



SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Section 1: Identification

Product identifier

Product Name Methanol

Other means of identification

CAS No 67-56-1

Synonyms Methyl alcohol, wood alcohol, methyl hydroxide

Molecular weight 32.04

Other information Chemical Family - Alcohols

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Industrial use, Professional use, Consumer use:

- Solvent
- Fuels
- Raw material
- Cleaning agent
- Laboratory reagent
- Use in oil and gas field drilling and production operations
- Water treatment chemicals, wastewater
- Consumer use of cleaning agents and de-icers

Uses advised against None known

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer

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Emergency telephone number

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National Poisons Centre: 0800-POISON (0800-764-766) www.poisons.co.nz

Section 2: Hazard identification

GHS Classification

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 3
Acute toxicity - Dermal	Category 3
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 3
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2
Reproductive toxicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity — single exposure	Category 1

Label elements



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapour
 Toxic if swallowed
 Toxic in contact with skin
 Toxic if inhaled
 Causes serious eye irritation
 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
 Causes damage to organs

Precautionary Statements - Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
 Use non-sparking tools
 Take action to prevent static discharges
 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
 Keep container tightly closed
 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment
 Keep cool

Precautionary Statements - Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention
 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label)
 IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor
 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
 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap
 Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell
 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower]
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor
 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
 Rinse mouth

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

Precautionary Statements - Storage

Store locked up

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

Precautionary Statements - Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

Other hazards which do not result in classification

Risk of blindness after swallowing the product. Harmful to aquatic life.

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%
Methanol	67-56-1	100

Section 4: First-aid measures**Description of first aid measures**

General advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Immediate medical attention is required. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Self-protection of the first aider	Do not breathe vapour or mist. Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	Exposure may cause nausea, weakness and central nervous system effects, headache, vomiting, dizziness, symptoms of drunkenness. Coma and death due to respiratory failure may follow severe exposures: Medical treatment necessary. A latent period of several hours may occur between exposure and the onset of symptoms.
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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to doctors	The severity of outcome following methanol ingestion may be more related to the time between ingestion and treatment, rather than the amount ingested; therefore, there is a need for rapid treatment of any ingestion exposure. Call a Poison Center. Antidote: Fomepizole enhances elimination of metabolic formic acid. Antidote should be administered
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by qualified medical personnel.

Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

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Suitable Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers. Water will not cool methanol below its flash point. Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Water spray. Alcohol resistant foam.

Unsuitable extinguishing media Do not use straight streams. Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Specific hazards arising from the chemical Mixtures >20% methanol with water: flammable. Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors. Risk of ignition. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. Fire residues and contaminated fire extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. May burn with an almost invisible flame in bright light.

Hazardous combustion products Toxic gases or vapours. Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Formaldehyde.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear.

Section 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Pay attention to flashback. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Do not breathe vapour or mist.

Other information Ventilate the area. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

For emergency responders Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents/containers in accordance with local regulations. Biodegradable at low concentrations. Soluble in water. When released, this product is expected to evaporate. Contact authorities in the event of pollution of soil and aquatic environment or discharge into drains. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. A vapour suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapours. Dyke far ahead of spill to collect run-off water. Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways. Absorb with earth, sand

or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal.

Methods for cleaning up

Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Dyke far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers. Small spill: Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers. Use non-sparking tools. Collect spillage. Place in appropriate chemical waste container. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Large spill: Dyke far ahead of spill; use dry sand to contain the flow of material. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material.

Precautions to prevent secondary hazards

Prevention of secondary hazards Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

Section 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling

Use according to package label instructions. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Use grounding and bonding connection when transferring this material to prevent static discharge, fire or explosion. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Use personal protection equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Do not breathe vapour or mist. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Do not enter confined area unless adequately ventilated.

General hygiene considerations

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Do not breathe vapour or mist. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition (i.e., pilot lights, electric motors and static electricity). Keep in properly labelled containers. Do not store near combustible materials. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. Store in accordance with local regulations. Keep unauthorised personnel away. Store locked up.

Incompatible materials

Lead. Aluminium. Zinc. Oxidising agent. Strong acids. Strong bases. Polyethylene. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Nitriles.

Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Exposure Limits

Chemical name	New Zealand	ACGIH TLV	United Kingdom	Australia
Methanol 67-56-1	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m ³ Skin	STEL: 250 ppm TWA: 200 ppm S*	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 266 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 333 mg/m ³ Sk*	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m ³

Biological occupational exposure limits

Chemical name	New Zealand	ACGIH
Methanol 67-56-1	15 mg/L - urine (Methyl alcohol) - end of shift	15 mg/L - urine (Methanol) - end of shift

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls Provide local exhaust ventilation. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use explosion-proof ventilating equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Tight sealing safety goggles.

Hand protection Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves. Butyl rubber.

Skin and body protection Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron. Antistatic boots.

Respiratory protection Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode. Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or supplied air respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator

Environmental exposure controls No information available.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Appearance Clear liquid

Physical state Liquid

Colour Clear

Odour Alcohol

Odour threshold 4.2 - 5960 ppm

Values

pH

Melting point / freezing point -97.8 °C

Initial boiling point and boiling range 64.7 °C

Flash point 11 °C

Evaporation rate 4.1

Flammability

Flammability Limit in Air

Upper flammability or explosive limits 36.5%

Lower flammability or explosive limits 5.5%

Vapour pressure 12.8 kPa

Vapour density 1.1

Relative density 0.791 - 0.793

Water solubility Miscible in water

Solubility(ies)

Remarks • Method

No data available

No data available

No data available

No data available

Butyl acetate = 1

No data available

No data available

No data available

@ 20 °C

@ 20 °C (air = 1)

@20°C

No data available

No data available

Partition coefficient	-0.77	log Pow
Autoignition temperature	464 °C	No data available
Decomposition temperature		No data available
Kinematic viscosity		No data available
Dynamic viscosity	0.8 cP	@ 20 °C
Explosive properties	Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air.	
Oxidising properties	No data available.	

Other information

Softening point	No information available
Molecular weight	32.04
VOC Content (%)	100%
Liquid Density	No information available
Bulk density	No information available
Particle characteristics	

Section 10: Stability and reactivity**Reactivity**

Reactivity Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

Chemical stability

Stability Stable under normal conditions. May form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture. Hygroscopic.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge Yes.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid Heat, flames and sparks. Excessive heat. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials Lead. Aluminium. Zinc. Oxidising agent. Strong acids. Strong bases. Polyethylene. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Nitriles.

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide (CO₂). May release flammable gases. Formaldehyde.

Section 11: Toxicological information**Acute toxicity****Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

Inhalation	Toxic by inhalation.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye irritation.
Skin contact	Toxic in contact with skin.
Ingestion	Toxic if swallowed. MAY BE FATAL OR CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SWALLOWED.

Symptoms Exposure may cause nausea, weakness and central nervous system effects, headache, vomiting, dizziness, symptoms of drunkenness. Coma and death due to respiratory failure may follow severe exposures: Medical treatment necessary. A latent period of several hours may occur between exposure and the onset of symptoms. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

Acute toxicity

Numerical measures of toxicity

Acute Toxicity Estimate (ATE) values provided as a reflection of the hazard classification.

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document:

ATEmix (oral)	100 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	300 mg/kg
ATEmix (inhalation-vapour)	3 mg/l

Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Methanol	= 6200 mg/kg (Rat)	= 15840 mg/kg (Rabbit)	= 22500 ppm (Rat) 8 h

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

Skin corrosion/irritation	May cause skin irritation. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye irritation.
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	No information available.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No information available.
Carcinogenicity	Contains no ingredient listed as a carcinogen.
Reproductive toxicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	Causes damage to organs.
STOT - repeated exposure	No information available.
Target organ effects	Central nervous system. Optic nerve.
Aspiration hazard	No information available.
Data used to identify the health effects	Refer to Section 16 for Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS.

Section 12: Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Ecotoxicity Avoid release to the environment.

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Methanol	-	LC50: 13500 - 17600mg/L (96h, <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>) LC50: 18 - 20mL/L (96h, <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) LC50: 19500 - 20700mg/L (96h, <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) LC50: =28200mg/L (96h, <i>Pimephales promelas</i>) LC50: >100mg/L (96h, <i>Pimephales promelas</i>)	-

Terrestrial ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Earthworm	Avian	Honeybees
Methanol	Acute Toxicity: LC50 > 1 mg/cm ² (<i>Eisenia foetida</i> , 48 h filter paper)	-	-

Persistence and degradability Readily biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Not expected to bioaccumulate. BCF: <10.

Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Methanol	-0.77

Mobility in soil

Mobility in soil Adsorbs on soil.

Other adverse effects

No information available.

Section 13: Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products

Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water. Dispose of product in packaging in a way that is consistent with the EPA Consolidation 30 April 2021 of the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 and the Act. Treat the substance using a method that changes the characteristics or composition of the substance so that the substance is no longer a hazardous substance; or export the substance from New Zealand as waste. Flammable substances - may not be disposed of into or onto a landfill or sewage facility.

They may only be burnt in certain situations.

Flammable gases, liquids and solids may only be discharged into the environment or landfill as waste if the substance will not at any time come into contact with any explosives,

oxidising gases, liquids or solids or organic peroxides; and there will be no ignition source in the vicinity of the disposal site at any time and if the substance were to ignite, no person, or place where a person may legally be, would be exposed to an unsafe level of heat radiation. Substances which are hazardous to human health or corrosive to metals – may be discharged into the environment if a tolerable exposure limit has been set for the substance (or a component of that substance); and the discharge does not, after reasonable mixing, result in the concentration of the substance in an environmental medium exceeding the tolerable exposure limit. If there is no tolerable exposure limit for the substance, then it may only be discharged into the environment if the substance is very rapidly converted to substances that are not hazardous substances.

Contaminated packaging Recover or recycle if possible.

Section 14: Transport information

Hazchem code	•2WE
IATA	
UN number or ID number	UN1230
UN proper shipping name	Methanol
Transport hazard class(es)	3
Subsidiary hazard class	6.1
Packing group	II
ERG Code	3L
Special Provisions	A113
Description	UN1230, Methanol, 3 (6.1), II

IMDG	
UN number or ID number	UN1230
UN proper shipping name	METHANOL
Transport hazard class(es)	3
Subsidiary hazard class	6.1
Packing group	II
EmS-No	F-E, S-D
Special Provisions	279
Marine pollutant	NP
Description	UN1230, METHANOL, 3 (6.1), II, (11°C C.C.)

Section 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

National regulations

EPA New Zealand HSNO approval code or group standard HSR001186 - Methanol

National regulations There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information

Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information

Controlled substance licenses are required to possess certain explosives, vertebrate toxic agents and fumigants. See Part 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Regulation 2017 for more information

International Regulations

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Not applicable

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants Not applicable

The Rotterdam Convention Not applicable

International Inventories

TSCA	Listed.
DSL/NDL	Listed.
EINECS/ELINCS	Listed.
ENCS	Listed.
IECSC	Listed.
KECL	Listed.
PICCS	Listed.
AICS	Listed.

Legend:

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

Section 16: Other information

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Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation
C	Carcinogen		

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals

Food Research Journal

Hazardous Substance Database

International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)

Japan GHS Classification

Australian National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)

NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)
National Toxicology Program (NTP)
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Programme
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set
World Health Organization

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