

**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : (±)-α-Hydroxyisovaleric acid  
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**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : (±)-2-Hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid  
 Formula : (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHCH(OH)COOH  
 Molecular Weight : 118.13 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
<b>2-hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid</b>			
4026-18-0	223-697-5	-	-

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****WHMIS Classification**

D2B Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects Moderate skin irritant  
 Moderate eye irritant

**HMIS Classification**

Health Hazard: 2  
 Flammability: 0  
 Physical hazards: 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****General advice**

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

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**If inhaled**

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

**In case of skin contact**

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.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Flammable properties**

Flash point no data available  
 Ignition temperature no data available

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

**Methods for cleaning up**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

**Storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

**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 dust mask type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand protection**

Handle with gloves.

**Eye protection**

Safety glasses

**Skin and body protection**

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Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

**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 crystalline  
 Colour white

**Safety data**

pH no data available  
 Melting point 86 - 87 °C (187 - 189 °F)  
 Boiling point no data available  
 Flash point no data available  
 Ignition temperature no data available  
 Lower explosion limit no data available  
 Upper explosion limit no data available  
 Water solubility no data available

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY****Storage stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Materials to avoid**

Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents

**Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Acute toxicity**

no data available

**Irritation and corrosion**

no data available

**Sensitisation**

no data available

**Chronic exposure**

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.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

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To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Elimination information (persistence and degradability)**

no data available

**Ecotoxicity effects**

no data available

**Further information on ecology**

no data available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****DSL Status**

This product contains the following components that are not on the Canadian DSL nor NDSL lists.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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