

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Tetrahydrofuran

**Cat No. :** L13304

**CAS-No** 109-99-9  
**Synonyms** THF

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

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### 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
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Harmful if swallowed  
Causes serious eye irritation

May cause respiratory irritation  
 May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
 Suspected of causing cancer



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use  
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 Use personal protective equipment as required  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Wear eye/face protection  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 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

#### Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

#### Inhalation

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

#### Skin

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

#### 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

#### Ingestion

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

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Storage

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

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

May form explosive peroxides

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	>95
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	128-37-0	0.025

#### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Causes central nervous system depression
<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>	Water may be ineffective
<b>Flash Point</b>	-21 °C / -5.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	215 °C / 419 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	11.8%
<b>Lower</b>	2.0%
<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. May form explosive peroxides. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

#### Hazardous Combustion Products

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

#### 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.

#### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
3

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

#### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** 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.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. If peroxide formation is suspected, do not open or move container. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Handle under an inert atmosphere.

### Storage

Shelf life 12 months. May form explosive peroxides on prolonged storage. Containers should be dated when opened and tested periodically for the presence of peroxides. Should crystals form in a peroxidizable liquid, peroxidation may have occurred and the product should be considered extremely dangerous. In this instance, the container should only be opened remotely by professionals. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Store under an inert atmosphere.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Tetrahydrofuran	TWA: 50 ppm STEL: 100 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 735 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 2000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 735 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 735 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

### 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

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Physical State**  
**Appearance**

Liquid  
Colorless

Odor	Petroleum distillates
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	7-8 20% aq. solution
Melting Point/Range	-108.4 °C / -163.1 °F
Boiling Point/Range	66 °C / 150.8 °F
Flash Point	-21 °C / -5.8 °F
Evaporation Rate	> 1 (Ether = 1.0)
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	11.8%
Lower	2.0%
Vapor Pressure	170 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.5 (Ether = 1.0)
Specific Gravity	0.880
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	215 °C / 419 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.456 mPas @ 20°C Dynamic
Molecular Formula	C4 H8 O
Molecular Weight	72.11

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes.
<b>Stability</b>	May form explosive peroxides. Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), peroxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization may occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

**Product Information** No acute toxicity information is available for this product

### **Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Tetrahydrofuran	1650 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	180 mg/L ( Rat ) 1 h 53.9 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	>2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	>2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

<b>Irritation</b>	Irritating to eyes May cause irritation of respiratory tract
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	Group 2B	Not listed	A3	X	A3

2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	128-37-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
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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)

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	No information available
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS)
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Causes central nervous system depression

#### Endocrine Disruptor Information

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Japan - Endocrine Disruptor Information
Tetrahydrofuran	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
Tetrahydrofuran	Not listed	2160 mg/l LC50 = 96 h Pimephales promelas Leuciscus idus: LC50: 2820 mg/L/48h	Not listed	EC50 48 h 3485 mg/l EC50: >10000 mg/L/24h
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	EC50 = 0.758 mg/L 96h EC50 = 6 mg/L 72 h	LC50 = 0.199 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 7.82 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 8.57 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 8.98 mg/L 30 min	EC50 >0.31 mg/L 48h

**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
Tetrahydrofuran	0.45
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	4.17

## 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.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Tetrahydrofuran - 109-99-9	U213	-

## 14. Transport information

**DOT**

UN-No UN2056  
 Proper Shipping Name TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

**TDG**

UN-No UN2056  
 Proper Shipping Name TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

**IATA**

UN-No UN2056  
 Proper Shipping Name TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN2056  
 Proper Shipping Name TETRAHYDROFURAN  
 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
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	X	ACTIVE	-
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	128-37-0	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

**TSCA** - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export**

Component	CAS-No	TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	Section 4, 1 % de minimus concentration

**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	X	-	203-726-8	X	X	X	X	KE-33454
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	128-37-0	X	-	204-881-4	X	X	X	X	KE-03079

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313** Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**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
Tetrahydrofuran	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
Tetrahydrofuran	X	X	X	-	X
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	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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