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**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS**

**SECTION I**

**PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**PRODUCT: Methanol**

This MSDS is valid for all grades that start with catalog number 339

Synonyms: Methyl Alcohol; Carbinol; Methol hydroxide; Methyl hydrate; Methyl hydroxide; Methylol; Wood alcohol  
Formula: CH<sub>3</sub>OH

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**SECTION II**

**COMPOSITION /INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

%wt	Material	CAS	Exposure Limits
100%	Methanol	67-56-1	200ppm TWA, OSHA/ACG IH;250ppm STEL OSHA/ACG IH

**SECTION III**

**HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Poisonous:** This product contains methanol. It can not be made non-poisonous. Ingestion of 60-200ml of methanol is a fatal dose for most adults. Ingestion of 10ml may cause blindness.

**Routes of Exposure:**

Swallowing: May cause dizziness, faintness, drowsiness decreased awareness or responsiveness, nausea, vomiting, staggering gait, lack of coordination, blindness, coma and death.

Skin Absorption: Prolonged or widespread contact may result in the absorption of potentially harmful amounts.

Inhalation: High vapor concentration may cause burning sensation in nose and throat and stinging and watering in the

eyes. At concentrations, which cause irritation, dizziness, faintness, drowsiness, nausea and vomiting may also occur.  
Skin Contact: Prolonged or repeated contact may cause defatting and drying of the skin.  
Eye Contact: May cause irritation including stinging, tearing, redness and blindness  
Effects of Repeated. Overexposure to methanol may cause eye damage and liver or kidney injury and acute indigestion.  
**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure:**  
Skin contact may aggravate dermatitis.

**SECTION IV**

**FIRST AID**

Obtain medical attention for all cases of over-exposure.  
Swallowing: If patient is fully conscious, give two glasses of water. Induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention. If medical advice is delayed and the person has swallowed a few ounces, give 3-4 ounces of hard liquor such as whiskey.  
Skin: Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes  
Inhalation: Remove to fresh air; Give artificial respiration if not breathing; If breathing is difficult oxygen may be given by qualified personnel; Obtain medical assistance is discomfort persists.  
Eye Contact: Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical assistance.

**SECTION V**

**FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Fire/Explosive Properties  
Flash Point: 52F (11C) Tag Closed Cup  
Flammable Limits in Air (% by volume):  
6.0%(methanol) - 36.0%(methanol)  
NFPA Rating: Health 1 Fire 3 Reactivity 0  
1993 Emergency Response Guidebook: Guide 28  
1996 North American Emergency Response Guidebook: Guide 131  
Extinguishing Media: Apply alcohol-type or all-purpose foam by manufacturer's recommended techniques for large fires. Use carbon dioxide or dry chemical media for small fires.  
Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers and structures; Use water spray to disperse vapors - re-ignition is possible; Use self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.  
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

- Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.
- Vapors may settle in low or confined spaces.
- May produce a floating fire hazard.
- Static ignition hazard can result from handling and use.

**SECTION VI**

## SPILL/ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Small spills can be flushed with large amounts of water. Large spills: Eliminate all ignition sources; ground all equipment; do not walk through spill; stop spill if possible; prevent entry into sewers, confined spaces, etc.; use a vapor suppressing foam to reduce vapors; absorb spill with non-combustible matter and transfer to containers; use non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material.

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## SECTION VII HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Flammable material - keep away from heat, sparks, and flame; sudden releases of hot organic vapors or mists from process equipment operating at elevated temperature may result in ignitions without the presence of obvious ignition sources.
  - Avoid contact with eyes.
  - Keep container closed.
  - Use with adequate ventilation.
  - Ground container when transferring product.
  - Vapors may collect in containers; treat empty containers as hazardous.
  - Wash thoroughly after handling
  - Vapors may settle in low or confined areas
  - Danger - may cause blindness or death if swallowed
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## SECTION VIII EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ventilation: Special, local ventilation is needed where vapors escape to the workplace air  
Respiratory Protection: Use self-contained breathing apparatus in high vapor concentration  
Personal Protective Equipment: gloves, lab coat or uniform, safety glasses, eye wash, safety shower

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## SECTION IX PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: clear, colorless liquid  
Odor: characteristic  
Vapor pressure @ 25C: 97.25 mm Hg  
Vapor density: 1.5 (air =1)  
Boiling point @ 760mm Hg: 65C  
Melting Point: -98C  
Solubility in Water: 100% @ 20C  
Specific Gravity : .7928 @ 20C  
Density @ 15.56C (60F) 6.6lbs/gal  
Evaporation Rate: 4.6 (butyl acetate = 1)  
Percent Volatiles: 100%

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## SECTION X STABILITY/REACTIVITY INFORMATION

Stability: Stable  
Conditions to avoid: None known  
Incompatibility/Materials to avoid: strong oxidizing agents; strong inorganic acids  
Hazardous Combustion/Decomposition Products:  
Carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

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## SECTION XI DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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.

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## SECTION XII TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Proper Shipping Name: Methyl Alcohol  
Hazard Class: 3  
UN Number: 1230  
IMO Information: Methyl Alcohol  
Label of Class: 3  
Packing Group II  
Intermediate flashpoint group

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## SECTION XIII REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Federal EPA Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)** requires notification of the National Response Center of release quantities of Hazardous Substances equal to or greater than the reportable quantities (RQs) in CFR. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under this statute are:

Chemical	CAS Number	Reportable Quantity
Methanol	67-56-1	5000 lb

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III** requires emergency planning based on threshold planning quantities and release reporting based on reportable quantities in 40 CFR 355 (used for SARA 302, 304, 311, and 312). Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under this statute are: none.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III** requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR 372 (for SARA 313). This information must be included in all MSDS's that are copied and distributed for this material. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

Methanol (67-56-1) upper bound concentration 100%

**Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Status:**

The ingredients of this product are on the TSCA inventory.

### State Right to Know

Massachusetts: Hazardous substances and extraordinarily hazardous substances must be identified. Components present which could require reporting:  
Hazardous (=>1%): Methanol (CAS 67-56-1) upper bound conc. 100%

Pennsylvania: Hazardous substances must be identified.

Hazardous (=>1%): Methanol (CAS 67-56-1) upper bound conc. 100%

New Jersey: methanol is listed as an environmental hazardous substance

California SCAQMD Rule 443.1 (VOC's)

*A Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) is any volatile compound of carbon excluding methane, carbon monoxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides, or carbonates, ammonium carbonate, 1,1,1 tri-chloroethane, methylene chloride, (FC-23), (CFC-113), (CFC-12), (CFC-11), (CFC-22), (CFC-114) and (CFC-115).*

Information not available

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