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## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### PRODUCT NAME

METHANOL

### OTHER NAMES

CH<sub>4</sub>-O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, "methyl alcohol", carbinol, "colonial spirit", "Columbian spirit", hydroxymethane, monohydroxymethane, "pyroxylic spirit", "wood alcohol", "wood naphtha", "wood spirit", methylol, "methyl hydrate"

### PROPER SHIPPING NAME

METHANOL

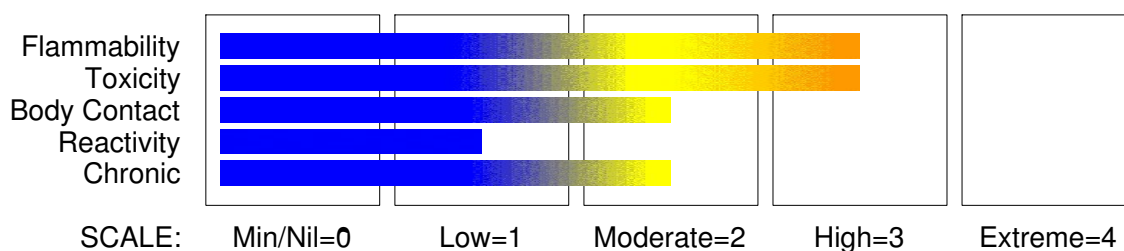
### PRODUCT USE

Used as an industrial and pharmaceutical solvent: raw material for the manufacture of formaldehyde; used to denature ethanol; as a octane booster in petrol and as a antifreeze for automotive radiators and air brakes.  
As an ingredient of gasoline and diesel oil antifreezes; used as a fuel for picnic stoves and is used as an extractant for vegetable and animal oils.

### SUPPLIER

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### HAZARD RATINGS



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## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS Classification

Acute Toxicity (Dermal) Category 3  
Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 2  
Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 3  
Eye Irritation Category 2B  
Flammable Liquid Category 2  
Organ Damage Category 1  
Respiratory Effects Category 3  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 3



### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

#### HAZARD

DANGER

Determined GHS criteria:

H336 H225 H330 H311 H301 H316 H320 H372

May cause drowsiness and dizziness

Highly flammable liquid and vapour

Fatal if inhaled

Toxic in contact with skin

Toxic if swallowed

Causes mild skin irritation

Causes eye irritation

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

##### Prevention

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Wear respiratory protection.

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wear protective gloves/clothing

Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection.

Keep container tightly closed.

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame - No smoking.

Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment

Use only non-sparking tools.

Take precautionary measures against static discharge

##### Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.

If eye irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.

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IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If skin irritation occurs, seek medical advice/attention.  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
In case of fire, use alcohol-type foam for extinction.  
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.  
If on skin or hair: remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse with water/shower.  
Specific treatment: refer to Label or MSDS.  
Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing  
Wash/Decontaminate removed clothing before reuse.  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

### Storage

Store locked up.

### Disposal

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with relevant legislation.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
methanol	67-56-1	>98

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

### SWALLOWED

- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.
- If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.
- Observe the patient carefully.
- Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.
- Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.

### EYE

- If this product comes in contact with the eyes:
- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.
  - Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
  - Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
  - Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
  - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

### SKIN

- If skin or hair contact occurs:
- Quickly but gently, wipe material off skin with a dry, clean cloth.
  - Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.

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- Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor.

## INHALED

- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prosthesis such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.

## NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

For acute and short term repeated exposures to methanol:

- Toxicity results from accumulation of formaldehyde/formic acid.
- Clinical signs are usually limited to CNS, eyes and GI tract. Severe metabolic acidosis may produce dyspnea and profound systemic effects which may become intractable. All symptomatic patients should have arterial pH measured. Evaluate airway, breathing and circulation.
- Stabilise obtunded patients by giving naloxone, glucose and thiamine.
- Decontaminate with ipecac or lavage for patients presenting 2 hours post-ingestion. Charcoal does not absorb well; the usefulness of cathartic is not established.
- Forced diuresis is not effective; haemodialysis is recommended where peak methanol levels exceed 50 mg/dL (this correlates with serum bicarbonate levels below 18 mEq/L).
- Ethanol, maintained at levels between 100 and 150 mg/dL, inhibits formation of toxic metabolites and may be indicated when peak methanol levels exceed 20 mg/dL. An intravenous solution of ethanol in D5W is optimal.
- Folate, as leucovorin, may increase the oxidative removal of formic acid. 4-methylpyrazole may be an effective adjunct in the treatment. 8-Phenytoin may be preferable to diazepam for controlling seizure.

[Ellenhorn Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comment
1. Methanol in urine	15 mg/l	End of shift	B, NS
2. Formic acid in urine	80 mg/gm creatinine	Before the shift at end of workweek	B, NS

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed.

NS: Non-specific determinant - observed following exposure to other materials.

## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Alcohol stable foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

### FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- May be violently or explosively reactive.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.

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- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.
- If safe, switch off electrical equipment until vapour fire hazard removed.
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
- Avoid spraying water onto liquid pools.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.

## FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Liquid and vapour are highly flammable.
- Severe fire hazard when exposed to heat, flame and/or oxidisers.
- Vapour may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition.
- Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.
- On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO).

Combustion products include: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), formaldehyde, other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

## FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Breathing apparatus.
- Chemical splash suit.

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## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### MINOR SPILLS

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- Contain and absorb small quantities with vermiculite or other absorbent material.
- Wipe up.
- Collect residues in a flammable waste container.

### MAJOR SPILLS

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- May be violently or explosively reactive.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- Increase ventilation.
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Water spray or fog may be used to disperse vapour.
- Contain or absorb spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Use only spark-free shovels and explosion proof equipment.
- Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.
- Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and

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equipment before storing and re-using.

· If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

Chemical Class: alcohols and glycols

For release onto land: recommended sorbents listed in order of priority.

SORBENT TYPE	RANK	APPLICATION	COLLECTION	LIMITATIONS
LAND SPILL - SMALL				
cross- linked polymer - particulate	1	shovel	shovel	R, W, SS
cross- linked polymer - pillow	1	throw	pitchfork	R, DGC, RT
sorbent clay - particulate	2	shovel	shovel	R, I, P
wood fiber - pillow	3	throw	pitchfork	R, P, DGC, RT
treated wood fiber - pillow	3	throw	pitchfork	DGC, RT
foamed glass - pillow	4	throw	pichfork	R, P, DGC, RT
LAND SPILL - MEDIUM				
cross- linked polymer - particulate	1	blower	skiploader	R, W, SS
polypropylene - particulate	2	blower	skiploader	W, SS, DGC
sorbent clay - particulate	2	blower	skiploader	R, I, W, P, DGC
polypropylene - mat	3	throw	skiploader	DGC, RT
expanded mineral - particulate	3	blower	skiploader	R, I, W, P, DGC
polyurethane - mat	4	throw	skiploader	DGC, RT

### Legend

DGC: Not effective where ground cover is dense

R; Not reusable

I: Not incinerable

P: Effectiveness reduced when rainy

RT:Not effective where terrain is rugged

SS: Not for use within environmentally sensitive sites

W: Effectiveness reduced when windy

Reference: Sorbents for Liquid Hazardous Substance Cleanup and Control;

R.W Melvold et al: Pollution Technology Review No. 150: Noyes Data Corporation 1988.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING GUIDELINES (ERPG)

The maximum airborne concentration below which it is believed that nearly all individuals could be exposed for up to one hour WITHOUT experiencing or developing

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life-threatening health effects is:

methanol 5000 ppm

irreversible or other serious effects or symptoms which could impair an individual's ability to take protective action is:

methanol 1000 ppm

other than mild, transient adverse effects without perceiving a clearly defined odour is:

methanol 200 ppm

The threshold concentration below which most people will experience no appreciable risk of health effects:

methanol 200 ppm

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)

Ingredients considered according to the following cutoffs

Very Toxic (T+)  $\geq 0.1\%$  Toxic (T)  $\geq 3.0\%$

R50  $\geq 0.25\%$  Corrosive (C)  $\geq 5.0\%$

R51  $\geq 2.5\%$

else  $\geq 10\%$

where percentage is percentage of ingredient found in the mixture

### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



+: May be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

X: Must not be stored together

**Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the MSDS.**

### Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin.

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- Avoid smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Vapour may ignite on pumping or pouring due to static electricity.
- DO NOT use plastic buckets.
- Earth and secure metal containers when dispensing or pouring product.
- Use spark-free tools when handling.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately.
- Use good occupational work practice.

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- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions.

## SUITABLE CONTAINER

Glass container.

- Packing as supplied by manufacturer.
- Plastic containers may only be used if approved for flammable liquid.
- Check that containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.
- For low viscosity materials (i) : Drums and jerry cans must be of the non-removable head type. (ii) : Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.
- For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C)
- For manufactured product having a viscosity of at least 250 cSt. (23 deg. C)
- Manufactured product that requires stirring before use and having a viscosity of at least 20 cSt (25 deg. C)
  - (i) : Removable head packaging;
  - (ii) : Cans with friction closures and
  - (iii) : low pressure tubes and cartridges may be used.
- Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages
- In addition, where inner packagings are glass and contain liquids of packing group I there must be sufficient inert absorbent to absorb any spillage, unless the outer packaging is a close fitting moulded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic.

## STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid storage with strong acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, oxidising agents.  
Incompatible with aluminium. DO NOT heat above 49 deg. C. in aluminium equipment.  
Avoid storage with reducing agents.  
Avoid alkali metals, beryllium dihydride, isocyanates  
acetaldehyde, ethylene oxide, chloroform and potassium t-butoxide.  
Slowly corrosive to lead and aluminium.

## STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers in approved flame-proof area.
- No smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.
- DO NOT store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapours may be trapped.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store away from incompatible materials in a cool, dry well ventilated area.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

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## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The following materials had no OELs on our records

- methanol: CAS:58456- 46- 5 CAS:67- 56- 1 CAS:19710- 56- 6  
CAS:7263- 60- 7 CAS:6853- 31- 2 CAS:79825- 55- 1  
CAS:253142- 14- 2 CAS:54841- 71- 3

### EMERGENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Material	Revised IDLH Value (mg/m3)	Revised IDLH Value (ppm)
methanol		6, 000



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### ODOUR SAFETY FACTOR (OSF)

OSF=2 (METHANOL)

Exposed individuals are NOT reasonably expected to be warned, by smell, that the Exposure Standard is being exceeded.

Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is determined to fall into either Class C, D or E.

The Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is defined as:

OSF= Exposure Standard (TWA) ppm/ Odour Threshold Value (OTV) ppm

Classification into classes follows:

Class	OSF	Description
A	550	Over 90% of exposed individuals are aware by smell that the Exposure Standard (TLV- TWA for example) is being reached, even when distracted by working activities
B	26- 550	As " A" for 50- 90% of persons being distracted
C	1- 26	As " A" for less than 50% of persons being distracted
D	0.18- 1	10- 50% of persons aware of being tested perceive by smell that the Exposure Standard is being reached
E	<0.18	As " D" for less than 10% of persons aware of being tested

### MATERIAL DATA

Odour Threshold Value: 4.2-5960 ppm (detection), 53.0-8940 ppm (recognition)

NOTE: Detector tubes for methanol, measuring in excess of 50 ppm, are commercially available.

Exposure at or below the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to substantially reduce the significant risk of headache, blurred vision and other ocular and systemic effects.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION



#### EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC

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NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

### OTHER

- Overalls.
- PVC Apron.
- PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.
- Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.

### GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

" Forsberg Clothing Performance Index" .

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the computer- generated selection: methanol

Protective Material CPI \*.

BUTYL	A
BUTYL/NEOPRENE	A
PVDC/PE/PVDC	A
SARANEX- 23	A
SARANEX- 23 2- PLY	A
VITON/NEOPRENE	A
TEFLON	A
PE/EVAL/PE	A
NEOPRENE	B
PVC	C
NEOPRENE/NATURAL	C
NAT+NEOPR+NITRILE	C
NITRILE	C
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	C
NATURAL RUBBER	C
PVA	C

A: Best Selection

B: Satisfactory; may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion

C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

NOTE: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

\* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

### RESPIRATOR

Selection of the Class and Type of respirator will depend upon the level of breathing zone contaminant and the chemical nature of the contaminant. Protection Factors (defined as the ratio of contaminant outside and inside the mask) may also be important.

Breathing Zone Level ppm (volume)	Maximum Protection Factor	Half- face Respirator	Full- Face Respirator
1000	10	AX- AUS	-
1000	50	-	AX- AUS
5000	50	Airline *	-
5000	100	-	AX- 2
10000	100	-	AX- 3
	100+		Airline**

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\* - Continuous Flow

\*\* - Continuous-flow or positive pressure demand.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

For further information consult site specific

your

Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

## ENGINEERING CONTROLS

For flammable liquids and flammable gases, local exhaust ventilation or a process enclosure ventilation system may be required. Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:

solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).

aerosols, fumes from pouring operations,

intermittent container filling, low speed

conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift,

plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)

direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths,

drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts,

gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)

Air Speed:

0.25- 0.5 m/s (50- 100 f/min.)

0.5- 1 m/s (100- 200 f/min.)

1- 2.5 m/s (200- 500 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range

1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture

2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.

3: Intermittent, low production.

4: Large hood or large air mass in motion

Upper end of the range

1: Disturbing room air currents

2: Contaminants of high toxicity

3: High production, heavy use

4: Small hood- local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min.) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### APPEARANCE

Clear, colourless, very mobile, highly volatile, highly flammable, toxic liquid with a sweet alcoholic odour; mixes with water.

Burns with a non-luminous flame.

Miscible with ethanol, ether, benzene and most organic solvents.

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Forms azeotropes with many compounds. Viscosity = 0.59 @ 20 C

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid.

Mixes with water.

Toxic or noxious vapours/gas.

Molecular Weight: 32.04

Melting Range (°C): - 97.8

Solubility in water (g/L): Miscible

pH (1% solution): Neutral

Volatile Component (%vol): ca 100 @ 20 C

Relative Vapour Density (air=1): 1.1

Lower Explosive Limit (%): 5.5- 6.0

Autoignition Temp (°C): 385- (464 ICI)

State: Liquid

Boiling Range (°C): 63.9- 65

Specific Gravity (water=1): 0.79 @ 20 C

pH (as supplied): Not applicable

Vapour Pressure (kPa): 12.26 @ 20 C

Evaporation Rate: 2.1 BuAc=1

Flash Point (°C): 11- 12(16.1 OC)

Upper Explosive Limit (%): 31- 36.5

Decomposition Temp (°C): Not available.

Viscosity: Not Available

log Kow: -0.82- -0.66

## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

##### SWALLOWED

Toxic effects may result from the accidental ingestion of the material; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 40 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

Limited evidence exists that exposure to the material may produce serious irreversible damage (other than carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and teratogenesis) following a single exposure by swallowing.

Methanol may produce a burning or painful sensation in the mouth, throat, chest and stomach. This may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, weakness, fatigue, leg cramps, restlessness, confusion, drunken behaviour, visual disturbance, drowsiness, coma and death. Onset of symptoms may be delayed for several hours. Effects are due partly to acidosis and partly to cerebral oedema. Visual impairment produces blurring, double vision (diplopia), changes in colour perception, restriction of visual fields and blindness. 60-200 ml of methanol is a fatal dose for most adults with as little as 10 ml producing blindness. In massive overdose, liver, kidney, heart and muscle injury have been described.

##### EYE

Limited evidence or practical experience suggests, that the material may cause moderate eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or may produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals. Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause moderate

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inflammation (similar to windburn) characterised by a temporary redness of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur.

## SKIN

Skin contact with the material may produce toxic effects; systemic effects may result following absorption.

The material may produce moderate skin irritation; limited evidence or practical experience suggests, that the material either:

- produces moderate inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact and/or
- produces significant, but moderate, inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals (for up to four hours), such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period.

Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

Strong evidence exists that exposure to the material may produce serious irreversible damage (other than carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and teratogenesis) following a single exposure by skin contact.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling the epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

Most liquid alcohols appear to act as primary skin irritants in humans. Significant percutaneous absorption occurs in rabbits but not apparently in man.

## INHALED

Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may produce toxic effects.

Limited evidence exists that exposure to the material may produce serious irreversible damage (other than carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and teratogenesis) following a single exposure by inhalation.

The material is not thought to produce respiratory irritation (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless inhalation of vapours, fumes or aerosols, especially for prolonged periods, may produce respiratory discomfort and occasionally, distress.

Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo.

## CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Minor but regular methanol exposures may effect the central nervous system, optic nerves and retinae. Symptoms may be delayed, with headache, fatigue, nausea, blurring of vision and double vision. Continued or severe exposures may cause damage to optic nerves, which may become severe with permanent visual impairment even blindness resulting.

**WARNING:** Methanol is only slowly eliminated from the body and should be regarded as a cumulative poison which cannot be made non-harmful [CCINFO].

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Long-term exposure to methanol vapour, at concentrations exceeding 3000 ppm, may produce cumulative effects characterised by gastrointestinal disturbances (nausea, vomiting), headache, ringing in the ears, insomnia, trembling, unsteady gait, vertigo, conjunctivitis and clouded or double vision. Liver and/or kidney injury may also result. Some individuals show severe eye damage following prolonged exposure to 800 ppm of the vapour.

## TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

### TOXICITY

Oral (human) LDLo: 143 mg/kg

Oral (man) LDLo: 6422 mg/kg

Oral (man) TDLo: 3429 mg/kg

Oral (rat) LD50: 5628 mg/kg

Inhalation (human) TClO: 86000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Inhalation (human) TClO: 300 ppm

Inhalation (rat) LC50: 64000 ppm/4h

Dermal (rabbit) LD50: 15800 mg/kg

### IRRITATION

Skin (rabbit): 20 mg/24 h- Moderate

Eye (rabbit): 40 mg- Moderate

Eye (rabbit): 100 mg/24h- Moderate

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling the epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

log Kow: -0.82- -0.66

Half-life (hr) air: 427

Half-life (hr) H<sub>2</sub>O surface water: 5.3-64

Henry's atm m<sup>3</sup> /mol: 1.35E-04

BOD 5 if unstated: 0.76-1.12

COD: 1.05-1.50,99%

ThOD: 1.5

BCF: 0.2-10

Toxicity Fish: LC50(96): 11-15mg/L

TLm(48Hr): 8000mg/L (trout)

Toxicity Arthropoda: NOEL 10 g/L/48Hr (Daphnia) [ICI]

## Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Recycle wherever possible.
  - Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
  - Dispose of by: Burial in a licenced land-fill or Incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material).
  - Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.
  - Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
  - Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.
- Otherwise:
- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
  - Where possible retain label warnings and MSDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

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## WASTE DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

- Collect the waste methanol quantities in a labelled nonhalogenated waste solvent container for incineration [Armour 1996].

## SPILLAGE DISPOSAL

- Shut off all ignition sources. Clear area of personnel. Wear breathing apparatus if necessary, eye protection, protective clothing and butyl rubber gloves to control personal contact from methanol. Cover and contain the spill with a 1:1:1 mixture by weight of sodium carbonate, bentonite and sand. Scoop the absorbed contents into a container and add the contents to a container of water. Allow the solids to settle and decant the liquid portion into the drain with water and treat as normal refuse. Alternatively, package the solid and label for incineration.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Labels Required: FLAMMABLE LIQUID, TOXIC  
HAZCHEM: 2WE

### UNDG:

Dangerous Goods Class: 3	Subrisk: 6.1
UN Number: 1230	Packing Group: II
Shipping Name: METHANOL	

### Air Transport IATA:

ICAO/IATA Class: 3	ICAO/IATA Subrisk: 6.1
UN/ID Number: 1230	Packing Group: II
ERG Code: 3P	
Shipping name: METHANOL	

### Maritime Transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: 3	IMDG Subrisk: 6.1
UN Number: 1230	Packing Group: II
EMS Number: F- E, S- D	
Shipping name: METHANOL	

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

### REGULATIONS

methanol (CAS: 67-56-1) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Other Liquid Substances  
International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

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methanol (CAS: 19710-56-6) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Other Liquid Substances

No data available for methanol as CAS: 58456-46-5, CAS: 7263-60-7, CAS: 6853-31-2, CAS: 79825-55-1, CAS: 253142-14-2, CAS: 54841-71-3.

## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

### INGREDIENTS WITH MULTIPLE CAS NUMBERS

Ingredient Name	CAS
methanol	58456- 46- 5, 67- 56- 1, 19710 - 56- 6, 7263- 60- 7, 6853- 31- 2, 79825- 55- 1, 253142- 14- 2, 54841- 71- 3

### REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH GUIDELINES

Established occupational exposure limits frequently do not take into consideration reproductive end points that are clearly below the thresholds for other toxic effects. Occupational reproductive guidelines (ORGs) have been suggested as an additional standard. These have been established after a literature search for the reproductive no-observed-adverse effect-level (NOAEL) and the lowest-observed-adverse-effect-level (LOAEL). In addition the US EPA's procedures for risk assessment for hazard identification and dose-response assessment as applied by NIOSH were used in the creation of such limits. Uncertainty factors (UFs) have also been incorporated.

Ingredient	ORG	UF	Endpoi nt	CR	Adeq TLV
methanol	262 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NA	NA	NA	Yes

These exposure guidelines have been derived from a screening level of risk assessment and should not be construed as unequivocally safe limits. ORGS represent an 8-hour time-weighted average unless specified otherwise.

CR = Cancer Risk/10000; UF = Uncertainty factor:

TLV believed to be adequate to protect reproductive health:

LOD: Limit of detection

Toxic endpoints have also been identified as:

D = Developmental; R = Reproductive; TC = Transplacental carcinogen

Jankovic J., Drake F.: A Screening Method for Occupational Reproductive  
American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal 57: 641-649 (1996).

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