

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Methyl Ethyl Ketone

### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

<b>Product Name:</b>	<b>Methyl Ethyl Ketone</b>
<b>Other Names:</b>	MEK
<b>Product Codes/Trade Names:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommended Use:</b>	Industrial solvent
<b>Applicable In:</b>	Australia
<b>Supplier:</b>	ACB Group (ABN 79 724 186 134)
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<b>Emergency Phone Number:</b>	000 Fire Brigade and Police (available in Australia only).
<b>Poisons Information Centre:</b>	13 11 26 (available in Australia only).

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### SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE:** Classified as **Hazardous** according to the criteria of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council ASCC (formerly NOHSC) Approved Criteria For Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1008] 3rd Edition.

**Methyl Ethyl Ketone** is classified as **Dangerous** Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

#### GHS Classification:

Flammable liquids, category 2  
Acute toxicity – oral, category 5  
Acute toxicity – inhalation, category 5  
Skin corrosion / irritation, category 3  
Serious eye damage / irritation, category 2A  
Specific target organ systemic toxicity (single exposure), category 3, narcotic effects  
Aspiration hazard, category 2

#### GHS LABEL ELEMENTS

Symbol (s)



**Signal Word:** Danger

## **Hazard Statements:**

### **PHYSICAL HAZARDS:**

H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

### **HEALTH HAZARDS:**

H303: May be harmful if swallowed

H305: May be harmful if swallowed and enters airways

H316: Causes mild skin irritation

H319: Causes serious eye irritation

H333: May be harmful if inhaled

H336: May cause dizziness or drowsiness

H361: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

## **Prevention**

P201: Obtain special instructions before use

P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

P210: Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, hot surfaces. No Smoking.

P233: Keep container tightly closed.

P240: Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241: Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, lighting equipment.

P242: Use non-sparking tools

P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge

P261: Avoid breathing mist, vapours, spray

P264: Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P271: use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing eye protection, face protection.

## **Response**

P303+P361+P353 : IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P370+P378: In case of fire: Use appropriate media for extinction.

P304+P312: IF INHALED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P301+P310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P331: Do NOT induce vomiting.

## **Storage**

P403+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P405: Store locked up

P235: Keep cool

## **Disposal**

P501: Dispose of contents and container to appropriate waste site of reclaimer in accordance with local and national regulations.

## **Other Hazards which do not result in classification**

This material is a static accumulator.

Even with proper grounding and bonding, this material can still accumulate an electrostatic charge.

If sufficient charge is allowed to accumulate, electrostatic discharge and ignition of flammable air-vapour mixtures can occur.

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Classification of components according to GHS

Chemical name	Synonyms	CAS	Hazard Class (Category)	Hazard Statement	Conc.
Methyl ethyl ketone	MEK, 2-butanone	78-93-3	Flam. Liq. : 2 Eye Irrit: 2 STOT SE: 3	H225, H319, H336	100.00 %W

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### Information:

Keep victim calm. Obtain medical treatment immediately.

<b>Ingestion:</b>	If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration. If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within/ the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: Fever greater than 101F (38.3C), shortness of breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing. Give nothing by mouth.
<b>Eyes:</b>	Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15minutes while holding eyelids open. Transport to the nearest medical facility for additional treatment.
<b>Skin:</b>	Remove contaminated clothing. Immediately flush skin with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, and follow by washing with soap and water if available. If redness, swelling, pain and/or blisters occur, transport to the nearest facility for additional treatment.
<b>Inhaled:</b>	DO NOT DELAY. Remove to fresh air. If rapid recovery does not occur, transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment.
<b>First Aid Facilities:</b>	Eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available for emergency use.

### Advice to Doctor:

#### Most important symptoms and effects acute and delayed

Treat Symptomatically. Exposure to high concentrations can give headache, nausea, feeling of weakness, dizziness, central nervous system depression, narcosis, mental confusion, drunkenness, coordination disorders, disturbed motor response, disturbances of consciousness, tingling/irritation of the skin, irritation of the eye tissue, aspiration pneumonia and abdominal pain.

#### Immediate medical attention, special treatment

Causes central nervous system depression. Call a doctor or poison control centre for guidance.

## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Suitable extinguishing media:</b>	Alcohol-resistant foam, water spray or fog. Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only. Do not discharge extinguishing waters into the aquatic environment.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water in a jet
<b>Special protective precautions and equipment for fire fighters:</b>	Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Other advice</b>	Keep adjacent containers cool by spraying with water.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with spilled or released material. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see chapter 8 of this Material Safety Data Sheet.

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures.

: Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unprotected personnel. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

### Environmental procedures

: Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment (of product and fire fighting water) to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading or entering drains, ditches or rivers by using sand, earth or other appropriate barriers. Attempt to disperse the vapour or to direct its flow to a safe location for example using fog sprays. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment. Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up.

: For large liquid spills (>1 drum), transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to salvage tank for recovery or safe disposal. Do not flush away residues with water. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove all contaminated soil and dispose of safely. For small liquid spills (<1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labelled sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely.

### Additional advice

: Notify authorities if any exposure to the general public or the environment occurs or is likely to occur. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. The vapor is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible. Vapor may form an explosive mixture with air. See Chapter 13 for information on disposal. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see chapter 8 of this Material Safety Data Sheet. For guidance on disposal of spilled material see chapter 13 of this Material Safety Data Sheet.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### General precautions

Avoid breathing vapors or contact with material. Only use in well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. On guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see chapter 8 of this Material Safety Data Sheet. For comprehensive advice on handling, product transfer, storage and tank cleaning refer to the product supplier. Use the information in this data sheet as input to a risk assessment of local circumstances to help determine appropriate controls for safe handling, storage and disposal of this material. Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition sources. Avoid sparks. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

### Precautions for safe handling:

Avoid inhaling vapor and/or mists. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition sources. Avoid sparks. The vapor is heavier than air. Beware of accumulation in pits and confined spaces. Use local exhaust ventilation if there is risk of inhalation of vapors, mists or aerosols. Bulk storage tanks should be diked (bundled). Properly dispose of any contaminated rags or cleaning materials in order to prevent fires. Even with proper grounding and bonding, this material can still accumulate an electrostatic charge. If sufficient charge is allowed to accumulate, electrostatic discharge and ignition of flammable air-vapor mixtures can occur. Be aware of handling operations that may give rise to additional hazards that result from the accumulation of static charges. This include but are not limited to pumping (especially turbulent flow), mixing, filtering, splash, filling, cleaning and filling of tanks and containers, sampling, switch loading, gauging, vacuum truck operations, and mechanical movements. These activities may lead to static discharge e.g. spark formation. Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge (< 1 m/s until fill pipe submerged to twice its diameter, than (< 7 m/s). Avoid splash filling. Do NOT use compressed air for filling, discharging, or handling operations.

**Product Transfer** Refer to guidance under handling section.

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<b>Recommended materials</b>	Suitable material: metal, stainless steel carbon steel, aluminium, nickel polypropylene, glass, tin. Material to avoid: polyethylene.
<b>Incompatible products</b>	Strong oxidizers
<b>Incompatible material</b>	Direct sunlight. Heat sources. Sources of ignition
<b>Container advice</b>	Containers, even those that have been emptied, can contain explosive vapors. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operation on or near containers.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Occupational exposure limits

Material	Type	ppm	mg/m3
Methyl ethyl ketone	TWA	200ppm	No data available
Methyl ethyl ketone	STEL	300ppm	No data available

### Biological Exposure Index (BEI):

Material	Determinant	Sampling time	BEI	Reference
Methyl ethyl ketone	MEK in urine	End of shift	2mg/L	ACGIH BEL (2008)

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- Ventilation:** Provide sufficient ventilation to keep airborne levels below the exposure limits. Where vapours or mists are generated, particularly in enclosed areas, and natural ventilation is inadequate, a flameproof exhaust ventilation system is required. Refer to AS 1940 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids and AS/NZS 2430.3.1:1997 : Classification of hazardous areas - Examples of area classification - General, for further information concerning ventilation requirements.
- Appropriate Engineering Controls:** The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Select controls based on a risk assessment of local circumstances. Appropriate measures include: Adequate explosion-proof ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure guidelines/limits. Use sealed systems as far as possible. Firewater monitors and deluge systems are recommended. Eye washes and showers for emergency use.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION

- Hand Protection** Where hand contact with the product may occur the use of gloves approved to relevant standards (e.g. Europe: EN374, US: F739, AS/NZS:2161) made from the following materials may provide suitable chemical protection: Longer term protection: Viton. Incidental contact/Splash protection: Nitrile rubber. Suitability and durability of a glove is dependent on usage, e.g. frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, dexterity. Always seek advice from glove suppliers. Contaminated gloves should be replaced. Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturizer is recommended.
- Skin Protection:** Wear gloves of impervious material. Final choice of appropriate gloves will vary according to individual circumstances i.e. methods of handling or according to risk assessments undertaken. Reference should be made to AS/NZS 2161.1: Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance.

- Eye Protection:** Safety glasses with side shields, goggles or full-face shield as appropriate recommended. Final choice of appropriate eye/face protection will vary according to individual circumstances i.e. methods of handling or engineering controls and according to risk assessments undertaken. Eye protection should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications..
- Respiratory Protection:** If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, select respiratory protection equipment suitable for the specific conditions of use and meeting relevant legislation. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. Where air-filtering respirators are suitable, select an appropriate combination of mask and filter. Select a filter suitable for organic gases and vapors [Type A boiling point > 65°C (149°F)] meeting EN14387. Where respiratory protective equipment is required, use a full-face mask. Where air-filtering respirators are unsuitable (e.g., airborne concentrations are high, risk of oxygen deficiency, confined space) use appropriate positive pressure breathing apparatus.
- Body protection:** Chemical resistant gloves/gauntlets, boots, and apron. Where risk of splashing or in spillage clean up, use chemical resistant one-piece overall with integral hood. Wear antistatic and flame retardant clothing.
- Smoking & Other Dusts** Smoking must be prohibited in all areas where this product is used - see safety information on flammability.
- Thermal Hazards** Not Applicable

Monitoring of the concentration of substances in the breathing zone of workers or in the general workplace may be required to confirm compliance with an OEL and adequacy of exposure controls. For some substances biological monitoring may also be appropriate. Examples of sources of recommended exposure measurement methods are given below or contact the supplier.

Local guidelines on emission limits for volatile substances must be observed for the discharge of exhaust air containing vapor. Monitoring of the concentration of substances in the breathing zone of workers or in the general workplace may be required to confirm compliance with an OEL and adequacy of exposure controls. For some substances biological monitoring may also be appropriate.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** Colourless liquid  
**Odour** Characteristic  
**Melting Point** -86 °C  
**Boiling Point** 79 °C  
**Solubility** Miscible in water. 250g/L at 20 °C (ASTM D1298)  
**Solubility Specific Gravity (H2O=1)** 0.802-0.808 at 20°C  
**pH Value** No data available.  
**Vapour Pressure** 9.5 hPa at 20°C  
**Vapour Density (air = 1)** No data available  
**Flash Point** -4°C (closed cup)  
**Self Ignition Temperature** 515°C  
**Flammable Limits LEL** 1.8%  
**Flammable Limits UEL** 11.5%  
**VOC content** 66.6%

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	Will react violently with (some) halogens, strong oxidizers, increased risk of explosion in presence of some acids.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Heat, sparks, flame and build-up of static electricity.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Thermal decomposition may result in the release of toxic and/or irritating fumes including carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.
<b>Hazardous Reactions:</b>	Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Basis for assessment:</b>	Information given is based on product testing, and/or similar products, and/or components.
<b>Likely Routes of exposure:</b>	Inhalation is the primary route of exposure although absorption may occur through skin contact or following accidental ingestion.
<b>Acute Toxicity</b>	
<b>Acute Oral Toxicity:</b>	May be harmful if swallowed LD50 > 2000 mg/kg <=5000mg/kg
<b>Acute Dermal Toxicity</b>	Harmful in contact with skin. LD50 >5000 mg/kg
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Harmful if inhaled. LC50 > 5000 mg/l
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/Irritation</b>	Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitisation</b>	Not expected to be a skin sensitiser.
<b>Aspiration Hazard</b>	Aspiration into the lungs when swallowed or vomited may cause chemical pneumonitis which can be fatal.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Not mutagenic.
<b>Carcinogenity</b>	Not expected to be carcinogenic.
<b>Reproductive and environmental toxicity</b>	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
<b>Specific target organ toxicity</b>	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
<b>Toxicity single exposure</b>	Respiratory system
<b>Specific target organ repeated exposure</b>	Central nervous system: repeated exposure affects the nervous system. Effects were seen at high doses only. May cause MDS (Myelodysplasia syndrome)
<b>Additional information</b>	On continuous/ repeated exposure/ contact: Dry skin, skin rash/ inflammation. Impairment of the nervous system, tremor, impaired memory, impaired concentration, brain affection,

disturbances of heart rate, change in the haemogramme/blood composition.

Prolonged/repeated contact may cause defatting of the skin which can lead to dermatitis.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Eco-toxicity:</b>	Avoid contaminating waterways. Partially non toxic to fishes, algae, microorganisms and aquatic invertebrates (LL/EL/IL50 > 100mg/L)
<b>Persistence and Degradability:</b>	Readily biodegradable. Oxidizes rapidly by photo-chemical reactions in air/
<b>Mobility:</b>	Dissolves in water

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of waste according to federal, EPA, state and local regulations. Labels should not be removed from containers until they have been cleaned. Do not cut, puncture or weld on or near containers. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. Contaminated containers must not be treated as household waste. Containers should be cleaned by appropriate methods and then re-used or disposed of by landfill or incineration as appropriate. Do not incinerate closed containers.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
<b>UN number:</b>	1193
<b>DG Class:</b>	3
<b>Subsidiary Risk 1:</b>	None Allocated
<b>Packaging Group:</b>	II
<b>HAZCHEM code:</b>	3Z
<b>Marine Pollutant:</b>	No
<b>Special Precautions for User:</b>	Refer to incompatibilities in section 7 and stability and reactivity information in section 10.
<b>ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Nil

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

The regulatory information is not intended to be comprehensive. Other regulations may apply to this material.

### **Chemical inventory status**

Listed in AICS, DLS, INV (CN), ENCS (JP), TSCA, EINECS, KECI (KR) and PICCS (PH)

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### **For further information on this product, please contact:**

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Australian Standards References:

AS 1020	The Control of undesirable static electricity.
AS 1076	Code of Practice for selection, installation and maintenance of electrical apparatus and associated equipment for use in explosive atmospheres (other than mining applications) – Parts 1 to 13.
AS/NZS 1336	Recommended Practices for Occupational Eye Protection
AS/NZS 1715	Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices
AS/NZS 1716	Respiratory Protective Devices
AS 1940	The Storage and Handling of Flammable and Combustible Liquids.
AS 2161	Industrial Safety Gloves and Mittens (excluding electrical and medical gloves)
AS 2380	Electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres – Explosion Protection Techniques (Parts 1 to 9).
AS 3000	Electrical installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules).

### Other References:

NOHSC:2011(2003)	National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets 2nd Edition, April 2003, National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.
NOHSC; 2012 (1994)	National Code of Practice for the Labeling of Workplace Substances, March 1994, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra.
NES	National Occupational Exposure Standards for workplace Atmospheric Contaminants (NES) Australian Safety and Compensation Council, ASCC (Formerly NOHSC) 1995 as amended.
ADG Code 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Australian Dangerous Goods Code 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition

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