsonford Road  
Radnor PA 19087

For more information call : (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm)  
1-800-932-5000

In case of emergency call : (24 hours/day, 7 days/week)  
1-800-424-9300(USA Only)  
**For Transportation Emergencies:**  
1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC - Domestic)  
1-613-996-6666 (CANUTEC - Canada)

**SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview**

Form : liquid

Color : clear and colourless

Odor : ether-like

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**Classification of the substance or mixture**

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Acute toxicity, Category 4, Oral  
Eye irritation, Category 2A  
Carcinogenicity, Category 2  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Category 3,  
Respiratory system

**GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Symbol(s)



Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: Highly flammable liquid and vapour.  
Harmful if swallowed.  
Causes serious eye irritation.  
May cause respiratory irritation.  
Suspected of causing cancer.

Precautionary statements

: **Prevention:**  
Obtain special instructions before use.  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
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.  
Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

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**Response:**

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

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

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention. Rinse mouth.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.

**Storage:**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Keep cool.

Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, state & federal regulations.

**Carcinogenicity**

ACGIH: Tetrahydrofuran 109-99-9  
A3: Confirmed animal carcinogen

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Formula : C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O

Chemical nature : Substance

Chemical Name	CAS-No.	Concentration
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109-99-9

100.00 %

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- General advice : If unconscious place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
- Inhalation : Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Use oxygen as required, provided a qualified operator is present. Call a physician.
- Skin contact : Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Call a physician.
- Eye contact : Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Protect unharmed eye. Call a physician.
- Ingestion : Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician.

**Notes to physician**

- Treatment : Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry powder
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : High volume water jet
- Specific hazards during firefighting : Extremely flammable.  
Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air.

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Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.  
Vapors may travel to areas away from work site before igniting/flashing back to vapor source.  
May form explosive peroxides.  
In case of fire hazardous decomposition products may be produced such as:  
Carbon monoxide  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Special protective equipment for firefighters : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.

Further information : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

- Personal precautions : Wear personal protective equipment.  
Immediately evacuate personnel to safe areas.  
Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Remove all sources of ignition.  
Do not swallow.  
Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.  
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.
- Environmental precautions : Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
Prevent product from entering drains.  
Discharge into the environment must be avoided.  
Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.  
Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.
- Methods for cleaning up : Ventilate the area.  
No sparking tools should be used.  
Use explosion-proof equipment.  
Contain spillage, soak up with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and transfer to a container for disposal according to local / national

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regulations (see section 13).

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling**

Handling : Wear personal protective equipment.  
Use only in well-ventilated areas.  
Keep container tightly closed.  
Do not smoke.  
Do not swallow.  
Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.  
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : May form explosive peroxides.  
Keep away from fire, sparks and heated surfaces.  
Take precautionary measures against static discharges.  
Ensure all equipment is electrically grounded before beginning transfer operations.  
Use explosion-proof equipment.  
Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.  
No sparking tools should be used.  
No smoking.

**Storage**

Requirements for storage areas and containers : Store in area designed for storage of flammable liquids. Protect from physical damage.  
Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.  
Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.  
Keep away from direct sunlight.  
Protect from exposure to air/oxygen (peroxide formation).  
Protect against light.  
Store away from incompatible substances.  
Container hazardous when empty.  
Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose

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containers to heat or sources of ignition.

Further information on storage conditions : Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.  
Keep under nitrogen.  
Protect from exposure to air/oxygen (peroxide formation).

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

- Protective measures : Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- Engineering measures : Use with local exhaust ventilation.  
Prevent vapour buildup by providing adequate ventilation during and after use.
- Eye protection : Do not wear contact lenses.  
Wear as appropriate:  
Safety glasses with side-shields  
If splashes are likely to occur, wear:  
Goggles or face shield, giving complete protection to eyes
- Hand protection : Solvent-resistant gloves  
Gloves must be inspected prior to use.  
Replace when worn.
- Skin and body protection : Wear as appropriate:  
Solvent-resistant apron  
Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.  
If splashes are likely to occur, wear:  
Protective suit
- Respiratory protection : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.  
For rescue and maintenance work in storage tanks use self-contained breathing apparatus.  
Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.
- Hygiene measures : When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.



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Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.  
 Keep working clothes separately.  
 Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.  
 Do not swallow.  
 Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.  
 Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.  
 This material has an established AIHA ERPG exposure limit.  
 The current list of ERPG exposure limits can be found at  
[http://www.aiha.org/insideaiha/GuidelineDevelopment/ERPG/Documents/2011erpgweelhandbook\\_table-only.pdf](http://www.aiha.org/insideaiha/GuidelineDevelopment/ERPG/Documents/2011erpgweelhandbook_table-only.pdf).

#### Exposure Guidelines

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	SKIN_DES : Skin designation:	Can be absorbed through the skin.	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	TWA : time weighted average	(50 ppm)	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	STEL : Short term exposure limit	(100 ppm)	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	REL : Recommended exposure limit (REL):	590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (200 ppm)	2005	NIOSH/GUIDE:US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards



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Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	STEL : Short term exposure limit	735 mg/m3 (250 ppm)	2005	NIOSH/GUIDE:US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	PEL : Permissi ble exposure limit	590 mg/m3 (200 ppm)	02 2006	OSHA_TRANS:US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	STEL : Short term exposure limit	735 mg/m3 (250 ppm)	1989	Z1A:US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000)
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	TWA : time weighted average	590 mg/m3 (200 ppm)	1989	Z1A:US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000)

**SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Physical state	: liquid
Color	: clear and colourless
Odor	: ether-like
pH	: Note: Not applicable
Melting point/freezing point	: -108.5 °C
Boiling point/boiling range	: 66 °C

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Flash point	: 7 °F (-14 °C) Method: closed cup
Evaporation rate	: 14.5 Method: Compared to Butyl acetate.
Lower explosion limit	: 2 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	: 11.8 %(V)
Vapor pressure	: 189 hPa at 20 °C(68 °F)
Vapor density	: 2.5 Note: (Air = 1.0)
Density	: 0.8892 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C
Water solubility	: Note: completely soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: log Pow: 0.46 at 20 °C
Ignition temperature	: 321 °C
Decomposition temperature	: Note: At normal pressure may be distilled without decomposition.
Molecular weight	: 72.11 g/mol

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**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Chemical stability	: Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Hazardous polymerisation may occur.
Conditions to avoid	: Heat, flames and sparks. Keep away from direct sunlight. Protect from exposure to air/oxygen (peroxide formation). Protect against light.
Incompatible materials to avoid	: Strong oxidizing agents Strong acids and strong bases May form explosive peroxides. May attack many plastics, rubbers and coatings.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Peroxides In case of fire hazardous decomposition products may be produced such as: Carbon monoxide Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )

**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute oral toxicity	: LD50: 1,650 mg/kg Species: Rat
Acute inhalation toxicity	: LC50: 53.1 mg/l Exposure time: 4 h Species: Rat
	: LC50: 21000 ppm Exposure time: 3 h Species: Rat

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Skin irritation	: Species: Rabbit Result: Irritating to skin.
Eye irritation	: Species: Rabbit Result: Irritating to eyes.
Further information	: Note: Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans.

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity effects**

Toxicity to fish	: LC50: 2,160 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Species: Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)
	: LC50: 2,820 mg/l Species: Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe)
Toxicity to bacteria	: LC50: > 580 mg/l Exposure time: 16 h Species: Bacteria

**Further information on ecology**

Additional ecological information	: Bioaccumulation is unlikely.
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**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Disposal methods	: Observe all Federal, State, and Local Environmental regulations.
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Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

#### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT** UN/ID No. : UN 2056  
 Proper shipping name : TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 Class : 3  
 Packing group : II  
 Hazard Labels : 3

**IATA** UN/ID No. : UN 2056  
 Description of the goods : TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 Class : 3  
 Packaging group : II  
 Hazard Labels : 3  
 Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 364  
 Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 353  
 Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Y341

**IMDG** UN/ID No. : UN 2056  
 Description of the goods : TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 Class : 3  
 Packaging group : II  
 Hazard Labels : 3  
 EmS Number : F-E, S-D  
 Marine pollutant : no

#### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

##### Inventories

US. Toxic Substances Control Act : On TSCA Inventory



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- Australia. Industrial Chemical (Notification and Assessment) Act : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
- Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). Domestic Substances List (DSL) : All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL.
- Japan. Kashin-Hou Law List : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
- Korea. Toxic Chemical Control Law (TCCL) List : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
- Philippines. The Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Control Act : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
- China. Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
- New Zealand. Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC), as published by ERMA New Zealand : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

#### National regulatory information

- US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302) : The following component(s) of this product is/are subject to release reporting under 40 CFR 302 when release exceeds the Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs  
: Tetrahydrofuran 109-99-9

- SARA 302 Components** : No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

- SARA 313 Components** : This material does not contain any chemical components with

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known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

- SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Fire Hazard  
Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard  
Reactivity Hazard
- CERCLA Reportable Quantity** : 1000 lbs
- California Prop. 65** : This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

**Massachusetts RTK** : Tetrahydrofuran 109-99-9

**New Jersey RTK** : Tetrahydrofuran 109-99-9

**Pennsylvania RTK** : Tetrahydrofuran 109-99-9

**WHMIS Classification** : B2: Flammable liquid  
D2B: Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects  
This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

	<b>HMIS III</b>	<b>NFPA</b>
Health hazard	: 2*	2
Flammability	: 3	3
Physical Hazard	: 1	
Instability	:	1

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\* - Chronic health hazard

Hazard rating and rating systems (e.g. HMIS® III, NFPA): This information is intended solely for the use of individuals trained in the particular system.

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