SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name **2-Butanone**

Cat No. : **22924**

CAS No 78-93-3
Synonyms Methyl ethyl ketone; MEK; Ethyl methyl ketone

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

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapor
Causes serious eye irritation
May cause drowsiness or dizziness
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Precautionary Statements
Prevention
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
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
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Keep cool
Take action to prevent static discharges
Use non-sparking tools
Response
Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell
Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell
Skin
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
Fire
In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish
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

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200
No information available
Other hazards
Contains a known or suspected endocrine disruptor.

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	<=100

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

Ingestion Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

Most important symptoms and effects Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: 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 CO_2, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media Water may be ineffective

Flash Point -7 °C / 19.4 °F

Method - CC (closed cup)

Autoignition Temperature 404 °C / 759.2 °F

Explosion Limits
Upper 11.4 vol %
Lower 1.4 vol %

Oxidizing Properties Not oxidising

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO_2).
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

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	3	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong reducing agents. Ammonia. copper. Amines.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Methyl ethyl ketone	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 590 mg/m³ (Vacated) STEL: 300 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 885 mg/m³ TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m³	IDLH: 3000 ppm REL = 200 ppm (TWA) REL = 590 mg/m³ (TWA) STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m³	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 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 Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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: Type A. Organic gases and vapours filter. 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	Characteristic - sweet		
Odor Threshold	No information available		
Property	**Values**	**Remarks**	**• Method**
Melting Point/Range	-87 °C / -124.6 °F		
Softening Point	No data available		
Boiling Point/Range	80 °C / 176 °F		
Flash Point	-7 °C / 19.4 °F	**Method -** CC (closed cup)	
Flammability (liquid)	Highly flammable	On basis of test data	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid	
Explosion Limits	**Lower** 1.8 Vol%		
	Upper 11.5 Vol%		
Autoignition Temperature	404 °C / 759.2 °F		
Decomposition Temperature	No data available		
pH	No information available		
Viscosity	0.42 mPa.s @ 15°C		
Water Solubility	290 g/L (20°C)		
Solubility in other solvents	No information available		
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)			
Component	**log Pow**		
Methyl ethyl ketone	0.29		
Vapor Pressure	105 mbar @ 20 °C		
Density / Specific Gravity	0.806		
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid	
Vapor Density	2.41	(Air = 1.0)	
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)		

Other Information

Molecular Formula	C4 H8 O
Molecular Weight	72.11
Explosive Properties	Not explosive Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising
Evaporation Rate	3.7 - (Butyl Acetate = 1.0)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard None known, based on information available

Stability Hygroscopic.

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, Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents, Ammonia, copper, Amines

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO_2)

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation May cause drowsiness and dizziness. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. May be harmful if inhaled.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Eyes Irritating to eyes.

Skin Irritating to skin. May be harmful in contact with skin. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

Toxicology data for the components

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

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Not mutagenic in AMES Test

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3

Results / Target organs Central nervous system (CNS).

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. 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 .

Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health Contains a substance on the National Authorities Endocrine Disruptor Lists

Component	EU National Authorities Endocrine Disruptor Lists - Health
Methyl ethyl ketone 78-93-3 (<=100)	List II

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

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Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl ethyl ketone	Not listed	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50=3,22 g/L 96 h	EC50 = 3403 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 3426 mg/L 5 min	EC50: = 5091 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna) EC50: 4025 - 6440 mg/L, 48h Static (Daphnia magna) EC50: > 520 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 ethyl ketone	0.29

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
Methyl ethyl ketone - 78-93-3	U159	-

14. Transport information

DOT

- **UN-No** UN1193
- **Proper Shipping Name** Ethyl methyl ketone
- **Hazard Class** 3
- **Packing Group** II

TDG

- **UN-No** UN1193
- **Proper Shipping Name** ETHYL METHYL KETONE
- **Hazard Class** 3
- **Packing Group** II

IATA

- **UN-No** UN1193
- **Proper Shipping Name** Methyl ethyl ketone
- **Hazard Class** 3
- **Packing Group** II

IMDG/IMO

- **UN-No** UN1193
- **Proper Shipping Name** Ethyl methyl ketone (Methyl ethyl ketone)
- **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 ethyl ketone	78-93-3	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
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	X	-	201-159-0	X	X	X	X	X	KE-24094

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 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) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

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)
Methyl ethyl ketone	5000 lb	-	5000 lb 2270 kg

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 ethyl ketone	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 Serious risk, Grade 3

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)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	-	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)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	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)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y42

16. Other Information

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