

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Methyl acetate

**Cat No. :** AC371830000; AC371830010; AC371830025; AC371831000

**CAS No** 79-20-9

**Synonyms** Acetic acid, methyl ester; Methyl ethanoate.

**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
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

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

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Avoid breathing 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

**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 CO<sub>2</sub>, 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 acetate	79-20-9	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove from exposure, lie down. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. 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>	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Dry chemical. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers. Chemical foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	-10 °C / 14 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	455 °C / 851 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	16.0%
<b>Lower</b>	3.1%
<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. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

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

### 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

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
2	3	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Remove all sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Acids. Bases.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Methyl acetate	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 610 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 760 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 610 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 3100 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 610 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 760 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

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

### 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

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	aromatic
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-98 °C / -144.4 °F
Boiling Point/Range	57.4 °C / 135.3 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	-10 °C / 14 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	16.0%
Lower	3.1%
Vapor Pressure	220 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.8 (Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity	0.930
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	455 °C / 851 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.38 mPa s at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C3 H6 O2
Molecular Weight	74.08

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Excess heat. Incompatible products. Exposure to moisture.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Bases
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl acetate	LD50 > 5 g/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 5 g/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 > 49000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

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

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl acetate	79-20-9	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Central nervous system (CNS)  
**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**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

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl acetate	EC50: > 120 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: 250 - 350 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio) LC50: 295 - 348 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 6000 mg/L 16 h EC50 = 6100 mg/L 30 min	EC50: = 1026.7 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 acetate	0.18

### 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.

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

UN-No UN1231  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL ACETATE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

#### TDG

UN-No UN1231  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL ACETATE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

#### IATA

UN-No UN1231  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL ACETATE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1231  
 Proper Shipping Name METHYL ACETATE  
 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 acetate	79-20-9	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
Methyl acetate	79-20-9	X	-	201-185-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23405

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

<b>SARA 313</b>	Not applicable
<b>SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories</b>	See section 2 for more information
<b>CWA (Clean Water Act)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Clean Air Act</b>	Not applicable
<b>OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b>	Not applicable
<b>CERCLA</b>	Not applicable

**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 acetate	X	X	X	-	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
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)
Methyl acetate	-	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)

Methyl acetate	79-20-9	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)
Methyl acetate	79-20-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y42

## 16. Other information

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