

PETROLEUM ETHER

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

1.1 GHS Product identifier:

PETROLEUM ETHER
Petroleum Spirit; Ligroin; Light petroleum naphtha
CAS: 8032-32-4

Other means of identification:

Not relevant

1.2 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:

Relevant uses: Industrial/laboratory extraction solvent, cleaning and degreasing solvent, and diluent. For industrial user only.
Uses advised against: All uses not specified in this section or in section 7.3.

1.3 Supplier's details:

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture:

GHS:
Classification of this product has been carried out in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Flam. Liq. 2	Flammable liquid, Category 2, H225
Skin Irrit. 2	Skin irritation, Category 2, H315
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure, Category 3, H336
Asp. Tox. 1	Aspiration hazard, Category 1, H304
Aquatic Chronic 2	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, chronic hazard, Category 2, H411

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements:

GHS: Danger

Hazard statements:

H225 – Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H304 – May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315 – Causes skin irritation.
H336 – May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H411 – Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements:

P210: Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P233: Keep container tightly closed.
P240: Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.
P261: Avoid breathing vapours.
P264: Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273: Avoid release to the environment.
P280: Wear protective gloves/eye protection.
P301+P310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P370+P378: In case of fire: Use dry chemical powder, CO2, foam or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with hazardous-waste regulations.

2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification:

Extremely low flash point – vapours may travel considerable distances to a source of ignition and flash back. Composition (light aliphatic petroleum naphtha) is a UVCB mixture; benzene content is normally controlled to trace/non-detectable levels in commercial grades – certificate of analysis available on request.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances:

Chemical description: Petroleum Ether (light petroleum naphtha, predominantly C5–C6 aliphatic hydrocarbons)
This product is a petroleum hydrocarbon mixture (UVCB substance, CAS 8032-32-4). In accordance with Annex 4.3.3 of the GHS, the product contains:

Identification	Chemical Name / Classification	Concentration
CAS: 8032-32-4	Petroleum Ether (light petroleum naphtha) — Flam. Liq. 2: H225; Asp. Tox. 1: H304; Skin Irrit. 2: H315; STOT SE 3: H336; Aquatic Chronic 2: H411 – Danger	100%

Exact hydrocarbon fingerprint/distillation cut and certificate of analysis available on request per production batch. To obtain more information on the hazards of the substances, consult sections 11, 12 and 16.

3.2 Mixtures:

This product is itself a mixture (petroleum distillate/UVCB substance) – see 3.1 above for composition information available.

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures:

Request medical assistance immediately, showing the SDS of this product.

By inhalation:
Remove the affected person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

By skin contact:
Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

By eye contact:
Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

By ingestion/aspiration:
Do NOT induce vomiting – risk of aspiration into the lungs (H304). Rinse mouth. Obtain immediate medical attention.

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:
Acute and delayed effects are indicated in sections 2 and 11.

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:
Not relevant

SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Suitable extinguishing media:
Suitable: Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide (CO2), alcohol-resistant foam, water spray/fog.
Unsuitable: Do not use a solid/jet water stream as this may spread the fire.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical:
Extremely/highly flammable liquid; vapours form explosive mixtures with air readily and are heavier than air, able to travel to a source of ignition and flash back.

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters:
Evacuate all non-essential personnel. Intervention only by capable personnel who are trained and aware of the hazards of the product. In all cases wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

Additional provisions:
If safe to do so, remove the exposed containers, or cool with large quantities of water spray from a safe/protected position. Approach from upwind. Contain fire-fighting water for later disposal; it must not enter drains or watercourses.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:
For non-emergency personnel:
Eliminate all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation. Personal protection equipment must be used against potential contact with the spilt product (see section 8). Evacuate the area and keep out those who do not have protection.

For emergency responders:
Wear protective equipment as per section 8. Keep unprotected persons away.

6.2 Environmental precautions:
Avoid at all cost any type of spillage into an aqueous medium, drains or soil. Contain the product absorbed appropriately in hermetically sealed containers. Notify the relevant authority in case of exposure to the general public or the environment.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:
Eliminate all ignition sources. Contain spillage with inert absorbent material (sand, earth). Collect into suitable closed containers for disposal. Prevent entry into drains/watercourses.

6.4 Reference to other sections:
See sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:
A. General precautions for safe use:
Handle in well-ventilated areas well away from heat, sparks and open flames. Use only non-sparking, explosion-proof equipment.

B. Technical recommendations for the prevention of fires and explosions:
Bond and ground containers and equipment during transfer to eliminate static discharge – particularly important given the very low flash point.

C. Technical recommendations on general occupational hygiene:
Do not eat, drink or smoke during the process; wash hands and exposed skin afterwards with suitable cleaning products.

D. Technical recommendations to prevent environmental risks:
Provide banded/contained storage. Avoid atmospheric emissions and discharge to drains. Follow the protective measures given in the exposure controls/personal protection section.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:
A. Specific storage requirements:

Minimum Temp.	5°C
Maximum Temp.	25°C
Maximum time	24 Months (unopened, original container)

B. General conditions for storage:
Store in a cool, well-ventilated flammable-liquids store, away from heat, direct sunlight and all sources of ignition, in accordance with the Petroleum Rules, 2002 (India) – Class A petroleum (flash point below 23°C).

7.3 Specific end use(s):
Except for the instructions already specified, it is not necessary to provide any special recommendation regarding the uses of this product.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters:
Substances whose occupational exposure limits have to be assessed in the workplace, per the Factories Act, 1948 (Act No. 63 of 1948), as amended by the Factories (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act 20 of 1987):

Identification	Occupational Exposure Limit Type	Value
Petroleum Ether (light naphtha) CAS: 8032-32-4	Time Weighted average concentration (8 hrs) – indicative for petroleum naphtha	~300–400 ppm (typical; Available on request for the specific distillation cut)

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls:
It is recommended to use localized extraction/general ventilation in the work area as a collective protection measure to avoid exceeding occupational exposure limits, in addition to individual protective equipment (PPE) as needed. Consult the manufacturer's information leaflet for storage, use, cleaning and maintenance of PPE.

B. Respiratory protection:
Where ventilation is inadequate, use a respirator fitted with an organic vapour cartridge.

C. Specific protection for the hands:
Chemical-resistant gloves (nitrile rubber).

D. Eye and face protection:
Chemical safety goggles/panoramic glasses against splash/projections. Use if there is a risk of splashing.

E. Bodily protection:
Flame-retardant/antistatic protective clothing. Safety footwear.

F. Additional emergency measures:
Emergency shower (ANSI Z358-1, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) and eyewash stations (DIN 12 899, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) should be available.

Environmental exposure controls:
Avoid environmental spillage of both the product and its container. See subsection 7.1.D.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

Appearance	
Physical state at 20°C	Liquid
Appearance	Clear, colourless liquid
Color	Colourless
Odor	Gasoline-like
Odour threshold	Not established
Volatility	
Boiling range at atmospheric pressure	40–60°C (typical light grade)
Vapour pressure at 20°C	~35 kPa (approx., high)
Evaporation rate at 20°C	Very fast
Product Description	
Density / Relative density at 20°C	0.63–0.66 g/cm³
Dynamic viscosity at 20°C	<0.5 mPa·s
Concentration	Not applicable – UVCB mixture
pH	Not relevant (non-aqueous)
Vapour density (air = 1)	~2.5
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log Pow)	>3 (typical for this hydrocarbon range)
Solubility in water at 20°C	Practically insoluble
Decomposition temperature	Not established
Melting/pour point	<-70°C (typical)
Flammability	
Flash Point	<-20°C (closed cup)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Non-applicable (liquid)
Autoignition temperature	~280°C (typical)
Lower / Upper flammability limit	~1.1% / 5.9% v/v (typical)
Particle Characteristics	
Median equivalent diameter	Non-applicable (liquid)

* Not relevant/not established due to the nature of the product or grade.

9.2 Other information:

Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive
Oxidising properties	Not classified as oxidising
Corrosive to metals	Not corrosive to metals
Heat of combustion	~45 kJ/g (typical)
Surface tension at 20°C	Not established
Refraction index	Not established

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity:
Stable under normal conditions of use. Reacts with strong oxidising agents.

10.2 Chemical stability:
Chemically stable under the indicated conditions of storage, handling and use.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:
Under the specified conditions, hazardous reactions that lead to excessive temperatures or pressure are not expected.

10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Shock/Friction	Contact with Air	Increase in Temperature	Sunlight	Humidity
Not applicable	Vapour/air mixtures readily explosive	Avoid heat and open flame	Avoid prolonged exposure	No particular hazard

10.5 Incompatible materials:
Strong oxidising agents.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:
Combustion produces carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and dense smoke.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:
In case of exposure that is repetitive, prolonged, or at concentrations higher than the recommended occupational exposure limits, adverse health effects may result depending on the means of exposure:

A. Ingestion (acute effect):
May be fatal if swallowed due to aspiration into the lungs (H304) – very low-viscosity hydrocarbon liquid. Do not induce vomiting.

B. Inhalation (acute effect):

High vapour concentrations may cause CNS depression (headache, dizziness, drowsiness, H336) and respiratory tract irritation.

C. Contact with skin and eyes (acute effect):

Causes skin irritation (H315); marked defatting with repeated/prolonged contact.

D. CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, reproductive toxicity):

Not classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction, provided benzene content is controlled to trace/non-detectable levels typical of commercial petroleum ether grades – refer to batch certificate of analysis.

E. Sensitizing effects:

Classification criteria for respiratory or skin sensitisation are not met based on available data.

F. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:

May cause drowsiness or dizziness (H336).

G. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data for this grade.

H. Aspiration hazard:

H304 – May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Product-specific toxicological information:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Genus
Petroleum Ether CAS: 8032-32-4	LD50 oral: >5000 mg/kg (approx., typical for this hydrocarbon class)	Rat

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

12.1 Toxicity:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Species	Genus
Petroleum Ether CAS: 8032-32-4	LC50: 1–10 mg/L (96h, approx., typical range)	Non-applicable	Fish

12.2 Persistence and degradability:

Inherently biodegradable; also volatilises rapidly from water.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:

Potential for bioaccumulation in aquatic organisms (log Pow >3, typical of this hydrocarbon range).

12.4 Mobility in soil:

Koc	Henry	Dry Soil	Moist Soil
High	High (volatilises readily)	Volatilises	Volatilises

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

Not classified as PBT or vPvB based on available data.

12.6 Other adverse effects:

Not described

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Disposal methods:

Do not discharge to drains or watercourses. Recover/recycle where possible. Dispose of via a licensed hazardous-waste/solvent-recovery contractor in accordance with local regulations.

Refer to national and local regulations on hazardous waste management (Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, as amended).

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport of dangerous goods by land (ADR 2023 / RID 2023, India: Motor Vehicles Act / CMVR):

14.1 UN number	UN1271
14.2 UN proper shipping name	PETROLEUM ETHER (PETROLEUM SPIRIT)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	3
14.4 Packing group	I
14.5 Environmental hazard	Yes
14.6 Special precautions for user	Physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk (Annex II MARPOL 73/78, IBC Code)	Not relevant

Transport of dangerous goods by sea (IMDG 41-22):

14.1 UN number	UN1271
14.2 UN proper shipping name	PETROLEUM ETHER (PETROLEUM SPIRIT)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	3
14.4 Packing group	I
14.5 Marine pollutant	Yes
14.6 Special precautions for user	EmS Codes: F-E, S-D Segregation group: Not relevant
14.7 Transport in bulk (Annex II MARPOL 73/78, IBC Code)	Not relevant

Transport of dangerous goods by air (IATA/ICAO 2024):

14.1 UN number	UN1271
14.2 UN proper shipping name	PETROLEUM ETHER (PETROLEUM SPIRIT)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	3
14.4 Packing group	I
14.5 Environmental hazard	Yes
14.6 Special precautions for user	Physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk (Annex II MARPOL 73/78, IBC Code)	Not relevant

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question:

It is recommended to use the information included in this safety data sheet as data used in a risk evaluation of local circumstances, in order to establish the necessary risk prevention measures for the manipulation, use, storage and disposal of this product.

Other legislation:

- Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989
- The Factories Act, 1948 (Act No. 63 of 1948), as amended by the Factories (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act 20 of 1987)
- The Petroleum Act, 1934 and Petroleum Rules, 2002 (where applicable to flammable liquids)
- The Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response) Rules, 1996
- Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Legislation related to safety data sheets:

This safety data sheet has been designed in accordance with Annex 4 – Guidance on the preparation of Safety Data Sheets of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Texts of the legislative phrases mentioned in sections 2 and 3:

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The phrases indicated do not refer to the product itself; they are present merely for informative purposes and refer to the individual components which appear in section 3.

Advice related to training:

Minimal training is recommended to prevent industrial risks for staff using this product, in order to facilitate their comprehension and interpretation of this safety data sheet, as well as the label on the product.

Principal bibliographical sources:

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); ECHA classification and labelling inventory; publicly available substance-specific safety data references.

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: European agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road | IMDG: International maritime dangerous goods code | IATA: International Air Transport Association | ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation | COD: Chemical Oxygen Demand | BOD5: 5-day biochemical oxygen demand | BCF: Bioconcentration factor | LD50: Lethal Dose 50 | LC50: Lethal Concentration 50 | EC50: Effective Concentration 50 | Log-POW: Octanol-water partition coefficient | Koc: Partition coefficient of organic carbon | IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer | TWA: Time-weighted average | STEL: Short-term exposure limit

The information contained in this safety data sheet is based on sources, technical knowledge and current legislation, without being able to guarantee its accuracy. This information cannot be considered a guarantee of the properties of the product; it is simply a description of the security requirements. The occupational methodology and conditions for users of this product are not within Suraj Chemicals' awareness or control, and it is ultimately the responsibility of the user to take the necessary measures to obtain the legal requirements concerning the manipulation, storage, use and disposal of chemical products. The information on this safety data sheet only refers to this product, which should not be used for needs other than those specified.

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