



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION: PRODUCT IDENTIFIER AND CHEMICAL IDENTITY

<b>Product Identifier</b>	<b>METHANOL</b>
<b>Other Names</b>	Methyl alcohol, wood alcohol, woodspirit, carbinol
<b>Manufacturer's Product Code</b>	16230
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Solvent, general chemical

### Details of Supplier/Manufacturer

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### Details of Distributor

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### Emergency Telephone Numbers

Poisons Information:	0800 764 766
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## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

<b>Hazardous chemical</b>	<i>according to classification by Safe Work Australia</i>
<b>Dangerous goods</b>	<i>according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail</i>

<b>Signal Word</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
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GHS Classification	Pictogram	Hazard statement
Flammable Liquids, Category 2	 FLAME	H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour

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Acute Toxicity - Oral, Category 3	 SKULL AND CROSSBONES	H301 Toxic if swallowed
Acute Toxicity - Dermal, Category 3		H311 Toxic in contact with skin
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation, Category 3		H331 Toxic if inhaled
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single exposure), Category 1	 HEALTH HAZARD	H370 Causes damage to organs through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed

**Precautionary statements:**

<b>GENERAL</b>	
P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand
P102	Keep out of reach of children
P103	Read label before use
<b>PREVENTATIVE</b>	
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking
P233	Keep container tightly closed
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilation/lighting equipment
P242	Use only non-sparking tools
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge
P260	Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray
P261	Avoid breathing mist/vapours/spray
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling
P270	Do not eat drink or smoke when using this product
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
P280	Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection
<b>RESPONSE</b>	
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Rinse skin with water/shower
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
P307 + P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P311	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
P330	Rinse mouth
P361	Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use foam/water spray/fog for extinction
<b>STORAGE</b>	
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

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*DISPOSAL*

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Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations

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### **SECTION 3 COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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#### **Ingredients Names and Proportions**

<b>Chemical Entity</b>	<b>CAS Number</b>	<b>Proportion (%)</b>
Methanol	67-56-1	> 99

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### **SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES**

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#### **Description of necessary first aid measures**

Inhalation:	Keep victim calm and remove to fresh air if safe to do so. If rapid recovery does not occur, transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. Remove contaminated clothing.
Skin Contact:	If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and immediately flush skin thoroughly with large amounts of water and follow by washing with soap if available. Transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment if necessary.
Eye Contact:	If in eyes, hold eyes open, flood with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment if necessary.
Ingestion:	If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth with water. Obtain medical treatment immediately. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration.

#### **Symptoms caused by exposure**

Inhalation:	Inhalation of vapours can result in headaches, dizziness, and possible nausea. Inhalation of higher concentrations can produce central nervous system depression and unconsciousness.
Skin:	May include burning sensation and/or a dried cracked appearance.
Eye:	May include burning sensation, redness, swelling and/or blurred vision.
Ingestion:	Effects of a small intake may include excitation, euphoria, headache, dizziness, drowsiness, blurred vision, and fatigue. Ingestion of a large amount may lead to severe acute intoxication, tremours, convulsion, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory arrest and death. Aspiration in to lung may cause pneumonitis

#### **Medical attention and special treatment**

Treat symptomatically.

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### **SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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#### **Suitable extinguishing equipment**

Alcohol stable foam, water spray or fog. Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide for small fires only. Do not use water in a jet.

#### **Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

Carbon monoxide and/or Carbon dioxide may be evolved.

#### **Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Hazchem code ●2WE.

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**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

Avoid contact with spilled or released material. Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unprotected personnel. Remove all sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Take precautionary measure against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and earthing all equipment.

**Environmental precautions**

Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading and entering waterway using sand, earth or other appropriate barriers. Attempt to disperse the vapour or to direct its flow to a safe location for example by using fog sprays. Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly.

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

For small spills (< 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labelled, sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow any residues to evaporate or use an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely.

For larger spills (> 1 drum), transfer by means such as a vacuum truck to a salvage tank for recovery or disposal. Do not flush residues with water. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow any residues to evaporate or use an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely.

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**SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**Precautions for safe handling**

Highly flammable product. Avoid breathing vapours. Handle and open containers with care in a well-ventilated area. Ensure that the workplace is ventilated such that the Occupational Exposure limit is not exceeded. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke in contaminated areas. Electrostatic charges may be generated during transfer. Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by earthing all equipment. Flameproof equipment necessary in area where chemical is being used. Vapours may accumulate in low or confined areas.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Bulk storage tanks should be banded. Store in a well-ventilated area, away from sunlight, ignition sources and other sources of heat. Do not store near strong oxidants.

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**SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Exposure control measures**

From National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC) Worksafe Australia -  
Methanol: 262mg/m<sup>3</sup> (200ppm) TWA (8hr), 328/ m<sup>3</sup> (250ppm) STEL

**Biological monitoring**

No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering controls**

Ensure that adequate ventilation is provided. Maintain air concentrations below recommended exposure standards. Avoid generating and inhaling mists and vapours. Keep containers closed when not in use.

**Individual protection measures**

Eye and face protection:	Wear safety goggles.
Skin protection:	Use solvent resistant gloves, nitrile for longer term protection or PVC and neoprene for incidental splashes.
Respiratory protection:	If work practices do not maintain airborne level below the exposure standard, use appropriate respiratory protection equipment. When using respirators, select an appropriate combination of mask and filter. Select a filter for organic gases and vapours (boiling point > 65°C). Respirators should comply with AS1716 or an equivalent approved by a state/territory authority.
Thermal hazards:	Not applicable.

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**SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Appearance:	Colourless clear liquid
Odour:	Alcoholic
Odour threshold (ppm):	Data not available
pH:	Data not available
Melting point/freezing point (°C):	-98
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):	64.5
Flash point (°C):	11
Evaporation rate (Butyl acetate = 1):	Data not available
Flammability:	Highly flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits (%):	6 - 36
Vapour pressure (mmHg @ 20°C):	100
Vapour density (air = 1, @ 15°C):	1.1
Density (g/ml @ 15°C):	0.79
Solubility (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):	Miscible
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	Data not available
Auto-ignition temperature (°C):	385
Decomposition temperature (°C):	Data not available
Kinematic viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> /s @ 20°C):	Data not available

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**SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**Reactivity**

Stable under normal conditions of use.

**Chemical stability**

Stable under normal conditions of use.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Stable under normal conditions of use.

**Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**Incompatible materials**

Oxidising agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products**

Burning can produce carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.

**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute toxicity:	LDLo Oral (human) = 143 mg/kg LD50 Oral (rat) > 2000mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation:	Mild irritant. Prolonged contact may cause defatting of skin which can lead to dermatitis. Can be absorbed through the skin with resultant toxic effects
Serious eye damage/irritation:	Vapours may irritate the eyes. Liquid or mists may severely irritate or damage the eyes
Respiratory or skin sensitisation:	Not expected to be a sensitiser
Germ cell mutagenicity:	Not expected to be a mutagen
Carcinogenicity:	Not expected to be a carcinogen
Reproductive toxicity:	Not expected to impair reproduction
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:	Inhalation of vapours can result in headaches, dizziness, and possible nausea. Inhalation of higher concentrations can produce central nervous system depression and unconsciousness.
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure:	Chronic exposure to concentrations greater than 1000ppm can result in permanent blindness and metabolic acidosis.
Aspiration hazard:	Not considered an aspiration hazard

**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

Acute toxicity:

Fish –	Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 1000mg/l
Aquatic invertebrate –	Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 1000mg/l
Algae –	Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 1000mg/l
Microorganisms –	Data not available

Chronic toxicity:

Fish –	Data not available
Aquatic invertebrate –	Data not available
Algae –	Data not available
Microorganisms –	Data not available

**Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

Does not bioaccumulate significantly.

**Mobility in soil**

Miscible with water.

**Other adverse effects**

Data not available.

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**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Ensure waste disposal conforms to local waste disposal regulations.

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**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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<b>UN number:</b>	1230
<b>Proper shipping name:</b>	Methanol
<b>Australian Dangerous Goods class:</b>	3 (sub-risk 6.1)
<b>Australian Dangerous Goods packing group:</b>	II
<b>Hazchem code:</b>	●2WE

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**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP), Poisons Schedule:	6
Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS):	Listed
Dangerous Goods Initial Emergency Response Guide (SAA/SNZ HB76):	16
New Zealand HSNO, Classification:	Solvents (Flammable) Group Standard Classification - 3.1B, 6.1C(oral, dermal, inhalation), 6.4A, 6.8B, 6.9A(inhalation), 9.3C

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**SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

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Date of preparation:	23/05/2017
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Changes in this revision:	Update to GHS

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This SDS summarises product safety information at the date of issue, to the best of our knowledge, as a general guide. Recochem cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product is used, so prior to usage each user must assess and control the risks associated with their use of the product. Users should also consult the relevant legislation governing the use and storage of this product. We make no warranties, express or implied, and assume no liability in connection with any use of information contained within this document. If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact Recochem on +617 3308 5200.

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