



## Safety Data Sheet

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This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared in accordance with the REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 and its modifications.

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

#### 1.1. Product identifier

3M 991 Thinner/Retarder

#### Product Identification Numbers

75-0300-7301-1

7000030817

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

##### Identified uses

Thinner/retarder for screen printing inks

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

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#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

+44 (0)1344 858 000

### SECTION 2: Hazard identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008

##### CLASSIFICATION:

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation, Category 2 - Eye Irrit. 2; H319

For full text of H phrases, see Section 16.

#### 2.2. Label elements

CLP REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008

**SIGNAL WORD**

WARNING.

**Symbols:**

GHS07 (Exclamation mark) |

**Pictograms****Ingredients:**

Ingredient	CAS Nbr	EC No.	% by Wt
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	112-15-2	203-940-1	40 - 70

**HAZARD STATEMENTS:**

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS****Response:**

P305 + P351 + P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**2.3. Other hazards**

None known.

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

Ingredient	CAS Nbr	EC No.	REACH Registration No.	% by Wt	Classification
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	112-15-2	203-940-1	01-2119966911-29	40 - 70	Eye Irrit. 2, H319
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0		01-0000015637-64	40 - 70	Substance with a Community level exposure limit in the workplace

Please see section 16 for the full text of any H statements referred to in this section

For information on ingredient occupational exposure limits or PBT or vPvB status, see sections 8 and 12 of this SDS

**SECTION 4: First aid measures****4.1. Description of first aid measures****Inhalation**

Remove person to fresh air. If you feel unwell, get medical attention.

**Skin contact**

Wash with soap and water. If you feel unwell, get medical attention.

**Eye contact**

Immediately flush with large amounts of water. Remove contact lenses if easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention.

**If swallowed**

Rinse mouth. If you feel unwell, get medical attention.

**4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

See Section 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment required**

Not applicable

**SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures**

**5.1. Extinguishing media**

In case of fire: Use a fire fighting agent suitable for flammable liquids such as dry chemical or carbon dioxide to extinguish.

**5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Closed containers exposed to heat from fire may build pressure and explode.

**Hazardous Decomposition or By-Products**

**Substance**

Carbon monoxide.  
Carbon dioxide.

**Condition**

During combustion.  
During combustion.

**5.3. Advice for fire-fighters**

Water may not effectively extinguish fire; however, it should be used to keep fire-exposed containers and surfaces cool and prevent explosive rupture.

**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

**6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Evacuate area. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Use only non-sparking tools. Ventilate the area with fresh air. For large spill, or spills in confined spaces, provide mechanical ventilation to disperse or exhaust vapours, in accordance with good industrial hygiene practice. Warning! A motor could be an ignition source and could cause flammable gases or vapours in the spill area to burn or explode. Refer to other sections of this SDS for information regarding physical and health hazards, respiratory protection, ventilation, and personal protective equipment.

**6.2. Environmental precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. For larger spills, cover drains and build dykes to prevent entry into sewer systems or bodies of water.

**6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spill. Working from around the edges of the spill inward, cover with bentonite, vermiculite, or commercially available inorganic absorbent material. Mix in sufficient absorbent until it appears dry. Remember, adding an absorbent material does not remove a physical, health, or environmental hazard. Collect as much of the spilled material as possible using non-sparking tools. Place in a closed container approved for transportation by appropriate authorities. Clean up residue with detergent and water. Seal the container. Dispose of collected material as soon as possible.

**6.4. Reference to other sections**

Refer to Section 8 and Section 13 for more information

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

For industrial or professional use only. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with oxidising agents (eg. chlorine, chromic acid etc.)

### **7.2. Conditions for safe storage including any incompatibilities**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Keep container tightly closed. Store away from acids. Store away from oxidising agents.

### **7.3. Specific end use(s)**

See information in Section 7.1 and 7.2 for handling and storage recommendations. See Section 8 for exposure controls and personal protection recommendations.

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Occupational exposure limits**

If a component is disclosed in section 3 but does not appear in the table below, an occupational exposure limit is not available for the component.

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>CAS Nbr</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Limit type</b>	<b>Additional comments</b>
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Manufacturer determined	TWA:100 ppm;STEL:150 ppm	SKIN

UK HSC : UK Health and Safety Commission  
TWA: Time-Weighted-Average  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
CEIL: Ceiling

#### **Biological limit values**

No biological limit values exist for any of the components listed in Section 3 of this safety data sheet.

### **8.2. Exposure controls**

In addition, refer to the annex for more information.

#### **8.2.1. Engineering controls**

Use general dilution ventilation and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne exposures to below relevant Exposure Limits and/or control dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. If ventilation is not adequate, use respiratory protection equipment.

#### **8.2.2. Personal protective equipment (PPE)**

##### **Eye/face protection**

Select and use eye/face protection to prevent contact based on the results of an exposure assessment. The following eye/face protection(s) are recommended:

Indirect vented goggles.

##### *Applicable Norms/Standards*

Use eye protection conforming to EN 166

##### **Skin/hand protection**

No chemical protective gloves are required.

**Respiratory protection**

An exposure assessment may be needed to decide if a respirator is required. If a respirator is needed, use respirators as part of a full respiratory protection program. Based on the results of the exposure assessment, select from the following respirator type(s) to reduce inhalation exposure:

Half facepiece or full facepiece air-purifying respirator suitable for organic vapours and particulates

For questions about suitability for a specific application, consult with your respirator manufacturer.

*Applicable Norms/Standards*

Use a respirator conforming to EN 140 or EN 136: filter types A & P

**8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls**

Refer to Annex

**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties****9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Specific Physical Form:</b>	Liquid.
<b>Appearance/Odour</b>	clear, solvent odour
<b>Odour threshold</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>pH</b>	<i>Not applicable.</i>
<b>Boiling point/boiling range</b>	$\geq 208.9$ °C
<b>Melting point</b>	<i>Not applicable.</i>
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not classified
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not classified
<b>Flash point</b>	85.6 °C [ <i>Test Method</i> :Tagliabue closed cup]
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>Flammable Limits(LEL)</b>	1 %
<b>Flammable Limits(UEL)</b>	19.4 %
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	$\leq 206.6$ Pa [ <i>@ 20 °C</i> ]
<b>Relative density</b>	0.98 [ <i>Ref Std</i> :WATER=1]
<b>Water solubility</b>	approximately 69.4 g/100 g
<b>Solubility- non-water</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	$\leq 1$ [ <i>Ref Std</i> :BUOAC=1]
<b>Vapour density</b>	$\leq 6.1$ [ <i>Ref Std</i> :AIR=1]
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>Viscosity</b>	1 - 100 mPa-s
<b>Density</b>	0.98 g/ml

**9.2. Other information**

<b>EU Volatile Organic Compounds</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>Molecular weight</b>	<i>No data available.</i>
<b>Percent volatile</b>	100 % weight

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity****10.1 Reactivity**

This material is considered to be non reactive under normal use conditions

## 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable.

## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

## 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Sparks and/or flames.

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidising agents.

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Condition</u>
None known.	

Refer to section 5.2 for hazardous decomposition products during combustion.

# SECTION 11: Toxicological information

The information below may not agree with the EU material classification in Section 2 and/or the ingredient classifications in Section 3 if specific ingredient classifications are mandated by a competent authority. In addition, statements and data presented in Section 11 are based on UN GHS calculation rules and classifications derived from 3M assessments.

## 11.1 Information on Toxicological effects

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Based on test data and/or information on the components, this material may produce the following health effects:

#### Inhalation

Respiratory tract irritation: Signs/symptoms may include cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, headache, hoarseness, and nose and throat pain. May cause additional health effects (see below).

#### Skin contact

Contact with the skin during product use is not expected to result in significant irritation.

#### Eye contact

Severe eye irritation: Signs/symptoms may include significant redness, swelling, pain, tearing, cloudy appearance of the cornea, and impaired vision.

#### Ingestion

Gastrointestinal irritation: Signs/symptoms may include abdominal pain, stomach upset, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. May cause additional health effects (see below).

### Additional Health Effects:

#### Single exposure may cause target organ effects:

Central nervous system (CNS) depression: Signs/symptoms may include headache, dizziness, drowsiness, incoordination, nausea, slowed reaction time, slurred speech, giddiness, and unconsciousness.

### Toxicological Data

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If a component is disclosed in section 3 but does not appear in a table below, either no data are available for that endpoint or the data are not sufficient for classification.

**Acute Toxicity**

Name	Route	Species	Value
Overall product	Ingestion		No data available; calculated ATE >5,000 mg/kg
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Dermal	Rat	LD50 > 2,000 mg/kg
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Inhalation-Dust/Mist (4 hours)	Rat	LC50 > 5.7 mg/l
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Ingestion	Rat	LD50 > 5,000 mg/kg
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Dermal	Rabbit	LD50 15,000 mg/kg
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Ingestion	Rat	LD50 11,000 mg/kg

ATE = acute toxicity estimate

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation**

Name	Species	Value
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Rabbit	No significant irritation
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Human and animal	Minimal irritation

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation**

Name	Species	Value
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Rabbit	No significant irritation
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Rabbit	Severe irritant

**Skin Sensitisation**

Name	Species	Value
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Guinea pig	Not classified
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Human and animal	Not classified

**Respiratory Sensitisation**

For the component/components, either no data is currently available or the data is not sufficient for classification.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

Name	Route	Value
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	In Vitro	Not mutagenic
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	In vivo	Not mutagenic
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	In Vitro	Not mutagenic

**Carcinogenicity**

For the component/components, either no data is currently available or the data is not sufficient for classification.

**Reproductive Toxicity****Reproductive and/or Developmental Effects**

For the component/components, either no data is currently available or the data is not sufficient for classification.

**Target Organ(s)****Specific Target Organ Toxicity - single exposure**

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Name	Route	Target Organ(s)	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Inhalation	central nervous system depression	May cause drowsiness or dizziness	Human and animal	NOAEL Not available	not applicable
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Ingestion	central nervous system depression	May cause drowsiness or dizziness	Multiple animal species	NOAEL Not available	not applicable

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - repeated exposure**

Name	Route	Target Organ(s)	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethylethoxy)-, acetate	Ingestion	liver   heart   endocrine system   hematopoietic system   kidney and/or bladder	Not classified	Rat	NOAEL 1,000 mg/kg/day	4 weeks
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	Inhalation	respiratory system   liver   immune system   kidney and/or bladder	Not classified	Rat	NOAEL 0.48 mg/l	2 weeks

**Aspiration Hazard**

For the component/components, either no data is currently available or the data is not sufficient for classification.

**Please contact the address or phone number listed on the first page of the SDS for additional toxicological information on this material and/or its components.**

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

The information below may not agree with the EU material classification in Section 2 and/or the ingredient classifications in Section 3 if specific ingredient classifications are mandated by a competent authority. In addition, statements and data presented in Section 12 are based on UN GHS calculation rules and classifications derived from 3M assessments.

**12.1. Toxicity**

No product test data available.

Material	CAS Nbr	Organism	Type	Exposure	Test endpoint	Test result
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl acetate	112-15-2	Fathead minnow	Experimental	96 hours	LC50	110 mg/l
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethyl ethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Fathead minnow	Experimental	96 hours	LC50	151 mg/l
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethyl ethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Water flea	Experimental	48 hours	LC50	1,090 mg/l
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethyl ethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Green algae	Experimental	72 hours	EC50	>1,000 mg/l



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Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethyl ethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Green algae	Experimental	72 hours	NOEC	>=1,000 mg/l
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**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

Material	CAS Nbr	Test type	Duration	Study Type	Test result	Protocol
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy) ethyl acetate	112-15-2	Experimental Biodegradation	28 days	BOD	100 % weight	OECD 301C - MITI test (I)
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethyl ethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Experimental Biodegradation	28 days	BOD	67 % weight	Other methods

**12.3 : Bioaccumulative potential**

Material	CAS Nbr	Test type	Duration	Study Type	Test result	Protocol
2-(2-Ethoxyethoxy) ethyl acetate	112-15-2	Estimated Bioconcentration		Log Kow	0.32	Estimated: Octanol-water partition coefficient
Propanol, 1(or 2)-(2-methoxymethyl ethoxy)-, acetate	88917-22-0	Experimental Bioconcentration		Log Kow	0.61	Other methods

**12.4. Mobility in soil**

Please contact manufacturer for more details

**12.5. Results of the PBT and vPvB assessment**

No information available at this time, contact manufacturer for more details

**12.6. Other adverse effects**

No information available.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods**

See Section 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Incinerate in a permitted waste incineration facility. Proper destruction may require the use of additional fuel during incineration processes. Empty drums/barrels/containers used for transporting and handling hazardous chemicals (chemical substances/mixtures/preparations classified as Hazardous as per applicable regulations) shall be considered, stored, treated & disposed of as hazardous wastes unless otherwise defined by applicable waste regulations. Consult with the respective regulating authorities to determine the available treatment and disposal facilities.

The coding of a waste stream is based on the application of the product by the consumer. Since this is out of the control of 3M, no waste code(s) for products after use will be provided. Please refer to the European Waste Code (EWC - 2000/532/EC and amendments) to assign the correct waste code to your waste stream. Ensure national and/or regional regulations are

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complied with and always use a licensed waste contractor.

### EU waste code (product as sold)

070104\* Other organic solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors  
20 01 13\* Solvents

## SECTION 14: Transportation information

75-0300-7301-1

Not hazardous for transportation

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### Global inventory status

Contact 3M for more information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of the Korea Chemical Control Act. Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of Australia National Industrial Chemical Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS). Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of Philippines RA 6969 requirements. Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this product are in compliance with the new substance notification requirements of CEPA. The components of this product are in compliance with the chemical notification requirements of TSCA. This product complies with Measures on Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances. All ingredients are listed on or exempt from on China IECSC inventory.

### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

A chemical safety assessment has been carried out for the relevant substances in this material by the registrant in accordance with regulation REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006

## SECTION 16: Other information

### List of relevant H statements

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

### Revision information:

Section 01: SAP Material Numbers information was added.

CLP: Ingredient table information was modified.

Section 2: Graphic information information was deleted.

Section 2: Indication of danger information information was deleted.

Label: CLP Classification information was modified.

Label: CLP Precautionary - Prevention information was deleted.

Label: CLP Precautionary - Response information was added.

Label: Signal Word information was modified.

Section 2: Label ingredient information information was deleted.

Section 2: R phrase reference information was deleted.

Risk phrase information was deleted.

Section 3: Composition/ Information of ingredients table information was added.

Section 3: Composition/ Information of ingredients table information was deleted.

Section 3: Reference to H statement explanation in Section 016 information was added.

Section 3: Reference to R and H statement explanation in Section 16 information was deleted.

Section 3: Reference to section 15 for Nota info information was deleted.

Section 4: First aid for eye contact information information was modified.  
Section 6: Accidental release personal information information was modified.  
Section 7: Precautions safe handling information information was modified.  
Section 8: 8.2. Exposure controls information information was added.  
Section 8: 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls information information was added.  
Section 8: Eye protection information information was deleted.  
Section 8: Eye/face protection information information was added.  
Section 8: Occupational exposure limit table information was modified.  
Section 8: Personal Protection - Eye information information was added.  
Section 9: Evaporation Rate information information was modified.  
Section 9: Property description for optional properties information was added.  
Section 9: Property description for optional properties information was deleted.  
Section 9: Viscosity information information was modified.  
Section 11: Health Effects - Eye information information was modified.  
Section 11: Reproductive and/or Developmental Effects text information was deleted.  
Section 11: Reproductive Toxicity Table information was deleted.  
Section 11: Serious Eye Damage/Irritation Table information was modified.  
Section 11: Skin Sensitization Table information was modified.  
Section 11: Specific Target Organ Toxicity - single exposure text information was added.  
Section 11: Target Organs - Repeated Table information was modified.  
Section 12: Component ecotoxicity information information was modified.  
Section 12: Persistence and Degradability information information was modified.  
Section 12: Biocumulative potential information information was modified.  
Section 15: Chemical Safety Assessment information was modified.  
Section 15: Regulations - Inventories information was modified.  
Section 15: Symbol information information was deleted.  
Section 16: List of relevant R phrase information information was deleted.  
Section 16: List of relevant R-phrases information was deleted.  
Two-column table displaying the unique list of H Codes and statements (std phrases) for all components of the given material. information was modified.

## **Annex**

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