

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Ethyl ether

**Cat No. :** E138-1; E138-20; E138-4; E138-4LC; E138-500; E138RS-19; E138RS-28; E138RS-50

**CAS No** 60-29-7  
**Synonyms** Ethyl ether; Ether

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number** CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Liver.	
Aspiration Toxicity	Category 1

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor  
Harmful if swallowed  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
May be harmful if swallowed and enters airways  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
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  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Keep cool

#### Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Skin

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

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

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

May form explosive peroxides  
Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<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.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. 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>	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, 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>	-45 °C / -49 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	160 °C / 320 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	36.0 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	1.9 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Extremely flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Containers may explode when heated. May form explosive peroxides. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

### 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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

**Health**  
1

**Flammability**  
4

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Handling

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

### Storage.

Flammables area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. May form explosive peroxides. 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 away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Ethyl ether	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 400 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 1200 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 500 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 1500 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 400 ppm TWA: 1200 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 1900 ppm	TWA: 400 ppm STEL: 500 ppm

### 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

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

### 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	aromatic
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-116 °C / -176.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	34.6 °C / 94.3 °F
Flash Point	-45 °C / -49 °F
Evaporation Rate	37.5
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	36.0 vol %
Lower	1.9 vol %
Vapor Pressure	587 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.55
Specific Gravity	0.714
Solubility	Slightly soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	160 °C / 320 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.2448 cP at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O
Molecular Weight	74.12

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	May form explosive peroxides. Air sensitive. Light sensitive. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to air. Exposure to light. Exposure to moisture. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), peroxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	May form explosive peroxides.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl ether	1215 mg/kg (Rat)	20 mL/kg (Rabbit)	32000 ppm ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

Irritation	No information available
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

<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>	Liver
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ethyl ether	Not listed	LC50: > 10000 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 2560 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 5600 mg/L 15 min	EC50 = 165 mg/L/24h

**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
Ethyl ether	0.82

## 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
Ethyl ether - 60-29-7	U117	-

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN1155  
 Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group I

### TDG

UN-No UN1155  
 Proper Shipping Name Diethyl ether  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group I

### IATA

**UN-No** UN1155  
**Proper Shipping Name** Diethyl ether  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Packing Group** I

**IMDG/IMO**

**UN-No** UN1155  
**Proper Shipping Name** Diethyl ether  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Packing Group** I

## 15. Regulatory information

**United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	X	-	200-467-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-27690

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**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
Ethyl ether	100 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
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Ethyl ether	X	X	X	-	X
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**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 contains the following DHS chemicals:

**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Ethyl ether	Release STQs - 10000lb

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** Severe risk, Grade 4

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Ethyl ether	60-29-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y40 Annex I - Y42

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary** This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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