



Section 1 – Company Information

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Section 2 – Product Identification/ Information on Ingredients

PRODUCT NAME Cetyl Stearyl Alcohol  
CAS NUMBER 8038-54-8  
SYNONYM Cetearyl Alcohol; Cetylstearyl Alcohol; Mixture  
of stearyl and cetyl alcohols

PRODUCT	CAS NUMBER	% BY WEIGHT
Cetyl Stearyl Alcohol	8038-54-8	100%

Section 3 – Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

The substance is toxic to mucous membranes. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

Section 4 – First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Not available.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.



**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

#### Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures

**Flammability of the Product:** May be combustible at high temperature.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** The lowest known value is 254°C (489.2°F) (Myristic alcohol).

**Flash Points:** The lowest known value is CLOSED CUP: 110°C (230°F). (Myristic alcohol)

**Flammable Limits:** The greatest known range is LOWER: 1% UPPER: 8% (Stearyl alcohol)

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat, of oxidizing materials. Non-flammable in presence of moisture.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.

LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Material supports combustion. (Myristic alcohol)

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

#### Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:** Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

#### Section 7 – Handling & Storage

**Precautions:** Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.



## Section 8 – Exposure Controls & Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

## Section 9 – Physical & Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid.

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** Not applicable.

**Color:** Not available.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Melting Point:** 48°C (118.4°F) - 56 C.

**Critical Temperature:** The lowest known value is 487.85°C (910.1°F) (Cetyl alcohol).

**Specific Gravity:** Weighted average: 0.82 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** The highest known value is 9.5 (Air = 1) (Stearyl alcohol). Weighted average: 8.91 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** The product is more soluble in oil.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** Is not dispersed in cold water, hot water, methanol, diethyl ether, n-octanol. See solubility in methanol, diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:** Easily soluble in diethyl ether. Soluble in acetone. Partially soluble in methanol. Very slightly soluble in n-octanol. Insoluble in cold water, hot water.

## Section 10 – Stability & Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.



**Conditions of Instability:** Excess heat, incompatible materials  
**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids. Non-reactive with moisture.  
**Corrosivity:** Not considered to be corrosive for metals and glass.  
**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.  
**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.  
**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

#### Section 11 – Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact.  
**Toxicity to Animals:**  
Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 3200 mg/kg [Mouse]. (Cetyl alcohol).  
Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): >2600 mg/kg [Rabbit]. (Cetyl alcohol).  
**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.  
**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.  
**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:**  
Lowest Published Lethal Dose/Conc.  
LCL [Rat] - Route: Inhalation; Dose: 2220 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/6H  
LDL [Guinea Pig] - Route: Skin; Dose: 10000 mg/kg (Cetyl alcohol)  
**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**  
Tumorigenic effects based on animal data. No human available.  
Unable to locate references on possible reproductive or lactation effects of this agent. (Stearyl alcohol)  
**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**  
Acute Potential Health Effects:  
Skin: Causes mild skin irritation.  
Eyes: Causes mild eye irritation.  
Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation.  
Ingestion: May cause digestive tract information. No other information found. (Stearyl alcohol)

#### Section 12 – Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.  
**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.  
**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.  
**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.  
**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.



Section 13 – Disposal Consideration

**Waste Disposal:** Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

Section 14 – Transportation Data

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

Section 15 – Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:** No products were found.

**Other Regulations:** OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):** Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

**DSCL (EEC):** This product is not classified according to the EU regulations.

S24/25- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 1

**Fire Hazard:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 0

**Flammability:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:** Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Safety glasses.

Section 16 – Other Information

Disclaimer

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product.