



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

AITAMAALI VALKEA

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifier

Product name : AITAMAALI VALKEA  
Product description : A waterborne acrylate paint.

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended use: Painting work

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

#### Manufacturer or Distributor

Tikkurila Oyj  
P.O. Box 53  
FI-01301 VANTAA  
FINLAND  
Telephone +358 20 191 2000

e-mail address of person responsible for this SDS : Tikkurila Oyj,  
Product Safety,  
e-mail: productsafety@tikkurila.com

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Telephone number : 112  
(24h)

#### Supplier or Manufacturer

Telephone number : Tikkurila Oyj  
+358 20 191 2000 (GMT +2) Mon-Fri 8-16

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Product definition : Mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

☑ Skin Irrit. 2, H315  
Eye Irrit. 2, H319  
Skin Sens. 1, H317  
Aquatic Acute 1, H400  
Aquatic Chronic 1, H410

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

### 2.2 Label elements

Hazard pictograms :  

Signal word : Warning

<b>Hazard statements</b>	:	H319 - Causes serious eye irritation. H315 - Causes skin irritation. H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction. H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
<b>Precautionary statements</b>		
<b>General</b>	:	P101 - If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. P102 - Keep out of reach of children.
<b>Prevention</b>	:	P261 - Avoid breathing mist/spray. P280 - Wear protective gloves. P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
<b>Response</b>	:	P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
<b>Storage</b>	:	Not applicable.
<b>Disposal</b>	:	Not applicable.
<b>Hazardous ingredients</b>	:	2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT) 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (DCOIT)
<b>Supplemental label elements</b>	:	Contains small amounts of sensitizing substances: 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC) and reaction mass of 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1) (C(M)IT/MIT (3:1)).
<b>Treated articles</b>		
		This product contains a biocidal product for the preservation of the product during storage. Contains C(M)IT/MIT (3:1).

### 2.3 Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in classification : None known.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2 Mixtures : Mixture

Product/ingredient name	Identifiers	%	Classification Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Notes
Zinc oxide	REACH #: 01-2119463881-32 EC: 215-222-5 CAS: 1314-13-2 Index: 030-013-00-7	≤5	Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=1) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=1)	-
2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)	EC: 247-761-7 CAS: 26530-20-1 Index: 613-112-00-5	≤0.3	Acute Tox. 3, H301 Acute Tox. 3, H311 Acute Tox. 2, H330 Skin Corr. 1, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1A, H317 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=100) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=100) EUH071	-
3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC)	REACH #: 01-2120762115-60 EC: 259-627-5 CAS: 55406-53-6	≤0.3	Acute Tox. 4, H302 Acute Tox. 3, H331 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1, H317 STOT RE 1, H372 (larynx) Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=10) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=1)	-
4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (DCOIT)	EC: 264-843-8 CAS: 64359-81-5 Index: 613-335-00-8	<0.1	Acute Tox. 4, H302 Acute Tox. 2, H330 Skin Corr. 1, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1A, H317 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=100) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=100) EUH071	-
bronopol	REACH #: 01-2119980938-15	≤0.1	Acute Tox. 4, H302	-

<p>reaction mass of 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1) (C(M)IT/MIT (3:1))</p>	<p>EC: 200-143-0 CAS: 52-51-7 Index: 603-085-00-8</p> <p>CAS: 55965-84-9 Index: 613-167-00-5</p>	<p>&lt;0.001</p>	<p>Acute Tox. 4, H312 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT SE 3, H335 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=10)</p> <p>Acute Tox. 3, H301 Acute Tox. 2, H310 Acute Tox. 2, H330 Skin Corr. 1C, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1A, H317 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=100) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=100) EUH071</p> <p><b>See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.</b></p>	<p>-</p>
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There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier, are classified and contribute to the classification of the substance and hence require reporting in this section.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment, are PBTs or vPvBs or have been assigned a workplace exposure limit and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Notes, if applicable, refer to Notes given in Annex VI of 1272/2008/EC.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

<b>General</b>	: In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Show this safety data sheet or label to the doctor if possible.
<b>Eye contact</b>	: Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of lukewarm water, keeping eyelids open. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: Remove to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest.
<b>Skin contact</b>	: Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or use recognized skin cleanser. Do NOT use solvents or thinners. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious) and obtain immediate medical attention. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Do NOT induce vomiting.

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

- Causes skin irritation.
- Causes serious eye irritation.
- May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

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

None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	: Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire. Recommended: Alcohol resistant foam, CO <sub>2</sub> , powders or water spray/mist.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	: Do not use a direct water jet that could spread the fire.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Hazards from the substance or mixture** : This product is not classified as flammable. Fire will produce dense black smoke. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard.
- Hazardous combustion products** : When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

- Special protective actions for fire-fighters** : Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. This material is hazardous to aquatic organisms. Fire water contaminated with this material must be contained and prevented from being discharged to any waterway, sewer or drain.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** : Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions** : Hazardous to aquatic environment. Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.
- 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up** : Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations. Preferably clean with water or detergent. Avoid using solvents.
- 6.4 Reference to other sections** : See Section 1 for emergency contact information.  
See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling** : Skin contact with the product and exposure to spray mist and vapor should be avoided. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of dust from sanding. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment. Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled and stored. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid release to the environment.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Recommended storage temperature is +5°C ...+25°C. Do not allow to freeze. Store in accordance with local regulations.
- 7.3 Specific end use(s)** : None.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

**Occupational exposure limits**  
No exposure limit value known.

- Recommended monitoring procedures** : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.

**DNELs/DMELs**  
No DNELs/DMELs available.

**PNECs**

No PNECs available.

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate ventilation. Where reasonably practicable, this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. If these are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and solvent vapors below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn (see Personal protection). Comply with the health and safety at work laws.

### Individual protection measures

- Eye/face protection** : Use safety eyewear (EN166), especially during spray-application.
- Hand protection** : Always wear approved protective gloves against chemicals. Gloves should be replaced regularly and if there is any sign of damage to the glove material. The instructions and information provided by the glove manufacturer on use, storage, maintenance and replacement must be followed.  
Recommended glove material (EN374):  
> 8 hours (breakthrough time): nitrile rubber  
Not recommended: PVA gloves
- Skin protection** : Wear suitable protective clothing.
- Respiratory protection** : If ventilation during spray-application is inadequate, use respirators with combination filter AP, gas/dust filter (EN405:2001). Wear a half mask or full face respirator with gas and vapor filter A and dust filter P2 during sanding (EN140:1998, EN405:2001). During continuous and long-term work the use of motor-driven or air-fed respirators is recommended (EN12941:1998). Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Check that mask fits tightly and change filter regularly.
- Environmental exposure controls** : For information regarding environmental protection measures, please refer to section 13 for waste handling, section 7 for handling and storage and section 1.2 for relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

- Physical state** : Liquid.
- Color** : White.
- Odor** : Mild.
- Odor threshold** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- pH** : 7 to 9
- Melting point/freezing point** : 0°C (water)
- Initial boiling point and boiling range** : 100°C (water)
- Flash point** : >100 °C
- Evaporation rate** : Not relevant due to the nature of the product.
- Flammability (solid, gas)** : Not applicable. Product is a liquid.
- Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits** : No flammable ingredients present.
- Vapor pressure** : 3.2 kPa [room temperature] (water)
- Vapor density** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Density** : 1.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Solubility(ies)** : Miscible in water.
- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/ water** : Not applicable.
- Auto-ignition temperature** : Not relevant due to the nature of the product.
- Decomposition temperature** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Viscosity** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Explosive properties** : No explosive ingredients present.
- Oxidizing properties** : No oxidizing ingredients present.

**Particle characteristics**

Median particle size :  Not applicable.

**9.2 Other information**

No additional information.

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

**10.1 Reactivity** : See Section 10.5.

**10.2 Chemical stability** : Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions (see Section 7).

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid** : Avoid extreme heat and freezing.

**10.5 Incompatible materials** : Keep away from the following materials to prevent strong exothermic reactions:  
oxidizing agents  
strong acids  
strong alkalis

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products** : When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information****11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

There is no testdata available on the product itself.

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

Long term exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact can defat the skin and lead to irritation, cracking and/or dermatitis.

**Acute toxicity**

Not classified.

**Irritation/Corrosion**

Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation.

**Sensitization**

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

The product contains sensitizing substances mentioned in sections 2 and 3.

**Mutagenicity**

Not classified.

**Carcinogenicity**

Not classified.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Not classified.

**Teratogenicity**

Not classified.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)**

Not classified.

**Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)**

Not classified.

**Aspiration hazard**

Not classified.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

Ecological testing has not been conducted on this product.

The product is classified as environmentally hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.

### 12.1 Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Zinc oxide	Acute EC50 0.17 mg/l	Algae - Selenastrum capricornutum	72 hours
	Acute EC50 0.481 mg/l Fresh water	Daphnia - Daphnia magna - Neonate	48 hours
	Acute LC50 2.525 mg/l Fresh water	Fish - Danio rerio - Adult	96 hours
2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)	Acute EC50 0.00129 mg/l	Algae - Navicula pelliculosa	48 hours
	Acute EC50 0.013 mg/l	Crustaceans - Crassostrea virginica	96 hours
	Acute LC50 0.047 mg/l	Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss	96 hours
	Chronic EC10 0.000224 mg/l	Algae - Navicula pelliculosa	48 hours
	Chronic NOEC 0.003 mg/l	Daphnia - Daphnia magna	21 days
	Chronic NOEC 0.0085 mg/l	Fish - Pimephales promelas	35 days
	EC50 0.053 mg/l	Algae	72 hours
3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC)	EC50 0.16 mg/l	Daphnia	48 hours
	LC50 0.067 mg/l	Fish	96 hours
	NOEC 0.05 mg/l	Daphnia - Daphnia magna	21 days
	Acute EC50 1.6 µg/l	Algae - Navicula pelliculosa	24 hours
4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (DCOIT)	Acute EC50 2.1 µg/l	Crustaceans - Crassostrea virginica	48 hours
	Acute LC50 2.7 µg/l	Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss	96 hours
	Chronic NOEC 0.4 µg/l	Daphnia - Daphnia magna	21 days
	Chronic NOEC 0.47 µg/l	Fish - Danio rerio	35 days
	Acute EC50 0.068 mg/l	Algae - Anabaena flos aqua	72 hours
bronopol	Acute EC50 0.068 mg/l	Algae - Anabaena flos aqua	72 hours

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability
Reaction mass of 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1) (C(M)IT/MIT (3:1))	-	-	Readily
4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (DCOIT)	-	-	Not readily
2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)	-	-	Not readily

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP <sub>ow</sub>	Bioconcentration factor [BCF]	Potential
Bronopol	0.18	-	low
2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)	2.45	-	low
zinc oxide	-	28960	high

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>) : Not available.

Mobility : Not available.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This mixture does not contain any substances that are assessed to be a PBT or a vPvB.

12.6 Other adverse effects : Not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

**Methods of disposal** : Remove as much product as possible from the tools before cleaning. Liquid residue and cleaning liquids are hazardous waste and must not be emptied into drains or sewage system, but handled in accordance with national regulations. Product residues should be left at special companies which have permission for gathering this kind of wastes.

#### European waste catalogue (EWC)

Waste code	Waste designation
08 01 11*	waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other hazardous substances

If this product is mixed with other wastes, the original waste product code may no longer apply and the appropriate code should be assigned. For further information, contact your local waste authority.

#### Packaging

**Methods of disposal** : Empty packaging should be disposed of in accordance with national regulations.

**Special precautions** : No additional information.



**SECTION 14: Transport information**

	<b>ADR/RID</b>	<b>IMDG</b>	<b>IATA</b>
<b>14.1 UN number</b>	UN3082	UN3082	UN3082
<b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (zinc oxide)	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (zinc oxide)	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (zinc oxide)
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>	9	9	9
<b>14.4 Packing group</b>	III	III	III
<b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.

**Additional information**

**ADR/RID** : This product is not regulated as a dangerous good when transported in sizes of ≤5 L or ≤5 kg, provided the packagings meet the general provisions of 4.1.1.1, 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.4 to 4.1.1.8.

**IMDG** : This product is not regulated as a dangerous good when transported in sizes of ≤5 L or ≤5 kg, provided the packagings meet the general provisions of 4.1.1.1, 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.4 to 4.1.1.8.

**IATA** : This product is not regulated as a dangerous good when transported in sizes of ≤5 L or ≤5 kg, provided the packagings meet the general provisions of 5.0.2.4.1, 5.0.2.6.1.1 and 5.0.2.8.

**14.6 Special precautions for user** : **Transport within user's premises:** always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

**14.7 Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments** : Not available.

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

EU Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

Other EU regulations

Europe inventory :  At least one component is not listed.

Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not listed.

VOC Directive : This product is in scope of Directive 2004/42/CE.

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment** : This product contains substances for which Chemical Safety Assessments are still required.

## SECTION 16: Other information

✔ Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

**Abbreviations and acronyms** : ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate  
 CLP = Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation [Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008]  
 DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level  
 DNEL = Derived No Effect Level  
 EUH statement = CLP-specific Hazard statement  
 PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
 PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration  
 RRN = REACH Registration Number  
 vPvB = Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

**Procedure used to derive the classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]**

	Classification	Justification
✔ Skin Irrit. 2, H315		Calculation method
Eye Irrit. 2, H319		Calculation method
Skin Sens. 1, H317		Calculation method
Aquatic Acute 1, H400		Calculation method
Aquatic Chronic 1, H410		Calculation method
<b>Full text of abbreviated H statements</b>	✔ H301 Toxic if swallowed. H302 Harmful if swallowed. H310 Fatal in contact with skin. H311 Toxic in contact with skin. H312 Harmful in contact with skin. H330 Fatal if inhaled. H331 Toxic if inhaled. H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. H318 Causes serious eye damage. H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H315 Causes skin irritation. H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction. H335 May cause respiratory irritation. H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. H400 Very toxic to aquatic life. H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. EUH071 Corrosive to the respiratory tract.	
<b>Full text of classifications [CLP/GHS]</b>	✔ Acute Tox. 2 Acute Tox. 3 Acute Tox. 4 Aquatic Acute 1 Aquatic Chronic 1 Eye Dam. 1 Eye Irrit. 2 Skin Corr. 1 Skin Corr. 1C Skin Irrit. 2 Skin Sens. 1 Skin Sens. 1A STOT RE 1 STOT SE 3	ACUTE TOXICITY - Category 2 ACUTE TOXICITY - Category 3 ACUTE TOXICITY - Category 4 AQUATIC HAZARD (ACUTE) - Category 1 AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 1 SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 1 SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 2 SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 1 SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 1C SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 2 SKIN SENSITIZATION - Category 1 SKIN SENSITIZATION - Category 1A SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (REPEATED EXPOSURE) - Category 1 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) - Category 3
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