

PRODUCT NAME: **METHANOL**

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MSDS NO: **6000**

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2008

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TRANSPORTATION

PRIMARY CLASS:	3	CLASS NAME:	FLAMMABLE LIQUID	UN#:	1230
SUBSIDIARY CLASS:	6.1				
SHIPPING NAME:	Methanol				

I. EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURE

<u>INGESTION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never give anything by mouth if victim is rapidly losing consciousness or is unconscious or convulsing. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Have victim drink about 250ml (8fl. oz.) of water to dilute material in stomach. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward to reduce risk of aspiration. Seek medical assistance immediately.
<u>SKIN</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flush contaminated area with water for at least 20 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing under running water. Completely decontaminate clothing before re-use, or discard. If irritation occurs seek medical attention.
<u>INHALATION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove victim to fresh air. Artificial respiration should be given if breathing has stopped and cardiopulmonary resuscitation if heart has stopped. Oxygen may be given if necessary. Seek medical attention immediately.
<u>EYES</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately flush eyes with water for at least 20 minutes, holding the eyelids open. Seek medical attention immediately.
<u>NOTES TO PHYSICIAN</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methanol is a very toxic substance which is capable of producing blindness and death. Ethyl alcohol is the accepted antidote. In case of overexposure, the physician should consult an appropriate reference for suitable treatment.

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II. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLASH POINT, °C

- 12 (Tag closed cup, ASTM D-56)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATA

COMPONENT	% V/V	FLAMMABLE LIMITS, % V/V		VAPOUR PRESSURE KPA AT 20°C	VAPOUR DENSITY (AIR = 1)	AUTOIGNITION POINT, °C
		LOWER	UPPER			
(1) Methanol	100	7.3	36.0	12.80	1.1	385

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Apply alcohol-type or all-purpose-type foams by manufacturers' recommended techniques for large fires.
- Use carbon dioxide or dry chemical media for small fires.
- Water is generally unsuitable and may help to spread the fire.

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES

- Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers and structures.
- Use water spray to disperse vapours; reignition is possible.
- Use self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

- Vapours form from this product and may travel or be moved by air currents and ignited by pilot lights, other flames, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharges or other ignition sources at locations distant from handling point.

III. IDENTIFICATION

<u>CHEMICAL</u> <u>NAME</u>	METHANOL	<u>CHEMICAL</u> <u>FAMILY</u>	ALCOHOLS
<u>FORMULA</u>	(1) CH ₃ OH	<u>MOLECULAR</u> <u>WEIGHT</u>	(1) 32.04
<u>SYNONYMS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methyl alcohol, methyl hydrate, carbinol, methyl hydroxide, monohydroxymethane, alcool méthylique. 		
<u>USE</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General purpose organic solvent; antifreeze, extractant, soldering, plastics, pharmaceuticals, etc. 		

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IV. PHYSICAL DATA

BOILING POINT, °C at 760mm Hg	64.6
FREEZING POINT, °C	-97.8
DENSITY, kg/L @ 20°C	0.7914
COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION	Separates from oil
pH	Not Applicable
DISTILLATION RANGE, °C	64.3-65.3
MISCIBILITY IN WATER	Complete
% VOLATILES BY VOLUME	100
EVAPORATION RATE (butyl acetate = 1)	2.0

APPEARANCE AND ODOUR

- Colourless liquid with typical lower alcohol odour.
- The odour thresholds of methanol is between 4.3 and 5900 ppm, as reported in appendix 1 of the Canadian Standards Association guide Z94.4-M1982.

V. INGREDIENTS AND TOXICOLOGICAL DATA

INGREDIENT	% V/V	CAS NO.	TLV, ppm	LC50, ppm/4h. RAT, INHAL.	LD50, mg/kg RAT, ORAL	LD50, mg/kg RABBIT, SKIN
(1) Methanol	100	67-56-1	200	64,000	5,628	20,000

NOTE

Although methanol is practically non-toxic to animals, it is very toxic to humans.

REFERENCES

ACGIH (1988-1989), RTECS (1983).

VI. WHMIS CLASSIFICATION AND SYNERGISTIC MATERIALS

WHMIS CLASSIFICATION

- Flammable liquid, very toxic material, eye irritant.

SYNERGISTIC MATERIALS

- Carbon tetrachloride.

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VII. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

<u>INGESTION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methanol ingestion must be treated as soon as possible, since it can result in blindness and death. The symptoms, following ingestion to methanol, are similar to those produced by ethyl alcohol; dizziness, faintness, headaches, nausea, vomiting, drunkenness and blurred vision. Blindness, unconsciousness and death follow massive exposure to methanol.
<u>SKIN ABSORPTION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methanol can be absorbed in toxic and lethal amounts through the skin.
<u>INHALATION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methanol vapour inhalation may cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, headaches, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, giddiness, difficulty in breathing, dilated pupils and blurred vision. Symptoms may depend on level and duration of exposure. At high concentrations (4000-12000 ppm), methanol vapours may be lethal.
<u>SKIN CONTACT</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild irritant. Repeated or prolonged exposure may lead to dermatitis.
<u>EYE CONTACT</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe eye irritant. Vapours can irritate eyes. Eye damage from contact with liquid is reversible and proper treatment will result in healing within a few days. Damage is usually mild to moderate conjunctivitis, seen mainly as redness of the conjunctiva.
<u>EFFECT OF REPEATED OVEREXPOSURE</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term exposure to methanol has been associated with headaches, giddiness, conjunctivitis, insomnia and impaired vision.
<u>MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE</u>	
<u>OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE</u>	

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VIII. REACTIVITY DATA

<u>STABILITY</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable
<u>CONDITIONS TO AVOID</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sources of ignition
<u>INCOMPATIBILITY</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxidizing materials
<u>HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION OR DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide and/or formaldehyde.
<u>HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not occur
<u>CONDITIONS TO AVOID</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None currently known

IX. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

<u>SPILL</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contain spilled material. Provide adequate ventilation and protective equipment. Remove sources of heat, sparks or flames. Spill should be collected in suitable containers or absorbed on a suitable absorbent material for subsequent disposal.
<u>WASTE DISPOSAL</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste material should be disposed of in an approved incinerator or in a designated landfill site, in compliance with all federal, provincial and local government regulations.

X. SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

<u>RESPIRATORY PROTECTION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 1000 ppm, an approved organic vapour cartridge respirator can be used. For concentrations above 1000 ppm, an air-supplying respirator is recommended. The user should consult a respirator guide, such as the Canadian Standards Association's guide Z94.4-M1982.
<u>VENTILATION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ventilation system should be non-sparking, grounded and separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Local ventilation is recommended when handling.
<u>PROTECTIVE GLOVES</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neoprene, butyl or natural rubber.
<u>EYE PROTECTION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical resistant monogoggles when handling
<u>OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye bath, safety shower and other protective equipment as required.

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XI. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORING

- Keep away from heat, sparks and flames.
- Keep container closed when not in use.
- Use with adequate ventilation.
- Avoid breathing vapours.
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin.
- Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
- Take precautions to prevent static electricity build-up when transferring contents.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS

- Good personal hygiene practices are suggested, such as abstaining from eating, drinking and smoking in the workplace.

XII. MSDS PREPARATION

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