

# Thymol

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## Material Safety Data Sheet

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## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

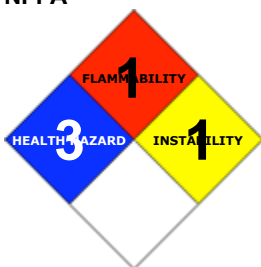
### PRODUCT NAME

Thymol

### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

**CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.**

### NFPA



### SUPPLIER

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### PRODUCT USE

Perfumery, mold and mildew preventative, microscopy, preservative antioxidant, flavouring, lab reagent, synthetic menthol. Fragrance

### SYNONYMS

C10-H14-O, "m-cresol, 6-isopropyl-", "m-cresol, 6-isopropyl-", "p-cymene, 3-hydroxy-", "p-cymene, 3-hydroxy-", p-cymen-3-o1, p-cymen-3-o1, 3-p-cymenol, 3-p-cymenol, 3-hydroxy-p-cymene, 3-hydroxy-p-cymene, 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-4-isopropylbenzene, 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-4-isopropylbenzene, "3 hydroxy 1 methyl 4 isopropylbenzene", "isopropyl cresol", 2-isopropyl-5-methylphenol, 2-isopropyl-5-methylphenol, 1-methyl-3-hydroxy-4-isopropylbenzene, 1-methyl-3-hydroxy-4-isopropylbenzene, 3-methyl-6-isopropylphenol, 3-methyl-6-isopropylphenol, 5-methyl-2-isopropyl-1-phenol, 5-methyl-2-isopropyl-1-phenol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)phenol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)phenol, "phenol, 2-1sopropyl-5-methyl-", "phenol, 2-1sopropyl-5-methyl-", "thyme camphor", "thymic acid", m-thymol, m-thymol, Taymol

## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS

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## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

### RISK

Harmful if swallowed.

Causes burns.

Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### SWALLOWED

■ Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

■ The material can produce chemical burns within the oral cavity and gastrointestinal tract following ingestion.

■ Some phenol derivatives can cause damage to the digestive system. If absorbed, profuse sweating, thirst, nausea, vomiting diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, low blood pressure, gasping, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma and lung swelling can happen followed by pneumonia. There may be respiratory failure and kidney damage. Chemical burns, seizures and irregular heartbeat may result.

■ Ingestion of acidic corrosives may produce burns around and in the mouth, the throat and esophagus. Immediate pain and difficulties in swallowing and speaking may also be evident. Swelling of the epiglottis may make it difficult to breathe which may result in suffocation. More severe exposure may result in vomiting blood and thick mucus, shock, abnormally low blood pressure, fluctuating pulse, shallow respiration and clammy skin, inflammation of stomach wall, and rupture of esophageal tissue. Untreated shock may eventually result in kidney failure. Severe cases may result in perforation of the stomach and abdominal cavity with consequent infection, rigidity and fever. There may be severe narrowing of the esophageal or pyloric sphincters; this may occur immediately or after a delay of weeks to years. There may be coma and convulsions, followed by death due to infection of the abdominal cavity, kidneys or lungs.

■ Thymol resembles phenol in its systemic actions but less toxic due to its lower solubility. Ingestion may cause burning pain in the esophagus, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting, dizziness, convulsions, coma, cyanosis, central hyperactivity (e.g., talkativeness), cardiac and respiratory arrest.

#### EYE

■ The material can produce chemical burns to the eye following direct contact. Vapors or mists may be extremely irritating.

■ If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage.

■ Some phenol derivatives may produce mild to severe eye irritation with redness, pain and blurred vision. Permanent eye injury may occur; recovery may also be complete or partial.

■ Direct eye contact with acid corrosives may produce pain, tears, sensitivity to light and burns. Mild burns of the epithelia generally recover rapidly and completely. Severe burns produce long-lasting and possibly irreversible damage. The appearance of the burn may not be apparent for several weeks after the initial contact. The cornea may ultimately become deeply opaque resulting in blindness.

#### SKIN

■ The material can produce chemical burns following direct contact with the skin.

■ Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

■ Phenol and its derivatives can cause severe skin irritation if contact is maintained, and can be absorbed to the skin affecting the cardiovascular and central nervous system. Effects include sweating, intense thirst, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, low blood pressure, hyperventilation, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma, lung swelling followed by pneumonia. Respiratory failure and kidney damage may follow.

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

■ Skin contact with acidic corrosives may result in pain and burns; these may be deep with distinct edges and may heal slowly with the formation of scar tissue.

■ Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions 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 protected.

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- If inhaled, this material can irritate the throat and lungs of some persons.
- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.
- Corrosive acids can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, with coughing, choking and mucous membrane damage. There may be dizziness, headache, nausea and weakness. Swelling of the lungs can occur, either immediately or after a delay; symptoms of this include chest tightness, shortness of breath, frothy phlegm and cyanosis. Lack of oxygen can cause death hours after onset.
- If phenols are absorbed via the lungs, systemic effects may occur affecting the cardiovascular and nervous systems. Inhalation can result in profuse perspiration, intense thirst, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, falling blood pressure, hyperventilation, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma, swelling and inflammation of the lung. This is followed by respiratory failure and kidney damage. Phenols also cause loss of sensation and general depression at high concentrations. The toxicities of phenol derivatives vary.
- Inhalation of aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

### CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

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

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

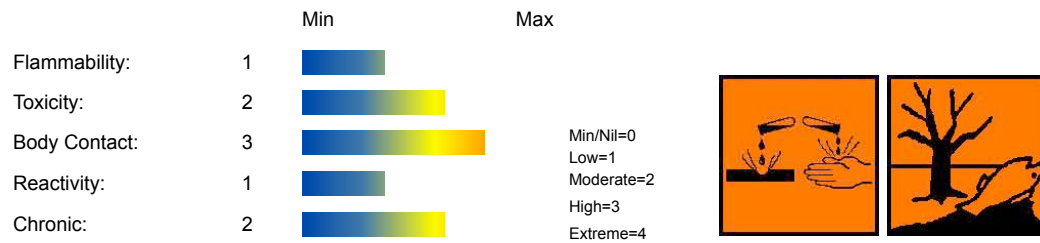
Repeated or prolonged exposure to acids may result in the erosion of teeth, swelling and or ulceration of mouth lining. Irritation of airways to lung, with cough, and inflammation of lung tissue often occurs. Chronic exposure may inflame the skin or conjunctiva.

Long-term exposure to phenol derivatives can cause skin inflammation, loss of appetite and weight, weakness, muscle aches and pain, liver damage, dark urine, loss of nails, skin eruptions, diarrhea, nervous disorders with headache, salivation, fainting, discoloration of the skin and eyes, vertigo and mental disorders, and damage to the liver and kidneys.

May cause kidney and liver damage.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### HAZARD RATINGS



NAME	CAS RN	%
thymol	89-83-8	>98

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

### SWALLOWED

- 
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor at once.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.
- If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.
- Observe the patient carefully.
- Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.
- Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.

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- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.

### EYE

■ If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with 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.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Center or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

### SKIN

■ If skin or hair contact occurs:

- Immediately flush body and clothes with large amounts of water, using safety shower if available.
- Quickly remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Center.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor.

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- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- 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.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor.

Inhalation of vapors or aerosols (mists, fumes) may cause lung edema. Corrosive substances may cause lung damage (e.g. lung edema, fluid in the lungs). As this reaction may be delayed up to 24 hours after exposure, affected individuals need complete rest (preferably in semi-recumbent posture) and must be kept under medical observation even if no symptoms are (yet) manifested. Before any such manifestation, the administration of a spray containing a dexamethasone derivative or beclomethasone derivative may be considered. This must definitely be left to a doctor or person authorized by him/her. (ICSC13719).

### NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

■ For acute or short term repeated exposures to strong acids:

- Airway problems may arise from laryngeal edema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially.
- Respiratory distress may require cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubation is contraindicated by excessive swelling
- Intravenous lines should be established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise.
- Strong acids produce a coagulation necrosis characterized by formation of a coagulum (eschar) as a result of the desiccating action of the acid on proteins in specific tissues.

### INGESTION:

- Immediate dilution (milk or water) within 30 minutes post ingestion is recommended.
- DO NOT attempt to neutralize the acid since exothermic reaction may extend the corrosive injury.
- Be careful to avoid further vomit since re-exposure of the mucosa to the acid is harmful. Limit fluids to one or two glasses in an adult.
- Charcoal has no place in acid management.
- Some authors suggest the use of lavage within 1 hour of ingestion.

### SKIN:

- Skin lesions require copious saline irrigation. Treat chemical burns as thermal burns with non-adherent gauze and wrapping.
- Deep second-degree burns may benefit from topical silver sulfadiazine.

### EYE:

- Eye injuries require retraction of the eyelids to ensure thorough irrigation of the conjunctival cul-de-sacs. Irrigation should last at least 20-30 minutes. DO NOT use neutralizing agents or any other additives. Several liters of saline are required.
- Cycloplegic drops, (1% cyclopentolate for short-term use or 5% homatropine for longer term use) antibiotic drops, vasoconstrictive agents or artificial tears may be indicated dependent on the severity of the injury.
- Steroid eye drops should only be administered with the approval of a consulting ophthalmologist).

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology].

For acute or short term repeated exposures to phenols/ cresols:

- Phenol is absorbed rapidly through lungs and skin. [Massive skin contact may result in collapse and death]\*
- [Ingestion may result in ulceration of upper respiratory tract; perforation of esophagus and/or stomach, with attendant complications,

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- may occur. Esophageal stricture may occur.]\*
- An initial excitatory phase may present. Convulsions may appear as long as 18 hours after ingestion. Hypotension and ventricular tachycardia that require vasopressor and antiarrhythmic therapy, respectively, can occur.
- Respiratory arrest, ventricular dysrhythmias, seizures and metabolic acidosis may complicate severe phenol exposures so the initial attention should be directed towards stabilization of breathing and circulation with ventilation, intubation, intravenous lines, fluids and cardiac monitoring as indicated.
- [Vegetable oils retard absorption; do NOT use paraffin oils or alcohols. Gastric lavage, with endotracheal intubation, should be repeated until phenol odor is no longer detectable; follow with vegetable oil. A saline cathartic should then be given.]\* ALTERNATELY: Activated charcoal (1g/kg) may be given. A cathartic should be given after oral activated charcoal.
- [Severe poisoning may require slow intravenous injection of methylene blue to treat methemoglobinemia.
- [Renal failure may require hemodialysis.]\*
- Most absorbed phenol is biotransformed by the liver to ethereal and glucuronide sulfates and is eliminated almost completely after 24 hours. [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology] \*[Union Carbide]

### BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
1.Total phenol in blood	250 gm/gm creatinine	End of shift	B, NS

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed

NS: Non-specific determinant; also seen after exposure to other materials.

Poisoning may resemble phenol intoxication.

## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapor Pressure (mmHg):	0.975 @ 64C
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available.
Specific Gravity (water=1):	0.979
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available.

### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- 
- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

### FIRE FIGHTING

- 
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

### GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- 
- Combustible.
- Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.
- Acids may react with metals to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable and explosive gas.
- Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of rigid containers.

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- May emit acrid smoke and corrosive fumes.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:

Full face- shield.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Particulate dust filter.

Acid vapor Type B cartridge/ canister.

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### MINOR SPILLS



- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.
- Drains for storage or use areas should have retention basins for pH adjustments and dilution of spills before discharge or disposal of material.
- Check regularly for spills and leaks.

### MAJOR SPILLS



- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Consider evacuation.
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Collect recoverable product into labeled containers for recycling.
- Neutralize/decontaminate residue.
- Collect solid residues and seal in labeled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

### PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL

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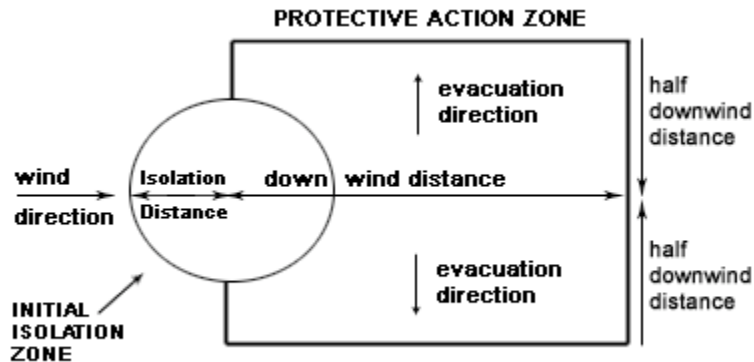
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From IERG (Canada/Australia)

Isolation Distance 25 meters

Downwind Protection Distance 250 meters

## FOOTNOTES

1 PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.

2 PROTECTIVE ACTIONS should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.

3 INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.

4 SMALL SPILLS involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills". LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.

5 Guide 154 is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book.

6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

## ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGL) (in ppm)

AEGL 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEGL 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

AEGL 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

## Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Avoid contact with moisture.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.

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- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
  - Avoid physical damage to containers.
  - Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
  - Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
  - Use good occupational work practice.
  - Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
  - Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.
- Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.
- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers
  - In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

### RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

■ DO NOT use aluminum or galvanized containers.

Check regularly for spills and leaks.

- Lined metal can, Lined metal pail/drum
- Plastic pail
- Polyliner drum
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labeled and free from leaks.

For low viscosity materials

- Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
- 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) and solids (between 15 C deg. and 40 deg C.):

- Removable head packaging;
- Cans with friction closures and
- low pressure tubes and cartridges may be used.

- Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, porcelain or stoneware, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages unless the outer packaging is a close fitting molded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic.

### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

+: May be stored together

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION



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**EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	thymol (Turpentine and selected monoterpenes)	20	111						
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	thymol (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		10						*
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	thymol (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5						
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	thymol (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		15						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	thymol (Particulates not otherwise regulated - Total dust)		10						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	thymol (Particulates not otherwise regulated - Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	thymol (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5						*
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	thymol (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	thymol (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)-Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	thymol (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)		5						

**MATERIAL DATA**

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■ Sensory irritants are chemicals that produce temporary and undesirable side-effects on the eyes, nose or throat. Historically occupational exposure standards for these irritants have been based on observation of workers' responses to various airborne concentrations. Present day expectations require that nearly every individual should be protected against even minor sensory irritation and exposure standards are established using uncertainty factors or safety factors of 5 to 10 or more. On occasion animal no-observable-effect-levels (NOEL) are used to determine these limits where human results are unavailable. An additional approach, typically used by the TLV committee (USA) in determining respiratory standards for this group of chemicals, has been to assign ceiling values (TLV C) to rapidly acting irritants and to assign short-term exposure limits (TLV STELs) when the weight of evidence from irritation, bioaccumulation and other endpoints combine to warrant such a limit. In contrast the MAK Commission (Germany) uses a five-category system based on intensive odour, local irritation, and elimination half-life. However this system is being replaced to be consistent with the European Union (EU) Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL); this is more closely allied to that of the USA.

OSHA (USA) concluded that exposure to sensory irritants can:

- cause inflammation
- cause increased susceptibility to other irritants and infectious agents
- lead to permanent injury or dysfunction
- permit greater absorption of hazardous substances and
- acclimate the worker to the irritant warning properties of these substances thus increasing the risk of overexposure.

It is the goal of the ACGIH (and other Agencies) to recommend TLVs (or their equivalent) for all substances for which there is evidence of health effects at airborne concentrations encountered in the workplace.

At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.

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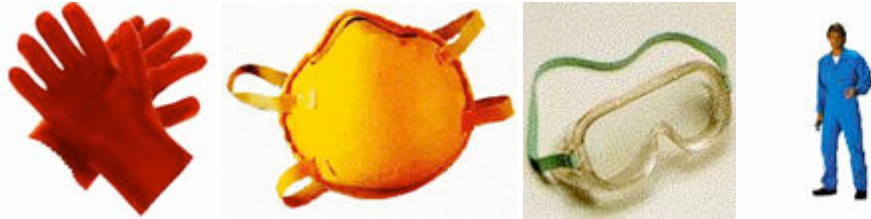
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NOTE: The ACGIH occupational exposure standard for Particles Not Otherwise Specified (P.N.O.S) does NOT apply.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

#### EYE

- Chemical goggles.
- Full face shield.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them.

#### HANDS/FEET

- Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.
- Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

#### OTHER

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- Overalls.
- PVC Apron.
- PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.
- Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.
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- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory . These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with

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a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:

- (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
- (b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
- (c): fresh-air hoods or masks

- Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Does not mix with water.  
Floats on water.  
Corrosive.  
Acid.

State	DIVIDED SOLID	Molecular Weight	150.24
Melting Range (°F)	119.318	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	451.4	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	215.6	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable.

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Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable	
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available.	Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	0.975 @ 64C	
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	0.979	
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	5.2	
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not available.	Evaporation Rate	Not available	

### APPEARANCE

White crystals with aromatic odour and taste. Soluble in alcohol, carbon disulfide, chloroform, glacial acetic acid, ether and fixed or volatile oils. Soluble in alkali hydroxides. Slightly soluble in water and glycerol.

## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY



- Contact with alkaline material liberates heat

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ For thymol:

- Avoid storage, acetanilide, antipyrine, camphor, choral hydrate, menthol, quinine sulfate, salol and urethane
  - Reacts with mild steel, galvanized steel / zinc producing hydrogen gas which may form an explosive mixture with air.
  - Phenols are incompatible with strong reducing substances such as hydrides, nitrides, alkali metals, and sulfides.
  - Avoid use of aluminium, copper and brass alloys in storage and process equipment.
  - Heat is generated by the acid-base reaction between phenols and bases.
  - Phenols are sulfonated very readily (for example, by concentrated sulfuric acid at room temperature), these reactions generate heat.
  - Phenols are nitrated very rapidly, even by dilute nitric acid.
  - Nitrated phenols often explode when heated. Many of them form metal salts that tend toward detonation by rather mild shock.
- Segregate from alkalis, oxidizing agents and chemicals readily decomposed by acids, i.e. cyanides, sulfides, carbonates.
- Avoid oxidizing agents, acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

■ unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY	IRRITATION
Oral (rat) LD50: 980 mg/kg	Eye : SEVERE *
Subcutaneous (Rat) LD: 1600 mg/kg	Skin (rabbit): Corrosive *
Oral (Mouse) LD50: 640 mg/kg	
Intraperitoneal (Mouse) LD50: 110 mg/kg	
Subcutaneous (Mouse) LD50: 243 mg/kg	
Intravenous (Mouse) LD50: 100 mg/kg	
Intravenous (Dog) LD: 150 mg/kg	
Oral (Cat) LD: 250 mg/kg	
Oral (Rabbit) LD: 750 mg/kg	
Intravenous (Rabbit) LD: 60 mg/kg	

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Oral (Guinea pig) LD50: 880 mg/kg

Intraperitoneal (Guinea pig) LD: 300 mg/kg

Subcutaneous (Guinea pig) LD: 1100 mg/kg

■ Thymol is found in the naturally occurring herb Thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*). Thyme is used as a food seasoning ingredient, and is generally recognized as a safe (GRAS) natural seasoning by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Thyme oil also is recognized as a GRAS essential oil by FDA. As a result, a large numbers of humans have been and continue to be regularly exposed to the active ingredient via physical contact and in their diet with no known reports of adverse effects. Subchronic, chronic, immune, endocrine, or non-dietary exposure issues, as they may affect children and the general population, have not been identified. Thymol is a constituent of a mixture of organic compounds known to be rapidly degraded in the environment to elemental compounds.

Thymol is added to the anaesthetic halothane as a preservative (0.01%) and is considered inactive (by FDA, 1997) at this concentration. Primary eye irritation Thymol instilled into the eyes of rabbits caused corneal opacity which persisted to the final observation at day 28. Conjunctival irritation persisted to day 14, and iritis resolved by day 7. The test material is a severe eye irritant.

Primary dermal irritation - Thymol is corrosive to the skin of rabbits..

Mutagenicity: Thymol has been reported to be non-mutagenic in multiple Ames tests (strains TA97, TA98, and TA100 w and w/out metabolic transformation with S9 incubation but positive in unscheduled DNA synthesis (liquid scintillation), sister chromatid exchange, and cell transformation tests in Syrian hamster embryo cells in culture. In addition, thymol does not induce chromosomal aberrations in *Allium cepa* (Grant, 1982). Steam distilled extracts of three species of *Thymus* (*capitatus*, *citriodorus*, *vulgaris*) also were negative for DNA damaging activity and mutagenicity in the Ames test (strains TA1535, TA1537, TA98, and TA100 with and w/out metabolic activation). They were also non-mutagenic in a salmonella/microsome assay, did not induce the formation of micronuclei in mice, even when orally dosed in the toxic range (1100 mg/kg bw). Further, in the A/He strain of mice, thymol did not increase the incidence of spontaneous lung tumors following repeated intraperitoneal dosing. Overall, the weight of evidence suggests that thymol is not genotoxic or mutagenic.

Endocrine systems: Thymol is not a known endocrine disruptor nor is it related to any class of known endocrine disruptors.

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. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

### for alkylphenolics category:

The alkylphenolics may be divided into three groups.

#### Group I: ortho-substituted mono-alkylphenols:

Group II para-substituted mono-alkylphenols

Group III: di- and tri-substituted mixed alkyl phenols

The subdivision of the category alkylphenols into ortho, para and the di/tri-substituted mixed members is supported by several published investigations. In assessing antimicrobial and antifouling activity of twenty-three alkylphenols, a significant difference was noted between para and ortho-substituted materials. In particular, biological activity was found to vary parabolically with increasing hydrophobicity of the para-substituent while introduction of a bulky substituent at the ortho-position resulted in a very significant decrease in antimicrobial, antifouling, and membrane-perturbation potency. Several alkylphenolic analogs of butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) were examined for hepatotoxicity in mice depleted of hepatic glutathione. The structural requirement of both hepatic and pulmonary toxicity was a phenol ring having benzylic hydrogen atoms at the para position and an ortho-alkyl group(s) that moderately hinders the phenolic hydroxyl group. It is noteworthy that in this model, neither of the Group III members TTBP (2,4,6-tri-tert-butylphenol) nor 2,6-DTBP (2,6-di-tert-butylphenol) showed either hepatic or pulmonary toxicity. Lastly, important differences were observed in gene activation (recombinant yeast cell assay – Lac-Z reporter gene) between ortho-substituted and para-substituted alkylphenol.

Acute toxicity: The acute (single-dose) toxicity of alkylphenols examined to date shows consistency, with LD50 values ranging from approximately 1000 mg/kg to over 2000 mg/kg. These data demonstrate a very low level of acute systemic toxicity and do not suggest any unique structural specificity, despite the general tendency for the chemicals to be, at least, irritants to skin.

Repeat dose toxicity: The available studies for members drawn from the three groups range from 28-day and 90-day general toxicity studies, through developmental toxicity and reproductive/developmental screening, to multigeneration reproductive studies are available for some category members.

For the overall category of alkylphenols, the dosage at which the relatively mild general toxicity appears tends only to fall below 100 mg/kg/day with extended treatment, with an overall NOAEL for the category of approximately 20 mg/kg/day. No unusual and no apparent structurally unique toxicity is evident.

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Repeat dose studies on OTBP (o-tert-butylphenol; Group I) and PTBP (p-tert-butylphenol; Group II) suggest the forestomach to be the main organ affected. OTBP also appears to have a mild (though statistically significant) protective effect against benzo[a]pyrene induced forestomach tumors. Long-term treatment with high dietary dose levels of PTBP caused hyperplastic changes in the forestomach epithelium of rats and hamsters, a likely consequence of the irritancy of the material. The relevance of this for human hazard is doubtful, particularly since there is no analogous structure in humans to the forestomach of rodents.

There was no evidence of an effect on reproductive function at dosages up to 150 mg/kg. One reproductive screening study reported increased 'breeding loss' and also reduced pup weight gain and survival in early lactation at 750 mg/kg/day. It is reasonable to assume that these effects were secondary to "severe toxic symptoms" reported in the dams at this dosage. Other than an indication of a very mildly oestrogenic effect of PNP (p-nonylphenol; Group II) at a high dose levels (200-300 mg/kg/day) no effect on development was seen in a multigeneration study.

By means of the classification method of Verhaar \* all the alkylphenols would be classified as Type 2 compounds (polar narcotics). Narcosis, a non-specific mode of toxicity is caused by disruption (perturbation) of the cell membrane. The ability to induce narcosis is dependent on the hydrophobicity of the substance with biochemical activation or reaction involved. Such narcotic effects are also referred to as minimum or base-line toxicity. Polar narcotics such as the category phenols are usually characterised by having hydrogen bond donor activity and are thought to act by a similar mechanism to the inert, narcotic compounds but exhibit above base-line toxicity. In fact, a large number of alkylphenols have been evaluated as intravenous anesthetic agents. While the structure-activity relationships were found to be complex, the anesthetic potency and kinetics appeared to be a function of both the lipophilic character and the degree of steric hindrance exerted by ortho substituents. Less steric hindrance resulted in lower potency, while greater crowding led to complete loss of anesthetic activity and greater lipophilicity resulted in slower kinetics. These data support the notion that the alkylphenols behave as polar narcotics. In addition, the anaesthetic activity/potency differences seen with varying structure and placement of substituents strongly supports the division of alkylphenols category into the ortho, para, and di/tri-substituted groups (i.e. Group I, II and III, respectively).

Genotoxicity: It reasonable to consider the mutagenic potential of all the alkylphenols together because only functional group is the phenolic, which is not a structural alert for mutagenicity. The data support this, since the results of genotoxicity testing are uniformly negative for all category substances examined

\* Verhaar, H.J.M. van Leeuwen, C.J. and Hermens, J.L.M., Classifying Environmental Pollutants. 1: Structure-Activity Relationships for Prediction of Aquatic Toxicity, Chemosphere (25), pp 471 – 491 (1992).

\*US EPA Biopesticide Registration Action Document

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

THYMOL:

■ log Pow (Verschueren 1983):	3.3
■ COD:	2.2
■ ThOD:	2.77

■ Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

■ Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.

Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.

■ Ecotoxicity:

The tolerance of water organisms towards pH margin and variation is diverse. Recommended pH values for test species listed in OECD guidelines are between 6.0 and almost 9. Acute testing with fish showed 96h-LC50 at about pH 3.5.

■ for alkylphenols:

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All the phenols have a single, common functional group the phenolic hydroxyl. Because alkyl and benzyl groups have a small positive inductive effect all the group phenols are expected to have slightly higher acid dissociation constants (pKa) than phenol (pKa 10.0 at 25.C). Data in a review of the physical chemistry properties of substituted phenols confirms a limited pKa range of 9.9 to 10.9. Thus, none of the alkylphenols will be ionised significantly at environmental or physiological pH's.

Although the overall category phenols do not form a homologous series, values for several of the more important physical chemistry parameters do correlate with molecular weight. In particular water solubility and vapour pressure decrease with increasing molecular weight, and the octanol/water partition coefficient (log Kow) increases. This trend is unmistakable in Group II and Group III substances while the ortho-substituted materials of the same molecular weight are similar

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### Environmental fate:

Direct photolysis is not expected to be a significant route of loss for any of the alkylphenols because of limited absorbance above 290 nm. However, indirect photolysis (atmospheric oxidation) has been estimated for all substances. None of the alkylphenols are expected to be susceptible to abiotic hydrolysis under environmental conditions.

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Level I fugacity modelling reveals that the vast majority of the alkylphenols will be located primarily in the soil compartment with a few exceptions. This is especially evident in the Group II and Group III materials. The model also suggests that a few lower molecular weight phenols, with correspondingly higher water solubility and vapour pressures, will also be present in significant quantities (>10%) in the air and water compartments.

### Ecotoxicity:

The aquatic toxicity of alkylphenols has been extensively investigated. As might be expected for polar narcotic type substances, the aquatic toxicities for the alkylphenols appears to be related to their degree of lipophilicity and increases basically in line with log Kow. Given the apparent lack of structural specificity associated with these endpoints, it is reasonable to assume (where experimentally determined data are not available) that the toxicity of a particular alkylphenol will be comparable to that of another with like lipophilicity.

■ for alkylphenols and their ethoxylates, or propoxylates:

Environmental fate: Alkylphenols are ubiquitous in the environment after the introduction, generally as wastes, of their alkoxyated forms (ethoxylates and propoxylates, for example); these are extensively used throughout industry and in the home.

Alkylphenol ethoxylates are widely used surfactants in domestic and industrial products, which are commonly found in wastewater discharges and in sewage treatment plant (STP) effluent's. Degradation of APes in wastewater treatment plants or in the environment generates more persistent shorter-chain APes and alkylphenols (APs) such as nonylphenol (NP), octylphenol (OP) and AP mono- to triethoxylates (NPE1, NPE2 and NPE3). There is concern that APE metabolites (NP, OP, NPE1-3) can mimic natural hormones and that the levels present in the environment may be sufficient to disrupt endocrine function in wildlife and humans. The physicochemical properties of the APE metabolites (NP, NPE1-4, OP, OPE1-4), in particular the high Kow values, indicate that they will partition effectively into sediments following discharge from STPs. The aqueous solubility data for the APE metabolites indicate that the concentration in water combined with the high partition coefficients will provide a significant reservoir (load) in various environmental compartments. Data from studies conducted in many regions across the world have shown significant levels in samples of every environmental compartment examined. In the US, levels of NP in air ranged from 0.01 to 81 ng/m<sup>3</sup>, with seasonal trends observed. Concentrations of APE metabolites in treated wastewater effluents in the US ranged from < 0.1 to 369 ug/l, in Spain they were between 6 and 343 ug/l and concentrations up to 330 ug/l were found in the UK. Levels in sediments reflected the high partition coefficients with concentrations reported ranging from < 0.1 to 13,700 ug/kg for sediments in the US. Fish in the UK were found to contain up to 0.8 ug/kg NP in muscle tissue. APes degraded faster in the water column than in sediment. Aerobic conditions facilitate easier further biotransformation of APE metabolites than anaerobic conditions.

Nonylphenols are susceptible to photochemical degradation. Using natural, filtered, lake water it was found that nonylphenol had a half-life of approximately 10-15 h under continuous, noon, summer sun in the surface water layer, with a rate approximately 1.5 times slower at depths 20-25 cm. Photolysis was much slower with ethoxylated nonylphenol, and so it is unlikely to be a significant event in removal of the ethoxylates.

Air: Alkylphenols released to the atmosphere will exist in the vapour phase and is thought to be degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals, with a calculated half-life, for nonylphenol, of 0.3 days.

Water: Abiotic degradation of alkylphenol is negligible. Biodegradation does not readily take place. The half-life in surface water may be around 30 days.

Degradation: Alkylphenol ethoxylates (APES) may abiotically degrade into the equivalent alkylphenol. During degradation ethylene oxide units are cleaved off the ethylene oxide chain until only short-chain alkylphenol ethoxylates remain, typically mono- and diethylene oxides. Oxidation of these oligomers creates the corresponding carboxylic acids. This leaves several degradation products: short-chain ethoxylates, their carboxylic acids, and alkylphenols.

Biodegradation: Alkylphenols are not readily biodegradable. Several mechanisms of microbial aromatic ring degradation have been reported, the most common being formation of catechol from phenol, followed by ring scission between or adjacent to the two hydroxyl groups.

The full breakdown pathway for APES has not yet been determined, and all studies have so far focused on identification of intermediates in bacterial culture media, rather than studying cell-free systems or purified enzymes. It is, however, likely that microbial metabolism usually starts by an attack on the ethoxylate chain, rather than on the ring or the hydrophobic chain. The ethoxylate groups are progressively removed, either by ether cleavage, or by terminal alcohol oxidation followed by cleavage of the resulting carboxylic acid

Biodegradation of APES produces less biodegradable products: alkylphenol mono- and di-ethoxylates, alkylphenoxy acetic acid and alkylphenoxy polyethoxy acetic acids, and alkylphenols. These metabolites frequently persist through sewage treatment and in rivers. Anaerobic conditions generally lead to the accumulation of alkylphenols. The rate of biodegradation seems to decrease with increasing length of the ethylene oxide chain.

Bioaccumulation: Metabolites of APES accumulate in organisms, with bioconcentration factors varying from ten to several thousand, depending on species, metabolite and organ.

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The metabolites of APES are generally more toxic than the original compounds. APES have LC50s above about 1.5 mg/l, whereas alkylphenols, such as nonylphenol, have LC50s are generally around 0.1 mg/l

Oestrogenic activity: The role of alkyl chain length and branching, substituent position, number of alkylated groups, and the requirement of a phenolic ring structure was assessed in fish. The results showed that most alkylphenols were oestrogenic, although with 3-300 thousand times lower potency than the endogenous estrogen 17beta-estradiol. Mono-substituted tertiary alkylphenols with moderate (C4-C5) and long alkyl chain length (C8-C9) in the para position exhibited the highest oestrogenic potency. Substitution with multiple alkyl groups, presence of substituents in the ortho- and meta-position and lack of a hydroxyl group on the benzene ring reduced the oestrogenic activity, although several oestrogenic alkylated non-phenolics were identified.

Human exposure: Alkylphenols were first found to be oestrogenic (oestrogen-mimicking) in the 1930s, but more recent research has highlighted the implications of these effects. The growth of cultured human breast cancer cells is affected by nonylphenol at concentrations as low as 1 uM (220 ug/l) or concentrations of octylphenol as low as 0.1 uM (20 ug/l). Oestrogenic effects have also been shown on rainbow trout hepatocytes, chicken embryo fibroblasts and a mouse oestrogen receptor.

The insecticide chlordecone (Kepone) shows similar behaviour to alkylphenols, accumulating in liver and adipose tissue, and eliciting oestrogenic activity. Workers exposed to this insecticide can suffer reproductive effects such as low sperm counts and sterility. In addition, the oestrogenic effects of chlordecone on MCF7 cells occur at similar concentrations to those of alkylphenols, suggesting that alkylphenols will be a similar health hazard if target cells are exposed to uM levels of these compounds.

By comparing environmental concentrations, bioconcentration factors and in vitro oestrogenic effect levels, current environmental levels of alkylphenolic compounds are probably high enough to affect the hormonal control systems of some organisms. It is also possible that human health could be being affected.

■ Environmental toxicity is a function of the n-octanol/ water partition coefficient (log Pow, log Kow). Phenols with log Pow >7.4 are expected to exhibit low toxicity to aquatic organisms. However the toxicity of phenols with a lower log Pow is variable, ranging from low toxicity (LC50 values >100 mg/l) to highly toxic (LC50 values <1 mg/l) dependent on log Pow, molecular weight and substitutions on the aromatic ring. Dinitrophenols are more toxic than predicted from QSAR estimates. Hazard information for these groups is not generally available.

■ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or watercourses.

■ DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

log Kow: 3.3

COD: 2.2

ThOD: 2.77

### Ecotoxicity

Ingredient thymol	Persistence: Water/Soil HIGH	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation LOW	Mobility MED
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## Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions

A. General Product Information

Corrosivity characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D002 (waste code C)

### Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

! Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

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)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.



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- Treat and neutralize at an approved treatment plant.
- Treatment should involve: Mixing or slurrying in water Neutralization with soda-lime or soda-ash followed by: Burial in a licensed land-fill or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers with 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide or soda ash, followed by water. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



DOT:

Symbols:	None	Hazard class or Division:	8
Identification Numbers:	UN3261	PG:	III
Label Codes:	8	Special provisions:	IB8, IP3, T1, TP33
Packaging: Exceptions:	154	Packaging: Non-bulk:	213
Packaging: Exceptions:	154	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	25 kg
Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only:	100 kg	Vessel stowage: Location:	A
Vessel stowage: Other:	None		

Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:

Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.

### Air Transport IATA:

ICAO/IATA Class:	8	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None
UN/ID Number:	3261	Packing Group:	III
Special provisions:	A3		

Shipping Name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. \*(CONTAINS THYMOL)

### Maritime Transport IMDG:

IMDG Class:	8	IMDG Subrisk:	None
UN Number:	3261	Packing Group:	III
EMS Number:	F-A,S-B	Special provisions:	223 274 944

Limited Quantities: 5 kg

Shipping Name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.(contains thymol)

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

**thymol (CAS: 89-83-8) is found on the following regulatory lists;**

"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) Cosmetic ingredients found safe, with qualifications", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)", "US EPA Master Testing List - Index I Chemicals Listed", "US FDA Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings - Substances for Use Only as Components of Adhesives - Adhesives", "US Food Additive Database", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

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## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

### LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Inhalation and/or skin contact may produce health damage\*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.

\* (limited evidence).

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- Classification of the mixture 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/references](http://www.chemwatch.net/references).

- The (M)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.

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