

Right to Know Hazardous Substance Fact Sheet

Emergency Responders Quick Reference

Common Name: AMYL ALCOHOL

Synonyms: 1-Pentanol; Pentyl Alcohol

CAS No: 71-41-0

Molecular Formula: CH₃(CH₂)₃CH₂OH

RTK Substance No: 0124

Description: Clear liquid with a mild alcohol odor

HAZARD DATA		
Hazard Rating	Firefighting	Reactivity
1 - Health	FLAMMABLE LIQUID	Amyl Alcohol reacts violently with HYDROGEN TRISULFIDE and OXIDIZING AGENTS (such as PERCHLORATES, PEROXIDES, PERMANGANATES, CHLORATES, NITRATES, CHLORINE, BROMINE and FLUORINE). Amyl Alcohol attacks ALKALINE and EARTH ALKALINE METALS (such as BERYLLIUM, MAGNESIUM and CALCIUM) to form flammable and explosive Hydrogen gas.
3 - Fire	Use dry chemical, CO ₂ or alcohol-resistant foam as extinguishing agents.	
0 - Reactivity	Water may not be effective in fighting fires.	
DOT#: UN 1105 ERG Guide #: 129	POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE. CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Vapors may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. Vapor is heavier than air and may travel a distance to cause a fire or explosion far from the source.	
Hazard Class: 3 (Flammable)		Amyl Alcohol is not compatible with STRONG ACIDS (such as HYDROCHLORIC, SULFURIC and NITRIC); STRONG BASES (such as SODIUM HYDROXIDE and POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE); ALIPHATIC AMINES; ISOCYANATES; and ACETALDEHYDE.

SPILL/LEAKS

Isolation Distance:

Small Spills - 60 meters (200 feet)

Large Spills - 330 meters (1,100 feet)

Absorb liquids in vermiculite, dry sand, earth, or a similar material and deposit in sealed containers.

EXPOSURE LIMITS

No occupational exposure limits have been established.

HEALTH EFFECTS

Eyes: Irritation
Skin: Irritation

Acute: Irritation of the nose, throat and lungs

with coughing, wheezing, and shortness

of breath

Headache, dizziness, confusion and

passing out

Chronic: No information

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

 Odor Threshold:
 0.12 to 10 ppm

 Flash Point:
 91°F (33°C)

 LEL:
 1.2%

 UEL:
 10.5%

Relative Density: 0.18 (water = 1) **Vapor Density:** 3 (air = 1)

Vapor Pressure: 2 mm Hg at 77°F (25°C)

Water Solubility: Slightly soluble 280°F (138°C)
Melting Point: -110°F (-79°C)

Molecular Weight: 88.2

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Gloves: Viton, Butyl, Nitrile and Neoprene (>8-hr breakthrough)

Coveralls: DuPont Tychem®, CPF-2, SL, CPF-4, Responders® and

TK for Aliphatic Hydroxylic compounds (>8-hr

breakthrough)

Boots: Neoprene and Butyl

Respirator: Supplied air

FIRST AID AND DECONTAMINATION

Remove the person from exposure.

Flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if worn.

Remove contaminated clothing and wash contaminated skin with soap and water.

Begin artificial respiration if breathing has stopped and CPR if necessary.

Transfer to a medical facility.