

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium methoxide

**Cat No. :** AC240600000; AC240600025; AC240600050; AC240605000

**Synonyms** No information available

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

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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
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 3
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 1 Category 3
Target Organs - Optic nerve, Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Neurological effects, Eyes, Ears.	
Aspiration Toxicity	Category 1

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways  
Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
Suspected of damaging the unborn child  
Causes damage to organs  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Use personal protective equipment as required  
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  
Wear eye/face protection  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
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  
Keep cool

**Response**

IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

**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

**Skin**

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
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

**Ingestion**

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
Do NOT induce vomiting  
Rinse mouth

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Other hazards**

Poison, may be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Vapor harmful. CANNOT BE MADE NON-POISONOUS.

WARNING. Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Toluene	108-88-3	70 - 80
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	20-30
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	0.8

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. 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. Immediate medical attention is required. Risk of serious damage to the lungs (by aspiration).
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	None reasonably foreseeable. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Dry chemical. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	7 °C / 44.6 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Potassium oxides.

**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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
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**Flammability**  
4

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Environmental Precautions**

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

**7. Handling and storage****Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Storage.**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep under nitrogen. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection****Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Toluene	TWA: 20 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 375 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 300 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 150 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 560 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 200 ppm	IDLH: 500 ppm TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 375 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 150 ppm STEL: 560 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 20 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 6000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 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** Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

#### 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

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	7 °C / 44.6 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	0.850
<b>Solubility</b>	Decomposes in contact with water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	No information available
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C H3 K O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	70.13

### 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard** None known, based on information available

**Stability** Moisture sensitive.

**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, Acids

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Potassium oxides

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Category 3. ATE = 50 - 300 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Category 4. ATE = 1000 - 2000 mg/kg. Category 3. ATE = 200 - 1000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l. Category 3. ATE = 2 - 10 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Toluene	> 5000 mg/kg ( Rat )	12000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	26700 ppm ( Rat ) 1 h
Methyl alcohol	LD50 = 1187 – 2769 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 17100 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 128.2 mg/L ( 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, respiratory system and skin Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness

##### 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
Toluene	108-88-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

##### Mutagenic Effects

No information available

##### Reproductive Effects

No information available.

##### Developmental Effects

Component substance is listed on California Proposition 65 as a developmental hazard.

##### Teratogenicity

Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.

##### STOT - single exposure

Optic nerve Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS)

##### STOT - repeated exposure

Neurological effects Eyes Ears

##### Aspiration hazard

No information available

##### Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

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

The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. Contains a substance which is: Toxic to aquatic organisms. Reacts with water so no ecotoxicity data for the substance is available.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Toluene	EC50: = 12.5 mg/L, 72h static (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata) EC50: > 433 mg/L, 96h (Pseudokirchneriella)	50-70 mg/L LC50 96 h 5-7 mg/L LC50 96 h 15-19 mg/L LC50 96 h 28 mg/L LC50 96 h 12 mg/L LC50 96 h	EC50 = 19.7 mg/L 30 min	EC50: = 11.5 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna) EC50: 5.46 - 9.83 mg/L, 48h Static (Daphnia magna)

	subcapitata)			
Methyl alcohol	Not listed	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Is not likely mobile in the environment.

Component	log Pow
Toluene	2.7
Methyl alcohol	-0.74

### 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
Toluene - 108-88-3	U220	-
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	U154	-

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

UN-No UN1992  
 Proper Shipping Name FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

#### TDG

UN-No UN1992  
 Proper Shipping Name FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

#### IATA

UN-No UN1992  
 Proper Shipping Name FLAMMABLE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.\*  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1992  
 Proper Shipping Name Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

### 15. Regulatory information

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Toluene	108-88-3	X	ACTIVE	-
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	X	ACTIVE	-
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:****TSCA** US EPA (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), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Toluene	108-88-3	X	-	203-625-9	X	X	X	X	X	KE-33936
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	X	-	200-659-6	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23193
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	X	-	212-736-1	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23195

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Toluene	108-88-3	70 - 80	1.0
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	20-30	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Toluene	X	1000 lb	X	X

**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Toluene	X		-
Methyl alcohol	X		-

**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
Toluene	1000 lb 1 lb	-
Methyl alcohol	5000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65**

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Component	CAS No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Toluene	108-88-3	Developmental	-	Developmental
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Developmental	-	Developmental

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

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
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Toluene	X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	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**

No information available

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Toluene	-	Use restricted. See item 48. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Methyl alcohol	-	Use restricted. See item 69. (see link for restriction details)	-
Methanol, potassium salt	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>
**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Toluene	108-88-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Toluene	108-88-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y42
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	500 tonne	5000 tonne	Not applicable	Not applicable
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

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