

**ASHLAND**  
**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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ETHYLHEXANOL 2 506299

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING**

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Product name	ETHYLHEXANOL 2
Product code	506299
Product Use Description	No data

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview**

Appearance: liquid,, Colorless

WARNING! COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. MAY AFFECT THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CAUSING DIZZINESS, HEADACHE OR NAUSEA. MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES EYE IRRITATION. MAY CAUSE SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. PROLONGED OR REPEATED CONTACT MAY DRY SKIN AND CAUSE DERMATITIS AND BURNS.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Exposure routes**

Inhalation, Skin absorption, Skin contact, Eye Contact, Ingestion

**Eye contact**

Can cause severe eye irritation. Symptoms include stinging, tearing, redness, and swelling of eyes. Can injure eye tissue.

**Skin contact**

Can cause skin irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact may dry the skin. Symptoms may include redness, burning, and drying and cracking of skin, burns and other skin damage. Passage of this material into the body through the skin is possible, and may add to toxic effects from breathing or swallowing. Additional symptoms of skin contact may include: allergic skin reaction (delayed skin rash which may be followed by blistering, scaling and other skin effects)

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**Ingestion**

Swallowing small amounts of this material during normal handling is not likely to cause harmful effects. Swallowing large amounts may be harmful.

**Inhalation**

Breathing of vapor or mist is possible. It is possible to breathe this material under certain conditions of handling and use (for example, during heating, spraying, or stirring). Breathing small amounts of this material during normal handling is not likely to cause harmful effects. Breathing large amounts may be harmful.

**Aggravated Medical Condition**

Preexisting disorders of the following organs (or organ systems) may be aggravated by exposure to this material: Skin, lung (for example, asthma-like conditions), kidney, Heart, immune system

**Symptoms**

Signs and symptoms of exposure to this material through breathing, swallowing, and/or passage of the material through the skin may include: stomach or intestinal upset (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), irritation (nose, throat, airways), central nervous system depression (dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, nausea, headache, unconsciousness)

**Target Organs**

Overexposure to this material (or its components) has been suggested as a cause of the following effects in laboratory animals: heart effects, mild, reversible liver effects, mild, reversible spleen effects, mild, reversible changes in blood cell counts, thymus damage, kidney damage

**Carcinogenicity**

2-Ethylhexanol did not cause cancer in male mice or in male or female rats when given to the animals through a stomach tube. It caused a possible increase in liver tumors in female mice. 2-Ethylhexanol is not listed as a carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

**Reproductive hazard**

When given orally, 2-ethylhexanol caused an increase in incidence of birth defects at high doses, which were also harmful to the pregnant animal. 2-Ethylhexanol was not harmful to the fetus when administered by inhalation of vapors or when applied to the skin of the pregnant rats. Occupational exposure through skin contact or breathing of vapors is not expected to be harmful to the fetus.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Components	CAS-No.	Concentration
ETHYLHEXANOL-2	104-76-7	<=100%

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Eyes**

If symptoms develop, immediately move individual away from exposure and into fresh air. Flush eyes gently with water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids apart; seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin**

Remove contaminated clothing. Flush exposed area with large amounts of water. If skin is damaged, seek immediate medical attention. If skin is not damaged and symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Launder clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion**

Seek medical attention. If individual is drowsy or unconscious, do not give anything by mouth; place individual on the left side with the head down. Contact a physician, medical facility, or poison control center for advice about whether to induce vomiting. If possible, do not leave individual unattended.

**Inhalation**

If symptoms develop, move individual away from exposure and into fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. Keep person warm and quiet; seek immediate medical attention.

**Notes to physician**

**Hazards:** No information available.

**Treatment:** No information available.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Alcohol-resistant foam, Water spray, Carbon dioxide (CO2), Dry chemical

**Hazardous combustion products**

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May form:, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons

**Precautions for fire-fighting**

If product is heated above its flash point it will produce vapors sufficient to support combustion. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel along the ground and be ignited by heat, pilot lights, other flames and ignition sources at locations near the point of release. Never use welding or cutting torch on or near drum (even empty) because product (even just residue) can ignite explosively. Wear full firefighting turn-out gear (full Bunker gear), and respiratory protection (SCBA).

**Flammability Class for Flammable Liquids**

Combustible Liquid Class IIIA

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions**

For personal protection see section 8. Eliminate all ignition sources (flares, flames including pilot lights, electrical sparks). Persons not wearing protective equipment should be excluded from area of spill until clean-up has been completed. Stop spill at source. Prevent from entering drains, sewers, streams or other bodies of water. Prevent from spreading. If runoff occurs, notify authorities as required. Pump or vacuum transfer spilled product to clean containers for recovery. Absorb unrecoverable product. Transfer contaminated absorbent, soil and other materials to containers for disposal.

**Environmental precautions**

No data

**Methods for cleaning up**

Absorb liquid on vermiculite, floor absorbent or other absorbent material.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Handling**

Containers of this material may be hazardous when emptied. Since emptied containers retain product residues (vapor, liquid, and/or solid), all hazard precautions given in the data sheet must be observed. Static ignition hazard can result from handling and use. Electrically bond and ground all containers, personnel and equipment before transfer or use of material. Special precautions may be necessary to dissipate static electricity for non-conductive containers. Use proper bonding and grounding during product transfer as described in National Fire Protection Association document NFPA 77. Warning. Sudden release of hot organic chemical vapors or mists from process

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equipment operating at elevated temperature and pressure, or sudden ingress of air into vacuum equipment, may result in ignitions without the presence of obvious ignition sources. Published "autoignition" or "ignition" temperature values cannot be treated as safe operating temperatures in chemical processes without analysis of the actual process conditions. Any use of this product in elevated temperature processes should be thoroughly evaluated to establish and maintain safe operating conditions.

**Storage**

Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Keep containers closed when not in use. Do not store near extreme heat, open flame, or sources of ignition.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Exposure Guidelines**

**General advice**

These recommendations provide general guidance for handling this product. Personal protective equipment should be selected for individual applications and should consider factors which affect exposure potential, such as handling practices, chemical concentrations and ventilation. It is ultimately the responsibility of the employer to follow regulatory guidelines established by local authorities.

**Exposure controls**

Provide sufficient mechanical (general and/or local exhaust) ventilation to maintain exposure below level of overexposure (from known, suspected or apparent adverse effects).

**Eye protection**

Chemical splash goggles in compliance with OSHA regulations are advised; however, OSHA regulations also permit other type safety glasses. Consult your safety representative.

**Skin and body protection**

To prevent skin contact, wear impervious clothing and boots.

Wear resistant gloves such as:

- Neoprene
- Nitrile rubber
- Viton (R)

**Respiratory protection**

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If overexposure has been determined or documented, a NIOSH-approved air supplied respirator is advised in absence of proper environmental control. OSHA regulations also permit other NIOSH respirators under specified conditions. (See your safety equipment supplier.) Engineering or administrative controls should be implemented to reduce exposure.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Physical state</b>	liquid
<b>Form</b>	liquid
<b>Colour</b>	Colorless
<b>Odour</b>	mild
<b>Boiling point/boiling range</b>	184.34 °C / 363.81 °F
<b>Melting point/range</b>	-94 °F / -70 °C
<b>pH</b>	No data
<b>Flash point</b>	165.99 °F / 74.44 °C, Tag closed cup
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	0.02 (n-Butyl Acetate)
<b>Explosion limits</b>	0.9 %(V) 9.7 %(V)
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	0.01 kPa @ 77 °F / 25 °C
<b>Vapour density</b>	4.5 (AIR=1)
<b>Density</b>	(+/- 0.01) 0.831 g/cm <sup>3</sup> @ 77 °F / 25 °C 6.94 lb/gal @ 68 °F / 20 °C
<b>Solubility</b>	negligible in water
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	No data
<b>log Pow</b>	3.1
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	448 °F / 231 °C

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY****Stability**

Stable.

**Conditions to avoid**

None known.

**Incompatible products**

Avoid contact with:, Acids, alkalis, aluminum, Lead, Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous decomposition products**

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carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons

**Hazardous reactions**

Product will not undergo hazardous polymerization.

**Thermal decomposition**

No data

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Acute oral toxicity**

ETHYLHEXANOL-2	LD 50 Rat: 2,053 mg/kg
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**Acute inhalation toxicity**

ETHYLHEXANOL-2	LC 50 Rat: > 2000 ppm, 6 h
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**Acute dermal toxicity**

ETHYLHEXANOL-2	LD 50 Rabbit: 2,380 mg/kg LD 50 Rat: > 3 g/kg
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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Aquatic toxicity**

**Acute and Prolonged Toxicity to Fish**

96 h LC50 Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe), : 17.1 mg/l

**Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates**

48 h EC50 Daphnia magna (Water flea), : 39 mg/l

**Environmental fate and pathways**

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