

**NICE** Material Safety Data Sheet  
Cetyl alcohol

**Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification**

Catalogue No. : C13729  
Product Name : Cetyl Alcohol  
  
Manufacturer / supplier identification  
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**Synonym:** 1-Hexadecanol

**Chemical Name:** Cetyl Alcohol

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O

**Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients**

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Cetyl alcohol	36653-82-4	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Cetyl alcohol: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 5000 mg/kg [Rat]. 3200 mg/kg [Mouse]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute: >2600 mg/kg [Rabbit].

**Section 3: Hazards Identification**

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

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

## 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 and Explosion Data

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

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Flash Points:** OPEN CUP: 160°C (320°F).

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**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.

**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:** Not available.

**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 and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. 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 and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid.

**Odor:** Odorless. Faint odor

**Taste:** Bland. Mild

**Molecular Weight:** 242.43 g/mole

**Color:** White.

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

**Boiling Point:** 344°C (651.2°F)

**Melting Point:** 49.3°C (120.7°F)

**Critical Temperature:** 487.85°C (910.1°F)

**Specific Gravity:** 0.8187 @ 50 deg. C (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** 8.36(Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

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

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:**

Easily soluble in diethyl ether. Soluble in acetone. Insoluble in cold water. Water Solubility: 1.34x10<sup>-5</sup> g/l Soluble in chloroform. Slightly soluble in alcohol.

### Section 10: Stability and 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.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 3200 mg/kg [Mouse]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): >2600 mg/kg [Rabbit].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), 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

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Skin: Causes mild to moderate skin irritation. Eyes: Causes mild eye irritation. Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation. Ingestion: May cause hypermotility, and diarrhea. May affect cardiovascular system, respiration, and behavior/central nervous system (tremor, ataxia).

## 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 Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

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

## Section 14: Transport Information

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

**Identification:** Not applicable.

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

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Cetyl alcohol

**Other Regulations:** Not available.

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):** CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC):**

R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin. S24/25- Avoid contact with skin and eyes. S26- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. S36/37/39- Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

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

**Health Hazard:** 1

**Fire Hazard:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

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

**Health:** 1

**Flammability:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Safety glasses.