



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) 2-Butanone

This SDS is valid for all grades and catalog #s

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF SUPPLIER

**Product Identifier:** High Purity Chemicals  
**Synonyms:** 2-Butanone; Ethyl Methyl Ketone; MEK; Methyl Acetone  
**Other means of identification:** CAS No. 78-93-3  
EINECS No. 201-159-0

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:**

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

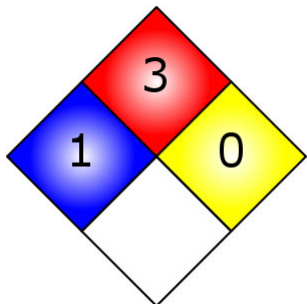
#### OSHA Hazards:

Flammable liquid, Irritant, Target organ effect

#### Target Organs:

Central nervous system

#### NFPA





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**GHS label elements, including precautionary statements** **+1.703.527.3887 (INT)**



**Signal Word:**  
DANGER!

**Hazard statement(s)**

H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapor.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

**Precautionary statement(s)**

P261	Avoid breathing dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapors.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P501	Dispose of contents and container to an approved waste disposal plant.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical 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. Seek medical attention.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P210	Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, and lighting equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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 P280 Wear protective gloves and eye and face protection **1.703.527.3887 (INT)**

**GHS Classification(s)**

Eye irritation (Category 2)  
 Flammable Liquids (Category 2)  
 Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

**Other hazards which do not result in classification:**

**Potential Health Effects:**

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

**3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Chemical identity:** Methyl Ethyl Ketone  
**Common name / Synonym:** 2-Butanone; Ethyl Methyl Ketone; MEK; Methyl Acetone  
**CAS number:** 78-93-3  
**EINECS number:** 201-159-0  
**ICSC number:** 0179  
**RTECS #:** EL6475000  
**UN #:** UN1193  
**EC #:** 606-002-00-3

% Weight	Material	CAS
100	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	78-93-3

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**General advice**

Take proper precautions to ensure your own health and safety before attempting rescue and providing first aid. Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**Skin**

Wash skin with soap and copious amounts of water. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation**

Remove person to fresh air. If signs/symptoms continue, get medical attention. Give oxygen or artificial respiration as needed.



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**Eyes** **+1.703.527.3887 (INT)**

Thoroughly flush the eyes with large amounts of clean low-pressure water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion**

DO NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting does occur, have victim lean forward to prevent aspiration. Rinse mouth with water. Seek medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious individual.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media:**

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

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical (e.g., nature of any hazardous combustion products):**

Carbon oxides expected to be the primary hazardous combustion product.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Keep unopened containers cool by spraying with water.

**Flammable Properties**

**Classification**

OSHA/NFPA Class IB Flammable Liquid.

**Flash point**

-9 °C (16 °F) - Closed Cup

**Autoignition temperature**

404 °C (759 °F)

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:**

Do not inhale vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapors accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapors can accumulate in low areas.

**Environmental precautions:**

Stop leak. Contain spill if possible and safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:**

Contain spill, then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Keep container closed.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### Precautions for safe handling:

Do not get on skin or in eyes. Do not inhale vapor or mist. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the buildup of electrostatic charge.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Keep container tightly closed in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Avoid moisture.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters, e.g., occupational exposure limit values or biological limit values:

### Occupational Exposure Limits

Component	Source	Type	Value	Note
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	US (ACGIH)	TWA	200 ppm	
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	US (ACGIH)	STEL	300 ppm	

### Appropriate engineering controls:

General room or local exhaust ventilation is usually required to meet exposure limit(s). Electrical equipment should be grounded and conform to applicable electrical code.

### Individual protection measures, such as 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.

#### Eye protection:

Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Use equipment approved by appropriate government standards, such as NIOSH (US) or EN166 (EU) Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

#### Skin and body protection:

Wear impervious, flame retardant, antistatic protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

#### Hygiene measures:

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

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance ( <i>physical state, color, etc.</i> )	Liquid. Colorless, clear.
Freezing point	-87 °C (-125 °F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	80 °C (176 °F)
Flash point	-9 °C (16 °F) - Closed Cup
Upper / Lower flammability or explosive limits	1.8 %(V) / 10.1 %(V)
Vapor pressure	95 hPa (71 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Vapor Density	2.5
Relative Density	0.805 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Solubility(ies)	soluble
Auto-ignition temperature	404 °C (759 °F)
Formula (METHYL ETHYL KETONE)	C4H8O
Molecular Weight (METHYL ETHYL KETONE)	72.11 g/mol

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Possibility of hazardous reactions	Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.
Conditions to avoid (e.g., static discharge, shock or vibration)	Heat, flames, and sparks. Extreme temperatures and direct sunlight.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents, strong reducing agents
Hazardous decomposition products	Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Product Summary:

No data available for the mutagenic, teratogenic, or reproductive effects of the product.

### Acute Toxicity:

LC50 (Inhalation)	Rat	23500 mg/m3	8 hours
LD50 (Oral)	Rat	2737 mg/Kg	
LD50 (Skin)	Rabbit	6480 mg/kg	

### Irritation:

#### Eyes

Causes eye irritation.



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**Skin (METHYL ETHYL KETONE)**

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Draize test, rabbit, skin: 500 mg/24H; Moderate skin irritation.

#### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable 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 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.

#### **Other Hazards**

<b>Organ</b>	<b>Description</b>
Eyes	Irritating to the eyes. May result in corneal injury.
Ingestion	May cause irritation of the digestive tract. May cause central nervous system depression, characterized by excitement, followed by headache, dizziness, drowsiness, and nausea. Advanced stages may cause collapse, unconsciousness, coma and possible death due to respiratory failure.
Inhalation	Inhalation of high concentrations may cause central nervous system effects characterized by nausea, headache, dizziness, unconsciousness and coma. Causes respiratory tract irritation. Irritation may lead to chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema. May cause numbness in the extremities.
Skin	May be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. Prolonged and/or repeated contact may cause irritation and/or dermatitis.
Chronic	Chronic inhalation may cause effects similar to those of acute inhalation. Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause defatting and dermatitis. Animal studies have reported that fetal effects/abnormalities may occur when maternal toxicity is seen.

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## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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#### **Ecotoxicity (aquatic and terrestrial, where available):**

##### **Acute Fish Toxicity (METHYL ETHYL KETONE)**

LC50 / 96 hours Fathead Minnow 3220 mg/L

##### **Toxicity to Microorganisms (METHYL ETHYL KETONE)**

EC50 / 30 min Phytobacterium phosphoreum 3373 mg/L



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**Persistence and degradability:**

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No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential:**

No data available

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Description of waste residues and information on their safe handling and methods of disposal, including the disposal of any contaminated packaging:**

Vapors may collect in empty containers. Treat empty containers as hazardous. Dispose of spill-clean up and other wastes in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Description of waste residues and information on their safe handling and methods of disposal:**

<b>UN number</b>	UN1193
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Methyl ethyl ketone
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	3
<b>Packing group (if applicable)</b>	II

**Reportable Quantity**

5,000 lbs

**IMDG**

UN-Number: UN1193 Class: 3 Packing Group: II

EMS-No: F-E, S-D

Proper shipping name: METHYL ETHYL KETONE

Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN-Number: UN1193 Class: 3 Packing Group: II

Proper shipping name: Methyl ethyl ketone

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question:**

**OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Irritant, Target organ effect

All ingredients are on the following inventories or are exempted from listing

Country	Notification
Australia	AICS





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Canada	DSL	<b>+1.703.527.3887 (INT)</b>
China	IECS	
European Union	EINECS	
Japan	ENCS/ISHL	
Korea	ECL	
New Zealand	NZIoC	
Philippines	PICCS	
United States of America	TSCA	

**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**

- Acute Health Hazard
- Chronic Health Hazard
- Fire Hazard

**CERCLA**

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**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:**



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INCLUDING INFORMATION ON PREPARATION AND REVISION OF THIS SDS 7.3887 (INT)**

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