

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** 2-Butanone

**Cat No. :** 39119

**CAS No** 78-93-3  
**Synonyms** Methyl ethyl ketone; MEK; Ethyl methyl ketone

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

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**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### **Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Causes serious eye irritation

May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Keep container tightly closed  
 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment  
 Use only non-sparking tools  
 Take precautionary measures against static discharge  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 Keep cool

#### Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store locked up

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

#### Other hazards

Contains a known or suspected endocrine disruptor.

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	<=100

## 4. First-aid measures

#### Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water may be ineffective
<b>Flash Point</b>	-7 °C / 19.4 °F
<b>Method -</b>	CC (closed cup)
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	404 °C / 759.2 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	11.4 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	1.4 vol %
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Not oxidising
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b> 2	<b>Flammability</b> 3	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong reducing agents. Ammonia. copper. Amines.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Methyl ethyl ketone	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 300 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 3000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
 OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
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### Personal Protective Equipment

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
<b>Recommended Filter type:</b>	Type A. Organic gases and vapours filter. Brown. conforming to EN14387.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	Characteristic - sweet
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-87 °C / -124.6 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	80 °C / 176 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	-7 °C / 19.4 °F

Method -	CC (closed cup)
Evaporation Rate	3.7
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	11.4 vol %
Lower	1.4 vol %
Vapor Pressure	105 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.41
Specific Gravity	0.806
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	404 °C / 759.2 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.42 mPa.s @ 15°C
Molecular Formula	C4 H8 O
Molecular Weight	72.11

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents, Ammonia, copper, Amines
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl ethyl ketone	LD50 = 2483 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 5000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 11700 ppm ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Irritation</b>	Irritating to eyes
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Central nervous system (CNS)
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Kidney Liver
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl ethyl ketone	Not listed	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50=3,22 g/L 96 h	EC50 = 3403 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 3426 mg/L 5 min	EC50: = 5091 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna) EC50: 4025 - 6440 mg/L, 48h Static (Daphnia magna) EC50: > 520 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Methyl ethyl ketone	0.29

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Methyl ethyl ketone - 78-93-3	U159	-

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1193
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Ethyl methyl ketone
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### TDG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1193
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	ETHYL METHYL KETONE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### IATA

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1193
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Methyl ethyl ketone

<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN1193
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Ethyl methyl ketone (Methyl ethyl ketone)
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

**TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)** Not applicable

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	X	-	201-159-0	X	X	X	X	X	KE-24094

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

#### **SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

#### **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)

		RQs	
Methyl ethyl ketone	5000 lb	-	5000 lb 2270 kg

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Methyl ethyl ketone	X	X	X	X	X

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
 DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

### Other International Regulations

**Mexico - Grade** Serious risk, Grade 3

### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

### REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

### Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y42



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## 16. Other information

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