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glycerol

[glis-uh-rawl, -rol]
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noun

1.

a colorless, odorless, syrupy, sweet liquid, $C_3H_8O_3$, usually obtained by the saponification of natural fats and oils: used for sweetening and preserving food, in the manufacture of cosmetics, perfumes, inks, and certain glues and cements, as a solvent and automobile antifreeze, and in medicine in suppositories and skin emollients.

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Also called glycerin, glycerine.

Origin Expand

1880-1885

1880-85; glycer(in) + -ol¹

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- The bottle actually contained *glycerol*, not fructose.
- Its fuel is a mixture of *glycerol* and sodium borohydride.
- *glycerol* drives out the water molecules that normally scatter light and render skin opaque.

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/'glɪsə, rɒl/

noun

1.

a colourless or pale yellow odourless sweet-tasting syrupy liquid; 1,2,3-propanetriol: a by-product of soap manufacture, used as a solvent, antifreeze, plasticizer, and sweetener (E422).

Formula: $C_3H_8O_3$ Also called (not in technical usage) glycerine, glycerin

Word Origin

C19: from glycer (ine) + -ol 1