Isobutyraldehyde

Colorless liquid, miscible with almost all common organic solvents; very slightly soluble in water

Chemical nature

Isobutyraldehyde, 2-Methylpropanal

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\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH} - \text{CHO}
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Molecular formula: C₄H₈O
Molar mass: 72.1 g/mol
CAS Number: 78-84-2
EC-Number: 201-149-6

Delivery specification

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Properties

Physical data

The following physical data were compiled from data in the literature and from BASF SE’s own measurement and calculations. They do not represent any legally-binding guarantee of properties for our sales product.

- Boiling range at 1013 hPa (DIN 53171): 63 – 65.4 °C
- Density at 20 °C (DIN 51757): 0.788 g/cm³
- Solidification point (at 1013 hPa): below – 50 °C
Applications

Isobutyraldehyde is an intermediate for the chemical industry, for example for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, crop protection products, pesticides, synthetic resins, antioxidants, vulcanisation accelerators, tanning auxiliaries, perfumes.

Storage & Handling

Isobutyraldehyde must be stored under nitrogen. The storage temperature must not exceed 40 °C. Under these conditions, a storage stability of 3 months can be expected. In order to minimize the likelihood of overstorage, the storage procedure should strictly follow the “first-in-first-out” principle.

Storage tanks and pipes must be made of stainless steel. Regulations for the storage and handling of flammable liquids must be observed (explosion proof electrical equipment, tanks, pumps and pipes must be earthed, etc.).

Safety

When using this product, the information and advice given in our Safety Data Sheet should be observed. Due attention should also be given to the precautions necessary for handling chemicals.

Note

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