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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

### Product identifier

Product name: ELECTROLYTE A3-I  
Cat. No. 40900012 (part of 40900011)

Container size: 960 ml

### Recommended use and restrictions on use

Application: For electrolytic preparation of metallographic specimens. (\*)

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

Supplier: Struers Ltd  
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Responsible for safety data sheet authoring: Responsible for safety data sheet authoring: DHI  
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### Emergency telephone number

Alberta & NWT:  
Poison & Drug Information Service (PADIS): 1-800-332-1414  
British Columbia:  
Drug and Poison Information Centre (DPIC): 604-682-5050 / 1-800-567-8911  
Ontario:  
Poison Centre: 1-800-268-9017  
Québec:  
Poison Control Centre: 1-800-463-5060  
  
Infotrac:  
1-800-535-5053  
Struers CAN:  
+1 (905) 8148855  
(Only during office hours)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification of the hazardous product

WHMIS 2015: Flammable Liquids — Category 2  
Acute (Oral) Toxicity — Category 3  
Acute (Dermal) Toxicity — Category 3  
Acute (Inhalation) Toxicity — Category 3  
Skin Irritation — Category 2  
Eye Irritation — Category 2  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity — Single Exposure — Category 1

### Label elements

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## Danger

- H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
- H301 + H311 + H331 Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
- H315 Causes skin irritation.
- H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
- H370 Causes damage to organs.
- P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
- P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
- P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
- P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
- P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
- P307 + P311 IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
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- P233 Keep container tightly closed.
- P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
- P241 Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating and lighting equipment.
- P242 Use non-sparking tools.
- P243 Take action to prevent static discharges.
- P260 Do not breathe gas, fume, vapours or spray.
- P264 Wash contaminated skin thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- P308 + P311 IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
- P330 Rinse mouth.
- P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
- P361 + P364 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
- P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
- P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide or dry powder to extinguish.
- P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
- P405 Store locked up.

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P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

## Other hazards

The product is highly flammable, and explosive vapors/air mixtures may be formed even at normal room temperatures. Lethal dose for an adult person: approx. 30-250 ml (Methanol). Organic solvents may be absorbed into the body by inhalation, skin contact and ingestion and cause permanent damage to the nervous system, including the brain.

PBT/vPvB: No information available.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Mixtures

The product contains: organic solvents.

WHMIS 2015:

<u>%:</u>	<u>CAS-No.:</u>	<u>EC No.:</u>	<u>REACH Reg. No:</u>	<u>Chemical name:</u>	<u>Hazard classification:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
55-75	67-56-1	200-659-6	01-2119433307-44-0001	Methanol	Flammable Liquids Category 2 Acute (Inhalation) Toxicity Category 3 Acute (Dermal) Toxicity Category 3 Acute (Oral) Toxicity Category 3 Specific Target Organ Toxicity — Single Exposure Category 1	
25-45	111-76-2	203-905-0	-	2-Butoxyethanol	Acute (Inhalation) Toxicity Category 4 Acute (Dermal) Toxicity Category 4 Acute (Oral) Toxicity Category 4 Eye Irritation Category 2 Skin Irritation Category 2	

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## 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

### Description of first-aid measures

Burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital.

Inhalation: Move injured person into fresh air and keep person calm under observation. If necessary, seek hospital and bring these instructions. Unconscious persons must be locked on their side, head low and kept warm. CALL AN AMBULANCE. Bring along these instructions to the hospital.

Skin contact: Flush immediately with plenty of water and remove contaminated clothing. Call an ambulance, continue to rinse during transportation to hospital and take along these instructions.

Eye contact: Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids widely. If irritation persists: Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Bring along these instructions.

Ingestion: Immediately rinse mouth and drink plenty of water. Induce vomiting, if person is conscious. Rinse mouth again and drink 1-2 glasses of water and 40 ml ethanol (liqueur). Immediate transportation to hospital. Bring along these instructions.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/effects: See section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Medical attention/treatments: Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing media

Extinguishing media: Extinguish with alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or water fog. Cool containers exposed to heat with water spray and remove container, if no risk is involved.

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

### Specific hazards arising from the hazardous product

Specific hazards: The product is flammable, and heating may generate vapors which may form explosive vapor/air mixtures. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel along the floor and in the bottom of containers. Vapors may be ignited by a spark, a hot surface or an ember.

### Advice for fire-fighters

Protective equipment for fire-fighters: Use air-supplied respirator, gloves and protective goggles.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Protective equipment: Do not smoke or use open fire, or other sources of ignition. Avoid inhalation of vapors and contact with skin and eyes. For personal protection, see section 8. (\*)

Emergency procedures: No specific recommendations. For personal protection, see section 8. (\*)

### Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions: Avoid discharge into water courses or onto the ground.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Spill Cleanup Methods: Remove sources of ignition. Cover large spillages with foam. Dam and absorb spillages with sand, earth or other non-combustible material. Do not use sawdust or other combustible material.

### Reference to other items

References: For personal protection, see section 8. For waste disposal, see section 13.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling advice: Avoid inhalation of vapors and contact with skin and eyes. Observe good chemical hygiene practices.

Technical measures: Do not smoke or use open fire or other sources of ignition. Wash hands before breaks and before smoking, eating or drinking.

Technical precautions: Provide easy access to water supply or an emergency shower.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures for safe storage: Follow rules for flammable liquids.

Storage conditions: Store in locked poison cupboard/room. Store in a cool and well-ventilated place. Avoid contact with oxidizing agents. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

### Specific end-use(s)

Specific use(s): No information available.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

Other provincial OEL's may apply.

Occupational exposure limits:

<u>CAS-No.:</u>	<u>Chemical name:</u>	<u>As:</u>	<u>Exposure limits:</u>		<u>Type:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>	<u>References:</u>
67-56-1	Methyl alcohol	-	200 ppm	262 mg/m3	TWA	Pc	Quebec
		-	250 ppm	328 mg/m3	STEL	Pc; 15min	
67-56-1	Methyl alcohol	-	200 ppm	262 mg/m3	TWA	1	Alberta
		-	250 ppm	328 mg/m3	STEL	1; 15min	
67-56-1	Methanol	-	200 ppm		TWA	Skin	BC
		-	250 ppm		STEL	Skin;	
111-76-2	2-Butoxyethanol	-	20 ppm	97 mg/m3	TWA	3	Alberta
111-76-2	2-Butoxyethanol	-	20 ppm		TWA	-	BC
111-76-2	2-Butoxyethanol	-	25 ppm	121 mg/m3	TWA	Pc	Quebec

### Exposure controls

#### Engineering measures:

Provide adequate ventilation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimise the risk of inhalation of vapours. Provide access to washing facilities including soap, skin cleanser and fatty cream.

#### Personal protection:

Personal protection equipment should be chosen according to relevant standards and in discussion with the supplier of the personal protective equipment.

#### Respiratory equipment:

In case of inadequate ventilation and work of brief duration, use suitable respiratory equipment. Use respiratory equipment with gas filter, type AX.

#### Hand protection:

Wear protective gloves. Lamine (PE/EVOH) gloves are recommended. The most suitable glove must be chosen in consultation with the gloves supplier, who can inform about the breakthrough time of the glove material.

#### Eye protection:

Risk of splashes: Wear goggles/face shield.

#### Skin protection:

Wear apron or protective clothing in case of splashes.

#### Hygiene measures:

Wash hands after handling.

#### Environmental Exposure Controls:

Not available.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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<u>Form:</u>	Liquid.
<u>Colour:</u>	Clear.
<u>Odour:</u>	odour of alcohol
<u>Odour threshold:</u>	Not available.
<u>pH:</u>	Not available.
<u>Melting point:</u>	Not available.
<u>Boiling point:</u>	65°C
<u>Flash point:</u>	10°C
<u>Evaporation rate:</u>	Not available.
<u>Flammability (solid, gas):</u>	Not available.
<u>Explosion limits:</u>	5,5-26,5 %
<u>Vapour pressure:</u>	Not available.
<u>Vapour density:</u>	Not available.
<u>Relative density:</u>	0,82
<u>Solubility:</u>	Miscible with water.
<u>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</u>	Not available.
<u>Auto-ignition temperature (°C):</u>	Not available.
<u>Decomposition temperature (°C):</u>	Not available.
<u>Viscosity:</u>	Not available.
<u>Explosive properties:</u>	Not available.
<u>Oxidising properties:</u>	Not available.

### Other information

Other data: Volatile Organic Compound (VOC): 800 g/l (calculated)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Reactivity: No data available.

### Chemical stability

Stability: Stable under normal temperature conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Reactions: No data available.

### Conditions to avoid

Conditions/materials to avoid: Avoid exposing to heat and contact with strong oxidizing substances.

### Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials: No information available.

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products: By heating, vapors/gases hazardous to health may be formed.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on toxicological effects

<u>Acute Toxicity (Oral):</u>	Toxic if swallowed.
<u>Acute Toxicity (Dermal):</u>	Toxic in contact with skin.
<u>Acute Toxicity (Inhalation):</u>	Toxic if inhaled.
<u>Skin Corrosion/Irritation:</u>	Causes skin irritation.
<u>Serious eye damage/irritation:</u>	Causes serious eye irritation.
<u>Respiratory or skin sensitization:</u>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<u>Germ cell mutagenicity:</u>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<u>Carcinogenicity:</u>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. National Toxicology Program (NTP): No. IARC Cancer Review: Group 3 for 2-Butoxyethanol.
<u>Reproductive Toxicity:</u>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<u>STOT - Single exposure:</u>	Causes damage to organs.
<u>STOT - Repeated exposure:</u>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<u>Aspiration hazard:</u>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<u>Inhalation:</u>	Vapors may irritate throat and respiratory system and cause coughing. Vapors have a narcotic effect and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea. In serious cases, unconsciousness and permanent damage to the nervous system, including the brain, and liver may be seen.
<u>Skin contact:</u>	Contains components which may penetrate the skin.
<u>Ingestion:</u>	Even small amounts (30-250 ml methanol) may be fatal. Symptoms are stomach ache, nausea, vomiting, dullness, visual disorder and blindness. Furthermore, ingestion may lead to the same symptoms as when inhaled. Note: Ethanol acts against methanol poisoning.
<u>Specific effects:</u>	Frequent inhalation of even small concentrations may cause irritability, fatigue and memory failure and eventually permanent damage to the nervous system, including the brain. The product contains butoxyethanol which is suspected of having harmful longterm effects on the kidneys and nervous system. In serious cases absorption of methanol in the body may lead to damage to the eyesight.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

Ecotoxicity: The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment.

### Persistence and degradability

Degradability: The product is easily biodegradable.

### Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulative potential: The product is not bio-accumulating.

### Mobility in soil

Mobility: No data available.

### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB: No information available.

### Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects: No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues: Dispose of waste material according to Local, State, Federal, and Provincial Environmental Regulations. Waste is classified as hazardous waste.

Contaminated packaging: Dispose of waste material according to Local, State, Federal, and Provincial Environmental Regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

The product is covered by international regulation on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA).

### UN number

UN-No: 1992

### UN proper shipping name

Proper Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
(Methanol)

Additional IMDG information:  
EmS: F-E, S-D  
MFAG: 19

### Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 3 (6.1)

### Packing group

PG: II

### Environmental hazards

Marine pollutant: No.

Environmentally Hazardous substance: No.

### Special precautions for user

Special precautions: None known.

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Transport in bulk: Not relevant

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### Safety, health and environmental regulations specific to the product

Special provisions: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.  
DSL: All chemicals included in the product are DSL listed or exempt.

National regulation: Hazardous Products Regulations, with amendments.  
Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Reporting for the Domestic Substances List (DSL), with amendments.  
U.S. Department of health and human services: 2011 - Report on Carcinogens - 12th Edition.  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC): IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. Lyon: IARC, World Health Organization.  
Alberta: Occupational Health and Safety Code 2009.  
Quebec: Regulation respecting the quality of the work environment, with amendments (2013-12-13).  
Ontario: Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 833, with amendments (2016).  
British Columbia: Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, with amendments (2015).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

The user must be instructed in the proper work procedure and be familiar with the contents of these instructions.  
The following sections contain revisions or new statements: 1, 6, 9.  
The (\*) indicates the changes made with respect to the previous version.

Approved by DHI.



Additional information: Classification according to WHMIS 2015:  
Calculation method.

The information on this data sheet represents our current data and is reliable provided that the product is used under the prescribed conditions and in accordance with the application specified on the packaging and/or in the technical guidance literature. Any other use of the product which involves using the product in combination with any other product or any other process is the responsibility of the user.

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