



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

MERIT SANDING

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifier

Product name : MERIT SANDING  
 Product code : 0052722  
 Product description : A one-component acid catalysed sealer.

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended use: Painting work

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Manufacturer or Distributor


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 FI-01301 VANTAA  
 FINLAND  
 Telephone +358 20 191 2000

e-mail address of person responsible for this SDS : Tikkurila Oyj,  
 Product Safety,  
 e-mail: productsafety@tikkurila.com

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Telephone number : 112  
 (24h)

#### Supplier or Manufacturer

Telephone number :  Tikkurila Oyj  
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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Product definition : Mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

Flam. Liq. 2, H225  
 Eye Dam. 1, H318  
 STOT SE 3, H336  
 Aquatic Chronic 3, H412

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

### 2.2 Label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapor.  
 H318 - Causes serious eye damage.  
 H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness.  
 H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary statements**

<b>General</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>Prevention</b>	: P261 - Avoid breathing mist/vapors/spray. P280 - Wear eye or face protection. P284 - In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
<b>Response</b>	: P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
<b>Storage</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>Disposal</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>Hazardous ingredients</b>	: n-butyl acetate iso-butanol
<b>Supplemental label elements</b>	: Not applicable.

**2.3 Other hazards**

Other hazards which do not result in classification : None known.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

<b>3.2 Mixtures</b> : Mixture				
<b>Product/ingredient name</b>	<b>Identifiers</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Classification Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]</b>	<b>Notes</b>
n-butyl acetate	REACH #: 01-2119485493-29 EC: 204-658-1 CAS: 123-86-4 Index: 607-025-00-1	≥25 - ≤50	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 STOT SE 3, H336 EUH066	-
isopropanol	REACH #: 01-2119457558-25 EC: 200-661-7 CAS: 67-63-0	≥10 - ≤25	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 STOT SE 3, H336	-
nitrocellulose (< 12,6 % N)	CAS: 9004-70-0	≤10	Expl. 1.1, H201	-
butylated melamine formaldehyde resin	CAS: 68002-25-5	≤10	Aquatic Chronic 4, H413	-
Hydrocarbons, C7, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics	REACH #: 01-2119475515-33 CAS: -	≤5,7	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 STOT SE 3, H336 Asp. Tox. 1, H304 Aquatic Chronic 2, H411	-
2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate	REACH #: 01-2119475791-29 EC: 203-603-9 CAS: 108-65-6 Index: 607-195-00-7	≤5	Flam. Liq. 3, H226	-
iso-butanol	REACH #: 01-2119484609-23 EC: 201-148-0 CAS: 78-83-1 Index: 603-108-00-1	≤4,2	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT SE 3, H335 STOT SE 3, H336	-
acetone	REACH #: 01-2119471330-49 EC: 200-662-2 CAS: 67-64-1 Index: 606-001-00-8	≤3	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 STOT SE 3, H336 EUH066	-
ethyl acetate	REACH #: 01-2119475103-46 EC: 205-500-4 CAS: 141-78-6 Index: 607-022-00-5	≤3	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 STOT SE 3, H336 EUH066	-
2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-ditertpentylphenol	REACH #: 01-2119955688-17 EC: 247-384-8	≤0,3	STOT RE 2, H373 Aquatic Chronic 4, H413	-

CAS: 25973-55-1

See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier, are classified and contribute to the classification of the substance and hence require reporting in this section.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment, are PBTs or vPvBs or have been assigned a workplace exposure limit and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Notes, if applicable, refer to Notes given in Annex VI of 1272/2008/EC.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

- General** : In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Show this safety data sheet or label to the doctor if possible.
- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of lukewarm water, keeping eyelids open. Continue to rinse for at least 20 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Remove to fresh air. 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. Get medical attention.
- Skin contact** : Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or use recognized skin cleanser. Do NOT use solvents or thinners.
- Ingestion** : If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious) and obtain immediate medical attention. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Do NOT induce vomiting.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes serious eye damage.

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire. Recommended: Alcohol resistant foam, CO<sub>2</sub>, powders or water spray/mist.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media** : Do not use a direct water jet that could spread the fire.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Hazards from the substance or mixture** : Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Fire will produce dense black smoke. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. The vapor/gas is heavier than air and will spread along the ground. 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.
- Hazardous combustion products** :  When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

- Special protective actions for fire-fighters** : Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. This material is hazardous to aquatic organisms. Fire water contaminated with this material must be contained and prevented from being discharged to any waterway, sewer or drain.
- 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.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** : Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Avoid direct skin contact with product. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions** : Hazardous to aquatic environment. Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.
- 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up** : Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations. Preferably clean with a detergent. Avoid using solvents.
- 6.4 Reference to other sections** : See Section 1 for emergency contact information.  
See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling** : Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Prevent the creation of flammable or explosive concentrations of vapors in air and avoid vapor concentrations higher than the occupational exposure limits. Isolate from sources of heat, sparks and open flame. In addition, the product should only be used in areas from which all naked lights and other sources of ignition have been excluded. Electrical equipment should be protected to the appropriate standard. Mixture may charge electrostatically: always use earthing leads when transferring from one container to another. No sparking tools should be used.
- Skin contact with the product and exposure to spray mist and vapor should be avoided. Avoid inhalation of dust from sanding. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment. Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled and stored. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid release to the environment.
- Due to the nitrocellulose content of this product, spray dusts and deposits have a low flammability threshold. The product should not be sprayed in the same booth as coatings that generate heat during drying (for instance air drying or forced dry autoxidizing alkyds, styrenated alkyds or polyesters, etc), unless the spray booth and exhaust ducting are completely cleaned between each product change. Do not mix with other wastes.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : Store away from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). No smoking. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Keep container tightly closed. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Recommended storage temperature is +5°C ...+25°C. Store in accordance with local regulations.
- 7.3 Specific end use(s)** : None.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

Product/ingredient name	Exposure limit values
2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate	<b>EU OEL (Europe, 12/2009). Absorbed through skin. Notes: list of indicative occupational exposure limit values</b> TWA: 50 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 275 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hours. STEL: 100 ppm 15 minutes. STEL: 550 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 minutes.
acetone	<b>EU OEL (Europe, 12/2009). Notes: list of indicative occupational exposure limit values</b> TWA: 500 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 1210 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hours.

**Recommended monitoring procedures** : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.

#### DNELs/DMELs

No DNELs/DMELs available.

#### PNECs

No PNECs available.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate ventilation. Where reasonably practicable, this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. If these are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and solvent vapors below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn (see Personal protection). Provide a readily-accessible eyewash facility. Comply with the health and safety at work laws.

#### Individual protection measures

- Eye/face protection** : Wear eye/face protection (EN166).
- Hand protection** : Wear protective gloves. Gloves should be replaced regularly and if there is any sign of damage to the glove material. The instructions and information provided by the glove manufacturer on use, storage, maintenance and replacement must be followed.  
 Recommended glove material (EN374):  
 < 1 hour (breakthrough time): butyl rubber  
 > 8 hours (breakthrough time): laminated foil  
 Not recommended: PVC or natural rubber (latex) gloves
- Skin protection** :  Wear suitable protective clothing. This product is classified as flammable. If necessary, personnel should wear antistatic clothing made of natural fibers or of high-temperature-resistant synthetic fibers.
- Respiratory protection** : If ventilation is inadequate, use respirator that will protect against organic vapor and dust/mist. During spray-application use respirators with combination filter A/P3 (EN405:2001). Wear a half mask or full face respirator with gas and vapor filter A and dust filter P2 during sanding (EN140:1998, EN405:2001). During continuous and long-term work the use of motor-driven or air-fed respirators is recommended (EN12941:1998). Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Check that mask fits tightly and change filter regularly.
- Environmental exposure controls** : For information regarding environmental protection measures, please refer to section 13 for waste handling, section 7 for handling and storage and section 1.2 for relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

Physical state	: Liquid.
Color	: Clear.
Odor	: Strong.
Odor threshold	: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
pH	: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
Melting point/freezing point	: -90°C (isopropanol)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	: 83°C (isopropanol)
Flash point	: 12°C (isopropanol)
Evaporation rate	: 1,7 (butyl acetate = 1) (isopropanol)
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable. Product is a liquid.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	: Lower: 2% (isopropanol) Upper: 12% (isopropanol)
Vapor pressure	: 4,4 kPa [room temperature] (isopropanol)
Vapor density	: 2,1 (isopropanol)
Density	: 0,96 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Solubility(ies)	: Insoluble in water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/ water	: Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	: 456°C (isopropanol)
Decomposition temperature	: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
Viscosity	: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
Explosive properties	: No explosive ingredients present.
Oxidizing properties	: No oxidizing ingredients present.

### 9.2 Other information

No additional information.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

<b>10.1 Reactivity</b>	: See Section 10.5.
<b>10.2 Chemical stability</b>	: Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions (see Section 7).
<b>10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	: May present an explosion hazard when material is suspended in air in confined areas or equipment and subjected to spark, heat or flame.
<b>10.4 Conditions to avoid</b>	: Avoid extreme heat and freezing. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).
<b>10.5 Incompatible materials</b>	: Keep away from the following materials to prevent strong exothermic reactions: oxidizing agents strong acids strong alkalis
<b>10.6 Hazardous decomposition products</b>	: When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

There is no testdata available on the product itself.

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

Exposure to component solvent vapor concentrations in excess of the stated occupational exposure limit may result in adverse health effects such as mucous membrane and respiratory system irritation and adverse effects on the kidneys, liver and central nervous system. Symptoms and signs include headache, dizziness, fatigue, muscular weakness, drowsiness and, in extreme cases, loss of consciousness. Repeated or prolonged contact with the mixture may cause removal of natural fat from the skin, resulting in non-allergic contact dermatitis and absorption through the skin. If splashed in the eyes, the liquid may cause irritation and reversible damage. Ingestion may cause nausea, diarrhea and vomiting. Formaldehyde is released during curing. Formaldehyde may cause irreversible effects, is irritating to the mucous membranes and may cause skin sensitization.

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified.

#### Irritation/Corrosion

Causes serious eye damage.

#### Sensitization

Not classified.

#### Mutagenicity

Not classified.

#### Carcinogenicity

Not classified.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Not classified.

#### Teratogenicity

Not classified.

#### Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

#### Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not classified.

#### Aspiration hazard

Not classified.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

Ecological testing has not been conducted on this product.

Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.

The product is classified as environmentally hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### 12.1 Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Hydrocarbons, C7, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics	Acute EC50 10 mg/l	Algae	72 hours
	Acute EC50 3 mg/l	Crustaceans	48 hours
	Acute LC50 13,4 mg/l	Fish	96 hours
	Chronic NOEC 0,17 mg/l	Crustaceans	21 days

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability



Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability
Hydrocarbons, C7, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics	-	-	Readily

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP <sub>ow</sub>	Bioconcentration factor [BCF]	Potential
ethyl acetate	0,68	30	low
acetone	-0,23	-	low
iso-butanol	1	-	low
2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate	1,2	-	low
Hydrocarbons, C7, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics	2 to 7	-	high
isopropanol	0,05	-	low
n-butyl acetate	2,3	-	low

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>) : Not available.

Mobility : Not available.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT : Not applicable.

vPvB : Not applicable.

### 12.6 Other adverse effects : Not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

**Methods of disposal** : Gather residues into waste containers. Liquid residue and cleaning liquids are hazardous waste and must not be emptied into drains or sewage system, but handled in accordance with national regulations. Product residues should be left at special companies which have permission for gathering this kind of wastes.

#### European waste catalogue (EWC)

Waste code	Waste designation
08 01 11*	waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other hazardous substances

If this product is mixed with other wastes, the original waste product code may no longer apply and the appropriate code should be assigned. For further information, contact your local waste authority.

#### Packaging

**Methods of disposal** : Empty packaging should be recycled or disposed of in accordance with national regulations.

**Special precautions** : None.



**SECTION 14: Transport information**

	<b>ADR/RID</b>	<b>IMDG</b>	<b>IATA</b>
<b>14.1 UN number</b>	UN1263	UN1263	UN1263
<b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>	3	3	3
<b>14.4 Packing group</b>	II	II	II
<b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>	No.	No.	No.
<b>Additional information</b>	<b>Special provisions</b> 640 (C)  <b>Tunnel code</b> (D/E)	<b>Emergency schedules (EmS)</b> F-E,S-E	-

**14.6 Special precautions for user** : **Transport within user's premises:** always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

**14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code** : Not available.

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

EU Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

Substances of very high concern

<b>Ingredient name</b>	<b>Intrinsic property</b>	<b>Status</b>		
2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-ditertpentylphenol; UV-328	PBT	Candidate	ED/108/2014	17-Dec-14
-	vPvB	Candidate	ED/108/2014	17-Dec-14

**Other EU regulations**

**Europe inventory** : Not determined.

**Industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) - Air** : Listed

**Drug precursors** : This product contains following substance(s) that are listed in Annex I / Category 3 of the EU Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 on drug precursors:  
acetone

**Explosives precursors** : This product contains following substance(s) that are listed in Annex II of the EU Regulation (EC) No 98/2013 on explosives precursors:  
acetone

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment** : This product contains substances for which Chemical Safety Assessments are still required.

## SECTION 16: Other information

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

**Abbreviations and acronyms** :

- ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate
- CLP = Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation [Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008]
- DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level
- DNEL = Derived No Effect Level
- EUH statement = CLP-specific Hazard statement
- PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
- PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration
- RRN = REACH Registration Number
- vPvB = Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Procedure used to derive the classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Justification</b>
Flam. Liq. 2, H225	On basis of test data
Eye Dam. 1, H318	Calculation method
STOT SE 3, H336	Calculation method
Aquatic Chronic 3, H412	Calculation method
<b>Full text of abbreviated H statements</b> :	
H201	Explosive; mass explosion hazard.
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapor.
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
H413	May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
<b>Full text of classifications [CLP/GHS]</b> :	
Aquatic Chronic 2, H411	AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 2
Aquatic Chronic 3, H412	AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 3
Aquatic Chronic 4, H413	AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 4
Asp. Tox. 1, H304	ASPIRATION HAZARD - Category 1
EUH066	Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.
Expl. 1.1, H201	EXPLOSIVES - Division 1.1
Eye Dam. 1, H318	SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 1
Eye Irrit. 2, H319	SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 2
Flam. Liq. 2, H225	FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS - Category 2
Flam. Liq. 3, H226	FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS - Category 3
Skin Irrit. 2, H315	SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 2
STOT RE 2, H373	SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (REPEATED EXPOSURE) - Category 2
STOT SE 3, H335	SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Respiratory tract irritation) - Category 3
STOT SE 3, H336	SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Narcotic effects) - Category 3
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### Notice to reader

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