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Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name	: Methyl ethyl ketone
Synonyms	: Ethyl Methyl Ketone MEK 2-Butanone
Distributor	: Continental Industries Group, Inc. 733 Third Avenue Fl. 20 NEW YORK, NY 10017 USA 212-752-2020
Emergency Contact	
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Target Organ Effect, Irritant

Target Organs

Central nervous system Central nervous system

GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 2)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 5)
Skin irritation (Category 2)
Eye irritation (Category 2A)
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H303 + H333	May be harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION ...contd

Other hazards

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	3
Physical hazards:	0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation. Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes	Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms	: Methyl ethyl ketone MEK Ethyl methyl ketone
Formula	: C ₄ H ₈ O
Molecular Weight	: 72.11 g/mol

Component	Concentration
Ethyl methyl ketone	
CAS-No.	78-93-3
EC-No.	201-159-0
Index-No.	606-002-00-3
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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Flash back possible over considerable distance. Container explosion may occur under fire conditions.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES ...contd

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage

Store under inert gas. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Hygroscopic.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Ethyl methyl ketone	78-93-3	TWA	200 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Central Nervous System & Peripheral Nervous System impairment Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section)			
		STEL	300 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Central Nervous System & Peripheral Nervous System impairment Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section)			
		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		STEL	300 ppm 885 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m ³	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	The value in mg/m ³ is approximate.			
		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	300 ppm 885 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION...contd

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Splash protection

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: > 30 min

Material tested: Butoject® (Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an Industrial Hygienist familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

impervious clothing, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form	liquid, clear
Color	colourless

Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	-87 °C (-125 °F)
Boiling point	80 °C (176 °F) - lit.
Flash point	-1 °C c.c.
Ignition temperature	516 °C (961 °F)
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	1.8 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	10.1 %(V)
Vapour pressure	95 hPa (71 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Density	0.805 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	soluble

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES ...contd

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.29
Relative vapour density	2.49 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

Materials to avoid

Oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,737 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - mouse - 4 h - 32,000 mg/m³

LC50 Inhalation - Mammal - 38,000 mg/m³

Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 6,480 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION ...contd

known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes	Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Central nervous system depression, Gastrointestinal disturbance, narcosis

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: EL6475000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	mortality NOEC - Cyprinodon variegatus (sheepshead minnow) - 400 mg/l - 96 h LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 3,130 - 3,320 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 520 mg/l - 48 h EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 7,060 mg/l - 24 h

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS...contd**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN no.: 1193 Class: 3 PG: II
 Proper shipping name: Ethyl methyl ketone
 Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs

IMDG

Proper Shipping Name: ETHYL METHYL KETONE
 UN/ID no.: 1193 Class: 3 PG: II
 Marine Pollutant: No
 Colourless liquid. Flashpoint: -1 °C c.c.

IATA

Proper Shipping Name: Methyl ethyl ketone
 UN/ID no.: 1193 Class: 3 PG: II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Target Organ Effect, Irritant

UN number: 1193 Class: 3

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Methyl ethyl ketone

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Continental Industries Group, Inc. shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.