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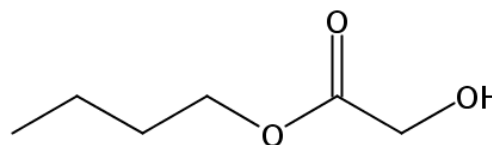
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Product Name: Polysolvan® O

Chemical Name: Butyl glycollate

CAS number: 7397-62-8

Celanese (bulk) Material number: 50000882



The Product is also available from Celanese as packed goods in IBC and drums.

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General

Further literature to the Product, such as Safety Data Sheet, Brochures and Specifications can be retrieved from Celanese website www.celanese.com.

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Product Description

Polysolvan® O is a colorless liquid with a very faint, ester-like odor. It contains no ethanol. Polysolvan® O is miscible with the common organic solvents, but only partially miscible with water.

In view of the thermal stability of Polysolvan® O as a “2-hydroxy ester”, reactions such as glycolide formation, transesterification, saponification and etherification are likely at elevated temperatures, especially at boiling point (180 °C). The effect of the resultant changes is an extension of the boiling range upwards.

Dissolving power:

Polysolvan® O has excellent dissolving power for polyvinyl acetates, polyvinyl butyrals, vinyl acetate/vinyl chloride/dicarboxylic acid copolymers, nitric acid esters of cellulose (nitrocellulose, celluloid), cellulose ethers, chlorinated rubber, many natural and synthetic resins and most oils and plasticizers.

The following substances are sparingly soluble:

Manila copal, shellac, acetic acid esters of cellulose (cellulose acetate), polystyrene (painted articles), indene resin and alkyd resins modified with oleic acid or fatty acid.

Polysolvan® O does not dissolve:

Dammar, rubber, bitumen, aldehyde resins, polyisobutylene, painted articles made of polyvinyl chloride (not post-chlorinated) and polyvinyl carbazole, polymethacrylates and polyacrylates.

Because of its very low volatility Polysolvan® O is used chiefly as a paint additive in the form of a highly effective flow agent. When added in amounts of 3-5 % it gives nitrocellulose lacquers excellent gloss and smooth flow properties. To produce a higher gloss the amount of Polysolvan® O in leather lacquers based on nitrocellulose can be increased.

Because of its faint odor Polysolvan® O is also used in brush-applied paints. Although Polysolvan® O hardly dissolves cellulose acetate at all, it can be added to cellulose acetate paints to prevent blushing at high relative humidity. Similarly it is used as a paint additive in alkyd resin and oil paints. The occasionally severe wrinkling of various oil paints can be largely prevented by an addition of 1 – 2 % Polysolvan® O.

The addition of Polysolvan® O as a high-boiling solvent to stoving finishes effects uniform flow of the paint film. Polysolvan® O is also employed in the manufacture of printing inks, where extremely faint odor, high boiling point and low volatility are of particular importance.

The high dilutability of Polysolvan® O has a beneficial effect in all applications. A highly successful use of the product is in lowering the minimum film-forming temperature (DIN 53 787) of polyvinyl acetate dispersions. When Polysolvan® O is added, it might happen that initial thickening occurs as a result of partial dissolving of the polymer particles; slow addition is therefore recommended. Furthermore it is advisable first to emulsify Polysolvan® O with an equal quantity of water.

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Physical properties

Data are intended for the purpose of product description and are not the subject of continuous monitoring. Further physical properties and characteristic data as well as information on safety and handling are listed in the safety data sheet and the sales specifications. Please consult www.celanese.com.

Property	Metric Units	English Units
Boiling Point @ 101.3 kPa (14.69 psi)	180 °C	356 °F
Density @20 °C (68 °F) (DIN 51 757, method D)	1.015 – 1.023 g/cm ³	
Dielectric Constant @20 °C (68 °F) (DIN 53 484)	approx. 13	
Electrical conductivity @20 °C (68 °F)	approx. 2.5 · 10 ⁻⁷ S	
Evaporation (DIN 53 249, dipentene)	approx. 18 % (w/w)	
Evaporation number (DIN 53 170, diethyl ether=1)	approx. 460	
Heat of Vaporization (atmospheric)	approx. 373 J/g	approx. 160.4 Btu/lb _m
Melting Point	- 26 °C	< - 4 °F
Molar Mass	132.16 g/mole	
Refractive Index n _D ²⁰	1.425 – 1.427	
Solubility in water @20 °C (68 °F)	46 g/l	
Specific heat @20 °C (68 °F)	approx. 2.1 kJ/(kg·K)	approx. 0.502 Btu/(lb _m ·°F)
Vapor Density @20 °C (68 °F) (Air=1)	4.57	
Vapor Pressure @ 20 °C (68 °F)	1.3 mbar	0.0189 psia
Viscosity @20 °C (68 °F) (calculated)	5.23 mPa·s	
Water absorption @20 °C (68 °F)	25 % (w/w)	

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Storage and Handling Recommendations

Storage

Recommended Blanketing	Dry Nitrogen ^{a, b, c}
Recommended Temperature	
Maximum	100 °F (37.8 °C)
Minimum	32 °F (0 °C)
Recommended pressure	Atmospheric
Bulk Quantities	Outside, detached tanks
Small Containers	Cool, dry, well ventilated area

- Refer to National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) #77 “Static Electricity” or the respective national technical code for proper electrical grounding procedures.
- See the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) #30 “Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code” or the respective national technical code and consult with qualified fire protection specialists to determine specific storage tank design requirements.
- Blanketing may be used to retain quality in long-term storage conditions.

Handling

- Thoroughly review Safety Data Sheet before handling product.
- Protect small containers from physical damage. Keep containers closed when not in use. Open containers slowly to allow any excess pressure to vent.
- Keep away from heat, sparks, flame or other sources of ignition. Use spark-resistant tools.
- See the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) #30 “Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code” or the respective national technical code and consult with qualified fire protection specialists to determine specific storage tank design requirements.
- Use proper electrical grounding and bonding procedures when loading, unloading and transferring. Refer to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) #77 “Recommended Practice for Static Electricity” or the respective national technical code for proper electrical grounding procedures.
- Electrical equipment and circuits in all storage and handling areas must conform to requirements of national electrical code (Articles 500 and 501) or the respective national technical code for hazardous location.
- Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for more information on materials to avoid.
- Blanketing may be used to retain quality in long-term storage conditions.
- For further information on safety and handling, please use the following link:
<https://www.celanese.com/sds-search>

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Materials of Construction

Unit / element	Acceptable Material	Alternate Material
Tank	Stainless Steel ^a	Aluminum
Piping	Stainless Steel ^a	Aluminum
Valves	Stainless Steel ^a	-
Pumps	Stainless Steel ^a	-
Relief Valves	Stainless Steel ^a	-
Gaskets	Glass filled PTFE ^b	PTFE ^b
Pump Seals	Single Mechanical Seal: Stainless Steel / Hastelloy C-276 metallic components, Kalrez O-rings	-
Valve Packing	PTFE ^b	Braided PTFE ^b
Pipe End Connections	Welded and flanged system	Threaded with PTFE ^b tape
Heat Exchanger	Product side: Stainless Steel ^a	-
Hoses	Stainless Steel ^a	Aluminum
Tank Truck	Stainless Steel ^a	Aluminum
Tank Car	Stainless Steel ^a	Aluminum
Barge	Stainless Steel ^a	-
Ship Tank	Stainless Steel ^a	-

- a. Type 304 or 316 Stainless Steel
 b. Polytetrafluoroethylene

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Product Quality Statements

Manufacturing Locations

The Product is produced at manufacturing location in Frankfurt (Germany).

- Industrial Park Frankfurt-Hoechst
 Brueningstr. 50
 65926 Frankfurt
 Germany

ISO Certification

The Product is a technical grade material produced under ISO 9001 rules. Certificates are available at Celanese web page (Select Filter "Intermediate Chemistry" and additional filters to retrieve the Certificate from the respective Manufacturing site):

<https://www.celanese.com/certificate-search>

Specification

The Product is supplied according to Celanese Sales Specification. A copy of the Sales Specification is attached to this dossier.

1. Celanese has a product traceability and withdrawal/recall program in place which we believe is appropriate for technical grade products.
2. The Product is not manufactured under GMP rules.
3. Celanese makes no nutrition statement.
4. There is no food or pharmaceutical grade hazard assessment program available for the Product.

Analytical Methods

Applied analytical methods according to the sales specifications provided as attachment.

Specifications	Analytical Methods ⁽¹⁾
Total Esters (M=132 g/mol) ⁽²⁾	DIN 51 405 (GC)
Water	DIN 51 777 / ASTM D 1364 (mod. Karl-Fischer-Method)
Acid Number	DIN EN ISO 2114 / ASTM D 1613
Color	DIN EN 1557 / DIN ISO 6271 / ASTM D 1209 / ASTM 5386
Density at 20 °C	DIN 51 757 Method D
Appearance	Visual Examination

¹ Alternative equivalent methods can be used at Celanese Terminals.

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Manufacturing Process & Raw Materials

The production of the Product relies on chemical synthesis. Monochloroacetic Acid and Butanol are being used as raw materials for the synthesis according to the chemical equation:

Monochloroacetic Acid + Butanol → Butyl glycolate + Sodium Chloride

The Sodium Chloride is separated from the Product. The crude Product is purified via distillation.

Celanese does not use raw materials of animal origin. During the manufacturing process, the material does not come into contact with materials of animal origin.

Shelf Life

The shelf life of the Product is one year.

The shelf life dates from the date of packaging, and for bulk deliveries this is the date of loading. This period is in general applicable to material

- packaged in discrete containers such as drums or bulk containers and
- stored under conditions recommended by Celanese.

For the Product this entails storage at ambient temperatures in tightly sealed, undamaged containers in a cool and well-ventilated place under dry air or dry nitrogen blanket. Blanketing may be used to retain quality in long term storage conditions, especially to prevent access of humidity.

Most products will have a longer useful life, but should be examined by the owner at its sole responsibility at the end of the recommended storage life to determine purity and condition of product. Bulk storage life, under recommended storage conditions, may be longer if the Product is routinely monitored for specific indications of the condition of the material, or if the Product in the tank is removed and replenished with fresh material on a routine basis. Any use of the Product after expiration of the shelf life is the sole responsibility of the buyer.

Radiation

The Product is not subjected to any artificial radiation.

Regulatory Statements

Animal Testing

The Product was not subject of animal testing for cosmetic purposes by or on behalf of Celanese in order to meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on cosmetic products.

As a chemical products manufacturer and importer, Celanese is required to participate in the chemical industry's efforts to ensure the protection of human health and the environment, and also has obligations under the REACH regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals).

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Celanese practice is to extensively search internally and externally for existing toxicological information before initiating testing. Where existing information does not exist for relevant endpoints, a comprehensive effort will be made to avoid the use of animals by employing alternative methods. When other means have been exhausted and animal testing may be required to develop data to ensure the protection of health and the environment, scientifically sound techniques to reduce the numbers of animals will be used. All applicable animal welfare laws will be followed to ensure care and compassion are exercised.

BSE/TSE

The Product is not derived from human or animal sources and thus we are not aware of any BSE/TSE.

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

The chemistry to manufacture the Product does not use genetically modified or engineered organisms or biomaterials. No GMO/GME substances are added to the Product.

Global Country Inventories

The substance is listed in the following country inventories:

Chemical Inventory Status	listed	comments
Australia (AIC)	yes	
Canada (DSL)	yes	
China (IECSC)	yes	
Japan (ENCS)	yes	
New Zealand (NZIOC)	yes	
Philippines (PICCS)	yes	
USA (TSCA)*	yes	active
Korea (KECI)	yes	
Taiwan (TCSI)	yes	
Mexico (INSQ)	yes	

* It is not subject to any action under TSCA Section 4, 5, 6, 8a, 8d, or 12b.

Allergens

The Product does not, based on Celanese's knowledge, contain the following substances and products thereof commonly associated with food allergens:

- Peanut
- Soya
- Bean
- Milk
- Egg
- Fish
- Peas
- Barley
- Lupine
- Molluscs
- Sulfur Dioxide
- Sulphites
- Tree nuts
- Wheat
- Crustaceans
- Gluten
- Glycerol
- Mustard

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Excluded substances

These substances are not, based on Celanese's knowledge, present in the Product. They are not known to be generated in the production process, nor are we aware of such substances appearing as impurities in the raw materials. However, we do not have a specification for those substances, nor do we analyze for them.

Normal trace levels of metals may be found in the product.

- 1,4-Dioxane
- Aflatoxins
- Algaecide / biocide
- Alkyl phenol ethoxylates (APEO)
- Aromatic amines
- Aromatic hydrocarbons
- Asbestos
- Azo compounds
- BADGE (2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane bis(2,3-epoxypropyl) ether)
- BFDGE (bis(hydroxyphenyl)methane bis(2,3-epoxypropyl) ethers)
- Bisphenol A
- Bisphenol F
- Brominated flame retardants
- Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT)
- Coloring Agents / Dyes
- Cytokines
- Dioxins
- Epoxy compounds
- Ethylene oxide
- Flame retardants
- Fluorochemicals
- Formaldehyde and Formaldehyde releasers
- Glycol ethers
- Gold
- Hybridoma cells
- Jatropha
- Melamine
- Microplastics
- Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons (MOAH)
- Mineral Oil Saturated Hydrocarbons (MOSH)
- Monoclonal antibodies
- Nanomaterials
- Nanoparticle-based protein Therapeutics
- Naphthalene
- Natural Latex
- Nitrates
- Nitrogen oxide
- Nitrosamines
- Nitrosating agents
- NOGE (novolac glycidyl ether)
- Organotin compounds
- Ortho phenyl phenol (OPP)
- Ozone depleting substances
- Palm Oils / Palm Kernel Oils
- Paradichlorobenzene (PDCB)
- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)²
- Pesticides
- Phosphates
- Phthalates
- Pigments
- Plasticizers
- Polybrominated substances
- Polychlorinated substances
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- Protein subunits
- Radioactive substances
- Sewer sludge
- Silicones
- Subunit vaccines from in-vitro cell culture
- Tantalum
- Tin
- Tribromophenol
- Triclosan
- Tris (nonylphenyl) phosphite
- Tungsten
- Viral vectors and Viral vector derived products

² PFAS as defined by the OECD: PFAS definition published by Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) provided at this [LINK](#) (last accessed on 25 July 2024) or via DOI 10.1787/e458e796-en

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EU REACH

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

Celanese is aware of the obligations imposed by REACH on EU manufacturers and importers as well as on downstream users.

We are obliged to comply with the requirements of the REACH legislation relating to our European manufacturing facilities, our own imports as well as our obligations as a downstream user in the European chemical industry.

Should you require additional information on REACH and SVHC, please contact Celanese at REACH@celanese.com.

Food & Food Contact

Celanese produces and offers the Product exclusively as a technical product. The Product is not of a Food or Food contact grade. Any suitability for use is the sole responsibility of the buyer to verify fitness of the Product for the intended use and fitness of the final good for introduction into the market and to ensure compliance of the final goods with the relevant regulations.

Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

Status: 21st January 2021

Regulation 10/2011/EU applies to the materials and articles specified in Article 2 of this regulation. Since the Product is a technical grade material as sold by Celanese, it does not fall under the scope of this regulation.

The Product is not listed by name in Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 as amended.

It cannot be evaluated by Celanese whether Article 6 *Derogations for substances not included in the Union list* might apply for the customer's use of the Product.

Packaging Inks in Swiss Ordinance of the FDHA on Materials and Articles (817.023.21)

Status: 21st January 2021

Packaging inks are regulated in the section 12 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on Materials and Articles, and the provisions of this Section apply to packaging inks as specific constituent elements of materials and articles.

General listings in Annex 2 and Annex 10 to the Swiss Ordinance of the FDHA on Materials and Articles (817.023.21):

Annex 2
 No entry

Annex 10

1	Nr.	1791
2	Bezeichnung des Stoffes	Acetic acid, 2-hydroxybutyl ester

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4	Ref-Nr.	10120
5	Verwendung	S
6	Teil	B
7	SML [mg/kg]	

Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (recast) (RoHS)

Status: 21st January 2021

The Product as supplied by Celanese does not fall within the scope of directive 2011/65/EU, since it applies to electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) "falling within the categories set out in Annex I." (Art. 2)

Annex II of Directive 2011/65/EU lists "Restricted substances [...] and maximum concentration values tolerated by weight in homogeneous materials"

- Lead (0.1 %)
- Mercury (0.1 %)
- Cadmium (0.01 %)
- Hexavalent chromium (0.1 %)
- Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) (0.1 %)
- Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) (0.1 %)
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (0,1 %)
- Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP) (0,1 %)
- Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (0,1 %)
- Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (0,1 %)

The Product, based on Celanese's knowledge, does not contain these substances at the required limits. However, these substances are not routinely tested in our analytical procedures and quality control system, therefore, analytical data on the existence/non-existence of these substances cannot be provided.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Status: 21st January 2021

The Product fulfills the criteria and is considered a VOC according to

- 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (Recast)
- 2004/42/CE on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in certain paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products (Paints Directive)
- Swiss OVOC, Ordinance on the Incentive Tax on Volatile Organic Compounds 814.018

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Attachment I: Sales Specifications

Polysolvan® O (Glycolic acid n-butyl ester) CAS-No. 7397-62-8

Sales Specification

Specifications ⁽¹⁾		Limit	Unit
Total Esters (M=132 g/mol) ⁽²⁾	min.	97.0	wt. %
Water	max.	500	ppm
Acid Number	max.	0.22	mg KOH/g
Color	max.	10	Pt-Co
Density at 20 °C	-	1.015 – 1.023	g/cm ³
Appearance	-	CFSM ⁽³⁾	-

(1) Test methods available upon request.

(2) Sum of Glycolic acid butyl ester, Butoxy acetic acid butyl ester, Diglycolic acid dibutyl ester, calculated as Glycolic acid butyl ester.

(3) Clear and Free from Suspended Matter.

Product Numbers: 50000882

Additional Product numbers in use for other packaging. Please contact your Sales Support.

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