1. Identification

**Product Identifier:** PETROLEUM ETHER  
**Synonyms:** Ligroin, VM&P Naphtha, Benzin, Petroleum Naphtha, Naphtha ASTM, Petroleum Spirits, Petroleum Ether of varying boiling point ranges from 20 to 75°C (68 to 167°F)  
**Chemical Formula:** Not applicable  
**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions On Use:** Laboratory Reagent  
**Manufacturer / Supplier:** Puritan Products; 2290 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA 18017  
**Phone:** 610-866-4225  
**Emergency Phone Number:** 24-Hour Chemtrec Emergency Telephone 800-424-9300

2. Hazard(s) Identification

**Classification of the Substance or Mixture:**  
Flammable liquids (Category 2)  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B)  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1A)  
Aspiration hazard (Category 1)

**Risk Phrases:**  
R11: Highly flammable.  
R20: Harmful by inhalation.  
R22: Harmful if swallowed.  
R45: May cause cancer.  
R65: Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed.

**Label Elements:**

**Trade Name:** PETROLEUM ETHER  
**Signal Word:** Danger

**Hazard Statements:**  
H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapor.  
H304: May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H340: May cause genetic defects.  
H350: May cause cancer.
Precautionary Statements:
P201: Obtain special instructions before use.
P210: Keep away from heat / sparks / open flames / hot surfaces. No smoking.
P301 + P310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor / physician.
P308 + P313: If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice / attention.
P331: DO NOT induce vomiting.

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

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4. First-aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give Oxygen. Call a physician.

Ingestion: Aspiration hazard. If swallowed, vomiting may occur spontaneously, but DO NOT INDUCE. If vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration into lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician, immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

Note to Physician: Monitor all significant inhalations and all ingestions for signs of toxicity and development of pulmonary edema for at least 6 hours.

5. Fire-fighting Measures

Fire: Extremely Flammable Liquid and Vapor! Vapor may cause flash fire. Dangerous fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame. Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire.

Explosion: Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above. Sealed containers may rupture when heated. Sensitive to static discharge.

Fire Extinguishing Media: Dry chemical, foam or Carbon Dioxide. Water may be ineffective. Do not allow water runoff to enter sewers or waterways.

Special Information: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool. If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures. Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flash back.

5. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures: Ventilate area of leak or spill. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering.
Environmental Precautions and Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up:  Contain and recover liquid when possible. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e.g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth,) and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer! If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures.

7. Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling and Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities:  Protect against physical damage. Store in a cool, dry well-ventilated location, away from any area where the fire hazard may be acute. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Separate from incompatibles. Containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks. Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas. Use non-sparking type tools and equipment, including explosion proof ventilation. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid.) Observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

DANGER! DO NOT OPEN Unless Contents Are At Room Temperature (72F) or Below. Allow at least 24 hours for material to cool to room temperature before opening container.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits:
For VM&P Naphtha:
OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL): 300 ppm (TWA), 400 ppm (STEL)

Ventilation System:  A system of local and / or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices, most recent edition, for details.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):  If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half face organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to ten times (10X) the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full face piece organic vapor respirator may be worn up to 50 times (50X) the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full face piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in Oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Skin Protection:  Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact. Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

Eye Protection:  Use chemical safety goggles and / or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:  Clear, colorless liquid
Odor:  Gasoline or kerosene
Odor Threshold:  Not determined
pH:  Not determined
% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F): 100
Melting Point:  <-73C (< -99F)
Boiling Point / Boiling Range:  20 - 75C (68 - 167F)
Flash Point:  -18C (0F) CC (Petroleum Ether)
Evaporation Rate (BuAC=1):  ca. 10
Flammability:  Extremely Flammable Liquid and Vapor!
Upper / Lower Flammability or Explosive Limits:  Upper – 5.9 / Lower – 1.1 in air, % by volume (Petroleum Ether)
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):  ca. 40 @ 20C (68F)
Vapor Density (Air=1):  2.5
Relative Density:  0.64 g/cm3 at 25C (77F)
10. Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity and / or Chemical Stability: Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. Heat and sunlight can contribute to instability.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions and Conditions to Avoid: Heat, flame, ignition sources, incompatibles.

Incompatible Materials: Strong oxidizers. Will attack some forms of plastics, rubber and coatings.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

11. Toxicological Information

Emergency Overview: DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE. HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED. HARMFUL IF INHALED. MAY AFFECT CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

Potential Health Effects:

Inhalation: Inhalation may cause symptoms of intoxication and peripheral nerve disorders and central nervous system depression. Symptoms of overexposure include loss of appetite, muscle weakness, impairment of motor action, dizziness and drowsiness. May also cause throat irritation.

Ingestion: Local irritation with burning sensation in mouth, esophagus, and stomach. Vomiting, blurred vision, and diarrhea may also occur. Cases of chemical pneumonia have been reported from ingestion of this substance. Nervous system disorders paralleling those from inhalation exposure may also occur.

Skin Contact: May cause irritation. The liquid acts as a defatting agent on the skin.

Eye Contact: Vapors may cause irritation. Splashes may cause redness and pain.

Chronic Exposure: Prolonged overexposure may cause drying and cracking of the skin and associated dermatitis. No chronic systematic effects have been reported from widespread industrial use.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions: Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems, or impaired liver, kidney or respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure (Globally Harmonized System:) No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure (Globally Harmonized System:) No data available.

Numerical Measures of Toxicity: Cancer Lists: NTP Carcinogen

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Acute Toxicity: Inhalation rat LC50: 3400 ppm / 4h. Investigated as a reproductive effector.
12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: No information found.

Persistence and Degradability: When released into the soil, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. When released into water, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. When released into the air, this material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals.

Bioaccumulative Potential: This material has an estimated bioconcentration factor (BCF) of less than 100. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate.

Mobility in Soil: When released into the soil, this material is expected to quickly evaporate.

Other adverse effects: When released to water, this material is expected to quickly evaporate. When released into the air, this material is expected to have a half-life between 1 and 10 days. When released into the air, this material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by wet deposition.

13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved incinerator or disposed in a RCRA approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

UN Number: UN1268
UN Proper Shipping Name: PETROLEUM DISTILLATES, N.O.S. (PETROLEUM ETHER)
Packing Group: II

Land Transport ADR/RID and GGVS/GGVE (Cross Border / Domestic)
Transport Hazard Class(es): 3

Maritime Transport IMDG/GGVSea
Transport Hazard Class(es): 3
Marine Pollutant: No

Air Transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR
Transport Hazard Class(es): 3

Transport in Bulk (According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code): Not Applicable

Special Precautions for User: No additional information
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Chemical Weapons Convention: No

TSCA 12(b): No

CDTA: No

SARA 311/312:

Acute: Yes

Chronic: Yes

Fire: Yes

Pressure: No

Reactivity: No

Australian Hazchem Code: 3[Y]E

Poison Schedule: None allocated.

16. Other Information

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