



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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### Product Name: METHANOL

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Other Names: Methyl Alcohol, Wood Alcohol, Woodspirit, Carbinol  
Manufacturer's Product Code: 16230  
Recommended Use: Solvent, General Chemical

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## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO CRITERIA OF WORKSAFE AUSTRALIA  
A DANGEROUS GOODS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE**

**Symbols:** T - Toxic  
F - Flammable  
**Risk Phrases:** R11 - Highly flammable  
R23/24/25 - Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed  
R39/23/24/25 - Toxic: Danger of very serious irreversible effects through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed  
**Safety Phrases:** S1/2 - Keep locked up and out of reach of children  
S7 - Keep container tightly closed  
S16 - Keep away from sources of ignition – No smoking  
S36/37 - Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves  
S45 - In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show label where possible)

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## SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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### Hazardous Ingredients

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

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## SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

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### FIRST AID TREATMENT

**Swallowed:** Immediately rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Seek immediate medical assistance.

**Eye:** If in eyes, hold eyes open, flood with water for at least 15 minutes. If redness, burning, blurred vision, or swelling persist transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment.

**Skin:** If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with water and follow by washing with soap if available.

**Inhaled:** Remove victim from exposure if safe to do so. If rapid recovery does not occur, transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. Remove contaminated clothing.

**First Aid facilities:** Potable water should be available to rinse eyes or skin. Provide eye baths and safety showers.

**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically.

**Additional Information:** None available.

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## **SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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

**Hazards from combustion products:** Carbon monoxide and/or Carbon dioxide may be evolved.

**Precautions for Fire Fighters and Special Protective Equipment:** Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

**Additional Information:** Hazchem code ●2WE.

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## **SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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Observe all local and national regulations

**Spills and Disposal:** Avoid contact with spilled or released material. Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading and entering waterway using sand, earth or other appropriate barriers. Take precautionary measure against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and earthing all equipment. Spills can be converted to non-flammable mixtures by dilution with water.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean Up Procedures:** 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. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow and 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 and Storage:** Avoid breathing of or contact with material. Use in well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with skin and eyes and clothing. Handle open containers in well ventilated area. Ensure that the workplace is ventilated such that the Occupational Exposure limit is not exceeded. Do not empty into drains. Do not eat, drink or smoke in contaminated areas. Before eating, drinking or smoking, remove contaminated clothing and wash hands. Do not store near strong oxidants.

**Dispensing:** Electrostatic charges may be generated during transfer. Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by earthing all equipment.

**Flammability:** Highly flammable.

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## **SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Exposure Standards:** National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC) Worksafe Australia has set an exposure standard 262mg/m<sup>3</sup> (200ppm) TWA (8hr), 328/ m<sup>3</sup> (250ppm) STEL.

**Biological Limit Values:** No biological limit allocated.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Respiratory Protection:** In instances where concentrations are likely to exceed the exposure limits, an approved organic vapour respirator (AS/NZS 1715 and 1716) should be worn.

**Hand Protection:** Use solvent resistant gloves (nitrile, PVC or neoprene).

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety Goggles.

**Protective Clothing:** Use chemical resistant glove/gauntlets, boots and apron. Skin protection not ordinarily required beyond standard issue work clothes.

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

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## **SECTION 9 IDENTIFICATION**

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### **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance	Colourless Clear Liquid
Odour	Alcoholic
Vapour Pressure (mmHg @ 20°C):	100
Vapour Density (air = 1)	1.10 @ 15 Deg C
Boiling Point (°C):	64.5
Freezing/Melting Point (°C):	-98
Solubility in Water	Miscible with water

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Specific Gravity (g/ml @ 15°C):	0.79
Flashpoint (°C):	11 (closed cup)
Flammability Limits (%):	6 - 36
Auto Ignition Temperature (°C):	385
Percent Volatiles	100

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**SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**Chemical Stability:** 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.

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**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**HEALTH EFFECTS**

*Acute:*

**Swallowed:** Accidental swallowing is unlikely in the workplace setting. Swallowing can cause drunkenness or harmful central nervous system effects. The deliberate ingestion of methanol may cause inebriation such that safety is impaired. 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.

**Eye:** Vapours may irritate the eyes. Liquid or mists may severely irritate or damage the eyes.

**Skin:** Mild irritant. Prolonged contact may cause defatting of skin which can lead to dermatitis. Can be absorbed through the skin with resultant toxic effects.

**Inhaled:** Inhalation of vapours can result in headaches, dizziness, and possible nausea. Inhalation of higher concentrations can produce central nervous system depression and unconsciousness.

**Chronic:** Prolonged exposure could result in effects on the central nervous system. Chronic exposure to concentrations greater than 1000ppm can result in permanent blindness.

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**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Ecotoxicity:**

Fish : Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 1000mg/l

Aquatic invertebrates : Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 1000mg/l

Algae : Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 1000mg/l

**Mobility:** Miscible with water.

**Persistence/degradability:** Biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulation:** Does not bioaccumulate significantly.

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**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**Disposal Methods:** Ensure waste disposal conforms to local waste disposal regulations.

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**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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UN Number:	1230	Proper Shipping Name:	METHANOL
Class:	3	Subsidiary Risk:	6.1 Toxic
Packing Group:	II	Hazchem Code:	●2WE
Special Precautions for User:	None		

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**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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Poisons Schedule : 6

AICS : Listed

Dangerous Goods Initial Emergency Response Guide (SAA/SNZ HB76:2010) : 16

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**SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

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Further Information may be obtained by contacting Recochem on (07) 3308 5200

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