

## Product Safety Summary for 1,5-Pentanediol

### **SUBSTANCE NAME**

Pentanediol  
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1,5-Pentanediol (8CI, 9CI)  
Pentane-1,5-diol  
1,5- Dihydroxypentane  
Pentamethyleneglycol  
1,5-Pentamethylene glycol  
Pentyleneglycol  
omega.-Pentanediol  
alpha.,omega.-Pentanediol

### **GENERAL STATEMENT**

1,5-Pentanediol is a colorless, odorless liquid. It is neither hazardous for human health nor for the environment. 1,5-Pentanediol has a wide range of applications. It has two functional groups which are useful in the production of various polymers and plastic products. But it also finds application in other chemical processes as well as it is contained in different consumer products.

### **CHEMICAL IDENTITY**

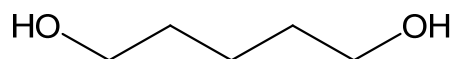
**EC Name:** pentane-1,5-diol

**EC-No. :** 203-854-4

**CAS-No. :** 111-29-5

**Molecular formula:** C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

**Structural formula:**



### **USES AND APPLICATIONS**

1,5-Pentanediol is obtained after treatment of the mixture of products resulting from the oxidation of cyclohexane with air. 1,5-Pentanediol is used to produce materials made of polyester or polyurethane, for the manufacturing of monomers, for the manufacture of polyester polyols, polycarbonatedioles and acrylic monomers, for the production of delta valerolactone and for molecules that act as reactive diluents, for the production of halogenated substances and for the production of adhesives, putties and sealing compounds, cleaners and auxiliary agents. 1,5-Pentanediol is also used in the processes to produce hydrogen, hydrogen

peroxide, sodium perborate and peroxyacetic acid and as an intermediate for pharmaceutical products. It is used as an ingredient for the production of polymeric thickeners, plasticizers for polyvinyl chloride, sizing agents, surfactants, for starches and chemically modified starch for application in the paper, textile and food industry, for personal hygiene products like shampoo, creams, and for paints.

## **PHYSICAL CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

1,5-Pentanediol is a colorless and odorless liquid at room temperature.

**Melting point/range:** ca. -16 °C

**Boiling point/boiling range:** 238 °C at 1013.25 hPa

**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined

**Flashpoint:** 142 °C (closed cup)

**Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not flammable upon ignition

**Selignition temperature:** 330 °C

**Explosion limits:**

**Lower:** 1.3 %

**Upper:** 13.2 %

**Explosive properties:** Non explosive.

**Molecular weight:** 104.1476 g/mol

**pH value:** 7.6 at 20 °C and 500 g/l

**log Pow:** -0.49 at 25 °C

**Vapor pressure:** 0.0052 hPa at 25 °C

**Relative density:** 0.985 g/cm<sup>3</sup> at 25.2 °C

**Solubility in/Miscibility with water:** Miscible in any ratio at 20 °C

**Oxidizing properties:** No oxidizing properties

## **HEALTH EFFECTS**

1,5-Pentanediol has no marked health hazard properties. Its acute toxicity is very low via all routes of exposure tested (oral, skin and inhalation). It has no irritation or sensitization effects. Limited repeated dose and long term health or reproductive effects has been generated with 1,5-Pentanediol itself. More extensive data is available for the analogous substance 1,5-Hexanediol. Based on the total amount of information available 1,5-Pentanediol is not expected to cause repeated dose or long term health effects. The physical properties of 1,5-Pentanediol give no rise to concern. Its flammability is low. Therefore, 1,5-Pentanediol has a very low overall human health hazard potential.

EFFECT ASSESSMENT	RESULT
Acute Toxicity (oral/dermal/inhalation)	1,5-Pentanediol is of low acute toxicity via all routes of exposure.

Irritation/Corrosivity (skin/eye/respiratory tract)	1,5-Pentanediol is not irritating to the skin or to the eyes. Corrosivity was not tested on the basis of the absence of irritation properties.
Sensitization (skin/respiratory tract)	Based on the available data, 1,5-Pentanediol is not considered to have skin or respiratory sensitization properties.
Mutagenicity	All available in vitro test data on 1,5-Pentanediol and the analogous 1,6-Hexanediol indicates that bioaccumulation is not expected.
Carcinogenicity	No carcinogenicity data has been generated due to the negative mutagenicity results.
Reproductive Toxicity	Screening test information with the analogous 1,6-Hexanediol suggests 1,5-Pentanediol should have no adverse reproductive effects either.
Repeated Dose Exposure	Oral repeated dose test results with an analogous substance (1,6-Hexanediol) suggest that no marked toxicity should be expected. Dermal and inhalation repeated dose exposure testing is considered unnecessary based on expected exposure routes and the oral repeated dose test result.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

The results of all three acute aquatic studies on fish, algae, plants and invertebrates indicate a low environmental acute hazard potential for 1,5-Pentanediol. 1,5-Pentanediol is readily biodegradable and it has a very low bioaccumulation potential. Considering all available data on biotic and abiotic degradation, bioaccumulation and toxicity, it can be stated that the substance is neither persistent nor toxic to the environment and that it will not bio-accumulate. Overall 1,5-Pentanediol has a very low environmental hazard potential.

EFFECT ASSESSMENT	RESULT
Aquatic Toxicity	Fish, daphnia, algae and plants studies indicate that the aquatic toxicity of 1,5-Pentanediol is low.

FATE AND BEHAVIOR	RESULT
Biodegradation	1,5-Pentanediol is readily biodegradable, based on test results with 1,5-Pentanediol itself and analogous substances (1,6-Hexanediol and Butanediol).
Bioaccumulation potential	1,5-Pentanediol will preferentially distribute to water. Based on the value of the partition coefficient it is concluded that

	bioaccumulation is not expected.
PBT/vPvB conclusion	Based on its low toxicity, bioaccumulation potential and ready biodegradability, 1,5-Pentanediol does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB.

## **EXPOSURE**

### **Human Health**

1,5-Pentanediol is used in many different applications. In industrial sites it is used for the production of hydrogen, hydrogen peroxide, sodium perborate and peroxyacetic acid. But its main industrial use is as monomer or reactant, therefore, 1,5-Pentanediol will no longer be present as such in downstream products, practically eliminating the exposure potential for professional users and consumers.

On the other hand, 1,5-Pentanediol is contained in formulated products of common use, such as adhesives, putties, sealing compounds, cleaners, paints and inks, synthetic resins and personal hygiene products (shampoo, creams, etc.). In all previous cases, 1,5-Pentanediol occurs in diluted form, so professionals and consumers level of exposure will be very low.

### **Environment**

1,5-Pentanediol is liquid at room temperature and it has relatively low volatility. The probability of release in pure form to any of the environmental compartments is low under normal industrial use conditions. There may be some release to waste water streams as a result of normal use or industrial cleaning operations, but, as 1,5-Pentanediol is readily biodegradable, this should not cause further environmental exposure.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1,5-Pentanediol poses very low human health and environmental risks. However, it is a good practice to train personnel handling the substance and to protect workers who may be exposed to 1,5-Pentanediol by taking the usual precautionary measures to protect against chemical exposure. Therefore, protective clothing, gloves and safety glasses with side shields should be worn when handling this substance. Good ventilation is required in areas where 1,5-Pentanediol is handled. Respiratory protection is not required unless 1,5-Pentanediol is released in the form of gas or in the form of aerosols. 1,5-Pentanediol is not flammable, however, it is a good practice to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge when storing it.

For environmental protection in case of accidental release: do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course. Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.

## **STATE AGENCY REVIEW**

This substance has been registered under REACH (EC) No. 1907/2006.

1,5-Pentanediol is included in the OECD list of High Production Volume (HPV) chemicals, but a SIDS is not yet available.

1,5-Pentanediol is listed in the following Chemical Inventories: AICS, NZIoC, KECI, PICCS, IECSC, EINECS,

Canada DSL, TSCA, ENCS.

## **REGULATORY INFORMATION/CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING**

**Classification of the substance according to REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008:**

**Not classified.**

**Labeling according to REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008:**

**Pictogram:** none

**Signal word:** none

**Hazard statements:** none

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## **GLOSSARY**

Acute toxicity	Harmful effect resulting from a single or short term exposure to a substance.
AICS	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances.
Biodegradation	Decomposition or breakdown of a substance under natural conditions (actions of micro-organisms etc).
Bioaccumulation	Progressive accumulation in living organisms of a chemical substance present in the environment.
Canadian DSL	Domestic Substances List of Canada.
Carcinogenicity	Substance effects causing cancer.
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society).
Chronic toxicity	Harmful effect after repeated exposures or long term exposure to a substance.

EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ENCS	Existing Notified Chemical Substances (Japan).
Flash point	The lowest temperature at which vapor of the substance may form an ignitable mixture with air.
Genotoxicity	Substance effect that causes damage to genes, including mutagenicity and clastogenicity.
GHS	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals
HPV	High Production Volume Chemicals.
Hydrolyze	Undergo hydrolysis; decompose by reacting with water.
IECSC	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China.
Intermediate	Substance that is manufactured for and consumed in or used for chemical processing in order to be transformed into another substance.
KECI	Korean Existing Chemical Inventory.
Monomer	Means a substance which is capable of forming covalent bonds with a sequence of additional like or unlike molecules under the conditions of the relevant polymer-forming reaction used for the particular process.
Mutagenicity	Substance effect that cause mutation on genes.
NZIoC	New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
PBT	Persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic chemical.
Persistence	Refers to the length of time a compound stays in the environment, once introduced.
PICCS	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances.
Risk Management Measures	Engineering controls, conditions and protective equipment needed to be implemented to ensure that the risks to human health and the environment are adequately controlled.
REACH (EC) No. 1907/2006	European Commission Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals.
REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008	European Commission Regulation on Classification, Labeling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures.
Reproductive toxicity	Including teratogenicity, embryotoxicity and harmful effects on fertility.
Sensitizing	Allergenic.
Sediment	Topsoil, sand and minerals washed from land into water forming in

	the end a layer at the bottom of rivers and sea.
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act (USA).
Vapor pressure	A measure of a substance's property to evaporate.
vPvB	Very persistent, very bio-accumulative.

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