

# TETRAHYDROFURAN



CAS Number: 109-99-9

Other Names: Oxolane; Butylene oxide; Cyclotetramethylene oxide;  
Diethylene oxide; Tetra-methylene oxide; 1,4-Epoxybutane; Oxacyclopentane

Formula:  $C_4H_8O$  or  $(CH_2)_3CH_2O$

## PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

Tetrahydrofuran (THF) is a clear, colourless, volatile, and water-miscible liquid. It has low viscosity at standard temperature and has the formula  $C_4H_8O$ . It has smell similar to diethyl ether and is one of the most polar ethers.

## PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Appearance                | Clear Liquid |
| Purity                    | 99.993 wt %  |
| Color                     | < 5 APHA     |
| Moisture                  | 52 ppm       |
| Peroxides                 | 8 ppm        |
| Specific Gravity (20/4°C) | 0.88746      |
| Refractive Index          | 1.4071       |

## APPLICATIONS

- Tetrahydrofuran has many uses in the industrial marketplace. It is a versatile industrial solvent for natural and synthetic resins and is a solvent used in the production of nylon. It is also an industrial solvent for PVC.
- Tetrahydrofuran is also a valuable chemical intermediate as it is a precursor to polymers, such as poly (tetramethylene ether) glycol.
- The primary use of this polymer is the production of elastomeric polyurethane fibres like Spandex.
- It is also an intermediate in the natural gas industry where it is a natural gas odourant.
- It is also used as a reaction medium, primarily in the pharmaceutical industry, in processes such as Grignard syntheses or lithium aluminum hydride reductions.

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## PACKAGING OPTIONS

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