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

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification
This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

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
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, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
Keep container tightly closed
Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment
Keep cool
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Take action to prevent static discharges
Use non-sparking tools
Response
IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor
Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor
Skin
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell
Take off contaminated clothing and wash 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 or 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
Do NOT induce vomiting
Rinse mouth
Fire
In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish
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

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

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

General Advice Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact 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.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation 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).

Ingestion Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.

Most important symptoms and effects None reasonably foreseeable. 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 Dry chemical. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point 7 °C / 44.6 °F

Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature No information available

Explosion Limits

Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	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_2). 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.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	4	0	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	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Toluene	TWA: 20 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 375 mg/m³ Ceiling: 300 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 150 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 560 mg/m³ TWA: 200 ppm	IDLH: 500 ppm REL = 100 ppm (TWA) REL = 375 mg/m³ (TWA) STEL: 150 ppm STEL: 560 mg/m³	TWA: 20 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m³ (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m³ Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m³	IDLH: 6000 ppm REL = 200 ppm (TWA) REL = 260 mg/m³ (TWA) STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m³	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH: 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.

Recommended Filter type: low boiling organic solvent. Type AX. Brown. conforming to EN371. or. Organic gases and vapours filter. Type A. Brown. conforming to EN14387.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State	Liquid	
Color	Colorless	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No information available	

Property	**Values**	**Remarks • Method**
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flash Point	7 °C / 44.6 °F	**Method -** No information available
Flammability (liquid)	Highly flammable	On basis of test data
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	Not applicable	
Viscosity	No data available	
Water Solubility	Decomposes in contact with water	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Component	**log Pow**
Toluene	2.73
Methyl alcohol	-0.74

Vapor Pressure	No information available	
Density / Specific Gravity	0.850	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Vapor Density	No information available	(Air = 1.0)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)	

Other Information

Molecular Formula	C H3 K O
Molecular Weight	70.13
Explosive Properties	Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air
Evaporation Rate	No information available

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_2), Potassium oxides

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed. Harmful if swallowed. Potential for aspiration if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Irritating to eyes.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. May cause irritation. Harmful in contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

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

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

Component	Test method	Test species	Study result
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (20-30)	OECD Test Guideline 406 Guinea Pig Maximisation Test (GPMT)	guinea pig	non-sensitising

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) 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

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 2

Component	Test method	Test species / Duration	Study result
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (20-30)	OECD Test Guideline 416	Rat / Inhalation 2 Generation	NOAEC = 1.3 mg/l (air)

Developmental Effects Teratogenicity Component substance is listed on California Proposition 65 as a developmental hazard. Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3

Results / Target organs Central nervous system (CNS), Optic nerve.

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Category 2

Target Organs Neuropsychological effects, Eyes, Ears.

(j) aspiration hazard; Category 1

Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

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 subcapitata)	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)
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	2.73
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 - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	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
Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

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

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)

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) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Toluene	1000 lb	-	1000 lb 454 kg
Methyl alcohol	5000 lb	-	5000 lb 2270 kg

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

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	CAS No	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	108-88-3	-	Use restricted. See entry 48. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	-	Use restricted. See entry 69. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Methanol, potassium salt	865-33-8	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links
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

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?
Not applicable

Other International Regulations

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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End of SDS