

# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

The Dow Chemical Company

Product Name: TERGITOL(TM) L-81

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The Dow Chemical Company encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

# 1. Product and Company Identification

Product Name

TERGITOL(TM) L-81

## **COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

The Dow Chemical Company 2030 Willard H. Dow Center Midland, MI 48674 USA

Customer Information Number:

800-258-2436

#### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER 24-Hour Emergency Contact: Local Emergency Contact:

989-636-4400 989-636-4400

# 2. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview Color: Clear Physical State: Liquid Odor: Odorless Hazards of product:

No significant immediate hazards for emergency response are known.

## **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### Potential Health Effects

**Eye Contact:** May cause slight temporary eye irritation. Corneal injury is unlikely. **Skin Contact:** Prolonged exposure not likely to cause significant skin irritation. Material may be handled at elevated temperatures; contact with heated material may cause thermal burns. **Skin Absorption:** Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts. **Inhalation:** At room temperature, exposure to vapor is minimal due to low volatility; single exposure is not likely to be hazardous. Vapor from heated material or mist may cause respiratory irritation.

\* Indicates a Trademark

Ingestion: Low toxicity if swallowed. Small amounts swallowed incidentally as a result of normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury; however, swallowing larger amounts may cause injury.

Effects of Repeated Exposure: For similar material(s): In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs after exposure to aerosols: Lung.

#### 3. **Composition Information**

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CAS # Amount Polyalkylene glycol 9003-11-6 <= 99.0 %

#### 4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact: Flush eyes thoroughly with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses after the initial 1-2 minutes and continue flushing for several additional minutes. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist,

Skin Contact: Wash skin with plenty of water.

Inhalation: Move person to fresh air; if effects occur, consult a physician.

Ingestion: If swallowed, seek medical attention. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

Notes to Physician: If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

#### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Extinguishing Media: Water fog or fine spray. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers. Foam. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Alcohol resistant foams (ATC type) are preferred. General purpose synthetic foams (including AFFF) or protein foams may function, but will be less effective.

Fire Fighting Procedures: Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Use water spray to cool fire exposed containers and fire affected zone until fire is out and danger of reignition has passed. Fight fire from protected location or safe distance. Consider the use of unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Immediately withdraw all personnel from the area in case of rising sound from venting safety device or discoloration of the container. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Move container from fire area if this is possible without hazard. Burning liquids may be moved by flushing with water to protect personnel and minimize property damage.

Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters: Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Container may rupture from gas generation in a fire situation. Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot liquids. Hazardous Combustion Products: During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled: Contain spilled material if possible. Small spills: Absorb with materials such as: Sand. Dirt. Large spills: Dike area to contain spill. Pump into suitable and properly labeled containers. Wash the spill site with water. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area. Spilled material may cause a slipping hazard. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

## 7. Handling and Storage

#### Handling

**General Handling:** Spills of these organic materials on hot fibrous insulations may lead to lowering of the autoignition temperatures possibly resulting in spontaneous combustion. Product on surfaces can cause slippery conditions. Product shipped/handled hot can cause thermal burns. Product handled hot may require additional ventilation or local exhaust.

#### Storage

Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Store in the following material(s): Stainless steel. Polypropylene. Polyethylene-lined container. Teflon. Glass-lined container. Aluminum. Plasite 3066 lined container. Plasite 3070 lined container. 316 stainless steel.

Shelf life: Use within

24. Months

# 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### Exposure Limits

None established

### **Personal Protection**

Eye/Face Protection: Use safety glasses.

**Skin Protection:** No precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed. When handling hot material, protect skin from thermal burns. Selection of specific items will depend on the operation.

Hand protection: Use gloves with insulation for thermal protection, when needed. Respiratory Protection: For most conditions, no respiratory protection should be needed; however, if material is heated or sprayed, use an approved air-purifying respirator. The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Organic vapor cartridge with a particulate pre-filter. Ingestion: Use good personal hygiene. Do not consume or store food in the work area. Wash hands before smoking or eating.

### **Engineering Controls**

**Ventilation:** Good general ventilation should be sufficient for most conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

# 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State Color Odor Flash Point - Closed Cup Flammable Limits In Air

Autoignition Temperature Vapor Pressure Boiling Point (760 mmHg) Liquid Clear Odorless 150 °C (302 °F) *ASTM D93* **Lower**: No test data available **Upper**: No test data available No test data available No test data available *Calculated* decomposes before boiling.

Vapor Density (air = 1)	No test data available
Specific Gravity (H2O = 1)	1.016 Calculated
Freezing Point	See Pour Point
Melting Point	not applicable to liquids
Solubility in Water (by	insoluble but dispersible
weight)	
рН	No test data available
Molecular Weight	2750 g/mol Calculated
Kinematic Viscosity	244 cSt Calculated
Pour point	-20 °C (-4 °F) Calculated

#### Stability and Reactivity 10.

### Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at typical use temperatures. Conditions to Avoid: Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose. Generation of gas during decomposition can cause pressure in closed systems.

Incompatible Materials: Avoid contact with: Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizers.

#### **Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

#### **Thermal Decomposition**

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Decomposition products can include and are not limited to: Aldehydes. Alcohols. Ethers. Hydrocarbons. Ketones. Organic acids. Polymer fragments.

#### 11. **Toxicological Information**

### **Acute Toxicity**

Ingestion Typical for this family of materials. Estimated LD50, Rat > 4,000 mg/kg **Skin Absorption** Typical for this family of materials. LD50, Rabbit > 10,000 mg/kg **Repeated Dose Toxicity** For similar material(s): In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs after exposure to aerosols: Lung.

#### 12. Ecological Information

**CHEMICAL FATE** 

#### Persistence and Degradability

For this family of materials: Material is readily biodegradable. Passes OECD test(s) for ready biodegradability.

OECD Biodegradation Tests:		
Biodegradation	Exposure Time	Method
> 60 %	28 d	OECD 301F Test

## ECOTOXICITY

For this family of materials: Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC50/EC50 >100 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested).

# 13. Disposal Considerations

DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal practices must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. DOW HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION: Composition Information. FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: Recycler. Reclaimer. Incinerator or other thermal destruction device. As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customer Information Group at 1-800-258-2436 or 1-989-832-1556 (U.S.), or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada) for further details.

# 14. Transport Information

DOT Non-Bulk NOT REGULATED

DOT Bulk NOT REGULATED

IMDG NOT REGULATED

ICAO/IATA NOT REGULATED

This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.

# 15. Regulatory Information

### **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Sections 311 and 312

Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard	No
Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Section 313

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

# Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Hazardous Substances List and/or Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance List:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

# Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substances List:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

# Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) Section 103

This product contains the following substances which are subject to CERCLA Section 103 reporting requirements and which are listed in 40 CFR 302.4.

Component	CAS #	Amount
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	<= 10.0 PPM
Propylene oxide	75-56-9	<= 10.0 PPM
1,4-Dioxane	123-91-1	<= 5.0 PPM
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0	<= 5.0 PPM
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	<= 5.0 PPM

#### California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)

WARNING: This product contains a chemical(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Component	CAS #	Amount
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	<= 10.0 PPM
Propylene oxide	75-56-9	<= 10.0 PPM
1,4-Dioxane	123-91-1	<= 5.0 PPM
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Formaldehyde	50-00-0	<= 5.0 PPM

#### California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)

WARNING: This product contains a chemical(s) known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Component	CAS #	Amount
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	<= 10.0 PPM

#### **US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

#### CEPA - Domestic Substances List (DSL)

All substances contained in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

#### **European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)**

The components of this product are on the EINECS inventory or are exempt from inventory requirements.

# 16. Other Information

### **Product Literature**

Additional information on this and other Dow products may be obtained by visiting our web page at www.dow.com. Additional information on this product may be obtained by calling your Dow Chemical Company sales or customer service contact. Ask for a product brochure.

Hazard Rating	g System		
NFPA	Health	Fire	Reactivity
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## **Recommended Uses and Restrictions**

Multi-purpose surfactant.

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### Legend

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N/A	Not available
W/W	Weight/Weight
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.
DOW IHG	Dow Industrial Hygiene Guideline
WEEL	Workplace Environmental Exposure Level
HAZ_DES	Hazard Designation

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