

Butyl lactate

sc-227546

Material Safety Data Sheet



The Power to Question

Hazard Alert Code
Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME

Butyl lactate

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

NFPA



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SYNONYMS

C7-H14-O3, CH₃CH(OH)COO(CH₂)₃CH₃, "butyl alpha-hydroxypropionate", "propanoic acid, 2-hydroxy-, butyl ester", "lactic acid butyl ester", "2-hydroxypropanoic acid butyl ester", "lactate, n-butyl"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

		Min	Max
Flammability	1		
Toxicity	2		
Body Contact	2		
Reactivity	2		
Chronic	2		

Min/Nil=0
Low=1
Moderate=2
High=3
Extreme=4



CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

RISK

HARMFUL - May cause lung damage if swallowed.

Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

- Swallowing of the liquid may cause aspiration into the lungs with the risk of chemical pneumonitis; serious consequences may result. (ICSC13733).
- Ingestion of butyl lactate may cause serious illness including pain, burning tissue damage and erosion to the oesophagus. Delayed effects include vomiting of blood, bleeding and shock.
- The material has NOT been classified as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence.

EYE

- This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

SKIN

- The material may cause moderate inflammation of the skin either following direct contact or after a delay of some time. Repeated exposure can cause contact dermatitis which is characterized by redness, swelling and blistering.
- Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects, however the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.
- Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- 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.

INHALED

- The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.
- Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo.
- Inhalation of vapors or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- Prolonged exposures at concentrations of approximately 7 ppm butyl lactate, with short, peak exposures of 11 ppm, produced headache, and irritation of the pharyngeal and laryngeal mucosa, with coughing, in all exposed workers. No signs or symptoms were apparent at concentrations below 1.4 ppm. Subsequent investigation with improved sampling and analytical methods showed that levels below 7 ppm were not injurious to workers.

n-Butyl lactate exhibits toxic irritating vapours at high levels of exposure. Misting or heating greatly increases the health risk. Target organs include the respiratory tract, oesophagus, stomach, teeth and jaw.

Inhalation may cause headache, irritation to the upper respiratory tract, coughing, sleepiness, nausea and vomiting. Prolonged exposure to high vapour concentrations may cause giddiness, prostration, difficulty in breathing, paralysis and death. Fumes may cause erosion of the teeth and jaw, bronchial irritation, pneumonia and gastrointestinal disorder.

- The main effects of simple esters are irritation, stupor and insensibility. Headache, drowsiness, dizziness, coma and behavioral changes may occur.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

- Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems.

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health

effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
butyl lactate	138-22-7	>98

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

- Immediately give a glass of water.
- First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor.
- If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.

EYE

If this product comes in contact with the eyes

- Wash out immediately with fresh 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.

SKIN

If skin contact occurs

- Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

INHALED

- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

■ Any material aspirated during vomiting may produce lung injury. Therefore emesis should not be induced mechanically or pharmacologically.

Treat symptomatically.

for simple esters

BASIC TREATMENT

- Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	0.375
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.
Specific Gravity (water=1)	0.98
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	1.15

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Alcohol stable foam.
- Dry chemical powder.

FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Combustible.

- Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.

Combustion products include carbon dioxide (CO₂), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes.

May emit corrosive fumes.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

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

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.

MAJOR SPILLS

Chemical Class ester and ethers

For release onto land recommended sorbents listed in order of priority.

SORBENT TYPE	RANK	APPLICATION	COLLECTION	LIMITATIONS
LAND SPILL - SMALL				
cross-linked polymer - particulate	1	shovel	shovel	R, W, SS
cross-linked polymer - pillow	1	throw	pitchfork	R, DGC, RT
sorbent clay - particulate	2	shovel	shovel	R, I, P
wood fiber - particulate	3	shovel	shovel	R, W, P, DGC
wood fiber - pillow	3	throw	pitchfork	R, P, DGC, RT
treated wood fiber - pillow	3	throw	pitchfork	DGC, RT
LAND SPILL - MEDIUM				
cross-linked polymer - particulate	1	blower	skiploader	R, W, SS
cross-linked polymer - pillow	2	throw	skiploader	R, DGC, RT
sorbent clay - particulate	3	blower	skiploader	R, I, P
polypropylene - particulate	3	blower	skiploader	W, SS, DGC
expanded mineral - particulate	4	blower	skiploader	R, I, W, P, DGC
wood fiber - particulate	4	blower	skiploader	R, W, P, DGC

Legend

DGC Not effective where ground cover is dense

R; Not reusable

I Not incinerable

P Effectiveness reduced when rainy

RT Not effective where terrain is rugged

SS Not for use within environmentally sensitive sites

W Effectiveness reduced when windy

Reference Sorbents for Liquid Hazardous Substance Cleanup and Control;

R.W Melvold et al Pollution Technology Review No. 150 Noyes Data Corporation 1988.

Moderate hazard.

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin
- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

Glass container.

- Metal can or drum
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- 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.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m ³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m ³	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	30						
Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5							
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25						
US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25						
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25						
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25						

US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25		
Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	30		
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5		10	
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25		
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25	5	25
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5		10	
US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25		
Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5			TLV Basis headache; upper respiratory tract irritation
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5			TLV Basis headache; upper respiratory tract irritation
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	25		
Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)	butyl lactate (n-Butyl lactate)	5	30	10	60
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)	butyl lactate (Butyl lactate)	1	5		Bold print identifies substances for which the Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) are different than the federal Limits.

PERSONAL PROTECTION



RESPIRATOR

•Type A Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 1432000 & 1492001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.

HANDS/FEET

Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.

For esters

- Do NOT use natural rubber, butyl rubber, EPDM or polystyrene-containing materials.

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

- 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, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- 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, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) 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, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) 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.

- Neoprene gloves

OTHER

- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear an approved respirator.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid.

Does not mix with water.

Floats on water.

State	Liquid	Molecular Weight	146.18
Melting Range (°F)	-56	Viscosity	Not Available
Boiling Range (°F)	370	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	160(open cup)	pH (1% solution)	Not available.

Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	720	Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	0.375
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	0.98
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	1.15	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	5.0
Volatile Component (%vol)	Approx. 100	Evaporation Rate	16.6 BuAc=1

APPEARANCE

Liquid with a mild odor. Slightly soluble in water, miscible with alcohol and ether. Saturation vapor concentration 500ppm (CCINFO) Evaporation rate (n-butyl acetate=1) 16.6 (Genuim)

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Polymerisation may occur at elevated temperatures.
- Polymerisation may be accompanied by generation of heat as exotherm.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Esters react with acids to liberate heat along with alcohols and acids.
- Strong oxidizing acids may cause a vigorous reaction with esters that is sufficiently exothermic to ignite the reaction products.

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

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

butyl lactate

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

BUTYL LACTATE

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

TOXICITY

Inhalation (human) TCLo 4 ppm (SAX)

IRRITATION

Skin (rabbit) 500mg/24h-Moderate

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.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.

CARCINOGEN

butyl lactate US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List IARC

VPVB_(VERY~ US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern List Carcinogen CA Prop 65; IARC; NTP 11th ROC

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

GESAMP/EHS COMPOSITE LIST - GESAMP Hazard Profiles

Name / EHS TRN A1a A1b A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2 C3 D1 D2 D3 E1 E2 E3
Cas No
/
RTECS
No

Alcohol 293 85 0 0 R 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 D 1
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Legend: EHS=EHS Number (EHS=GESAMP Working Group on the Evaluation of the Hazards of Harmful Substances Carried by Ships) NRT=Net Register Tonnage, A1a=Bioaccumulation log Pow, A1b=Bioaccumulation BCF, A1=Bioaccumulation, A2=Biodegradation, B1=Acute aquatic toxicity LC/EC10 (mg/l), B2=Chronic aquatic toxicity NOEC (mg/l), C1=Acute mammalian oral toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C2=Acute mammalian dermal toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C3=Acute mammalian inhalation toxicity LC50 (mg/kg), D1=Skin irritation & corrosion, D2=Eye irritation & corrosion, D3=Long-term health effects, E1=Tainting, E2=Physical effects on wildlife & benthic habitats, E3=Interference with coastal amenities, For column A2: R=Readily biodegradable, NR=Not readily biodegradable. For column D3: C=Carcinogen, M=Mutagenic, R=Reprotoxic, S=Sensitising, A=Aspiration hazard, T=Target organ systemic toxicity, L=Lung injury, N=Neurotoxic, I=Immunotoxic. For column E1: NT=Not tainting (tested), T=Tainting test positive. For column E2: Fp=Persistent floater, F=Floater, S=Sinking substances. The numerical scales start from 0 (no hazard), while higher numbers reflect increasing hazard. (GESAMP/EHS Composite List of Hazard Profiles - Hazard evaluation of substances transported by ships)

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Instructions

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

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. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. 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 or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult Waste Management Authority for disposal.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

butyl lactate (CAS: 138-22-7,126872-21-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits","Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits","Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)","Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits","Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits","Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)","Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits","Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances","Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)","Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)","IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Noxious Liquid Substances Carried in Bulk","US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants","US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List","US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants","US - Connecticut Hazardous Air Pollutants","US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits","US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants","US - Minnesota Hazardous Substance List","US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)","US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances","US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List","US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List","US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants","US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants","US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants","US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants","US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)","US Food Additive Database","US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Inhalation may produce health damage*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.
- Repeated exposure potentially causes skin dryness and cracking*.
- Vapours potentially cause drowsiness and dizziness*.

* (limited evidence).

Denmark Advisory list for selfclassification of dangerous substances

Substance	CAS	Suggested codes
butyl lactate	138- 22- 7	Xn; R22
butyl lactate	126872- 21- 7	Xn; R22

Ingredients with multiple CAS Nos

Ingredient Name	CAS
butyl lactate	138-22-7, 126872-21-7

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- Classification of the preparation 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.

- 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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