

### 3. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL INFORMATION

#### 3.1 CHEMICAL IDENTITY

Table 3-1 lists common synonyms, trade names, and other pertinent identification information for 2-hexanone.

#### 3.2 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Table 3-2 lists important physical and chemical properties of 2-hexanone.

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TABLE 3-1. Chemical Identity of 2-Hexanone

Characteristic	Information	Reference
Chemical name	2-Hexanone	Sax 1984
Synonyms	Methyl n-butyl ketone; 2-oxohexane; n-butyl methyl ketone; propylacetone	NLM 1989;  Sax and Lewis 1987
Trade names	No data	
Chemical formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	Windholz 1983
Chemical structure	$  \begin{array}{ccccccc}  & \text{H} & \text{O} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \\  &   &    &   &   &   &   \\  \text{H} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} - \text{H} \\  &   & &   &   &   &   \\  & \text{H} & & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H}  \end{array}  $	ACGIH 1986
Identification numbers:		
CAS registry	591-78-6	Sax and Lewis 1987
NIOSH RTECS	MP1400000	Sax 1984
EPA hazardous waste	No data	
OHM/TADS	No data	
DOT/UN/NA/IMCO shipping	No data	
HSDB	543	HSDB 1989
NCI	No data	

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; DOT/UN/NA/IMCO - Department of Transportation/United Nations/North America/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank; NCI - National Cancer Institute; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; OHM/TADS - Oil and Hazardous Materials/Technical Assistance Data System; RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

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TABLE 3-2. Physical and Chemical Properties of 2-Hexanone

Property	Information	Reference
Molecular weight	100.16	Windholz 1983
Color	Colorless	Windholz 1983
Physical state	Liquid	Windholz 1983
Melting point	-57°C	Weast 1985
Boiling point	128°C	Weast 1985
Density at 20°C	0.83	Windholz 1983
Odor	Similar to acetone	EPA 1981
Odor threshold:		
Water	0.25 mg/L	Amoore and Hautala 1983
Air	0.076 ppm (0.31 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Amoore and Hautala 1983
Solubility:		
Water at 20°C	20,000-35,000 mg/L	Morrison and Boyd 1974; Verschueren 1983
Organic solvents	Soluble in alcohol, ether, acetone	Weast 1985
Partition coefficients:		
Log octanol/water	1.38	EPA 1981
Log K <sub>oc</sub>	No data	
Vapor pressure at 25°C	11.6 mmHg	Ambrose et al. 1975
Henry's law constant: at 20°C	No data	
Autoignition temperature	991°F (533°C)	Sax 1984
Flashpoint	95°F (35°C)(open cup) 163°F(73°C)(closed cup)	Sax 1984 EPA 1981
Flammability limits	No data	
Conversion factors	1 ppm = 4.097 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (calculated) 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> = 0.244 ppm (calculated)	
Explosive limits	1.2%-8%	Sax and Lewis 1987

