

Technical Bulletin

Propylene Glycol – USP For the Personal Care Industry

Generic: 1,2 propanediol

STRUCTURE

DESCRIPTION

A relatively nontoxic liquid that is practically colorless, odorless, and tasteless.

APPLICATIONS

A solvent for flavors, extracts, drugs, personal care products, and food antioxidants; a heat transfer medium; an emollient, humectant, and plasticizer for personal care creams and gels, tobacco products, baked goods, coconut, cellophane, cork, adhesives, and paper products; a lubricant and mold inhibitor for food processing equipment; a humectant for pet food.

Propylene glycol and some of its derivatives, including esters and polypropylene glycols, are used extensively in the personal care products industry. As a raw material, propylene glycol offers the advantages of price stability and ready availability in all parts of the United States.

Because of its excellent freezing point depressing, humectant, and mold inhibiting properties, propylene glycol finds widespread use as a moisturizer, co-solvent, and plasticizer for antiseptic gels, hair dressings, sun screens, moisturizing creams, cream bases, and hair sprays.

Propylene glycol is an outstanding solvent for many organic compounds. It is colorless and odorless and has a very slight characteristic taste which is not objectionable. These properties make propylene glycol particularly suitable as a solvent for flavorings and dyes in cosmetics, toothpastes, shampoos, and mouthwashes.

Propylene glycol is non-allergenic and may be used in cosmetics and other toilet goods specifically formulated for sensitive skin.

Propylene glycol used in toiletries must be of the highest quality. The Board of Standards of the Cosmetic, Toiletries, and Fragrances Association, Inc. (1133 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005) has published the CTFA Specification for Propylene Glycol to establish critical quality standards.

Huntsman's propylene glycol, USP grade, meets all these requirements. It is also available in stainless steel tank wagons and 20,000-gallon lined tank cars. Samples can be obtained from the nearest Huntsman sales office.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Regulatory Information	
DOT Classification	Not regulated
Freight Classification	Propylene Glycol
HMIS Code	0-1-0
CAS Number	57-55-6

Chemical Control Laws		
TSCA Inventory	Listed on or exempt	
WHMIS Classification	Not regulated	
Canadian DSL	Listed on or exempt	
European EINECS	Listed on or exempt	
Austrialian AICS	Listed on or exempt	
Japanese MITI	Listed on or exempt	

Physical Properties	
Arsenic, ppm	1 max.
Boiling range ASTM, °C, IBP ASTM, °C, DP	185 min. 189 max.
Flash point, PMCC, °F	212
Freezing point, °C	< -76
Molecular weight	76
Refractive index, 20°C	1.4300 min. 1.4324 max.
Specific gravity, 25/25°C	1.0350 min. 1.0370 max.
Vapor pressure, 20°C, mm Hg	< 1
Viscosity, 20°C, cp	60
Water solubility, %	Complete
Weight, 20°C, lb/gal	8.64

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Propylene Glycol USP is a high-purity material which must be handled with special precautions to avoid contamination. Under ordinary conditions, mild steel is a satisfactory material of construction; however, for long term storage and where iron contamination and color are objectionable, stainless steel or aluminum vessels are recommended. For additional information on handling and storage of Propylene Glycol, please contact the Huntsman Technical Service Section. Product is available in barges, lined tank cars and dedicated tank trucks. Certain government regulations may apply at the time of shipment.



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