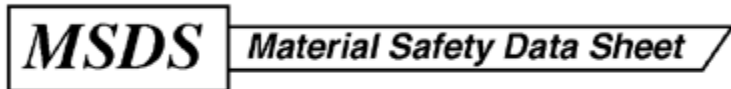


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24 Hour Emergency Telephone: 908-859-2151  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

National Response in Canada  
CANUTEC: 613-996-6666

Outside U.S. and Canada  
Chemtrec: 703-527-3887

**NOTE:** CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

# PETROLEUM ETHER

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Ligroin; VM&P Naphtha; Benzin; Petroleum Naphtha, Naphtha ASTM, Petroleum Spirits, Petroleum Ether of varying boiling point ranges from 20 to 75C (68 to 167F)

**CAS No.:** 8032-32-4

**Molecular Weight:** 87-114

**Chemical Formula:** Not applicable.

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 9265, 9267, 9268, 9269, 9270, 9272, 9274

Mallinckrodt: 4971, 4976, 4977, 4980, 4983, 6128, H489

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Hazardous		
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Naphtha, VM & P	8032-32-4	90 - 100%
Yes		

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### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

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**DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE. HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED. HARMFUL IF INHALED. MAY AFFECT CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

**SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate (Life)

Flammability Rating: 4 - Extreme (Flammable)

Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight

Contact Rating: 2 - Moderate

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON;  
VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES; CLASS B EXTINGUISHER

Storage Color Code: Red (Flammable)

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#### Potential Health Effects

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##### **Inhalation:**

Inhalation may cause symptoms of intoxication and peripheral nerve disorders and central nervous system depression. Symptoms of overexposure include loss of appetite, muscle weakness, impairment of motor action, dizziness and drowsiness. May also cause throat irritation.

##### **Ingestion:**

Local irritation with burning sensation in mouth, esophagus, and stomach. Vomiting, blurred vision, and diarrhea may also occur. Cases of chemical pneumonia have been reported from ingestion of this substance. Nervous system disorders paralleling those from inhalation exposure may also occur.

##### **Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation. The liquid acts as a defatting agent on the skin.

##### **Eye Contact:**

Vapors may cause irritation. Splashes may cause redness and pain.

##### **Chronic Exposure:**

Prolonged overexposure may cause drying and cracking of the skin and associated dermatitis. No chronic systematic effects have been reported

from widespread industrial use.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems, or impaired liver, kidney or respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

**Ingestion:**

Aspiration hazard. If swallowed, vomiting may occur spontaneously, but DO NOT INDUCE. If vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration into lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician, immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

**Note to Physician:**

Monitor all significant inhalations and all ingestions for signs of toxicity and development of pulmonary edema for at least 6 hours.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Flash point: -18C (0F) CC

Autoignition temperature: 288C (550F)

Flammable limits in air % by volume:

lel: 1.1; uel: 5.9

Values listed are for petroleum ether. Extremely Flammable Liquid and Vapor! Vapor may cause flash fire. Dangerous fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame. Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire.

**Explosion:**

Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above. Sealed containers may rupture when heated. Sensitive to static discharge.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide. Water may be ineffective. Do not allow water runoff to enter sewers or waterways.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool. If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures. Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flash back.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer! If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures.

J. T. Baker SOLUSORB® solvent adsorbent is recommended for spills of this product.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Protect against physical damage. Store in a cool, dry well-ventilated location, away from any area where the fire hazard may be acute. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Separate from incompatibles. Containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks. Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas. Use non-sparking type tools and equipment, including explosion proof ventilation. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product. **DANGER! DO NOT OPEN Unless Contents Are At Room temperature (72F) or Below.** Allow at least 24 hours for material to cool to room temperature before opening container.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

For VM&P Naphtha:

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

300 ppm (TWA), 400 ppm (STEL)

- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

300 ppm (TWA), A3 - Animal Carcinogen.

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half-face organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face piece organic vapor respirator may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

**WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact. Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### **Appearance:**

Clear, colorless liquid.

### **Odor:**

Gasoline or kerosene.

**Solubility:**

Insoluble in water.

**Specific Gravity:**

0.60 - 0.75

**pH:**

No information found.

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

100

**Boiling Point:**

20 - 75C (68 - 167F)

**Melting Point:**

< -73C (< -99F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

2.5

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

ca. 40 @ 20C (68F)

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

ca. 10

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. Heat and sunlight can contribute to instability.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Strong oxidizers. Will attack some forms of plastics, rubber and coatings.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flame, ignition sources, sunlight and incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Inhalation rat LC50: 3400 ppm/4H. Investigated as a reproductive effector.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----  
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Ingredient Category	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC
	Known	Anticipated	
----- None	No	No	

## 12. Ecological Information

### Environmental Fate:

When released into the soil, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. When released into the soil, this material is expected to quickly evaporate. When released into water, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. When released to water, this material is expected to quickly evaporate. This material has an estimated bioconcentration factor (BCF) of less than 100. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate. When released into the air, this material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals. When released into the air, this material is expected to have a half-life between 1 and 10 days. When released into the air, this material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by wet deposition.

### Environmental Toxicity:

No information found.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved incinerator or disposed in a RCRA approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

## 14. Transport Information

### Domestic (Land, D.O.T.)

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**Proper Shipping Name:** PETROLEUM DISTILLATES, N.O.S.  
(PETROLEUM ETHER)

**Hazard Class: 3**  
**UN/NA: UN1268**  
Packing Group: II  
**Information reported for product/size: 275LB**

**International (Water, I.M.O.)**

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(PETROLEUM ETHER)

**Hazard Class: 3**  
**UN/NA: UN1268**  
Packing Group: II  
**Information reported for product/size: 275LB**

## 15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----
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Ingredient                                TSCA  EC   Japan
Australia
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Naphtha, VM & P (8032-32-4)              Yes   Yes  No
Yes

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
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Ingredient                                Korea  DSL  --Canada--
Phil.                                     NDSL
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Naphtha, VM & P (8032-32-4)              Yes   Yes  No
Yes

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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
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Ingredient                                -SARA 302-  -----SARA
Chemical Catg.                            RQ      TPQ      List
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Naphtha, VM & P (8032-32-4)              No      No      No
No

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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
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TSCA- Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA-	-
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Naphtha, VM & P (8032-32-4)	No	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No  
 SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: Yes Fire: Yes Pressure: No  
 Reactivity: No (Pure / Liquid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** 3[Y]E

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: **1** Flammability: **4** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

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**Label Precautions:**

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.  
 Keep container closed.  
 Use only with adequate ventilation.  
 Wash thoroughly after handling.  
 Avoid breathing vapor.  
 Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.  
 DO NOT OPEN Unless Contents Are At Room Temperature (72F) or Below For At Least 24 Hours.

**Label First Aid:**

Aspiration hazard. If swallowed, vomiting may occur spontaneously, but DO NOT INDUCE. If vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration into lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. In all cases call a physician.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 3.

**Disclaimer:**

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