# COPPERHEAD CHEMICAL COMPANY®

# SAFETY DATA SHEET RXL 624 Trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN)

# 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: RXL 624

Alternate Names: Trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN)

Intended use: Propellant Ingredient

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# 2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

# Classification of the substance or mixture:

Expl. 1.1;H201 Explosive; mass explosion hazard.

Acute Tox. 2;H300 Fatal if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 1;H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 2;H330 Fatal if inhaled.

STOT RE 2;H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

# **GHS Label Elements:**



# **Hazard Statements:**

H201 Explosive; mass explosion hazard.

H300 Fatal if swallowed.

H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

H330 Fatal if inhaled.

H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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### **Prevention Statements:**

P210 Keep away from heat / sparks / open flames / hot surfaces - No smoking.

P240 Ground / bond container and receiving equipment.

P250 Do not subject to grinding/shock/impact/friction.

P260 Do not breathe mist / vapors / spray.

P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.

P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves / eye protection / face protection.

P284 Wear respiratory protection.

# **Response Statements:**

P301+310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor / physician.

P302+350 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with soap and water.

P304+340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor / physician.

P314 Get Medical advice / attention if you feel unwell.

P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see information on this label).

P330 Rinse mouth.

P361 Remove / Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P370+380 In case of fire: Evacuate area.

P372 Explosion risk in case of fire.

P373 DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives.

# **Storage Statements:**

P401 Store in accordance with applicable regulations.

P403+233 Store in a well ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405 Store locked up.

### **Disposal Statements:**

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

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# 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient/Chemical Designations	Weight %	GHS Classification	Notes
Trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN) CAS Number: 3032-55-1	99.75	Unst. Expl.;H200 Acute Tox. 2;H300 Acute Tox. 1;H310 Acute Tox. 2;H330 STOT RE 2;H373 Aquatic Chronic 2;H411	[1]
Ethyl centralite CAS Number: 85-98-3	0.25	Acute Tox. 4;H302 Aquatic Chronic 3;H412	[1]

[1] Substance classified with a health or environmental hazard.

H200 Unstable explosive.

H300 Fatal if swallowed.

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

H330 Fatal if inhaled.

H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

# **Description of first aid measures:**

**General:** In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air, keep patient warm and at rest. If unconscious, place in the

recovery position. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Obtain

immediate medical attention.

Eyes: Irrigate copiously with clean water for at least 15 minutes, holding the eyelids

apart and seek medical attention.

**Skin:** Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or

use a recognized skin cleanser.

Ingestion: If swallowed obtain immediate medical attention. Keep at rest. Do NOT induce

vomiting.

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

**Overview:** Contact with the product by all routes of entry may cause vasodilation,

headache, nausea, lightheadedness and hypotension. Extreme exposure can result in fatigue, confusion, convulsions, methemoglobinemia, cyanosis,

respiratory paralysis, bradycardia, circulatory collapse or death.

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# **Symptoms of Exposure:**

**Inhalation:** Harmful or fatal if inhaled. Extreme exposure may lead to central nervous

system effects (dizziness, loss of balance and coordination, unconsciousness

coma and death).

**Eyes:** Contact with the eye may cause irritation.

**Skin:** Harmful or fatal if in contact with skin.

**Ingestion:** Harmful or fatal if swallowed. May produce central nervous system effects

(dizziness, loss of balance and coordination, unconsciousness coma and

death).

**Chronic Effects**: No applicable information found.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media: DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES!

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

### PRODUCT IS AN EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE!

### DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES!

**SEVERE EXPLOSION HAZARD!** Explosion can be caused by fire, sparks, excessive heat, impact, shock or friction. Risk of explosion increases with large quantities or confinement by tanks, drums, or other closed containers.

The explosive hazards of residual product or concentrated explosive may remain after the fire is extinguished and must be addressed before beginning any investigation or clean-up activities.

Possible toxic smoke, vapors, fallout and runoff water can result from fires depending on extent of combustion and presence of other combustible materials. Contaminated buildings, areas, and equipment must be properly decontaminated before reuse.

# Advice for fire-fighters:

**DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES!** Immediately evacuate the area to a safe distance. Utilize fixed extinguishing equipment and wear full protective clothing including SCBA when protecting surrounding structures.

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# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

# Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

All operations should be performed by trained personnel familiar with the hazards and necessary precautions. Evacuate the area to a safe distance and prevent unnecessary personnel from entering the area. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Use good personal hygiene practices. Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet. Promptly remove soiled clothing. Dispose of contaminated articles or wash them thoroughly before reuse.

**Environmental precautions:** Do not allow spills to enter drains or waterways.

# Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

It is recommended that prior to any spill, a RCRA permitted Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility be consulted for the proper containers and absorbents to be used. Notify safety personnel and utilize personnel trained in the clean-up of products containing explosives. Do not subject product to fire, sparks, excessive heat, impact, friction or shock. Eliminate sources of ignition and ventilate spill area. Stop the leak if it is possible to do so without risk. Desensitize the spilled material with a compatible, miscible solvent. Use non-abrasive absorbents such as wipes or pads.

Caution! The presence or addition of abrasives or grit increases the risk of explosion

caused by friction.

Caution! Evaporation of the solvent will increase the concentration of the explosive and

increase the risk of explosion.

Take up the liquid before the solvent evaporates. Place the used absorbents in closed containers with bag liners to prevent evaporation of the solvent. After the spilled material is taken up, the spill area may be treated with fresh nitroglycerin destroyer.

Caution! Nitroglycerin destroyer contains a flammable component and liberates poisonous gas.

Nitroglycerin destroyer is made by mixing three parts by volume of Solution A with one part of Solution B, where Solution A is three parts by volume of ethanol with one part acetone and Solution B is 480 grams of 60% technical grade sodium sulfide in 1500 ml of water. Solution A is a flammable liquid and Solution B will react to liberate poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas. Remove all sources of ignition and ventilate spill area. Follow precautions on the supplier's material safety data sheets for the ingredients in Solutions A and B. Apply the nitroglycerin destroyer to the contaminated area. Some bubbling will occur and the mixture will turn yellow. When the reaction appears complete, mop it up with a cloth or sponge. Repeat until no color change occurs. Small quantities of hydrogen sulfide gas are evolved during the reaction. Provide adequate ventilation or an approved respirator for hydrogen sulfide (TLV 10 ppm). The cloth or sponge should be disposed of properly. Nitroglycerin destroyer is intended to be used only to destroy thin films of nitrate esters. The heat of reaction makes destruction of larger amounts by this method hazardous.

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# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# **Precautions for safe handling:**

**DANGER! SEVERE EXPLOSION HAZARD.** Do not subject product to fire, sparks, excessive heat, impact, friction or shock. All operations should be performed by trained personnel familiar with the hazards and necessary precautions. Handle in well ventilated area designed for processing explosives. Observe exposure limits. Avoid contact with the product and avoid breathing vapors or aerosols. Keep containers closed. Concentrated explosives, even in small amounts, are an extreme explosion hazard. Explosion of concentrated explosive may be caused by fire, sparks, excessive heat, impact, friction or shock. Non-sparking tools and equipment are recommended. Equipment should be bonded and grounded. Avoid operations that could generate electrostatic charges. Do not eat, drink, use tobacco products, apply cosmetics, or take medications in areas where this product is handled. Wash hands and face thoroughly with soap and water after handling and prior to eating, drinking, using tobacco products, applying cosmetics or taking medications. Thorough showering and changing into fresh clothes at the end of the work shift is strongly recommended. Launder work clothes daily or use disposable coveralls. Wash work clothes separately from other laundry.

# **Conditions for safe storage:**

Handle containers carefully to prevent damage and spillage. Product should be stored in closed containers in a licensed, explosives storage magazine according to local, state and federal regulations. Store separate from incompatible materials. Product may become acidic as it ages. The pH and stabilizer content should be monitored regularly and the product should be destroyed or reprocessed if there is an indication of progressive degradation.

Incompatible materials: Oxidizers, acids and bases

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **Exposure Limits:**

CAS No.	Ingredient	Source	Value
3032-55-1	3032-55-1 Trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN)		No Established Limit
		ACGIH	No Established Limit
		NIOSH	No Established Limit
	Supplier	No Established Limit	
85-98-3	5-98-3 Ethyl centralite		No Established Limit
		ACGIH	No Established Limit
		NIOSH	No Established Limit
		Supplier	No Established Limit

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# **Carcinogen Data:**

CAS No.	Ingredient	Source	Value
3032-55-1 Trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN)	OSHA	Select Carcinogen: No	
	NTP	Known: No; Suspected: No	
	IARC	Group 1: No; Group 2a: No; Group 2b: No; Group 3: No; Group 4: No;	
85-98-3 Ethyl centralite	OSHA	Select Carcinogen: No	
	NTP	Known: No; Suspected: No	
		IARC	Group 1: No; Group 2a: No; Group 2b: No; Group 3: No; Group 4: No;

# **Exposure controls:**

**Respiratory:** Occupation exposures from this material should be determined by individuals

with experience in industrial hygiene. The selection of appropriate respiratory protective equipment should be based on results from industrial hygiene surveys and respirator manufacturer's specifications and/or recommendations.

**Eyes:** Wear chemical safety glasses, goggles or face shield appropriate for exposure

potential. Wearing contact lenses is not recommended when working with

hazardous chemicals.

**Skin:** Users must make the final determination of appropriate protective clothing

based on the conditions of use. Use protective clothing which is appropriate for the potential exposure. Any portion of the body which may come in contact with the product should be protected by materials that are impervious to the product under the conditions of use. Remove any contaminated clothing or footwear immediately. Dispose of contaminated articles or thoroughly decontaminate them before reuse. A one piece cotton uniform, conductive foot protection and cotton undergarments with appropriate outer protection is recommended. Clothing and shoes should have no metal fasteners or other

items that might subject product to hazardous impact or friction.

**Engineering Controls:** Provide adequate ventilation suitable for flammable vapors. Where practicable

this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. Do not allow explosives to accumulate in the exhaust system. If ventilation is not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and any vapor below occupational exposure limits suitable respiratory protection must

be worn.

**Other Work Practices:** Use good personal hygiene practices. Wash hands before eating, drinking,

smoking or using toilet. Promptly remove soiled clothing. Discard contaminated

articles or wash them thoroughly before reuse.

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# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** Oily, Clear to yellow Liquid

OdorNo applicable information foundOdor thresholdNo applicable information found

**pH** No applicable information found

Melting point / freezing point -3°C

Initial boiling point and boiling range No applicable information found

Flash PointNo applicable information foundEvaporation rateNo applicable information foundFlammability (solid, gas)No applicable information found

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

No applicable information found

No applicable information found

Vapor PressureNo applicable information foundVapor DensityNo applicable information found

Specific Gravity1.47 at 22°CSolubility in Water0.015% at 25°C

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow) No applicable information found

Auto-ignition temperature

No applicable information found

Decomposition temperature

182°C

Viscosity (cSt) 156 cP @ 20 °C

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Hazardous Polymerization will not occur.

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal circumstances.

Possibility of hazardous reactions: No applicable information found.

Conditions to avoid: Avoid contact with friction, impact, open flame, sparks or hot surfaces.

**Incompatible materials:** Oxidizers, acids and bases.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** High temperatures and fires may produce such toxic substances as nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, low molecular weight hydrocarbons and organic acids.

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# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Routes of exposure:** Skin contact, eye contact, inhalation, ingestion and injection are potential routes of exposure. This product can be absorbed through the skin.

**Symptoms of exposure:** See Section 4.

# Acute toxicity:

Ingredient	Oral LD50, mg/kg	Skin LD50, mg/kg	Inhalation Vapor LC50, mg/L/4hr	Inhalation Dust/Mist LC50, mg/L/4hr	Inhalation Gas LC50, ppm
Trimethylolethane trinitrate (3032-55-1)	1027.4 - Rat	No applicable information found	No applicable information found	No applicable information found	No applicable information found
Ethyl centralite (85-98-3)	780.9 - Rat	No applicable information found	No applicable information found	No applicable information found	No applicable information found

# **Acute Toxicity Estimate:**

Classification	Category	Hazard Description	
Acute toxicity (oral)	2	Fatal if swallowed.	
Acute toxicity (dermal)	1	Fatal in contact with skin.	
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	2	Fatal if inhaled.	
Skin corrosion/irritation		Not Applicable	
Serious eye damage/irritation		Not Applicable	
Respiratory sensitization		Not Applicable	
Skin sensitization		Not Applicable	
Germ cell mutagenicity		Not Applicable	
Carcinogenicity		Not Applicable	
Reproductive toxicity		Not Applicable	
STOT-single exposure		Not Applicable	
STOT-repeated exposure	2	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.	
Aspiration hazard		Not Applicable	

Note: When no route specific LD50 data is available for an acute toxin, the converted acute toxicity point estimate was used in the calculation of the product's ATE (Acute Toxicity Estimate).

**Carcinogenic Effects:** This product does not contain any ingredients that are carcinogens or potential carcinogens listed by OSHA, NTP or IARC.

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# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

# **Ecological Toxicity:**

The preparation has been assessed following the conventional method of the Dangerous Preparations Directive 1999/45/EC and GHS and is not classified as dangerous for the environment, but contains substance(s) dangerous for the environment. See section 3.

Aquatic Ecotoxicity: No applicable information found.

Persistence and degradability: No applicable information found.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No applicable information found.

**Mobility in soil:** No applicable information found.

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:** No applicable information found.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Description of Waste Residues: Waste residues of this product are hazardous waste.

**Disposal Method:** Before using the product, consult a RCRA permitted disposal facility regarding arrangements for disposal. All wastes must be disposed in accordance with RCRA hazardous waste regulations. All wastes must be disposed in accordance with RCRA hazardous waste regulations. Waste, even small quantities, should never be poured down the drain. Waste residues of the product should be destroyed at a RCRA permitted disposal facility equipped for the destruction of explosives.

**Container Disposal:** The empty product container should be destroyed at a RCRA permitted disposal facility equipped for the destruction of explosives. Do not distribute, make available, furnish or reuse empty container except for storage and shipment of original product.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Please see the current shipping paper for the most up-to-date shipping information, including exceptions and special circumstances.

This material is regulated by the US DOT.

UN Number: UN0475

Proper Shipping Name: Substances, Explosive, N.O.S. (Contains Trimethylolethane Trinitrate)

Hazardous Class: 1.1D

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Regulatory Overview:** The regulatory data in Section 15 is not intended to be all-

inclusive, only selected regulations are represented.

**Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA):** All components of this material are either listed or exempt from

listing on the TSCA Inventory.

WHMIS Classification: D1A F

**US EPA Tier II Hazards:** Fire: No

Sudden Release of Pressure: Yes
Reactive: Yes
Immediate (Acute): Yes
Delayed (Chronic): Yes

**EPCRA 311/312 Chemicals:** To the best of our knowledge, there are no chemicals at levels

which require reporting under this statute.

**EPCRA 302 Extremely Hazardous:** To the best of our knowledge, there are no chemicals at levels

which require reporting under this statute.

**EPCRA 313 Toxic Chemicals:** To the best of our knowledge, there are no chemicals at levels

which require reporting under this statute.

**New Jersey RTK Substances (>1%):** To the best of our knowledge, there are no chemicals at levels

which require reporting under this statute.

Pennsylvania RTK Substances (>1%): To the best of our knowledge, there are no chemicals at levels

which require reporting under this statute.

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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