

**Butanetriol Trinitrate in Methylene Chloride**

**1. IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Identifier:** RXL 623

**Alternate Names:** Butanetriol Trinitrate in Methylene Chloride

**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.
Skin Irrit. 3;H316	Causes mild skin irritation.
Eye Irrit. 2;H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
Carc. 2;H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
STOT RE 2;H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Acute Toxicity	This product contains 80% of ingredients of unknown acute toxicity.

**GHS Label Elements:**



**Danger**

**Hazard Statements:**

H201 Explosive; mass explosion hazard.  
H300 Fatal if swallowed.  
H310 Fatal in contact with skin.  
H316 Causes mild skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H330 Fatal if inhaled.  
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.  
H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Prevention Statements:**

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P210 Keep away from heat / sparks / open flames / hot surfaces - No smoking.  
P230 Keep wetted with methylene chloride.  
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.  
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
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.  
P305+351+338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do - continue rinsing.  
P308+313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice / attention.  
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.  
P337+313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice / attention.  
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.  
P391 Collect spillage.

**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.

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient/Chemical Designations	Weight %	GHS Classification	Notes
Butanetriol Trinitrate (BTTN) CAS Number: 0006659-60-5	79	Unst. Expl.;H200 Acute Tox. 2;H300 Acute Tox. 1;H310 Acute Tox. 2;H330 STOT RE 2;H373 Aquatic Chronic 2;H411	[1]
Dichloromethane (Methylene chloride) CAS Number: 0000075-09-2	20	Carc. 2;H351	[1][2]
2-Nitrodiphenylamine (2NDPA) CAS Number: 119-75-5	1	Skin Irrit. 2;H315 Eye Irrit. 2;H319 STOT SE 3;H335	[1]

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

[2] Substance with a workplace exposure limit.

H200 Unstable explosive.

H300 Fatal if swallowed.

H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H330 Fatal if inhaled.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

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

H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

This product contains desensitized explosives.

This product contains 1% of ingredients of unknown acute toxicity.

#### 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. Repeated or prolonged contact with the preparation may cause removal of natural fat from the skin resulting in dryness, irritation and possible non-allergic contact dermatitis. Product contains a suspected carcinogen.

##### 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 moderate to severe irritation.
- Skin:** Harmful or fatal if in contact with skin. Skin irritant. Prolonged or repeated exposure may result in irritation and dermatitis. May be a sensitizer.
- Ingestion:** Harmful or fatal if swallowed. May produce central nervous system effects (dizziness, loss of balance and coordination, unconsciousness coma and death)
- Chronic Effects:** Possible cancer hazard. This product contains methylene chloride which is known or suspected carcinogen.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing media: DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES!**

**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:**

**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.

**DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES!** Separation of the explosive from the desensitizer, whether by extraction, evaporation, or any other means, is EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS. Contacting the product with water will separate the explosive from the desensitizer and concentrate the explosive. Keep containers closed. Undiluted explosive, even in small amounts, is an extreme explosion hazard. Explosion of undiluted or concentrated explosive may be caused by fire, sparks, excessive heat, impact, friction or shock. 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. Avoid activities that may separate the nitroglycerin from the desensitizer.

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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.

## 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. Avoid operations that could increase the concentration of the explosive or separate the explosive from the

desensitizer. Separation of the explosive from the desensitizer, whether by extraction, evaporation, or any other means, is EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS. Contacting the product with water will separate the explosive from the desensitizer and concentrate the explosive. Keep containers closed. Undiluted explosive, even in small amounts, is an extreme explosion hazard. Explosion of undiluted or 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:** No applicable information was found for the mixture. Information about the ingredients is provided as a guide.

CAS No.	Ingredient	Source	Value
6659-60-5	Butanetriol Trinitrate (BTTN)	OSHA	No Established Limit
		ACGIH	No Established Limit
		NIOSH	No Established Limit
		Supplier	No Established Limit
75-09-2	Methylene chloride	OSHA	[1910.1052] TWA 25 ppm ST 125 ppm
		ACGIH	TWA: 25 ppm2B
		NIOSH	Ca
		Supplier	No Established Limit
119-75-5	2-Nitrodiphenylamine	OSHA	No Established Limit
		ACGIH	No Established Limit
		NIOSH	No Established Limit
		Supplier	No Established Limit

**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. BTTN may be absorbed by some types of rubber and this may be a consideration in determining the service life of elastomeric respirator facepieces.

**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.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Clear red orange Liquid
Odor	Chloroform-like
Odor threshold	No applicable information found
pH	No applicable information found
Melting point / freezing point	< -38° F
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No applicable information found
Flash Point	No applicable information found
Evaporation rate	No applicable information found
Flammability (solid, gas)	No applicable information found
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No applicable information found
Vapor Density	>1
Specific Gravity	>1
Solubility in Water	No data for the mixture BTTN = slight methylene chloride = 1.32 g / 100g at 20°C
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	No applicable information found
Auto-ignition temperature	No applicable information found
Decomposition temperature	No applicable information found
Viscosity (cSt)	No applicable information found

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity:

Hazardous Polymerization will not occur.

### Chemical stability:

Stable under normal circumstances.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions:

No data available.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid fire, sparks, excessive heat, impact, friction, shock and direct sunlight. Avoid operations that could increase the concentration of the explosive or separate the explosive from the desensitizer. Undiluted explosive, even in small amounts, is an extreme explosion hazard.

**Incompatible materials:** Water, acids, bases, oxidizers. Contact with chemically active metals such as, aluminum or magnesium powder, sodium and potassium may cause fires and explosions. Methylene chloride will attack some forms of plastics, rubber, and coatings.

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

## 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:** No applicable information was found for the mixture. Information about the ingredients is provided as a guide.

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
BTTN (6659-60-5)	No applicable information found	No applicable information found			
Methylene chloride (75-09-2)	1,600.00, Rat - Category: 4	2,000.00, Rat - Category: 4	52.00, Rat - Category: NA	No applicable information found	No applicable information found
2-Nitrodiphenylamine (119-75-5)	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	2	Causes serious eye irritation.
Respiratory sensitization	---	Not Applicable
Skin sensitization	---	Not Applicable
Germ cell mutagenicity	---	Not Applicable
Carcinogenicity	2	Suspected of causing cancer.
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 is not listed in the National Toxicology Program (NTP) and has not been found to be a potential carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) or by OSHA. Information about the ingredients is provided as a guide.

CAS No.	Ingredient	Source	Value
6659-60-5	Butanetriol Trinitrate	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;
75-09-2	Methylene chloride	OSHA	Select Carcinogen: Yes
		NTP	Known: No; Suspected: Yes
		IARC	Group 1: No; Group 2a: No; Group 2b: Yes; Group 3: No; Group 4: No;
119-75-5	2-Nitrodiphenylamine	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;

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecological Toxicity:** No applicable information was found for the mixture.

**Aquatic Ecotoxicity:** No applicable information was found for the mixture. Information about the ingredients is provided as a guide.

Ingredient	96 hr LC50 fish, mg/l	48 hr EC50 crustacea, mg/l	ErC50 algae, mg/l
Butanetriol Trinitrate (6659-60-5)	No applicable information found	No applicable information found	No applicable information found
Methylene chloride - (75-09-2)	99.00, Pimephales promelas	1,250.00, Daphnia magna	242.00 (72 hr), Chlamydomonas reinhardtii
2-Nitrodiphenylamine - (119-75-5)	No applicable information found	No applicable information found	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. 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 Butanetriol Trinitrate)
Hazardous Class:	1.1D

### 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

<b>US EPA Tier II Hazards</b>	Fire:	No
	Sudden Release of Pressure:	Yes
	Reactive:	Yes
	Immediate (Acute):	Yes
	Delayed (Chronic):	Yes

**EPCRA 311/312 Chemicals:** Methylene chloride (RQ: 1,000 lbs.)

**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:** Methylene chloride

**New Jersey RTK Substances:** Methylene chloride

**Pennsylvania RTK Substances:** Methylene chloride

<b>16. OTHER INFORMATION</b>
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