



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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### Product Name: METHYL ACETATE

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Other Names: Methyl Ethanoate; Acetic Acid Methyl Ester.  
Manufacturer's Product Code: 16763  
Recommended Use: Solvent

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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:** F - Flammable  
Xi - Irritant  
**Risk Phrases:** R11 - Highly flammable  
R36 - Irritating to eyes  
R66 - Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.  
R67 - Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness  
**Safety Phrases:** S2 - Keep out of the reach of children  
S16 - Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking  
S26 - In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice  
S29 - Do not empty into drains  
S33 - Take precautionary measures against static discharges

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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>
Methyl Acetate	79-20-9	> 99

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## SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

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### FIRST AID TREATMENT

**Swallowed:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Seek medical advice.  
**Eye:** If in eyes, hold eyes open, flood with water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical assistance.  
**Skin:** If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with water and follow by washing with soap if available. If irritation occurs seek medical advice.  
**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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**Specific Hazards:** A Flammable liquid. May form flammable vapour mixture with air. Avoid all ignition sources. Flameproof equipment necessary in area where chemical is being used. Nearby equipment must be earthed. Vapours may travel considerable distances to source of ignition and flashback. Vapours may accumulate in low or confined areas.

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

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Highly flammable liquid. Heating can cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. Use foam, dry agent. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or combustion products.

**Additional Information:** Hazchem code •2YE.

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**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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Observe all local and national regulations.

**Spills and Disposal:** Shut off all sources of ignition. Increase ventilation. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Stop leak if safe to do so. Absorb with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible and inert material. Use non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measure against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and earthing all equipment.

**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:** Flammable.

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**SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Exposure Standards:** Worksafe Australia has set an exposure standard 606mg/m<sup>3</sup> (200ppm) TWA (8hr), STEL 757mg/m<sup>3</sup> (250ppm).

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

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Respiratory Protection:** If inhalation risk exists 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.

**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	Sweet and fruity
pH:	N/A
Vapour Pressure (@ 20°C):	216mm Hg
Vapour Density (air = 1)	2.6
Boiling Point (°C):	57
Freezing/Melting Point (°C):	Not available
Solubility in Water	Approx 2.5%

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Specific Gravity (g/ml @ 20°C):	0.93
Flashpoint (°C):	-4 (Closed cup)
Flammability Limits (%):	3.1 - 16.0
Auto Ignition Temperature (°C):	455
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:** Strong oxidising agents, strong acids, nitrates, caustic material, plastics, rubber, water and potassium tert-butoxide.

**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:** Swallowing may result in nausea, vomiting, central nervous system depression, shortness of breath, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and possible death. If victim shows signs of central nervous system depression (like those of drunkenness) there is a high possibility of patient breathing in vomit and causing lung damage.

**Eye:** Irritant.

**Skin:** Contact with skin may result in irritation. Will have a degreasing effect on the skin. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to irritant contact dermatitis. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

**Inhaled:** Breathing in vapour may produce respiratory irritation. Breathing in vapour can result in headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, and possible nausea. Breathing in high concentrations can produce central nervous system depression, which can lead to loss of co-ordination, impaired judgement and if exposure is prolonged, unconsciousness.

**Chronic:** No information available for this product.

**Toxicological Information:**

Oral LD50 (rat): > 5000mg/kg

Dermal LD50 (rabbit): > 5000mg/kg.

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**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Ecotoxicity:**

Fish Toxicity LC50: Fathead minnow 400mg/l

**Mobility:** Product can dissolve in excess of water and will be mobile on dilution with a risk of polluting waterways, grasslands and soils on release to the environment.

**Persistence/degradability:** No data.

**Bioaccumulation:** No data.

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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:	1231	Proper Shipping Name:	Methyl Acetates
Class:	3	Subsidiary Risk:	None allocated
Packing Group:	II	Hazchem Code:	●2YE
Special Precautions for User:	None		

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**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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Poisons Schedule : None Allocated

AICS : Listed

Dangerous Goods Initial Emergency Response Guide (SAA/SNZ HB76:2010): 18

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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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