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Note: The CHEMTREC phone number is only for emergencies involving spills, leaks, fire, exposure or accident. Please direct all other inquiries to our customer service phone number.

## Section I - Product Identification

Methyl alcohol, also known as methanol or wood alcohol.

## Section II - Hazards Identification

Danger: Extremely flammable liquid and vapor. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames and hot surfaces. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautions against static discharge. Wear protective clothes and eye protection. In case of skin contact immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Rinse with water or shower. In case of fire, use fire extinguishers approved for alcohol fires.

### Safety Ratings

*Health:* Hazardous *Flammability:* Extremely flammable liquid and vapor *Reactivity:* Slight *Contact:* Slight

*Recommended safety equipment:* safety goggles, lab coat and proper gloves

*Storage:* Keep cool, away from sources of ignition in a well ventilated area.

NFPA Ratings

Health = 2 Flammability = 4 Reactivity = 1



### Potential Health Effects

The toxicology of this compound have not been completely examined. It is presumed that the toxicity of this item is similar to other aliphatic alcohols.

*Inhalation:* Alcohols are absorbed through the mucous membranes and will produce irritation as well as the same effects as ingestion.

*Ingestion:* Inhalation will produce CNS disturbance, dizziness, photophobia, headache, stupor, coma and death.

*Skin contact:* Alcohols are absorbed through the skin. Repeated contact causes defatting of the skin with resultant irritation and flaking.

*Eye contact:* May be irritating

*Chronic Exposure:* Unknown

*Aggravation of preexisting conditions:* Impaired kidney and liver function may be aggravated by exposure to alcohols. Preexisting eye, skin, and respiratory conditions may also be aggravated. Methanol has shown genetic toxicity in some animals.

## Section III - Composition/Information on Components

Ingredients	CAS#	OSHA Pel	ACGIH TLV	Other Limits	%
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	200 ppm (TWA)	200 ppm (TWA)		100% v/v

## Section IV - First Aid Measures

*Inhalation:* Remove from source of exposure and get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

*Ingestion:* Do not induce vomiting if patient is unconscious or extremely drowsy. Otherwise administer 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention even if symptoms improve.

*Skin Contact:* In case of skin contact, remove contaminated clothing and flush with water. Wash affected area with soap and water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

*Eye Contact:* In case of eye contact, flush with water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention.

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## Section V - Fire Fighting Measures

*Flash point:* 15 °C (59 °F) TCC

*Flammable Limits:* LEL: 6.0, UEL: 36.5

*Explosion:* Not Normally an explosion hazard.

*Fire Extinguishing Media:* Alcohol type foam, carbon dioxide or dry chemical. Water is ineffective against alcohol fires but may be used to cool adjacent containers.

*Special information:* Pyrolysis will release toxic oxides such as carbon monoxide.

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## Section VI - Accidental Release Measures

Remove all sources of ignition, absorb with a suitable absorbent (such as paper towels) and dispose.

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## Section VII - Handling and Storage

Store in a well ventilated place. Store in a closed container, away from open flames or other sources of ignition.

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## Section VIII - Exposure Control/Personal Protection

*Airborne Exposure Limits:* See section III.

*Ventilation System:* Usually not required. When required, Refer to the ACGIH document, "Industrial Ventilation, a Manual of Recommended Practices" for details about ventilation.

*Personal Respirator:* Usually not required. In case of emergency, or when exposure levels are unknown, use a positive pressure, full face piece, air supplied respirator.

*Skin protection:* Protective gloves are not required but recommended as part of good laboratory practice.

*Eye Protection:* Laboratory safety goggles or similar products are not required but recommended as part of good laboratory practice.

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## Section IX - Physical and Chemical Properties

*Boiling Point:* 64 °C (147 °F)

*Density:* 0.789 g/ml @ 22.5 °C

*Vapor pressure (mm Hg):* 98 @ 19 °C

*Evaporation Rate (Ethanol = 1):* 1

*Vapor Density (air = 1):* 1.1

*Solubility:* Infinitely miscible with water

*Appearance and Odor:* A clear colorless liquid with the Characteristic odor of methyl alcohol.

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## Section X - Stability and Reactivity

*Stability:* Freezes at very low temperature.

*Hazardous Decomposition Products:* Nothing unusual.

*Hazardous polymerization:* Will not occur.

*Incompatibilities:* Oxidizers.

*Conditions to avoid:* heat, flame and sources of ignition.

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## Section XI - Toxicological Information

Cancer lists

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Known Carcinogenicity?</u>	<u>NTP?</u>	<u>Anticipated?</u>	<u>IARC Category</u>
Methanol	no	no	no	none

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## Section XII - Ecological Information

*Environmental Fate:* Biodegradable

*Environmental Toxicity:* None expected

Methanol evaporates quickly and is not expected to bioaccumulate. The material is removed from the air by dry and liquid adsorption. The half-life for ethanol in the atmosphere is one to ten days.

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## Section XIII - Disposal Considerations

Incineration at a licensed chemical disposal facility is the preferred disposal method. Local governments often restrict the amounts of flammable liquids that may be flushed down the drain. Dispose of contents and container in accord with all applicable regulations.

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**Section XIV - Transportation Information**

DOT Shipping name: Methanol Hazard Class: 3 Packaging Group II

DOT Hazard Label: Flammable liquid DOT Identification Number: UN1230

Bottles smaller than 32 Fl. Oz. are eligible to be shipped under ORM-D or limited quantity exemptions [49 CFR section 173.150(b)(2) and 173.150(C)].

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**Section XV - Regulatory Information****Chemical Inventory Status**

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>TSCA</u>	<u>EC</u>
Methanol	Yes	Yes

**Federal, State and International Regulations**

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>SARA 302</u>		<u>SARA 313</u>		<u>RCRA</u>	<u>TSCA</u>	<u>CA. Prop 65</u>
	<u>RQ</u>	<u>TPQ</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>261.33</u>	<u>8(D)</u>	
Methanol	No	No	Yes	No	U154	No	Yes
Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: Yes							
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes, Chronic: Yes							

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**Section XVI - Other Information**

This information is believed to be correct but is not warranted as such, nor does it purport to be all inclusive.

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