# Material Safety Data Sheet

**Merckofix ® Spray Fixative for cytodiagnosis without propellant**

## Section 1. Product and Company Identification

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<td>EMD Chemicals Inc.</td>
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<td>P.O. Box 70</td>
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<td>Gibbstown, NJ 08027</td>
<td>856-423-6300 Technical Service</td>
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<td>613-996-6666 CANUTEC (Canada)</td>
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## Section 2. Hazards Identification

**Physical state**: Liquid.  
**Odor**: Alcohol-like.  
**OSHA/HCS status**: This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).  
**Emergency overview**: WARNING!  
FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR.  
VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.  
HARMFUL IF INHALED, ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN OR SWALLOWED.  
CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION.  
CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: BLOOD, REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM, LIVER, RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA  
POSSIBLE BIRTH DEFECT HAZARD  
CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAN CAUSE BIRTH DEFECT  
Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.  
**Routes of entry**: Dermal contact.  Eye contact.  Inhalation.  Ingestion.  
**Potential acute health effects**  
**Eyes**: Irritating to eyes.  
**Skin**: Toxic in contact with skin.  Irritating to skin.  
**Inhalation**: Toxic by inhalation.  Irritating to respiratory system.  
**Ingestion**: Toxic if swallowed.  
**Carcinogenic effects**: No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Mutagenic effects**: No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity**: No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure**: Repeated skin exposure can produce local skin destruction or dermatitis. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce lung damage. Repeated or prolonged contact with spray or mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.  

See toxicological information (section 11)

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Section 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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Section 4. First Aid Measures

Eye contact: Get medical attention immediately. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses.

Skin contact: Get medical attention immediately. Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing or wear gloves. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.

Inhalation: Get medical attention immediately. Move exposed person to fresh air. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. Keep person warm and at rest. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Ingestion: Get medical attention immediately. Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. Move exposed person to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Protection of first-aiders: No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Flammability of the product: Flammable liquid and vapor. Vapor may cause flash fire. Vapors may accumulate in low or confined areas or travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.

Products of combustion: These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO₂).

Extinguishing media

Suitable: Use dry chemical, CO₂, water spray (fog) or foam.

Not suitable: Do not use water jet.

Special exposure hazards: Not available.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters: Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Special remarks on fire hazards: Combustible when exposed to heat or flame.

Special remarks on explosion hazards: Air/vapor mixtures may be explosive.

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Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions: Immediately contact emergency personnel. Eliminate all ignition sources. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment. Do not touch or walk through spilled material.

Environmental precautions: Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Methods for cleaning up: If emergency personnel are unavailable, contain spilled material. For small spills, add absorbent (soil may be used in the absence of other suitable materials) and use a non-sparking or explosion-proof means to transfer material to a sealable, appropriate container for disposal. For large spills, dike spilled material or otherwise contain material to ensure runoff does not reach a waterway. Place spilled material in an appropriate container for disposal.

Section 7. Handling and Storage

Handling: Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Storage: Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

Additional information: Store at +15° to +25°C. (59° to 77°F)

Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

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Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Engineering measures: Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

Personal protection

Eyes: Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts.

Recommended: face shield
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Skin: Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Body: Recommended: safety apron and gloves

Respiratory: Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Recommended: Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Vapor respirator or self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Hands: Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Recommended: butyl rubber

Hygiene measures: Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state: Liquid.

Flash point: Closed cup: 12°C (53.6°F).

Auto-ignition temperature: The lowest known value is 398.85°C (749.9°F) (Ethanol).

Color: Colorless.

Odor: Alcohol-like.

Boiling/condensation point: The lowest known value is 78.35°C (173°F) (Ethanol). Weighted average: 79.66°C (175.4°F)

Melting/freezing point: May start to solidify at -0.1°C (31.8°F) based on data for: Water. Weighted average: -106.97°C (-160.5°F)

Relative density: The only known value is 0.79 (Water = 1) (Ethanol).

Vapor density: The highest known value is 1.6 (Air = 1) (Ethanol).

Evaporation rate: The highest known value is 1.7 (Ethanol) Weighted average: 1.62 compared with (n-Butyl Acetate = 1)

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability and reactivity: The product is stable.

Conditions of instability: Heating

Incompatibility with various substances: Slightly reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials. Incompatible with halogens, hydrogen peroxide, chlorinated hydrocarbons, fluorine, nitric acid, oxidizing agents and sulfuric acid, Silver, and Perchloric acid.

Hazardous decomposition products: COx

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions of reactivity: Extremely flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge and heat.

Highly flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: shocks and mechanical impacts.

Explosive in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat and shocks and mechanical impacts.

Air/vapor mixtures may be explosive.

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Section 11. Toxicological Information

Toxicity data

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Chronic effects on humans: CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS Classified A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH [Ethanol].

Contains material which causes damage to the following organs: blood, the reproductive system, liver, upper respiratory tract, skin, central nervous system (CNS), eye, lens or cornea.

Other toxic effects on humans: Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant, corrosive), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant).

Specific effects

Carcinogenic effects: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenic effects: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Sensitization

Ingestion: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

Eyes: Irritating to eyes.

Skin: Irritating to skin.

Section 12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity data

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Environmental precautions: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Products of degradation: These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO₂) and water.

Toxicity of the products of biodegradation: The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Waste disposal: The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

RCRA classification: Code: (I)
Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements.

The information presented below only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

Section 14. Transport Information

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PG* : Packing group

Section 15. Regulatory Information

United States

HCS Classification : Flammable liquid
                      Toxic material
                      Irritating material
                      Target organ effects

U.S. Federal regulations : TSCA 8(b) inventory: Listed
                           SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
                           SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
                           SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Ethanol
                           SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Ethanol: Fire hazard, Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard
                           Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.
                           Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.
                           Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.
                           Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.
                           Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

State regulations : Pennsylvania RTK: Ethanol: (generic environmental hazard)
                    Massachusetts RTK: Ethanol
                    New Jersey: Merckofix ® Spray Fixative for cytodiagnosis without propellant

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class B-2: Flammable liquid
                  Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (Very toxic).
                  Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).

CEPA DSL/CEPA NDSL : CEPA DSL: Ethanol; Polyethylene Glycol ; Water

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Section 15. Regulatory Information

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

EU regulations
Hazard symbol/symbols

Risk phrases
S2- Keep out of the reach of children.
S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

Safety phrases
R11- Highly flammable.

International regulations
International lists
Australia (NICNAS): Ethanol; Polyethylene Glycol ; Water
China: Ethanol; Polyethylene Glycol
Germany water class: Ethanol
Japan (METI): Ethanol; Polyethylene Glycol ; Water
Korea (TCCL): Ethanol; Polyethylene Glycol ; Water
Philippines (RA6969): Ethanol; Polyethylene Glycol ; Water

Section 16. Other Information

Label requirements
WARNING!
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VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.
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CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAN CAUSE BIRTH DEFECT

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)
Health 3
Special
Instability 0

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