

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name 2-Butanone

Cat No. : L13185

CAS-No 78-93-3
Synonyms Methyl ethyl ketone; MEK; Ethyl methyl ketone

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapor
Causes serious eye irritation
May cause drowsiness or dizziness

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
Keep container tightly closed
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment
Use only non-sparking tools
Take precautionary measures against static discharge
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Keep cool

Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

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

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
Most important symptoms and effects	Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Water may be ineffective
Flash Point	-7 °C / 19.4 °F
Method -	CC (closed cup)
Autoignition Temperature	404 °C / 759.2 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	11.4 vol %
Lower	1.4 vol %
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	3	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation.
Environmental Precautions	Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
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Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

Storage

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Methyl ethyl ketone	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 590 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 300 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 885 mg/m ³ TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m ³	IDLH: 3000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m ³ STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m ³	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment**Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	Characteristic - sweet
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-87 °C / -124.6 °F
Boiling Point/Range	80 °C / 176 °F
Flash Point	-7 °C / 19.4 °F
Method -	CC (closed cup)
Evaporation Rate	3.7
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	11.4 vol %
Lower	1.4 vol %
Vapor Pressure	105 mbar @ 20 °C

Vapor Density	2.41
Specific Gravity	0.806
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	404 °C / 759.2 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.42 mPa.s @ 15°C
Molecular Formula	C ₄ H ₈ O
Molecular Weight	72.11

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents, Ammonia, copper, Amines
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl ethyl ketone	LD50 = 2483 mg/kg (Rat) LD50 = 2737 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 5000 mg/kg (Rabbit) LD50 = 6480 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 11700 ppm (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Irritating to eyes
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects Not mutagenic in AMES Test

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure Central nervous system (CNS)
STOT - repeated exposure Kidney Liver

Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl ethyl ketone	Not listed	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50=3,22 g/L 96 h	EC50 = 3403 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 3426 mg/L 5 min	EC50: 4025 - 6440 mg/L, 48h Static (Daphnia magna) EC50: = 5091 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna) EC50: > 520 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Methyl ethyl ketone	0.29

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Methyl ethyl ketone - 78-93-3	U159	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No	UN1193
Proper Shipping Name	Ethyl methyl ketone
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

TDG

UN-No	UN1193
Proper Shipping Name	ETHYL METHYL KETONE
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

IATA

UN-No	UN1193
Proper Shipping Name	Methyl ethyl ketone
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN1193
Proper Shipping Name	Ethyl methyl ketone (Methyl ethyl ketone)
Hazard Class	3

Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	X	-	201-159-0	X	X	X	X	KE-24094

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Methyl ethyl ketone	5000 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Methyl ethyl ketone	X	X	X	X	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Serious risk, Grade 3

16. Other information

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