Standard Operating Procedure

Diazomehane

*This is an SOP template and is not complete until: 1) lab specific information is entered into the box below 2) lab specific protocol/procedure is added to the protocol/procedure section and   
3) SOP has been signed and dated by the PI and relevant lab personnel.*

Print a copy and insert into your   
*Laboratory Safety Manual* and *Chemical Hygiene Plan*.   
Refer to instructions for assistance.

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| **Department:** | Click here to enter text. |
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| **Date SOP was approved by PI/lab supervisor:** | Click here to enter a date. |
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| **Internal Lab Safety Coordinator/Lab Manager:** | Click here to enter text. |
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**Type of SOP:** ☐ Process ☒Hazardous Chemical ☐ Hazardous Class

**Purpose:**

Diazomethane is extremely explosive at room temperature in its pure form. For safety and convenience diazomethane is always prepared as needed as a solution in ether and used as such. It converts carboxylic acids into their methyl esters or into their homologues. Diazomethane is also frequently used as a carbene source and a popular methylating agent.

**Physical & Chemical Properties/Definition of Chemical Group**

CAS# 334-88-3

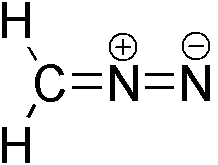
Class: **Acute Toxin**

Molecular Formula: CH2N2

Form (Physical State): Yellow gas with a musty odor

Boiling point: -23°C

Melting point: -145°C

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**Potential Hazards/Toxicity**

Extremely Flammable, Explosive, Harmful by Inhalation, Frostbite by Skin Contact, Possible Carcinogen

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Hand protection**

Handle with cold-insulating gloves. Gloves should be inspected prior to use. Wash and dry hands after handling.

**Eye protection**

Face shield or safety goggles. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear long pants, closed toed shoes, and a flame retardant lab coat.

**Hygiene measures**

Avoid inhalation and contact with skin. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Lab personnel intending to use/wear a respirator mask must be trained and fit-tested by ORS and should contact occhealt@uga.edu. This is a UGA requirement described in more detail in the [UGA Respiratory Protection Plan](https://esd.uga.edu/sites/default/files/respiratoryprotection.pdf) and supported by the [Office of Research Occupational Health and Safety Program](https://research.uga.edu/ohsp/).

**Engineering Controls**

Work with this chemical in a certified ducted fume hood. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

**First Aid Procedures**

**If inhaled**

Move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Frostbite can occur if chemical is in its liquid physical form. Carefully rinse with plenty of water and do not remove clothes. Refer for medical attention. Wear protective gloves when administering first aid.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**Special Handling and Storage Requirements**

**Precautions for safe handling**

Handle chemical in a well-ventilated area, away from shock, friction, and open flames. Prevent electric static build-up with a grounding cable.

**Conditions for safe storage**

Diazomethane should be stored in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area in tightly sealed containers.

**Spill and Accident Procedure**

**Chemical Spill Dial 911**

**24-7 On-Call Response to Research, Environment, Health or Safety Concerns Dial 2-5561 from a campus phone or 706-542-5561 from a non-campus line.**

**Spill** – Follow the procedures set out in the [UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.](http://research.uga.edu/docs/units/safety/manuals/Chemical-Laboratory-Safety-Manual.pdf)

[If there are any chemical-specific protocols for responding to a spill, insert them here or mark “none”:]

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**Medical Emergency Dial 911**

**Life Threatening Emergency, After Hours, Weekends And Holidays** – Dial **911** or the emergency phone numbers listed at the beginning of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Non-Life Threatening Emergency** – Follow the instructions in the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Decontamination/Waste Disposal Procedure**

**For general hazardous waste disposal procedures, see Appendix H of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.**

**Chemical Specific Procedures: [to be inserted or marked as “none”]**

If the leak is in the liquid form, allow diazomethane to evaporate. Dispose of any rinse generated from washing as hazardous waste. Dispose of the container as hazardous waste.

**Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Location**

UGA personnel can access Online SDS through a link in the upper left corner of the ESD home page (<https://esd.uga.edu>) and logging in by using their UGA email user name and password.

**Protocol/Procedure**

***(Add specific description of procedure)***

**NOTE**

Any deviation from this SOP requires approval from PI.

**Documentation of Training** (signature of all users is required)

* Prior to conducting any work with di-isodecyl phthalate, designated personnel must provide training to his/her laboratory personnel specific to the hazards involved in working with this substance, work area decontamination, and emergency procedures.
* The Principal Investigator must provide his/her laboratory personnel with a copy of this SOP and access to the SDS provided by the manufacturer.
* The Principal Investigator must ensure that his/her laboratory personnel have attended appropriate laboratory safety training or refresher training within the last 12 months.

**Principal Investigator SOP Approval**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date:

I have read and understand the content of this SOP:

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