

# Safety Data Sheet

## Methanol

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### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Methanol  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Carbinol; , Methyl Alcohol; , Wood Alcohol  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**DANGER**



Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled. Causes damage to organs.

**GHS Classification:**

Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure Category 1, Flammable Liquid Category 2, Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Dust / Mist Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Vapor Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Gas Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Dermal Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 3

**Other Safety Precautions:** IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Methanol	67-56-1	100

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
**Eyes:** In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use dry chemical, CO2 or appropriate foam.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** Vapors may travel back to ignition source. Closed Containers exposed to heat may explode.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide

### Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

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## Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:

Exposure to the spilled material may be severely irritating or toxic. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure limits.

Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation. Shut off ignition sources; including electrical equipment and flames. Do not allow smoking in the area.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

**Handling:** 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. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.

**Storage Code:** Red - Flammables. Store in approved flammable containers. Store away from oxidizing materials.

## Section 8 Protection Information

Chemical Name	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
	(TWA)	(STEL)	(TWA)	(STEL)
Methanol	200 ppm TWA	250 ppm STEL	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	N/A

### Control Parameters

#### Engineering Measures:

Local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls are normally required when handling or using this product to avoid overexposure.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

#### Respiratory Protection:

Respiratory protection may be required to avoid overexposure when handling this product. General or local exhaust ventilation is the preferred means of protection. Use a respirator if general room ventilation is not available or sufficient to eliminate symptoms.

#### Respirator Type(s):

NIOSH approved air purifying respirator with organic vapor cartridge and HEPA filter.

#### Eye Protection:

Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

#### Skin Protection:

Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

#### Gloves:

Nitrile, Polyvinyl chloride

## Section 9 Physical Data

**Formula:** CH<sub>3</sub>OH  
**Molecular Weight:** 32.04  
**Appearance:** Colorless Liquid  
**Odor:** Moderate Alcohol Odor  
**Odor Threshold:** 1.2 ppm  
**pH:** No data available  
**Melting Point:** -98 C  
**Boiling Point:** 65 C  
**Flash Point:** 11 C  
**Flammable Limits in Air:** 6 - 36%

**Vapor Pressure:** 127 mm Hg @ 25°C  
**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):** 2.1  
**Vapor Density (Air=1):** 1.1  
**Specific Gravity:** 0.791 - 0.792 @ 20°C  
**Solubility in Water:** Soluble  
**Log Pow (calculated):** -0.77  
**Autoignition Temperature:** 464 C  
**Decomposition Temperature:** No data available  
**Viscosity:** No data available  
**Percent Volatile by Volume:** 100%

## Section 10 Reactivity Data

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**Reactivity:** Not generally reactive under normal conditions.  
**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Temperatures above the high flash point of this combustible material in combination with sparks, open flames, or other sources of ignition.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents, Magnesium  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11 Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation and ingestion.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** Eye disorders, Central Nervous System Depression  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

### Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Methanol	67-56-1	Oral LD50 Mouse 7300 mg/kg	Not determined	INHALATION LC50 Rat 64000 ppm

### Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Methanol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

### Chronic Effects:

**Mutagenicity:** No evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** Evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** No evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** Evidence of negative reproductive effects.  
**Target Organ Effects:**  
**Acute:** Eyes  
**Chronic:** Eyes

## Section 12 Ecological Data

**Overview:** This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology.  
**Mobility:** This material is expected to have very high mobility in soil. It does not absorb to most soil types.  
**Persistence:** Biodegradation  
**Bioaccumulation:** Bioconcentration is not expected to occur.  
**Degradability:** Biodegrades quickly.  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Methanol	67-56-1	96 HR LC50 PIMEPHALES PROMELAS > 100 MG/L [STATIC]

## Section 13 Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** U154 - Methanol

## Section 14 Transport Information

Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:	Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:
UN1230 Methanol Class 3 P.G. II	UN1230 Methanol Class 3 (div. 6.1) P.G. II

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## Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:** All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
Methanol	67-56-1	Methanol	No	5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ	No	No

**California Prop 65:**



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## Section 16

## Additional Information

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### Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health