

1. Identification

Product identifier	Polyvinyl Alcohol		
Other means of identification			
Catalog number	1548065		
Chemical name	Ethenol, homopolymer		
Synonym(s)	PVA * Polyethendiol		
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.		
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.		
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information			
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia		
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 US		
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129	
Website	www.usp.org		
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org		
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300	
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887	

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.		
Health hazards	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B	
OSHA hazard(s)	Not classified.		
Label elements			
Hazard symbol	No symbol.		
Signal word	Warning		
Hazard statement	Causes eye irritation.		
Precautionary statement			
Prevention	Wash thoroughly after handling.		
Response	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.		
Storage	Not available.		
Disposal	Not available.		
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	Not classified.		

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Hazardous components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Polyvinyl Alcohol	PVA Polyethendiol	9002-89-5	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	If dust from the material is inhaled, remove the affected person immediately to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Irritation of eyes and mucous membranes.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.
5. Fire-fighting measures	
Suitable extinguishing media	Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials. Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO ₂ .
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire-fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
6. Accidental release measures	
Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.
7. Handling and storage	
Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.
8. Exposure controls/personal protection	
Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Exposure guidelines	No exposure standards allocated.
Appropriate engineering controls	Airborne exposure should be controlled primarily by engineering controls such as general dilution ventilation, local exhaust ventilation, or process enclosure. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred to general exhaust because it can control the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion into the work area. An industrial hygiene survey involving air monitoring may be used to determine the effectiveness of engineering controls. Effectiveness of engineering controls intended for use with highly potent materials should be assessed by use of nontoxic surrogate materials.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Safety glasses with sideshields are recommended. Face shields or goggles may be required if splash potential exists or if corrosive materials are present. Approved eye protection (e.g., bearing the ANSI Z87 or CSA stamp) is preferred. Maintain eyewash facilities in the work area.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Chemically compatible gloves. For handling solutions, ensure that the glove material is protective against the solvent being used. Use handling practices that minimize direct hand contact. Employees who are sensitive to natural rubber (latex) should use nitrile or other synthetic nonlatex gloves. Use of powdered latex gloves should be avoided due to the risk of latex allergy.
Other	For handling of laboratory scale quantities, a cloth lab coat is recommended. Where significant quantities are handled, work clothing may be necessary to prevent take-home contamination.

Respiratory protection	Where respirators are deemed necessary to reduce or control occupational exposures, use NIOSH-approved respiratory protection and have an effective respirator program in place (applicable U.S. regulation OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134).
Thermal hazards	Not available.
General hygiene considerations	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White to cream-colored granules or powder.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	5 - 8 (4% solution)
Melting point/freezing point	446 - 464 °F (230 - 240 °C) ; also reported as 200 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	174.20 °F (79.00 °C) (OC); >113 °C (CC)
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility in water	Freely soluble (room temperature).
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Polymer.
Molecular formula	(C ₂ -H ₄ -O) _x
Solubility (other)	Slightly soluble in dehydrated alcohol; practically insoluble in acetone and in chlorinated hydrocarbons; insoluble in petroleum solvents, in aromatic hydrocarbons, in esters, and in ether.
Specific gravity	1.19 - 1.31

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	No reactivity hazards known.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	None known.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Bases. Sodium hypochlorite. Calcium hypochlorite. Phosphorus.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Inhalation	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Skin contact	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.	
Eye contact	Causes eye irritation.	
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	None known.	
Acute toxicity		
Product	Species	Test Results
Polyvinyl Alcohol (CAS 9002-89-5)		
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Mouse	14270 mg/kg
	Rat	23854 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes eye irritation.	
Local effects		
Eye irritancy (aqueous solution)		
Result: Slight.		
Species: Rabbit		
Eye irritancy (powdered)		
Result: Slight.		
Species: Rabbit		
Skin irritancy (aqueous solution)		
Result: Slight.		
Species: Rabbit		
Skin irritancy (powdered)		
Result: Non-irritant.		
Species: Rabbit		
Respiratory sensitization	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.	
Skin sensitization	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Sensitization		
Skin sensitization		
Result: Non-sensitizer (10% solution).		
Species: Guinea pig		
Germ cell mutagenicity	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible. Data from germ cell mutagenicity tests were not found.	
Mutagenicity		
Ames assay (Salmonella, E. coli)		
Result: Negative.		
In vivo bone marrow micronucleus test (mouse)		
Result: Negative.		
Mouse lymphoma assay		
Result: Negative.		
Carcinogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. This material is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, NTP, or OSHA. IARC: Group 3; this material is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity in humans.	
0.02 ml Two-year study (25% solution, intravaginally)		
Result: No evidence of carcinogenicity.		
Species: Mouse		
Reproductive toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Reproductivity		
> 5000 mg/kg/day Two-generational study (oral doses)		
Result: No adverse effects on reproductive performance or offspring.		
Species: Rat		
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.	
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.	
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
12. Ecological information		
Ecotoxicity	No ecotoxicity data noted for the ingredient(s).	
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this product.	

Bioaccumulative potential	Not available.
Mobility in soil	Not available.
Other adverse effects	Not available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
Local disposal regulations	Not available.
Hazardous waste code	Not available.
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

Not regulated as a hazardous material by DOT.

IATA

Not regulated as a dangerous good.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code No information available.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations CERCLA/SARA Hazardous Substances - Not applicable.

All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

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

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance No

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical No

Other federal regulations

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Not regulated.

US state regulations 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)	No
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

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
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)

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

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