

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Buffered Ethanol Fixative, 70% BE-70
- **Article number:** 15988
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemicals
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
Electron Microscopy Sciences  
1560 Industry Road  
USA-Hatfield, PA 19440  
Tel: 215-412-8400 Fax: 215-412-8450  
email: sgkcck@aol.com  
www.emsdiasum.com
- **Information department:** Product safety department
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
ChemTrec 1-800-424-9300 Contract CCN7661  
1-703-527-3887

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS02 Flame

Flammable Liquids 2 H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.



GHS08 Health hazard

Carcinogenicity 1A H350 May cause cancer.



GHS07

Eye Irritation 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02



GHS07



GHS08

- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**  
Ethyl alcohol
- **Hazard statements**  
Highly flammable liquid and vapor.  
Causes serious eye irritation.  
May cause cancer.

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· **Precautionary statements**

- Obtain special instructions before use.
- Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
- 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.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
- If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
- If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
- If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
- In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray to extinguish.
- Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
- Store locked up.
- Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 2  
Fire = 3  
Reactivity = 0

· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = \*2  
Fire = 3  
Reactivity = 0

· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Mixtures**

· **Description:** Mixture of the substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

· **Dangerous components:**

64-17-5	Ethyl alcohol	>50-≤100%
56-81-5	glycerol	≤2.5%

## 4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**

- **After inhalation:** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact:** Generally the product does not irritate the skin.

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- **After eye contact:**  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** If symptoms persist consult doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

## 5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** CO<sub>2</sub>, sand, extinguishing powder. Do not use water.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water with full jet
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

## 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**

· **PAC-1:**

64-17-5	Ethyl alcohol	1,800 ppm
7778-77-0	potassium dihydrogenorthophosphate	9.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
56-81-5	glycerol	45 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
64-19-7	Acetic Acid Glacial	5 ppm

· **PAC-2:**

64-17-5	Ethyl alcohol	3300* ppm
7778-77-0	potassium dihydrogenorthophosphate	110 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
56-81-5	glycerol	180 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
64-19-7	Acetic Acid Glacial	35 ppm

· **PAC-3:**

64-17-5	Ethyl alcohol	15000* ppm
7778-77-0	potassium dihydrogenorthophosphate	630 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
56-81-5	glycerol	1,100 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

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64-19-7 Acetic Acid Glacial

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250 ppm

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
*Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
 Open and handle receptacle with care.  
 Prevent formation of aerosols.*
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
*Keep ignition sources away - Do not smoke.  
 Protect from heat.  
 Protect against electrostatic charges.  
 Keep respiratory protective device available.*
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** *Store in a cool location.*
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** *Not required.*
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
*Keep receptacle tightly sealed.  
 Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.  
 Protect from heat and direct sunlight.*
- **Specific end use(s)** *No further relevant information available.*

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** *No further data; see item 7.*

- **Control parameters**

- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

### 64-17-5 Ethyl alcohol

PEL	<i>Long-term value: 1900 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 1000 ppm</i>
REL	<i>Long-term value: 1900 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 1000 ppm</i>
TLV	<i>Short-term value: 1000 ppm</i>
	<i>A3</i>

### 56-81-5 glycerol

PEL	<i>Long-term value: 15* 5** mg/m<sup>3</sup> mist; *total dust **respirable fraction</i>
TLV	<i>TLV withdrawn-insufficient data human occup. exp.</i>

- **Additional information:** *The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.*

- **Exposure controls**

- **Personal protective equipment:**

- **General protective and hygienic measures:**

- Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.*
- Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.*
- Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.*
- Store protective clothing separately.*
- Avoid contact with the eyes.*
- Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.*

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· **Breathing equipment:**

*In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.*

· **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

*The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.*

*Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.*

*Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation*

· **Material of gloves**

*The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.*

· **Penetration time of glove material**

*The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.*

· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

<b>Form:</b>	Liquid
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not determined.

· **Change in condition**

<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	Undetermined.
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	78 °C (172.4 °F)

· **Flash point:** 13 °C (55.4 °F)

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Highly flammable.

· **Ignition temperature:** 425 °C (797 °F)

· **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

· **Auto igniting:** Product is not selfigniting.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product is not explosive. However, formation of explosive air/vapor mixtures are possible.

· **Explosion limits:**

<b>Lower:</b>	3.5 Vol %
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<b>Upper:</b>	15 Vol %
· <b>Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	59 hPa (44.3 mm Hg)
· <b>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	0.85585 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (7.14207 lbs/gal)
· <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:</b>	Not miscible or difficult to mix.
· <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Solvent content:</b>	
<b>Organic solvents:</b>	71.5 %
<b>VOC content:</b>	70.50 %
	603.4 g/l / 5.04 lb/gal
· <b>Solids content:</b>	0.0 %
· <b>Other information</b>	No further relevant information available.

## 10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

## 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**
- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** No irritant effect.
- **on the eye:** Irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**  
The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:  
Irritant  
Carcinogenic.
- **Carcinogenic categories**

· <b>IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)</b>
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· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety Health Administration)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

## 12 Ecological information

· **Toxicity**

· **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

· **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

· **Behavior in environmental systems:**

· **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

· **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

· **Additional ecological information:**

· **General notes:**

Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

· **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

## 13 Disposal considerations

· **Waste treatment methods**

· **Recommendation:**

Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

· **Uncleaned packagings:**

· **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

## 14 Transport information

· **UN-Number**

· **DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA** UN1170

· **UN proper shipping name**

· **DOT** Ethanol  
 · **ADR** 1170 ETHANOL (ETHYL ALCOHOL)  
 · **IMDG** ETHANOL (ETHYL ALCOHOL)  
 · **IATA** ETHANOL

· **Transport hazard class(es)**

· **DOT**



· **Class**

3 Flammable liquids

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· <b>Label</b>	3
· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	
	
· <b>Class</b>	3 Flammable liquids
· <b>Label</b>	3
· <b>Packing group</b>	
· <b>DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	II
· <b>Environmental hazards:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Special precautions for user</b>	Warning: Flammable liquids
· <b>Hazard identification number (Kemler code):</b>	33
· <b>EMS Number:</b>	F-E,S-D
· <b>Stowage Category</b>	A
· <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Transport/Additional information:</b>	
· <b>DOT</b>	
· <b>Quantity limitations</b>	On passenger aircraft/rail: 5 L On cargo aircraft only: 60 L
· <b>ADR</b>	
· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b>	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
· <b>IMDG</b>	
· <b>Limited quantities (LQ)</b>	1L
· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b>	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
· <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	UN 1170 ETHANOL (ETHYL ALCOHOL), 3, II

## 15 Regulatory information

- Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
- Sara

· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

All components have the value ACTIVE.

· **Hazardous Air Pollutants**

None of the ingredients is listed.

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· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

64-17-5 Ethyl alcohol

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value)**

64-17-5 Ethyl alcohol

A3

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

· **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02

GHS07

GHS08

· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

Ethyl alcohol

· **Hazard statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

Causes serious eye irritation.

May cause cancer.

· **Precautionary statements**

Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

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.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

Continue rinsing.

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray to extinguish.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

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Store locked up.

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **National regulations:**

· **Information about limitation of use:**

Workers are not allowed to be exposed to the hazardous carcinogenic materials contained in this preparation.

Exceptions can be made by the authorities in certain cases.

· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

## 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **Contact:**

· **Date of preparation / last revision** 02/16/2023

· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety **Health**

**TLV: Threshold Limit Value**

**PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit**

**REL: Recommended Exposure Limit**

**Flammable Liquids 2: Flammable liquids – Category 2**

**Eye Irritation 2A: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 2A**

**Carcinogenicity 1A: Carcinogenicity – Category 1A**