1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Unstable Reactive, Corrosive, Water Reactive, Irritant, Flammable solid

GHS Classification
Self-heating substances (Category 1)
Skin corrosion (Category 1B)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H251  Self-heating: may catch fire.
H314  Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)
P235 + P410  Keep cool. Protect from sunlight.
P280  Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338  IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310  Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

Other hazards
Reacts violently with water.

HMIS Classification
Health hazard: 3
Flammability: 2
Physical hazards: 2

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 3  
Fire: 2  
Reactivity Hazard: 2  
Special hazard: W

Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation**
May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Causes respiratory tract irritation.

**Skin**
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns. Causes skin irritation.

**Eyes**
Causes eye burns. Causes eye irritation.

**Ingestion**
May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms**
Sodium 2-methylpropan-2-olate

**Formula**
C₄H₉NaO

**Molecular Weight**
96.10 g/mol

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Conditions of flammability**
Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Dry powder

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Sodium oxides

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions**
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

**Environmental precautions**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove’s outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Eye protection
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection
Complete suit protecting against chemicals. Flame retardant protective clothing. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
Form powder
Colour beige

Safety data
pH no data available
Melting point/freezing point no data available
Boiling point no data available
Flash point 14 °C (57 °F)
Ignition temperature 180 °C (356 °F)
Autoignition temperature no data available
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
Reacts violently with water.

Conditions to avoid
Exposure to moisture.

Materials to avoid
acids, Reducing agents, Oxygen, Water, Alcohols, Chlorinated solvents, Halogens

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Sodium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

Thermal decomposition
300 °C

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity
Oral LD50
no data available

Inhalation LC50
Dermal LD50
no data available

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

Carcinogenicity
IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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Eyes Causes eye burns. Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

no data available

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available
13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Product**
Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (US)**
UN number: 3206  Class: 4.2 (8)  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Alkali metal alcoholates, self-heating, corrosive, n.o.s. (Sodium 2-methylpropan-2-olate)
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**
UN number: 3206  Class: 4.2 (8)  Packing group: II  EMS-No: F-A, S-J
Proper shipping name: ALKALI METAL ALCOHOLATES, SELF-HEATING, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Sodium 2-methylpropan-2-olate)
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**
UN number: 3206  Class: 4.2 (8)  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Alkali metal alcoholates, self-heating, corrosive, n.o.s. (Sodium 2-methylpropan-2-olate)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**OSHA Hazards**
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**SARA 302 Components**
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**
Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information
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