# Diisobutyl ketone

| CAS number: | 108-83-8 |
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| Synonyms: | 2,6-Dimethyl-4-heptanone |
| Chemical formula: | C9H18O |

Workplace exposure standard (retained)

| TWA: | **25 ppm (145 mg/m3)** |
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| STEL: | **—** |
| Peak limitation: | **—** |
| Notations: | **—** |
| IDLH: | **500 ppm** |
| **Sampling and analysis:** The recommended value is quantifiable through available sampling and analysis techniques. | |

## Recommendation and basis for workplace exposure standard

A TWA of 25 ppm (145 mg/m3) is recommended to protect for eye, nose and throat irritation in exposed workers.

## Discussion and conclusions

Diisobutyl ketone is used as a diluent for epoxy resins, as a textile-treating agent and as a chlorinated organic compound stabiliser.

The critical effects of exposure include eye, nose and throat irritation. In a human acute exposure study, slight eye, nose and throat irritation was observed in subjects exposed at 50 ppm (ACGIH, 2018). Sub-chronic animal inhalation exposure at 250 ppm was marginally toxic as evidenced by increased liver and kidney weight with a NOAEC of 125 ppm reported (ACGIH, 2018). Some reproductive effects are reported in animals studies with NOAELs starting at 300 mg/kg/day (ECHA, 2011; OECD, 1998).

The current TWA of 25 ppm (145 mg/m3) adopted from ACGIH (2018) is recommended and considered sufficiently low to minimise the potential for eye, skin and respiratory tract irritation in acute exposures and sub-chronic effects including those reported in reproductive organs.

## Recommendation for notations

Not classified as a carcinogen according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Not classified as a skin sensitiser or respiratory sensitiser according to the GHS.

A skin notation is not warranted based on the available evidence.

# Appendix

### Primary sources with reports

| Source Year set Standard |
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| SWA 1991 TWA: 25 ppm (145 mg/m3) | |
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| ACGIH 2001 TLV-TWA: 25 ppm (145 mg/m3) |
| TLV-TWA recommended to minimise the risk of eye, noise, and throat irritation in exposed workers.  Summary of data:  Human data:   * LOAEC: 50 ppm (1 x 3 h, inhalation); slight irritation to the eyes, nose and throat of 3 volunteers * 12 subjects exposed >25 ppm had some eye irritation and complained of unpleasant odour.   Animal data:   * Exposure at ≈3,200 ppm (rats and guinea pigs, 7–16 h, inhalation) reported no fatalities * Exposure at 2,000 ppm (rats, 8 h, inhalation) killed 5/6 subjects, narcosis reported * LD50: >20 mL/kg (rabbits, dermal) * LD50: 5,800 mg/kg (rat, oral) * NOAEL: 125 ppm (rats and guinea pigs, 7 h, 30 exposures), 250–1,650 ppm produced increased kidney and liver weights.   Insufficient data to recommend a skin, sensitiser or carcinogenicity notation. |
| DFG 2002 Not assigned |
| Due to limited human studies and insufficient information available for the effects of long-term exposure the previous MAK withdrawn.  Summary of additional data:   * Previous MAK of 0.1 ppm established in 1958 in analogy to the TLV value at the time * LD50: 16,000 mg/kg (rabbits, dermal), no evidence of systematic toxicity * Negative results in mutagenicity assays. |
| SCOEL NA NA |
| No report. |
| OARS/AIHA NA NA |
| No report. |
| HCOTN NA NA |
| No report. |

### Secondary source reports relied upon

| Source |  | Year | Additional information |
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| ECHA |  | 2011 | * LC50: 14,500 ppm (rats, 4 h) * No skin sensitisation reported in guinea pigs * NOAEC: 1,000 ppm (rats, 2-gen, inhalation) for parental systemic toxicity and neonatal toxicity. |
| OECD |  | 1998 | * NOAEC: 534 ppm (rats, 7 h/d, 5 d/wk, 6 wk, inhalation) * NOAEL: 300 and 1000 mg/kg/d (rats, oral) for parental and reproductive effects. |

### Carcinogenicity — non-threshold based genotoxic carcinogens

| Is the chemical mutagenic? | No |
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| **The chemical is not a non-threshold based genotoxic carcinogen.** |  |

## Notations

| Source | Notations |
| --- | --- |
| SWA | — |
| HCIS | NA |
| NICNAS | NA |
| EU Annex | NA |
| ECHA | — |
| ACGIH | — |
| DFG | — |
| SCOEL | NA |
| HCOTN | NA |
| IARC | NA |
| US NIOSH | NA |

NA = not applicable (a recommendation has not been made by this Agency); — = the Agency has assessed available data for this chemical but has not recommended any notations

### Skin notation assessment

| Calculation |
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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Adverse effects in human case study: | no |  |  | | Dermal LD50 ≤1000 mg/kg: | no |  |  | | Dermal repeat-dose NOAEL ≤200 mg/kg: | no | -3.00 |  | | Dermal LD50/Inhalation LD50 <10: |  |  |  | | *In vivo* dermal absorption rate >10%: |  |  |  | | Estimated dermal exposure at WES >10%: |  |  |  | |  |  | -3 | **a skin notation is not warranted** | |

### IDLH

| Is there a suitable IDLH value available? | Yes |
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## Additional information

| Molecular weight: | 142.24 |
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| Conversion factors at 25°C and 101.3 kPa: | 1 ppm = 5.81 mg/m3; 1 mg/m3 = 0.172 ppm |
| This chemical is used as a pesticide: |  |
| This chemical is a biological product: |  |
| This chemical is a by-product of a process: |  |
| A biological exposure index has been recommended by these agencies: | ACGIH  DFG  SCOEL |

## Workplace exposure standard history

| Year | Standard |
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## References

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