

Safety Data Sheet KOVAC'S REAGENT

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SECTION 1: Identification

GHS Product identifier

Product name KOVAC'S REAGENT

Other means of identification

Product Product Code

KOVAC'S REAGENT 621
KOVAC'S REAGENT KOVC

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Used in hospital and pathology laboratories only.

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SECTION 2: Hazard identification

General hazard statement

Dangerous goods of Class 3 (Flammable Liquid) are incompatible in a placard load with any of the following:
Class 1, Class 2.1, if both the Class 3 and Class 2.1 dangerous goods are in bulk, Class 2.3, Class 4.2, Class 5, Class 6, if the Class 3 dangerous goods are nitromethane, Class 7.

Classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG).

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia.

Classification of the substance or mixture

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GHS classification in accordance with: UN GHS revision 7

- Acute toxicity, inhalation, Cat. 4
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Cat. 1
- Skin corrosion/irritation, Cat. 1B
- Specific target organ toxicity following single exposure, Cat. 3
- Flammable liquids, Cat. 3
- Corrosive to metals, Cat. 1

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictograms



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226
H290
H314
H332
H335

Flammable liquid and vapor
May be corrosive to metals
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Harmful if inhaled
May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P240

Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof [electrical/ventilating/lighting/...] equipment.

P242

Use non-sparking tools.

P243

Take action to prevent static discharges.

P260

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P280

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+P330+P331

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303+P361+P353

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

P304+P340

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

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/doctor/physician

P363

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P370+P378

In case of fire: Use agents recommended in Section 5 of SDS for extinction

P390

Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage.

P403+P233

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

P406

Store in a corrosive resistant/... container with a resistant inner liner.

P501

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal facility

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

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Component	Identification	Weight %	Classifications
Isopentyl alcohol	CAS no.: 123-51-3 EC no.: 204-633-5	>= 75 %	CLASSIFICATIONS: Acute toxicity, inhalation, Cat. 4; Flammable liquids, Cat. 3; Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure, Cat. 3. HAZARDS: H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor; H332 - Harmful if inhaled; H335 - May cause respiratory irritation; H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
Hydrochloric acid (<37%)	CAS no.: 7647-01-0 EC no.: 231-595-7 Index no.: 017-002-01-X	< 25 %	CLASSIFICATIONS: Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure, Cat. 3; Skin corrosion/irritation, Cat. 1B; Eye damage/irritation, Cat. 1. HAZARDS: H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage; H318 - Causes serious eye damage; H335 - May cause respiratory irritation; H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness. [SCLs/M-factors/ATEs]: Skin Corr. 1B; H314: C ≥ 25 %; Skin Irrit. 2; H315: 10 % ≤ C < 25 %; Eye Irrit. 2; H319: 10 % ≤ C < 25 %; STOT SE 3; H335: C ≥ 10 %
4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehyde	CAS no.: 100-10-7 EC no.: 202-819-0	< 5 %	CLASSIFICATIONS: No data available. HAZARDS: No data available.

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

Description of necessary first-aid measures

General advice

First Aid Facilities: Maintain eyewash fountain in work area.

If inhaled

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek medical attention if breathing problems develop. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method, use an alternative method or a proper respiratory device.

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

In case of eye contact, hold eyelids open and rinse with water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

If swallowed

Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately, repeat until all traces of product have been removed. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Seek medical advice

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

For advice, contact the National Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Caution: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.

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Small fire: Use foam, dry chemical, CO₂ or water spray.

Large fire: Use foam, fog or water spray - Do NOT use water jets.

If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from the fire area. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after the fire is out. Avoid getting water inside the containers.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Hazards from Combustion Products: Oxides of carbon.

FLAMMABLE: This product has a low flash point. Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames. Vapours will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapours will travel to source of ignition and flash back. Many vapours are heavier than air and will collect in low or confined areas (drains, basements, tanks). Many liquids are lighter than water. Containers may explode on heating. Fire will produce irritating, poisonous or corrosive gases. Vapours from run-off may create an explosion hazard.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Wear SCBA and fully encapsulating, gas-tight suit when handling these substances. Structural firefighter's uniform is NOT effective for these materials.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas. For personal protection see section 8.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flame) within at least 50m. All equipment used when handling the product must be earthed. Do NOT touch or walk through spilled material. Stop leak if safe to do so. Prevent entry into waterways, drains, confined areas. Vapour-suppressing foam may be used to control vapours. Water spray may be used to knock down or divert vapour clouds.

Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Use clean, non-sparking tool to collect absorbed material and place it into loosely-covered metal or plastic containers for later disposal.

SEEK EXPERT ADVICE ON HANDLING AND DISPOSAL.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation of vapours. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Food, beverages and tobacco products should not be stored or consumed where this material is in use. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use. Provide eyewash fountains and safety showers in close proximity to points of potential exposure.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry and well ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Keep in original container tightly closed when not in use. Protect from heat, sparks, open flames and other sources of ignition. Keep away from strong oxidising agents and alkalis.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

CAS: 123-51-3

Isopentyl alcohol

AU/SWA (Australia): 125 ppm; 452 mg/m³ STEL inhalation [Isoamyl alcohol]; 100 ppm; 361 mg/m³ TWA inhalation [Isoamyl alcohol]

CAS: 7647-01-0

Hydrochloric acid (<37%)

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AU/SWA (Australia): 5 Peak limitation ppm; 7.5 Peak limitation mg/m³ TWA inhalation [Hydrogen chloride]

Appropriate engineering controls

Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures (airborne levels of dust, fume, vapor, gas, etc.) below recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection

The use of a face shield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection as appropriate. Must comply with Australian Standards AS 1337 and be selected and used in accordance with AS 1336.

Skin protection

Clean impervious clothing should be worn. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.

Body protection

Footwear: Safety boots in industrial situations is advisory, foot protection should comply with AS 2210, Occupational protective footwear - Guide to selection, care and use.

Body Protection: Clean clothing or protective clothing should be worn, preferably with an apron. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable vapor/ mist filter should be used. Refer to relevant regulations for further information concerning respiratory protective requirements. Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/ NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/ NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	No data available.
Color	Straw
Odor	Mild pleasant odour.
Odor threshold	No data available.
Melting point/freezing point	No data available.
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available.
Flammability	FLAMMABLE.
Lower and upper explosion limit/ flammability limit	Flammable Limits - Lower: 1.2 vol% isoamyl alcohol Flammable Limits - Upper: 8 vol% isoamyl alcohol
Flash point	43 °C (C.C.) isoamyl alcohol
Explosive properties	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available.
Decomposition temperature	No data available.

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Oxidizing properties	No data available.
pH	No data available.
Kinematic viscosity	No data available.
Solubility	No data available.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/ water (log value)	No data available.
Vapor pressure	No data available.
Evaporation rate	No data available.
Density and/or relative density	No data available.
Relative vapor density	No data available.
Particle characteristics	No data available.

Supplemental information regarding physical hazard classes

No data available.

Further safety characteristics (supplemental)

No data available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

Risk of ignition. Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Contact with strong oxidising agents increases the risk of fire and explosion. Contact with reducing agents and hydrogen trisulfide causes a vigorous reaction and explosion.

Conditions to avoid

Avoid storing in direct sunlight and avoid extremes of temperature.

Heat, flames and sparks.

Incompatible materials

Strong oxidising agents, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, fluorine, oxygen and reducing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products

Oxides of carbon. May produce acrid smoke and irritating fumes when heated to decomposition.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Acute Toxicity - Oral: LD50 (rat): 1300 mg/kg isoamyl alcohol

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Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed. Absorption of large quantities may cause the following symptoms: weakness, pain, burning sensations in the chest and stomach, abdominal pain, headache, dizziness, nausea, CNS disorders, feeling of drunkenness or intoxication, inability to move, unconsciousness, coma.

Inhalation: Harmful by inhalation. Vapour causes irritation of the mucous membranes in the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Symptoms include of headache, difficulty in breathing, chest pains, coughing, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, feelings of drunkenness and unconsciousness. Exposure to high concentrations may result in a narcotic effect, central nervous system disturbances and death.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Acute Toxicity - Dermal: LD50 (rabbit): > 3000 mg/kg isoamyl alcohol

Skin: May cause skin irritation. Symptoms include redness and pain.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Causes serious eye damage. Eye contact will cause stinging, blurring, tearing, severe pain and chemical burns, resulting in possible blindness.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Not classified based on available information.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

Aspiration hazard

Not classified based on available information.

Additional information

Chronic Effects: Repeated or prolonged skin exposure may cause dermatitis. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause irreversible damage to health, lung damage or death.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Persistence and degradability

Readily biodegradable - isoamyl alcohol.

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available.

Mobility in soil

No data available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

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Product disposal

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers.

Sewage disposal

No data available.

Other disposal recommendations

Do not discharge this material into waterways, drains and sewers.

SECTION 14: Transport information

ADG (Road and Rail)

UN Number: 2924

Class: 3, 8

Packing Group: II

Proper Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE LIQUID, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Contains Pentan-1-ol 75%, Hydrochloric Acid 25%)

Hazchem emergency action code (EAC)

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IMDG

UN Number: 2924

Class: 3, 8

Packing Group: II

Proper Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE LIQUID, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Contains Pentan-1-ol 75%, Hydrochloric Acid 25%)

IATA

UN Number: 2924

Class: 3, 8

Packing Group: II

Proper Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE LIQUID, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Contains Pentan-1-ol 75%, Hydrochloric Acid 25%)

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

Australia SUSMP

Poison Schedule: NS

SECTION 16: Other information

Further information/disclaimer

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