

## Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information

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**CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency**  
**Phone Number (800) 424-9300**  
For laboratory use only.  
Not for drug, food or household use.

**Product** POLYVINYL ALCOHOL, 5% SOLUTION

**Synonyms** Polyvinyl Alcohol, Aqueous Solution

## Section 2 Hazards Identification

This substance or mixture has not been classified as hazardous according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

**Signal word:** Not classified

**Pictograms:** No symbol required

**Target organs:** None known

**GHS Classification:** Not classified

**GHS Label information: Hazard statement:** Not classified

**Precautionary statement:** Not classified

**Supplementary information:**

Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with eyes. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Get medical attention if you feel unwell.

Ca Prop 65 - This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

## Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Water	7732-18-5	94%	231-791-2
Polyvinyl alcohol	9002-89-5	5%	Not listed
Sodium benzoate	532-32-1	1%	208-534-8

## Section 4 First Aid Measures

**INGESTION:** Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** MAY CAUSE EYE IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

## Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire.

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Specific Hazards:** In fire conditions, water may evaporate from this solution which may cause hazardous decomposition products to be formed as dust or fume.

## Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Absorb with inert dry material, sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale vapors, spray or mist. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

## Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Polyvinyl alcohol	Not established	Not established	Not established

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If misty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

## Section 9 Physical &amp; Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance:</b> Liquid. Clear, thick gel.	<b>Evaporation rate ( Water = 1):</b> <1	<b>Partition coefficient:</b> Data not available
<b>Odor:</b> No odor.	<b>Flammability (solid/gas):</b> Data not available.	<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b> Data not available
<b>Odor threshold:</b> Data not available.	<b>Explosion limits: Lower / Upper:</b> Data not available	<b>Decomposition temperature:</b> Data not available.
<b>pH:</b> Data not available.	<b>Vapor pressure (mm Hg):</b> 14 (water)	<b>Viscosity:</b> Data not available.
<b>Melting / Freezing point:</b> Approximately 0°C (32°F) (water)	<b>Vapor density (Air = 1):</b> 0.7 (water)	<b>Molecular formula:</b> Mixture
<b>Boiling point:</b> Approximately 100°C (212°F) (water)	<b>Relative density (Specific gravity):</b> Approximately 1.0 (water)	<b>Molecular weight:</b> Mixture
<b>Flash point:</b> Data not available	<b>Solubility(ies):</b> Approximately 15, forms gel in water	

## Section 10 Stability &amp; Reactivity

**Chemical stability:** Stable

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Excessive temperatures which cause evaporation.

**Incompatible materials:** Oxygen, peroxides, perchlorates, nitrates and other oxidizers, reactive metals (sodium, zinc, calcium, copper, etc.)

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Carbon oxides.

## Section 11 Toxicological Information

**Acute toxicity:** Oral-rat LD50: >5,000 mg/kg ; Inhalation-rat LC50: >20.0 mg/L/1 hour [Polyvinyl alcohol]

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Skin-rabbit - non-irritating [Polyvinyl alcohol]

**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Eyes-rabbit - slight irritant [Polyvinyl alcohol]

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available

**Carcinogenity:** Data not available

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

IARC classified: Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available

**STOT-single exposure:** Data not available

**STOT-repeated exposure:** Data not available

**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available

**Potential health effects:**

Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation. Symptoms include, nasal discharge, hoarseness, coughing, chest pain and breathing difficulty.

Ingestion: Essentially non-toxic. Symptoms include inflammation of mouth, throat, esophagus and/or stomach.

Skin: Essentially non-irritating.

Eyes: Contact may cause irritation. Symptoms include irritation or burning sensation.

**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

**Additional information: RTECS #:** Not available

## Section 12 Ecological Information

**Toxicity to fish:** Pimephales promelas (fish), LC50 = >40,000 ppm/96 hour [CAS # 25213-24-5]

**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** Daphnia magna (Crustacea), LC50 = 8,300 ppm/48 hour [CAS # 25213-24-5]

**Toxicity to algae:** No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available

**Mobility in soil:** No data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available

**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

## Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

## Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

**UN/NA number:** Not applicable

**Shipping name:** Not Regulated

**Hazard class:** Not applicable

**Packing group:** Not applicable

**Reportable Quantity:** No

**Marine pollutant:** No

**Exceptions:** Not applicable

**2012 ERG Guide #:** Not applicable

## Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERLCA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Polyvinyl alcohol	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	Not listed

## Section 16 Additional Information

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