

**Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information**

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For laboratory use only.  
Not for drug, food or household use.

**Product** METHYL ALCOHOL

**Synonyms** Methanol ; Wood Alcohol

**Section 2 Hazards Identification**

**Signal word:** DANGER

**Pictograms:** GHS02 / GHS06 / GHS08

**Target organs:** Central nervous system, Liver, Kidneys, Heart

**GHS Classification:**

Flammable liquid (Category 2)

Acute toxicity, oral (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, dermal (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, inhalation (Category 3)

STOT-SE (Category 1)

**GHS Label information: Hazard statement:**

H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

H301: Toxic if swallowed.

H311: Toxic in contact with skin.

H331: Toxic if inhaled.

H370: Causes damage to organs.

**Precautionary statement:**

P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

P242: Use only non-sparking tools.

P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P260: Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+P330 +P310: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P303+P361+P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P308+P312: IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P370+P378: In case of fire: Use dry chemical, alcohol foam, carbon dioxide or water spray to extinguish.

P403+P233+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep cool.

P405: Store locked up.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations.

Ca Prop 65: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity (Methanol, developmental).

**Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients**

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Methanol	67-56-1	100%	200-659-6

**Section 4 First Aid Measures**

**INGESTION:** MAY BE FATAL OR CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SWALLOWED. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** VAPOR HARMFUL. HARMFUL IF INHALED. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** CAUSES EYE IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** HARMFUL IN CONTACT WITH SKIN. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

**Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Carbon dioxide, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol foam.

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Specific Hazards:** During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Fires involving a small amount of combustibles may be smothered by dry chemical. Vapors formed from this product are heavier than air and may travel along the ground to a distant source of ignition and flash back instantly. Closed containers exposed to heat may explode. Burns with a clear, almost invisible flame. Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire.

**Section 6 Accidental Release Measures**

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Remove all sources of ignition. Absorb with inert dry material, sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

## Section 7 Handling & Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale vapors, spray or mist. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from ignition sources.

## Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Methanol	TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup> / STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> / STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If misty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

## Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Clear, colorless liquid.

**Odor:** Pungent+ odor.

**Odor threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** Data not available.

**Melting / Freezing point:** -98°C (-144°F)

**Boiling point:** 65°C (149°F)

**Flash point:** 11°C (52°F) CC

**Evaporation rate ( Butyl acetate = 1):** 4.6

**Flammability (solid/gas):** Data not available.

**Explosion limits: Lower / Upper:** 7.3% / 36%

**Vapor pressure (mm Hg):** 96 mm @ 20°C

**Vapor density (Air = 1):** 1.11

**Relative density (Specific gravity):** 0.79

**Solubility(ies):** Complete in water.

**Partition coefficient: (n-octanol / water):** Low Pow: -.82

**Auto-ignition temperature:** 463°C (867°F)

**Decomposition temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Molecular formula:** CH<sub>3</sub>OH

**Molecular weight:** 32.04

## Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

**Chemical stability:** Stable

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Excessive temperatures, heat, sparks, open flame and other sources of ignition.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong oxidizing agents, strong acids, zinc, aluminum and magnesium, reducers, alkalies.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Oxides of carbon and formaldehyde.

## Section 11 Toxicological Information

**Acute toxicity:** Oral-rat LD50: 5,628 mg/kg ; Inhalation-rat LC50: 64,000 mg/kg/4hours ; Skin-rabbit LD50: 15,800 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Data not available

**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Data not available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available

**Carcinogenicity:** Data not available

**NTP:** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

**IARC:** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA:** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available

**STOT-single exposure:** The substance or mixture is classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure, category 1 with narcotic effects.

**STOT-repeated exposure:** Data not available

**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available

**Potential health effects:**

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of this material may cause irritation of the respiratory tract, nausea, shortness of breath and headache.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause headache, dizziness, weakness, euphoria, drowsiness, shortness of breath, vomiting and incoordination. Can also cause blindness and death.

Cannot be made nonpoisonous.

**Skin:** Contact with skin can cause moderate irritation, defatting, cracking and dermatitis. Skin absorption may contribute to overall exposure.

**Eyes:** Contact with eyes can cause severe irritation, even corneal burns. High concentrations of vapors may cause irritation.

**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** See Potential health effects above.

**Additional information:** RTECS #: PC1400000

## Section 12 Ecological Information

**Toxicity to fish:** Lepomis macrochirus (fish, fresh water), LC50 = 15,400 mg/l/96 hours

**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** Daphnia magna, EC50 = >10,000 mg/l/48 hours

**Toxicity to algae:** No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** Readily biodegradable

**Bioaccumulative potential:** Not expected to bioaccumulate

**Mobility in soil:** No data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available

**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

## Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

## Section 14 Transport Information

**UN/NA number:** UN1230

**Shipping name:** Methanol

**Hazard class:** Domestic: 3 International: 3, (6.1)

**Packing group:** II

**Reportable Quantity:** Yes

**Marine pollutant:** No

**Exceptions:** Limited quantity equal to or less than 1 L

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## Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Methanol	Listed	5,000 lbs. (2270 kg)	U154	Listed	Not listed	B2; D1B; D2A; D2B

## Section 16 Additional Information

The information contained herein is furnished without warranty of any kind. Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them and must make independent determinations of suitability and completeness of information from all sources to assure proper use of these materials and the safety and health of employees. NTP: National Toxicology Program, IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer, OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, STOT: Specific Target Organ Toxicity, SE: Single Exposure, RE: Repeated Exposure.