

# Safety Data Sheet

**Dow Europe GmbH** 

Product Name: Triethylene Glycol HP

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Dow Europe GmbH encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

## 1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company/undertaking

### **Product Name**

Triethylene Glycol HP

### Use of the substance/preparation

For industrial use only. Gas treating. It is recommended that you use this product in a manner consistent with the recommended use. If your intended use is not consistent with the recommended use, please contact our Customer Information Group (telephone number in Section 1 of this document).

#### **COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Dow Europe GmbH Bachtobelstrasse 3 8810 Horgen Switzerland

Customer Information Number: 0032-3-450-2240

## **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**24-Hour Emergency Contact:** 0049-7227-91-2200 **Local Emergency Contact:** 00 44 155 37 61 251

## 2. Composition/information on ingredients

Component	Amount	Classification:	CAS#	EC#
Triethylene glycol	>= 99.5 %	Not classified.	112-27-6	203-953-2

## 3. Hazards Identification

This product is not classified as dangerous according to EC criteria.

## 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes thoroughly with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses after the initial 1-2 minutes and continue flushing for several additional minutes. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with plenty of water.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration; if by mouth to mouth use rescuer protection (pocket mask, etc). If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Call a physician or transport to a medical facility.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention immediately. If person is fully conscious give 1 cup or 8 ounces (240 ml) of water. If medical advice is delayed and if an adult has swallowed several ounces of chemical, then give 3-4 ounces (1/3-1/2 Cup) (90-120 ml) of hard liquor such as 80 proof whiskey. For children, give proportionally less liquor at a dose of 0.3 ounce (1 1/2 tsp.) (8 ml) liquor for each 10 pounds of body weight, or 2 ml per kg body weight [e.g., 1.2 ounce (2 1/3 tbsp.) for a 40 pound child or 36 ml for an 18 kg child].

Notes to Physician: Due to structural analogy and clinical data, this material may have a mechanism of intoxication similar to ethylene glycol. On that basis, treatment similar to ethylene glycol intoxication may be of benefit. In cases where several ounces (60 - 100 ml) have been ingested, consider the use of ethanol and hemodialysis in the treatment. Consult standard literature for details of treatment. If ethanol is used, a therapeutically effective blood concentration in the range of 100 - 150 mg/dl may be achieved by a rapid loading dose followed by a continuous intravenous infusion. Consult standard literature for details of treatment. 4-Methyl pyrazole (Antizol®) is an effective blocker of alcohol dehydrogenase and should be used in the treatment of ethylene glycol (EG), di- or triethylene glycol (DEG, TEG), ethylene glycol butyl ether (EGBE), or methanol intoxication if available. Fomepizole protocol (Brent, J. et al., New England Journal of Medicine, Feb. 8, 2001, 344:6, p. 424-9): loading dose 15 mg/kg intravenously, follow by bolus dose of 10 mg/kg every 12 hours; after 48 hours, increase bolus dose to 15 mg/kg every 12 hours. Continue fomepizole until serum methanol, EG, DEG, TEG or EGBE are undetectable. The signs and symptoms of poisoning include anion gap metabolic acidosis, CNS depression, renal tubular injury, and possible late stage cranial nerve involvement. Respiratory symptoms, including pulmonary edema, may be delayed. Persons receiving significant exposure should be observed 24-48 hours for signs of respiratory distress. Maintain adequate ventilation and oxygenation of the patient. In severe poisoning, respiratory support with mechanical ventilation and positive end expiratory pressure may be required. If lavage is performed, suggest endotracheal and/or esophageal control. Danger from lung aspiration must be weighed against toxicity when considering emptying the stomach. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water fog or fine spray. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers. Foam. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Alcohol resistant foams (ATC type) are preferred. General purpose synthetic foams (including AFFF) or protein foams may function, but will be less effective.

Fire Fighting Procedures: Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Use water spray to cool fire exposed containers and fire affected zone until fire is out and danger of reignition has passed. Fight fire from protected location or safe distance. Consider the use of unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Immediately withdraw all personnel from the area in case of rising sound from venting safety device or discoloration of the container. Burning liquids may be extinguished by dilution with water. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Move container from fire area if this is possible without hazard. Burning liquids may be moved by flushing with water to protect personnel and minimize property damage.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Container may rupture from gas generation in a fire situation. Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot liquids. **Hazardous Combustion Products:** During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled: Small spills: Absorb with materials such as: Dirt. Sand. Sawdust. Vermiculite. Perlite. Zorb-all®. Oil-Dri or equivalent filler. Large spills: Dike area to contain spill. Pump into suitable and properly labeled containers. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

## 7. Handling and Storage

## Handling

**General Handling:** Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Spills of these organic materials on hot fibrous insulations may lead to lowering of the autoignition temperatures possibly resulting in spontaneous combustion. See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

### Storage

Do not store near food, foodstuffs, drugs or potable water supplies. Additional storage and handling information on this product may be obtained by calling your sales or customer service contact. Ask for a product brochure.

# 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

## **Exposure Limits**

Component	List	Type	Value
Triethylene glycol	Dow IHG	TWA Total	100 mg/m3

### **Personal Protection**

**Eye/Face Protection:** Use safety glasses. Safety glasses should be consistent with EN 166 or equivalent. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause eye discomfort, wear chemical goggles.

**Skin Protection:** When prolonged or frequently repeated contact could occur, use protective clothing chemically resistant to this material. Selection of specific items such as faceshield, boots, apron, or full-body suit will depend on the task. When handling hot material, protect skin from thermal burns as well as from skin absorption.

Hand protection: Use gloves chemically resistant to this material when prolonged or frequently repeated contact could occur. Use chemical resistant gloves classified under Standard EN374: Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms. If hands are cut or scratched, use gloves chemically resistant to this material even for brief exposures. Use gloves with insulation for thermal protection, when needed. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Butyl rubber. Polyethylene. Ethyl vinyl alcohol laminate ("EVAL"). Examples of acceptable glove barrier materials include: Viton. Neoprene. Natural rubber ("latex"). Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl"). Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR"). When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 4 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 120 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended. When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 1 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 10 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended. NOTICE: The selection of a specific glove for a particular application and duration of use in a workplace should also take into account all relevant workplace factors such as, but not limited to: Other

chemicals which may be handled, physical requirements (cut/puncture protection, dexterity, thermal protection), potential body reactions to glove materials, as well as the instructions/specifications provided by the glove supplier.

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**Respiratory Protection:** Respiratory protection should be worn when there is a potential to exceed the exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, wear respiratory protection when adverse effects, such as respiratory irritation or discomfort have been experienced, or where indicated by your risk assessment process. In misty atmospheres, use an approved particulate respirator. Use the following CE approved air-purifying respirator: Organic vapor cartridge with a particulate pre-filter, type AP2.

**Ingestion:** Use good personal hygiene. Do not consume or store food in the work area. Wash hands before smoking or eating.

## **Engineering Controls**

**Ventilation:** Use local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, general ventilation should be sufficient for most operations. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State Liquid
Color Colorless
Odor Mild

Flash Point - Closed Cup 177 °C ASTM D93

Flammable Limits In Air Lower: 0.9 %(V) Calculated Upper: 9.2 %(V) Estimated

**Autoignition Temperature** 349 °C *Literature* 

Vapor Pressure< 0.01 mmHg @ 20 ℃ Literature</th>Boiling Point (760 mmHg)288 ℃ Literature Decomposes.

Vapor Density (air = 1) 5.2 Literature

Specific Gravity (H2O = 1) 1.1255 20 °C/20 °C Literature

Freezing Point -4.3 ℃ *Literature*Melting Point No test data available

Solubility in Water (by 100 % *Literature* 

weight)

pH 8 Literature

**Dynamic Viscosity** 49 cps @ 20 ℃ *Literature* 

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

## Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at typical use temperatures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose.

Generation of gas during decomposition can cause pressure in closed systems.

**Incompatible Materials:** Avoid contact with: Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizers.

#### **Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

## **Thermal Decomposition**

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Decomposition products can include and are not limited to: Aldehydes. Alcohols. Ethers.

## 11. Toxicological Information

## **Acute Toxicity**

### Ingestion

Small amounts swallowed incidentally as a result of normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury; however, swallowing larger amounts may cause injury. May cause nausea and vomiting. May cause abdominal discomfort or diarrhea. May cause dizziness and drowsiness. Oral toxicity is expected to be greater in humans due to triethylene glycol even though tests in animals show a lower degree of toxicity.

LD50, Rat 16,800 - 22,060 mg/kg

### **Eye Contact**

May cause slight temporary eye irritation. Mist may cause eye irritation.

#### **Skin Contact**

Prolonged contact may cause skin irritation with local redness. May cause more severe response if skin is abraded (scratched or cut).

### **Skin Absorption**

Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts. Massive contact with damaged skin or of material sufficiently hot to burn skin may result in absorption of potentially lethal amounts.

LD50, Rabbit > 18,016 mg/kg

#### Inhalation

At room temperature, exposure to vapor is minimal due to low volatility. Mist may cause irritation of upper respiratory tract (nose and throat).

LC50, 4 h, Aerosol, Rat > 4.5 mg/l

## **Repeated Dose Toxicity**

Based on available data, repeated exposures are not expected to cause significant adverse effects except at very high aerosol concentrations. Repeated excessive aerosol exposures may cause respiratory tract irritation and even death.

## **Chronic Toxicity and Carcinogenicity**

Did not cause cancer in laboratory animals.

## **Developmental Toxicity**

Triethylene glycol did not cause birth defects in animals; reduced fetal body weight effects were seen only at very high doses.

## Reproductive Toxicity

In animal studies, did not interfere with reproduction.

## **Genetic Toxicology**

In vitro genetic toxicity studies were negative.

## 12. Ecological Information

### **CHEMICAL FATE**

### Data for Component: Triethylene glycol

### Movement & Partitioning

Bioconcentration potential is low (BCF less than 100 or log Pow less than 3). Potential for mobility in soil is very high (Koc between 0 and 50).

Henry's Law Constant (H): 4.37E-10 atm\*m3/mole; 25 °C Estimated Partition coefficient, n-octanol/water (log Pow): -1.75 Estimated Partition coefficient, soil organic carbon/water (Koc): 10 Estimated

## Persistence and Degradability

Material is ultimately biodegradable (reaches > 70% mineralization in OECD test(s) for inherent biodegradability). Material is readily biodegradable. Passes OECD test(s) for ready biodegradability.

## **Indirect Photodegradation with OH Radicals**

Rate Constant	Atmospheric Half-life	Method
3.64E-11 cm3/s	3.5 h	Estimated

## **OECD Biodegradation Tests:**

Biodegradation	Exposure Time	wetnoa
25 - 92 %		OECD 301C Test
> 70 - 95 %	2 - 14 d	OECD 302B Test

Theoretical Oxygen Demand: 1.60 mg/mg

## **ECOTOXICITY**

#### Data for Component: Triethylene glycol

Material is not classified as dangerous to aquatic organisms (LC50/EC50/IC50 greater than 100 mg/L in most sensitive species).

## Fish Acute & Prolonged Toxicity

LC50, bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus), 96 h: 61,000 mg/l

**Aquatic Invertebrate Acute Toxicity** 

EC50, water flea Daphnia magna, 48 h: 49,000 mg/l

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Any disposal practice must be in compliance with all local and national laws and regulations. Do not dump into any sewers, on the ground, or into any body of water.

## 14. Transport Information

### **ROAD & RAIL**

**NOT REGULATED** 

## **OCEAN**

**NOT REGULATED** 

#### **AIR**

**NOT REGULATED** 

#### **INLAND WATERWAYS**

**NOT REGULATED** 

## 15. Regulatory Information

## **US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

## **European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)**

The components of this product are on the EINECS inventory or are exempt from inventory requirements.

## **EC Classification and User Label Information**

This product is not classified as dangerous according to EC criteria.

## 16. Other Information

#### **Product Literature**

Additional information on this and other products we offer may be obtained by contacting our Customer Information Group. Ask for a product information brochure or data on how to access our website.

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