

## Product Information

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### TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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Product: **Lupranat® MI**  
PBG-No.: 10944482  
Chemical Name: methylene diphenyl diisocyanate

**Chemical nature** Lupranat MI is a mixture of 2,4'- and 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI).

**Applications** Together with other isocyanates, Lupranat MI is used for the manufacture of flexible foams, adhesives, and coatings.

**Typical properties** Appearance: colourless to yellow, clear liquid

4,4'-isomer	50.0	g/100 g
Acidity as HCl	5	mg/kg
Density at 25 °C	1.19	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Hydrolysable chlorine	25	mg/kg
Molar mass	250	g/mol
NCO content	33.5	g/100 g
Purity	99.5	g/100g
Viscosity at 25 °C	12	mPa·s

**Delivery** Lupranat MI can be delivered in road tankers, in containers containing 1000 l and in non-returnable drums. If delivered in road tankers, temperature during transport should be maintained between 25 – 35°C. If delivered in drums, temperature should not fall below crystallization point. Exposure to intensive sunlight should be avoided.

**Storage** Lupranat MI is sensitive to moisture. It yellows, particularly on exposure to light and air. The products slowly form dimeric diphenylmethanediisocyanate, which is seen as a precipitate, and which might influence the properties of the final products if used for special applications. This dimer cannot be removed by heating.

The ideal storage temperature is 25 to 35 °C. Under these conditions and if moisture is excluded, Lupranat MI can be stored for at least 3 months. The containers must be kept airtight, storage tanks must be blanketed with dry nitrogen. Prolonged storage at high temperatures can lead to a discoloration, an increased dimer content and the product may become turbid.

If Lupranat MI is stored at temperatures below +16 °C, crystals can be formed. Crystallized product must be melted out immediately by short term heating. The product temperature must not exceed 50 °C. Local overheating must be avoided, because the product will be destroyed at temperatures above 230 °C with consequent gas formation. Rolling of the drums in a hot air oven is the

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recommended method of dissolving the crystals. After melting out, the contents of the drum must be thoroughly mixed.

More detailed information on transport and storage of isocyanates is given in the ISOPA-Guidelines “For Safe Loading / Unloading Transportation Storage of TDI and MDI in Bulk” and “For the Safe Transportation, Unloading & Storage of Packaged TDI & MDI”.

### **Safety advice and environmental protection**

Labelling, transportation, storage, processing, waste treatment and disposal must comply with national regulations. Occupational exposure limits are to be observed.

Lupranat MI is classified as harmful if inhaled. It causes skin irritation and serious eye irritation. It may cause respiratory irritation. It may cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact. It is suspected of causing cancer. It may cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated inhalation exposure.

Before processing the product, we recommend reading the safety data sheet.

To avoid accidents, the residual product in the drums must be handled with care. Any water or moisture which is allowed to enter the drum will react with Lupranat MI and release carbon dioxide. Unless action is taken to prevent moisture entry or gas entrapment, the drums will become pressurized and could rupture.

This BASF material may not be used for the manufacture of materials and articles intended to get in contact with food or drinking water.

If it is intended to use BASF materials for the manufacture of medical devices, toys or consumer goods (e.g., products which will come into contact with the skin), please contact your BASF's Sales Manager and Product Stewardship department.

### **Disposal of drums**

Residues of MDI remaining in drums must be decomposed. Please contact our local agencies for further information on national disposal regulations.

### **Note**

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