

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Methyl ethyl ketone



### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT and EMERGENCY TELEPHONE C

Product Name: Methyl ethyl ketone  
Formula: C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O  
Synonyms: 2-Butanone  
**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 0491-2566889

### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	% by Weight
Methyl ethyl ketone	99-100

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, permeator), of eye contact (corrosive). Liquid or spray mist may produce tissue damage particularly on mucous membranes of eyes, mouth and respiratory tract. Skin contact may produce burns. Inhalation of the spray mist may produce severe irritation of respiratory tract, characterized by coughing, choking, or shortness of breath. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available. **MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:** Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. **TERATOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available. **DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** Not available. The substance may be toxic to kidneys, mucous membranes, skin, teeth. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated p. 2 or prolonged contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

**Primary Routes of Entry:** Inhalation, skin contact/absorption, eye contact, and ingestion.

**General Acute Exposure:** Liquid, mist, or vapours can cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation and Central Nervous System (CNS) depression.

#### Inhalation:

**Acute Exposure:** Short-term exposure to high concentrations may cause CNS depression. Symptoms may include headache, weakness, drowsiness, light-headedness, nausea, difficult breathing, drunkenness, eye irritation, blurred vision, blindness, loss of consciousness, vertigo, fatigue, convulsions, and possibly death, depending on exposure. Victims may improve and then get worse again up to 30 hours later.

#### Skin:

**Acute Contact:** Upon prolonged or repeated contact, absorption through the skin may occur and produce toxic effects similar to those resulting from inhalation exposure. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause drying, cracking, and inflammation of the skin due to the defatting action of the product.

#### Eye:

**Acute Contact:** Eye irritation may occur upon short-term exposure, including a burning sensation, tearing, redness, or swelling. Upon direct contact with liquid, conjunctivitis and corneal burns may occur. The primary toxic effect is exerted upon the nervous system, particularly the optic nerves and possibly the retina. The condition can progress to permanent blindness.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause serious poisoning with effects similar to those of inhalation and absorption through the skin. Toxic effects are more common after ingestion. Death from as little as one ounce has been reported.

**Neurologic:**

**Acute Exposure:** Central Nervous System (CNS) depression may occur upon exposure.

**Summary of Chronic Exposure:** It is slowly eliminated from the body; hence repeated exposures may result in toxic levels in the blood and tissues. Due to its slow elimination, it should be regarded as a cumulative poison. Though single exposures to fumes may cause no harmful effect, daily exposure may result in the accumulation of sufficient amount in the body to cause illness.

**Note to the Physician:** Coma resulting from massive exposures may last as long as 2-4 days. In the body, products formed by its oxidation are formaldehyde and formic acid.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Personnel with pre-existing CNS disease, skin disorders, impaired liver or kidney function, GI tract disorders or chronic respiratory diseases should avoid exposure.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**First Aid for Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of tepid water for at least 15 minutes. The patient should be seen in a health care facility and referral to an ophthalmologist considered.

**First Aid for Skin:** Immediately flush exposed area with copious amounts of tepid water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes, followed by washing area thoroughly with soap and water. The patient should be seen in a health care facility if irritation or pain persists or if symptoms of toxicity develop. Wash contaminated clothing and shoes before reuse.

**First Aid for Inhalation:** Move patient to fresh air and keep warm and at rest. Monitor for respiratory distress. If difficulty in breathing develops or if breathing has stopped, administer artificial respiration and seek medical attention. If trained to do so administer supplemental oxygen with assisted ventilation as required. Caution: Administration of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation may expose the first aid provider to chemical within the victim's lungs or vomit.

**First Aid for Ingestion:** If patient is conscious, immediately give two glasses of water and induce vomiting. Do not make an unconscious person vomit. Get medical attention immediately.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability of the Product	Flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature	404°C (759.2°F)
Flash Points	CLOSED CUP: -9°C (15.8°F). OPEN CUP: -5.5556°C (22°F) (Tag)
Flammable Limits	LOWER: 1.8% UPPER: 10%
Products of Combustion	These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> ).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

**Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge:** Not available. Explosive in presence of oxidizing materials, of acids.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Flammable liquid, soluble or dispersed in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use alcohol foam, water spray or fog.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Ignition on contact with potassium t-butoxide. Vapor may cause a flash fire

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Reaction with Hydrogen Peroxide + nitric acid forms heat and shock-sensitive explosive product. Mixture with 2-propanol will produce explosive peroxides during storage.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spill or Leak Measures:** Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Keep unnecessary people away and deny entry. Isolate spill or leak area immediately for at least 330 to 660 feet in all directions. Stay upwind, out of low areas, and ventilate closed spaces before entering. Eliminate all ignition sources. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Prevent entry of product into waterways, sewers, basements, or confined spaces. A vapour suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapours. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded and/or spark resistant. Water spray may reduce vapours but may not prevent ignition in closed spaces. Fully encapsulating, vapour protective clothing should be worn for spills and leaks with no fire.

**Determining Spill Size:** Generally, a small spill is one that involves a single, small package (i.e. up to a 55 gallon drum), small cylinder, or a small (non-continuing) leak from a large container.

### Large Spill:

- Dike far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal.
- Follow local emergency protocol for handling.
- Water spray may reduce vapor; but may not prevent ignition in closed spaces.

### Small Spill:

- Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal.
- Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions:** Keep locked up.. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, metals, acids, alkalis.

**Storage:** Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Skin Protection Requirements:** Equipment should prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact with the product. This may include rubber boots, resistant gloves, and other impervious and resistant clothing. Compatible materials may include butyl rubber, natural rubber, neoprene, nitrile rubber, viton and others. Review the equipment manufacture's compatibility data.

**Eye Protection Requirements:** Use chemical (indirectly vented) goggles when there is a potential for contact with product, including vapour. A full-face shield may be worn over goggles for additional protection, but not as a substitute for goggles.

**Other Protective Equipment:** Safety shower and eyewash fountain should be provided. Proper fire extinguishment equipment must be kept in the handling area.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

pH (1% soln/water)	Not available
Boiling Point	79.6 (175.3°F)
Melting Point	-86°C (-122.8°F)
Specific Gravity	0.805(Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure	10.3 k Pa (@ 20°C)
Vapor Density	2.41 (Air = 1)
Odor Threshold	0.25 ppm
Critical Temperature	262.5°C (504.5°F)

## 10. REACTIVITY

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, ignition sources, mechanical shock, incompatible materials.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, metals, acids, alkalis.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Incompatible with chloroform, copper, hydrogen peroxide, nitric acid, potassium t-butoxide, 2-propanol, chlorosulfonic acid, strong oxidizers, amines, ammonia, inorganic acids, isocyanates, caustics, pyridines. Vigorous reaction with chloroform +alkali.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available. Polymerization: Will not occur

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation.

**Toxicity to Animals:** WARNING: THE LC50 VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE. Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 2737 mg/kg [Rat]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): 6480 mg/kg [Rabbit]. Acute toxicity of the vapor (LC50): 32000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 4 hours [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified POSSIBLE for human. May cause damage to the following organs: gastrointestinal tract, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** May cause birth defects based on animal data. Embryotoxic and/or foetotoxic in animal.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** Ecotoxicity in water (LC50): 3220 mg/l 96 hours [Fathead Minnow]. 1690 mg/l 96 hours [Bluegill].

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available..

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal:** Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulation.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Federal and State Regulations:** New York release reporting list: Methyl ethyl ketone Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Methyl ethyl ketone Pennsylvania RTK: Methyl ethyl ketone Minnesota: Methyl ethyl ketone Massachusetts RTK: Methyl ethyl ketone New Jersey: Methyl ethyl ketone California Director's list of Hazardous Substances: Methyl ethyl ketone TSCA 8(b) inventory: Methyl ethyl ketone TSCA 8(d) H and S data reporting: Methyl ethyl ketone: Effective: 10/4/82; Sunset: 10/4/92 SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: Methyl ethyl ketone CERCLA: Hazardous substances.: Methyl ethyl ketone: 5000 lbs. (2268 kg)

**Other Regulations:** OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

**Other Classifications:**

WHMIS (Canada): CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F).  
CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

DSCL (EEC): R11- Highly flammable. R36/37- Irritating to eyes and respiratory system. S9- Keep container in a well-ventilated place. S16- Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. S25- Avoid contact with eyes. S33- Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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