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Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

Methyl Ethyl Ketone

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Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Methyl Ethyl Ketone

Synonym: mek

CAS#: 78-93-3

Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Colorless liquid; acetone-like odor.

Narcotic by inhalation. Severe eye irritant. Slightly toxic by ingestion, inhalation and skin absorption.

Avoid inhalation, ingestion and skin absorption.

Flammable liquid; dangerous fire risk.

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Health-1

Flammability-3

Reactivity-2

Exposure-1

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Flammable liquid.

Flash Point: 26 F Upper: 10.1% Lower: 1.8% Autoignition Temperature: 960 F

When heated to decomposition, emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

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Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand and absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #4. Store with ethers, ketones, halogenated hydrocarbons and ethylene oxide. Store in a dedicated flammables cabinet. If a flammables cabinet is not available, store in Flinn Saf-Stor Can.

Use and dispense in a hood.

Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 200 ppm, STEL 300 ppm (OSHA, NIOSH)

Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless liquid; acetone-like odor.
Solubility: Soluble in benzene, alcohol and ether.
Miscible with oils.
Formula: CH₃COC₂H₅
Formula Weight: 72.11

Specific Gravity: 0.8255
Melting Point: -87 C
Boiling Point: 80 C

Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Avoid contact with oxidizers, reducers, bases.
Shelf life: Good, if stored safely.

Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Severe eye irritant, nausea, dizziness, headache, GI disturbances
Chronic effects: Dermatitis
Target organs: Central nervous system

ORL-RAT LD50: 2737 mg/kg
IHL-RAT LC50: 23500 mg/m³/8H
SKN-RBT LD50: 6480 mg/kg

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method 18b is one option.

Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Methyl ethyl ketone
Hazard Class: 3, Flammable liquid
UN Number: UN1193

N/A = Not applicable

Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (201-159-0), RCRA code U159.

Section 16 — Other Information

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