



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

Product Name Methyl Ethyl Ketone, ACS

### Other means of identification

Product Code(s) 3520

UN number or ID number UN1193

Synonyms 2-Butanone; Ethyl methyl ketone; MEK.

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Industrial use  
Laboratory use  
Industrial Manufacturing (all)

Restrictions on use No information available

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Supplier Address

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### Emergency telephone number

24 Hour Emergency Phone Number CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 for US / 703-527-3887 outside US

Emergency Telephone 911

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Flammable liquids	Category 2

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable



**Label elements****Danger****Hazard statements**

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness

H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

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

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

P233 - Keep container tightly closed

P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment

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

P242 - Use only non-sparking tools

P243 - Take action to prevent static discharges

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P235 - Keep cool

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P337 + P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

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

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

P405 - Store locked up

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

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

May be harmful if swallowed. May be harmful in contact with skin.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients****Substance****Synonyms**

2-Butanone; Ethyl methyl ketone; MEK.

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Formula	Molecular Weight
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	>99	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	72.11 g/mol



## 4. First-aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

<b>General advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	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. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician.
<b>Self-protection of the first aider</b>	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. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

<b>Symptoms</b>	May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Burning sensation. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.
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### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

<b>Note to physicians</b>	Treat symptomatically.
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## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b> <b>Large Fire</b>	Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Water spray. Alcohol resistant foam. CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	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.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	None.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	Yes.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>Personal precautions</b>	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment as required. See
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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.

**Other information**

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

**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 vapor suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapors. Dike far ahead of spill to collect runoff 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. Dam up. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

**7. Handling and storage****Precautions for safe handling****Advice on safe handling**

Use personal protection equipment. Avoid breathing vapors or mists. 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 with local exhaust ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Use according to package label instructions. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**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 labeled 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.

**8. Exposure controls/personal protection****Control parameters****Exposure Limits**

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Methyl ethyl ketone	STEL: 300 ppm TWA: 200 ppm	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (vacated) TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) STEL: 300 ppm (vacated) STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 3000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Biological occupational exposure limits**

Chemical name	ACGIH
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Methyl ethyl ketone	2 mg/L - urine (MEK) - end of shift
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**Appropriate engineering controls**

<b>Engineering controls</b>	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems.
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**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Tight sealing safety goggles.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron. Antistatic boots.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. 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.

**9. Physical and chemical properties****Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear
<b>Color</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor threshold</b>	No information available

<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Values</u></b>	<b><u>Remarks • Method</u></b>
<b>pH</b>	No data available	None known
<b>pH (as aqueous solution)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	- 87 °C / -124.6 °F	None known
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	80 °C / 176.0 °F	None known
<b>Flash point</b>	- 9.0 °C / 15.8 °F	CC (closed cup)
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>		None known
<b>Upper flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative vapor density</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative density</b>	0.805	None known
<b>Water solubility</b>	Soluble in water	None known
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>		None known
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known

**Other information**



<b>Explosive properties</b>	No information available
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	No information available
<b>Softening point</b>	No information available
<b>Molecular weight</b>	72.11 g/mol
<b>VOC content</b>	No information available
<b>Liquid Density</b>	No information available
<b>Bulk density</b>	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	No information available.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Heat, flames and sparks.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	None known based on information supplied.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	None known based on information supplied.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

<b>Inhalation</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye irritation. (based on components). May cause redness, itching, and pain.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation. May be harmful in contact with skin.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

<b>Symptoms</b>	May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.
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### Acute toxicity

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### Component Information

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

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

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	May cause skin irritation.
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<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	No information available.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	No information available.
<b>Target organ effects</b>	Respiratory system, Eyes, Skin, Central nervous system.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Interactive effects</b>	No information available.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Methyl ethyl ketone	-	LC50: 3130 - 3320mg/L (96h, Pimephales promelas)	-	EC50: >520mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna) EC50: =5091mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna) EC50: 4025 - 6440mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

### Bioaccumulation

#### Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Methyl ethyl ketone	0.3

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

### Disposal methods

<b>Waste from residues/unused products</b>	Should not be released into the environment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Empty containers pose a potential fire and explosion hazard. Do not cut, puncture or weld containers.
<b>US EPA Waste Number</b>	U159



**California Hazardous Waste Status** This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

## 14. Transport information

**DOT** Regulated  
UN number or ID number UN1193  
Proper shipping name Ethyl methyl ketone  
Transport hazard class(es) 3  
Packing group II  
DOT Marine Pollutant No

**TDG** Regulated  
UN number or ID number UN1193  
UN proper shipping name Ethyl methyl ketone  
Transport hazard class(es) 3  
Packing group II

**ICAO (air)** Regulated  
UN number or ID number UN1193  
UN proper shipping name Ethyl methyl ketone  
Transport hazard class(es) 3  
Packing group II

**IATA** Regulated  
UN number or ID number UN1193  
UN proper shipping name Ethyl methyl ketone  
Transport hazard class(es) 3  
Packing group II

**IMDG** Regulated  
UN number or ID number UN1193  
UN proper shipping name Ethyl methyl ketone  
Transport hazard class(es) 3  
Packing group II

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

<b>TSCA</b>	Complies.
<b>DSL/NDL</b>	Complies.
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>ENCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>IECSC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>KECL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>PICCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>AIIC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>NZIoC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**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  
**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

### US Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

#### 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).

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Methyl ethyl ketone	5000 lb	-	RQ 5000 lb final RQ RQ 2270 kg final RQ

### US State Regulations

#### California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

#### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Methyl ethyl ketone	X	X	X

### U.S. EPA Label Information

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

## **16. Other information**

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 2	<b>Flammability</b> 3	<b>Instability</b> 0	<b>Special hazards</b> -
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 2	<b>Flammability</b> 3	<b>Physical hazards</b> 0	<b>Personal protection</b> X

#### 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

#### **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)  
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)  
Australia 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)  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
World Health Organization

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**