



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier LPS® CFC Free

Other means of identification
Part Number 03101, 03105, 03155

Recommended use A fast drying industrial cleaning solvent designed to remove soil and other contaminants.

Recommended restrictions None known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Manufacturer

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards Flammable liquids Category 2

Health hazards Skin corrosion/irritation Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2A
Reproductive toxicity (fertility) Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure Category 3 narcotic effects
Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure (inhalation) Category 2 (nervous system)
Aspiration hazard Category 1

Environmental hazards Not classified.

OSHA defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement

Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. May cause drowsiness or dizziness. May cause damage to organs (nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Precautionary statement

Prevention

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep container tightly closed. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Do not breathe the mist or vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response	In case of fire: Use appropriate media for extinction. If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash with plenty of soap and water. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Specific treatment (see this label). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Keep cool. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	81% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
2-Methylpentane		107-83-5	40 - 50
2,3-Dimethylbutane		79-29-8	10 - 20
3-Methylpentane		96-14-0	10 - 20
Isopropanol	ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL (IPA)	67-63-0	5 - 15
2,2-Dimethylbutane		75-83-2	1 - 10
N-hexane		110-54-3	< 3

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim inhaled the substance. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Only induce vomiting at the instruction of medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Irritation of eyes and mucous membranes. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Defatting of the skin. Vapors have a narcotic effect and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea. Narcosis. Behavioral changes. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Alcohol resistant foam. Water fog. Carbon dioxide (CO2). Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	By heating and fire, harmful vapors/gases may be formed. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA. Structural firefighters protective clothing will only provide limited protection.

Fire-fighting equipment/instructions

In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Water runoff can cause environmental damage.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials. Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.

General fire hazards

Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Immediately evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep out of low areas. Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to a salvage tank or other suitable container for recovery or safe disposal. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools. Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material.

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Use foam to blanket spilled material. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills in original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Contact local authorities in case of spillage to drain/aquatic environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not contaminate water. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Do not handle, store or open near an open flame, sources of heat or sources of ignition. Protect material from direct sunlight.

Minimize fire risks from flammable and combustible materials (including combustible dust and static accumulating liquids) or dangerous reactions with incompatible materials. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment.

Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid contact with skin. Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid contact during pregnancy/while nursing. Avoid prolonged exposure.

Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Do not empty into drains.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. Avoid spark promoters. Eliminate sources of ignition.

Ground/bond container and equipment. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)	PEL	980 mg/m3 400 ppm
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)	PEL	1800 mg/m3

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
		500 ppm

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value
2,2-Dimethylbutane (CAS 75-83-2)	STEL	1000 ppm
	TWA	500 ppm
2,3-Dimethylbutane (CAS 79-29-8)	STEL	1000 ppm
	TWA	500 ppm
2-Methylpentane (CAS 107-83-5)	STEL	1000 ppm
	TWA	500 ppm
3-Methylpentane (CAS 96-14-0)	STEL	1000 ppm
	TWA	500 ppm
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)	STEL	400 ppm
	TWA	200 ppm
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)	TWA	50 ppm

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)	STEL	1225 mg/m3
		500 ppm
	TWA	980 mg/m3
		400 ppm
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)	TWA	180 mg/m3
		50 ppm

Biological limit values

ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices

Components	Value	Determinant	Specimen	Sampling Time
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)	40 mg/l	Acetone	Urine	*
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)	0.4 mg/l	2,5-Hexanedion, without hydrolysis	Urine	*

* - For sampling details, please see the source document.

Exposure guidelines

US - California OELs: Skin designation

N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3) Can be absorbed through the skin.

US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values: Skin designation

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Appropriate engineering controls

Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Provide eyewash station.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Eye wash fountain is recommended.

Skin protection

Hand protection

For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves. Chemical resistant gloves are recommended.

Other

Avoid contact with the skin. Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. Chemical resistant gloves.

Respiratory protection

No personal respiratory protective equipment normally required. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits.

Thermal hazards

None known.

General hygiene considerations

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Liquid.
Physical state	Liquid.
Form	Liquid.
Color	Clear water-white
Odor	Solvent.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	Not available.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	140.9 °F (60.5 °C)
Flash point	< 1.4 °F (< -17.0 °C) Tag Closed Cup
Evaporation rate	< 1 (Ethyl Ether = 1)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	0.6 %
Flammability limit - upper (%)	7 %
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	352.53 mm Hg @ 38°C
Vapor density	~3 (air = 1)
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	< 10 % w/w
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	> 1
Auto-ignition temperature	582.8 °F (306 °C)
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	< 3 cSt @ 25°C
Other information	
Heat of combustion	> 30 kJ/g
Percent volatile	100 %
Specific gravity	0.64 - 0.67 @ 20°C
VOC (Weight %)	100 % per US State and Federal Consumer Product Regulations; 669 g/L per SCAQMD Rule 102

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Instability caused by elevated temperatures. Risk of ignition.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents. Isocyanates. Acids. Chlorine.
Hazardous decomposition products	Carbon oxides.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
Inhalation	Vapors have a narcotic effect and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea.
Skin contact	Causes skin irritation. Frequent or prolonged contact may defat and dry the skin, leading to discomfort and dermatitis.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye irritation.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Skin irritation. Defatting of the skin. Irritating to eyes and respiratory system. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Vapors have a narcotic effect and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Narcotic effects. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Components	Species	Test Results
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)		
Acute		
<i>Dermal</i>		
LD50	Rabbit	12800 mg/kg 16.4 ml/kg
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Rat	> 10000 ppm
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Dog	4797 mg/kg
	Mouse	3600 mg/kg
	Rabbit	5.03 g/kg
	Rat	4.7 g/kg
<i>Other</i>		
LD50	Mouse	1509 mg/kg
	Rat	1099 mg/kg
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)		
Acute		
<i>Dermal</i>		
LD50	Rabbit	> 2000 mg/kg > 5 ml/kg
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Mouse	48000 mg/l, 4 Hours
	Rat	> 5000 ppm > 31.86 mg/l
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Rat	24 ml/kg 24 mg/kg
	Wistar rat	49 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes skin irritation.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye irritation.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.	
Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.	
Carcinogenicity	This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.	

ACGIH Carcinogens

Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)

A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Narcotic effects.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs (nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation.
Aspiration hazard	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
Chronic effects	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Further information	None known.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Components	Species	Test Results
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)		
Aquatic		
Fish	LC50 Bluegill (<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>)	> 1400 mg/l, 96 hours
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)		
Aquatic		
Fish	LC50 Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>)	2.101 - 2.981 mg/l, 96 hours

Persistence and degradability Not inherently biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available for this product.

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

LPS® CFC Free	> 1
2,2-Dimethylbutane	3.82
2,3-Dimethylbutane	3.42
2-Methylpentane	3.74
3-Methylpentane	3.6
Isopropanol	0.05
N-hexane	3.9

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects None known.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazardous waste code D001: Waste Flammable material with a flash point <140 F

Waste from residues / unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN1993
UN proper shipping name	Flammable liquids, n.o.s. (Hexanes and Isopropanol)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	3
Subsidiary risk	-
Label(s)	3

Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	No
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Special provisions	IB2, T7, TP1, TP8, TP28
Packaging exceptions	150
Packaging non bulk	202
Packaging bulk	242

IATA

UN number	UN1993
UN proper shipping name	Flammable liquid, n.o.s. (Hexanes and Isopropanol)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	3
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	No
ERG Code	3H
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed.

**Note: drums cannot be shipped by air. Other pack sizes may be restricted to Cargo Aircraft Only. Check quantity limits before placing on passenger aircraft.

IMDG

UN number	UN1993
UN proper shipping name	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Hexanes and Isopropanol), MARINE POLLUTANT
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	3
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	Yes
EmS	F-E, S-E
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code This substance/mixture is not intended to be transported in bulk.

DOT



IATA; IMDG



Marine pollutant



General information IMDG Regulated Marine Pollutant.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3) Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories Immediate Hazard - Yes
Delayed Hazard - Yes
Fire Hazard - Yes
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Chemical name	CAS number	% by wt.
N-HEXANE	110-54-3	< 3

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

- 2,2-Dimethylbutane (CAS 75-83-2)
- 2,3-Dimethylbutane (CAS 79-29-8)
- 2-Methylpentane (CAS 107-83-5)
- 3-Methylpentane (CAS 96-14-0)
- Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)
- N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

- 2,2-Dimethylbutane (CAS 75-83-2)
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- 2-Methylpentane (CAS 107-83-5)
- Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)
- N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

2,2-Dimethylbutane (CAS 75-83-2)
2,3-Dimethylbutane (CAS 79-29-8)
2-Methylpentane (CAS 107-83-5)
3-Methylpentane (CAS 96-14-0)
Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)

US. Rhode Island RTK

Isopropanol (CAS 67-63-0)
N-hexane (CAS 110-54-3)

US. California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Disclaimer

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Revision Information

Product and Company Identification: Product and Company Identification
Hazard(s) identification: Supplemental information
Composition / Information on Ingredients: Disclosure Overrides
Physical & Chemical Properties: Multiple Properties
Toxicological information: Acute toxicity
Toxicological information: Respiratory sensitization
Toxicological information: Skin contact
Toxicological information: Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
Ecological Information: Ecotox Property Data
Ecological information: Mobility in soil
Transport Information: Proper Shipping Name/Packing Group
Regulatory Information: Risk Phrases - Labeling
GHS: Qualifiers