

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Methyl acetate  
Product Number : W267600  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 607-021-00-X  
CAS-No. : 79-20-9

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances  
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES  
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Central nervous system, H336

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For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H336

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Precautionary Statements

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/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

P242

Use only non-sparking tools.

P243

Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P261

Avoid breathing mist or vapors.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P303 + P361 + P353

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

P304 + P340 + P312

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.

P305 + P351 + P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337 + P313

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P370 + P378

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

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.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	:	C3H6O2
Molecular weight	:	74.08 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	79-20-9
EC-No.	:	201-185-2
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Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>methyl acetate</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H225, H319, H336	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Foam Dry powder

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Pay attention to flashback.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.  
Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### **5.4 Further information**

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb® ). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### **Storage conditions**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Moisture sensitive.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
methyl acetate	79-20-9	TWA	200 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		STEL	250 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		TWA	200 ppm 610 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	250 ppm 760 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	200 ppm 610 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		PEL	200 ppm 610 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		STEL	250 ppm 760 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

##### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Splash contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm  
Break through time: 240 min  
Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 898)

### **Body Protection**

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

### **Respiratory protection**

Recommended Filter type: Filter A (acc. to DIN 3181) for vapours of organic compounds

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented.

required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: clear, liquid Color: colorless
b) Odor	fruity
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -98 °C (-144 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	57 - 58 °C 135 - 136 °F - lit.
g) Flash point	-13 °C (9 °F) - closed cup - DIN 51755 Part 1
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 16 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 3.1 %(V)
k) Vapor pressure	228 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F) 787 hPa at 50 °C(122 °F)
l) Vapor density	2.8
m) Density	0.934 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
Relative density	No data available

- n) Water solubility 319 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
- o) Partition coefficient: log Pow: 0.18 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.  
n-octanol/water
- p) Autoignition temperature 454 °C (849 °F) at 1,013 hPa
- q) Decomposition temperature No data available
- r) Viscosity No data available
- s) Explosive properties No data available
- t) Oxidizing properties none

## 9.2 Other safety information

- Surface tension 24 mN/m at 20 °C (68 °F)
- Relative vapor density 2.8

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with:

Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:

Strong oxidizing agents

can decompose violently in contact with:

Bases

acids

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Warming.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

rubber, various plastics

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 6,482 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Inhalation: No data available

Symptoms: Possible damages:, Irritation symptoms in the respiratory tract.

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irritating to eyes.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: In vivo micronucleus test

Species: Rat

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Inhalation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Result: negative

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

May cause drowsiness or dizziness. - Central nervous system

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)



### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: AI9100000

narcosis, This product is metabolized into formic acid. Humans and other primates metabolize formic acid more slowly than do rodents. Formic acid can build up in the body producing toxic effects possibly leading to death; therefore, data from studies in rodents may have limited relevance for human risk assessment.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption of toxic quantities:

Headache  
Dizziness  
Shortness of breath  
Unconsciousness  
narcosis

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 250 - 350 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1,026.7 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - > 120 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 6,000 mg/l - 16 h (DIN 38412)

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d  
Result: 70 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301D)

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

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## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

## 12.7 Other adverse effects

Biological effects:

When discharged properly, no impairments in the function of adapted biological wastewater treatment plants are to be expected.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1231 Class: 3 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Methyl acetate

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1231 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D

Proper shipping name: METHYL ACETATE

### IATA

UN number: 1231 Class: 3 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Methyl acetate

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

### SARA 313 Components

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
methyl acetate	79-20-9	1993-02-16

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
methyl acetate	79-20-9	1993-02-16

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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