

## 1. Identification

<b>Product identifier</b>	<b>TETRAHYDROFURAN, HALOGEN FREE</b>	
<b>Other means of identification</b>		
<b>Product code</b>	2348	
<b>Synonym(s)</b>	THF	
<b>Recommended use</b>	professional, scientific and technical activities: other professional, scientific and technical activities	
<b>Recommended restrictions</b>	None known.	
<b>Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information</b>		
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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

<b>Physical hazards</b>	Flammable liquids	Category 2
<b>Health hazards</b>	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A
	Carcinogenicity	Category 2
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 2 (nervous system)
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 3 respiratory tract irritation
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1 (kidney, liver, nervous system)
<b>OSHA hazard(s)</b>	Not classified.	

### Label elements



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation. Suspected of causing cancer. May cause damage to organs (nervous system). Causes damage to organs (kidney, liver, nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	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. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

<b>Response</b>	In case of fire: Use appropriate media for extinction. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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 skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up.
<b>Disposal</b>	Dispose of contents/container to an approved incineration plant.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	Static accumulating flammable liquid
<b>Supplemental information</b>	
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Static accumulating flammable liquid can become electrostatically charged even in bonded and grounded equipment. Sparks may ignite liquid and vapor. May cause flash fire or explosion.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. These alone may be insufficient to remove static electricity.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Substances

Hazardous components	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Chemical name			
TETRAHYDROFURAN	THF	109-99-9	100

\*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Irritation of eyes and mucous membranes. Narcosis. Decrease in motor functions. Behavioral changes. Edema. Liver enlargement. Jaundice. Proteinuria. Irritant effects. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed. Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water. Water fog. Carbon dioxide (CO2). Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only. Alcohol resistant foam. Powder.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	This product is a poor conductor of electricity and can become electrostatically charged. If sufficient charge is accumulated, ignition of flammable mixtures can occur. To reduce potential for static discharge, use proper bonding and grounding procedures. This liquid may accumulate static electricity when filling properly grounded containers. Static electricity accumulation may be significantly increased by the presence of small quantities of water or other contaminants. By heating and fire, harmful vapors/gases may be formed.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA. Structural firefighters protective clothing will only provide limited protection.
<b>Fire-fighting equipment/instructions</b>	In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.

## Specific methods

In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire. Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials. Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Remove all possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to a salvage tank or other suitable container for recovery or safe disposal. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Keep unnecessary personnel away. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep upwind. Keep out of low areas. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Should not be released into the environment. This product is miscible in water. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

Large Spills: Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Place all material into loosely covered plastic containers for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills in original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the MSDS.

### Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not contaminate water.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Minimize fire risks from flammable and combustible materials (including combustible dust and static accumulating liquids) or dangerous reactions with incompatible materials. Handling operations that can promote accumulation of static charges include but are not limited to: mixing, filtering, pumping at high flow rates, splash filling, creating mists or sprays, tank and container filling, tank cleaning, sampling, gauging, switch loading, vacuum truck operations. For additional information on equipment bonding and grounding, refer to the Canadian Electrical Code in Canada, (CSA C22.1), or the American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice 2003, "Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning, and Stray Currents" or National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 77, "Recommended Practice on Static Electricity" or National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70, "National Electrical Code". DO NOT handle, store or open near an open flame, sources of heat or sources of ignition. Protect material from direct sunlight. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid contact with skin. Avoid contact with eyes. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. Store in cool place. Eliminate sources of ignition. Avoid spark promoters. Ground/bond container and equipment. These alone may be insufficient to remove static electricity. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Keep out of the reach of children. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Material	Type	Value
TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9)	PEL	590 mg/m3

**US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)**

Material	Type	Value
		200 ppm

**US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

Material	Type	Value
TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9)	STEL	100 ppm
	TWA	50 ppm

**US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards**

Material	Type	Value
TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9)	STEL	735 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	TWA	250 ppm 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 200 ppm

**Biological limit values****US. ACGIH. BEIs. Biological Exposure Indices**

Material	Value	Determinant	Specimen	Sampling Time
TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9)	2 mg/l	Tetrahydrofuran	Urine	*

\* - For sampling details, please see the source document.

**Exposure guidelines****US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9) Can be absorbed through the skin.

**Appropriate engineering controls** Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Provide eyewash station.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

**Skin protection**

**Hand protection** Wear protective gloves.

**Other**

Wear suitable protective clothing. Wear protective gloves.

**Respiratory protection**

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ventilation is not sufficient to effectively prevent buildup of aerosols or vapors, appropriate NIOSH/MSHA respiratory protection must be provided.

**Thermal hazards**

Not available.

**General hygiene considerations**

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid contact with skin. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. Physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Clear.
<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Form</b>	Liquid.
<b>Color</b>	Colorless.
<b>Odor</b>	Ether-like.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	-162.9 °F (-108.3 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	149 °F (65 °C) 101.325 kPa
<b>Flash point</b>	5.90 °F (-14.50 °C) Closed Cup -4.00 °F (-20.00 °C) Open Cup
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	8 BuAc
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.

## Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (‰) > 2

Flammability limit - upper (‰) < 11.8

Explosive limit - lower (‰) Not available.

Explosive limit - upper (‰) Not available.

Vapor pressure 21.6 kPa at 25 °C

Vapor density 2.56

Relative density Not available.

Solubility(ies) Miscible

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) 0.5

Auto-ignition temperature 609.8 °F (321 °C)

Decomposition temperature Not available.

Viscosity Not available.

## Other information

Density 0.89 g/cm<sup>3</sup> estimated

Dynamic viscosity 0.53 mPa.s

Dynamic viscosity temperature 68 °F (20 °C)

Flammability class Flammable IB estimated

Flash point class Flammable IB

Molecular formula C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O

Molecular weight 72.11 g/mol

Percent volatile 100 %

Specific gravity 0.8892 at 20 °C

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity Not available.

Chemical stability Risk of explosion. Material is stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to avoid Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point.

Incompatible materials Strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products Irritants. Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). Carbon oxides. Hydrocarbons.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion Harmful if swallowed.

Inhalation May cause irritation to the respiratory system.

Skin contact Not available.

Eye contact Causes serious eye irritation.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Narcosis. Edema. Liver enlargement. Jaundice. Proteinuria. Behavioral changes. Decrease in motor functions. Irritant effects.

### Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Harmful if swallowed.

Product	Species	Test Results
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TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9)

#### Acute

*Dermal*

LD50

Rabbit

2100 mg/kg

Product	Species	Test Results
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Rat	18000 - 22000 mg/l, 4 Hours 80975 mg/l, 1 Hours 62000 mg/l, 2 Hours 21000 mg/l, 3 Hours 18000 - 22000 mg/l, 4 Hours
LD50	Mouse	6700 mg/l, 30 Minutes
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Rat	1650 mg/kg
<i>Other</i>		
LD50	Mouse	1900 mg/kg
	Rat	2900 mg/kg

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Suspected of causing cancer.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Respiratory tract irritation. May cause damage to organs (nervous system).
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Causes damage to organs (kidney, liver, nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** Contains a substance which causes risk of hazardous effects to the environment.

Product	Species	Test Results
TETRAHYDROFURAN (CAS 109-99-9)		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Crustacea	LC50	Water flea (Daphnia magna) > 10000 mg/l, 24 hours
Fish	LC50	Carp (Leuciscus idus melanotus) 2930 mg/l, 48 hours
		Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) 2820 mg/l, 48 hours
		1970 - 2360 mg/l, 96 hours
		1970 - 2360 mg/l, 96 hours

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Persistence and degradability** None known.

**Bioaccumulative potential** Not available.

**Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)**  
0.46

**Mobility in soil** Not available.

**Other adverse effects** Not available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Incinerate the material under controlled conditions in an approved incinerator. Do not incinerate sealed containers. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. If discarded, this product is considered a RCRA ignitable waste, D001. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Not available.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	D001: Waste Flammable material with a flash point <140 F
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN number</b>	UN2056
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Tetrahydrofuran
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	3
<b>Subsidiary class(es)</b>	Not available.
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
<b>Labels required</b>	3
<b>Special provisions</b>	IB2, T4, TP1
<b>Packaging exceptions</b>	None
<b>Packaging non bulk</b>	202
<b>Packaging bulk</b>	242

### IATA

<b>UN number</b>	UN2056
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Tetrahydrofuran
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	3
<b>Subsidiary class(es)</b>	-
<b>Packaging group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No
<b>Labels required</b>	Not available.
<b>ERG Code</b>	3H
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Not available.

### IMDG

<b>UN number</b>	UN2056
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	TETRAHYDROFURAN
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	3
<b>Subsidiary class(es)</b>	-
<b>Packaging group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No
<b>Labels required</b>	Not available.
<b>EmS</b>	F-E, S-D
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Not available.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** No information available.

DOT



IATA; IMDG



## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

Not on regulatory list.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

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**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**  
Immediate Hazard - Yes  
Delayed Hazard - Yes  
Fire Hazard - Yes  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance** No

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**Other federal regulations**

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). List 2, Essential Chemicals (21 CFR 1310.02(b) and 1310.04(f)(2) and Chemical Code Number**

Not listed.

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). List 1 & 2 Exempt Chemical Mixtures (21 CFR 1310.12(c))**

Not regulated.

**DEA Exempt Chemical Mixtures Code Number**

Not regulated.

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** Not regulated.

**US state regulations**

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

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**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act**

Not regulated.



**US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances**

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**US. Rhode Island RTK**

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**US. California Proposition 65****US - California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens & Reproductive Toxicity (CRT): Listed substance**

Not listed.

**International Inventories**

<b>Country(s) or region</b>	<b>Inventory name</b>	<b>On inventory (yes/no)*</b>
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision****Issue date** June-07-2013**Revision date** October-21-2013**Version #** 02**Further information** Not available.

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