



**Section 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification**

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| <b>Product Name:</b> Methanol   | <b>Contact Information:</b><br>Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company<br>51, Road 1401<br>Um Al-Baydh 614<br>Sitra, Kingdom of Bahrain<br>P.O. Box : 26730<br>Email: jkhalfan@gpic.net |
| <b>GHS Product Identifier:</b> Methanol   |   |
| <b>Synonym:</b> Carbinol; Methyl alcohol; Methyl hydroxide; Wood alcohol; Monohydroxymethane; Wood naptha; Wood spirits; Columbian spirits; Methanol. |   |
| <b>Chemical Name:</b> Methanol  | <b>In Case of Emergency:</b><br>00973 17 731777   |
| <b>Chemical Formula:</b> CH <sub>3</sub> OH   |   |

**Section 2. Composition and Information on Ingredients**

| Composition Name: | CAS #   | % by Weight |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| Methanol          | 67-56-1 | >99%        |

**Section 3. Hazards Identification**

**Hazards Classification**

| Hazards   | Category  | Hazard Statement |
|---|---|------------------|
| <b>Physical Hazards Classification</b>                                      |   |                  |
| Flammable Liquid  | Category 2 (Flashpoint <23.5 DegC & Boiler Point > 35 DegC) |                  |
| Explosive Classification  | Not classified as an explosive                              |                  |
| Classification as per UN Recommendation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods | Class 3   |                  |
| <b>Health Hazard Classification</b>   |   |                  |
| Acute Toxicity(Inhalation)  | Category 2  |                  |
| Acute Toxicity (Oral, Dermal)   | Category 3  |                  |
| Eye Damage/Irritation   | Category 1  |                  |
| Skin Corrosion/Irritation   | Category 3  |                  |
| Skin Sensitization  | Category 1  |                  |
| Germ Cell Mutagenicity  | Not Classified  |                  |
| Carcinogenicity   | Not Classified  |                  |
| Toxic To Reproduction   | Not Classified  |                  |
| Specific Target organ Toxicity  | Category 2.   |                  |
| <b>Environmental Hazard Classification</b>                                  |   |                  |
| Aquatic Hazard Classification   | Not classified as Acute                                     |                  |

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Hazards to the Ozone Layer

Not listed under the Annexures of Montreal Protocol

#### Hazard Statements:

H225: Highly Flammable Liquid and vapour

H302: Harmful if swallowed

H304: Maybe fatal if swallowed.

H333: Maybe harmful if inhaled.

H318: Causes severe eye damage

H316: Causes mild skin irritation

H371: May cause damage to Eyes, nervous system, optic nerve in case of ingestion or skin contact.

H373: May cause damage to Eyes, nervous system, optic nerve in case of a prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### Prevention Precautionary Statements:

P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P211: Do not spray methanol on open flame or other ignition source.

P211: Ground bond container and receiving equipment.

P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

P242: Use non sparking tools.

P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P261: Avoid breathing Methanol Vapour.

P264: Wash thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat drink or smoke while handling Methanol

#### Response Precautionary Statements:

P301: If swallowed seek medical attention

P302: If liquid methanol is exposed to skin, immediately flush the exposed skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.

P303: If liquid methanol comes in contact with hair, immediately flush hair with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Wash hair with soap and water. Seek medical attention

P304: If vapour methanol is inhaled, remove to fresh air. Obtain medical attention.

P305: If liquid methanol comes in contact with eyes, remove contact lenses if worn. In case of contact, flush with plenty of water.

P306: If clothes are exposed to liquid methanol, contaminated clothing should be immediately removed to prevent skin exposure to methanol.

#### Emergency Overview:

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**Physical Hazards**

Hazard Communication:

**DANGER!**

Extremely flammable liquid and vapour. Fatal if swallowed. May damage fertility for the unborn child (fetotoxic and teratogenic effects).

May cause damage to eyes and central nervous system if ingested or inhaled.

**Warning:** May cause damage to the nervous system through prolonged exposure.

Hazards:

Colourless liquid, with a mild characteristic alcohol odor when pure. Hygroscopic.

Flammability

Liquid and vapour methanol burns with a clean, clear flame which is almost invisible in daylight or a light blue flame. Can decompose at high temperatures forming Carbon Monoxide and Formaldehyde.

Vapors are heavier than air and may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. Vapors can spread along the ground and collect in low or confined areas.

NFPA Ratings

Health = 1; Fire = 3; Reactivity = 0

**Label**



GHS02  
Flammable

GHS08

**Health Hazards**

Potential Acute Health Effects:

May be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Vapor harmful. Flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. Cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. May cause central nervous system depression. Cannot be made non-poisonous.

Potential Chronic Health Effects

1- Carcinogenic Effects:

Not available.

2- Mutagenic Effects:

Not available.

3- Teratogenic Effects:

Not available.

4- Developmental Toxicity:

Not available.

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| Physical Hazards:         | Not available.   |
| Physical Form:            | Liquid   |
| Appearance:               | Colorless liquid, Flash Point: 12°C, 53.6°F.   |
| Odor:                     | Alcohol-Like, weak odor  |
| Potential Health Effects: |  |
| 1- Eye:                   | May cause painful sensitization to light. Methanol is a mild to moderate eye irritant. Inhalation, ingestion or skin absorption of methanol can cause significant disturbance in vision, including blindness.  |
| 2- Skin:                  | Causes moderate skin irritation. May be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. Prolonged and or repeated contact may cause defatting of skin dermatitis. Methanol can be absorbed through the skin, producing systemic effects that include visual disturbances.  |
| 3- Inhalation:            | Methanol is toxic and can very readily form extremely high vapor concentration at room temperature. Inhalation is the most common route of occupational exposure. At first, methanol causes CNS depression with nausea, headache, vomiting, dizziness and incoordination. A time period with no obvious symptoms follows (typically 8-24 hrs.). This latent period is followed by metabolic acidosis and severe visual effects which may include reduced reactivity and/or increased sensitivity to light, blurred, double and/or snowy vision, and blindness. Depending on the severity of exposure and the promptness of treatment, survivors may recover completely or may have permanent blindness, vision disturbances and/or nervous system effects. |

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4- Ingestion:

May be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Aspiration hazard. Cannot be made non-poisonous. May cause gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May cause systematic toxicity with acidosis. May cause central nervous system depression characterized by excitement, followed by headache , dizziness, drowsiness, and nausea. Advanced stages may cause collapse, unconsciousness, coma, and possible death due to failed respiratory failure. May cause cardiopulmonary system effects.

5- Chronic:

Prolonged and repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis. Chronic exposure may cause effects similar to those of acute exposure. Methanol is only very slowly eliminated from the body. Because of this slow elimination, methanol should be regarded as a cumulative poison. Through a single exposure may cause no effect, daily exposures may result in the accumulation of a harmful amount. Methanol has produced fetotoxicity in rats and teratogenicity in mice exposed by inhalation to high concentrations that did not produce significant maternal toxicity.

6- Cancer:

No carcinogenic effects in humans reported in the literature examine

Target Organs:

Eyes, nervous system, optic nerve.

Health Precautions:

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing, Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Section 4. First Aid Measures**

Eye Contact:

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical aid.

Skin Contact:

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

Inhalation:

If inhaled remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

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#### Section 4. First Aid Measures

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| <p><b>Notes to Physician:</b></p> | <p>Acute exposure to methanol, either through ingestion or breathing high airborne concentrations can result in symptoms appearing between 40 minutes and 72 hours after exposure.</p> <p>Symptoms and signs are usually limited to the Central Nervous System (CNS), eyes and gastrointestinal tract. Because of the initial CNS's effects of headache, vertigo, lethargy and confusion, there may be an impression of ethanol intoxication. Blurred vision, decreased acuity and photophobia are common complaints.</p> <p>Treatment with ipecac or lavage is indicated in any patient presenting within two hours of ingestion. A profound metabolic acidosis occurs in severe poisoning and serum bicarbonate levels are more accurate measure of severity than serum methanol levels. Treatment protocols are available from most major hospitals and early collaboration with appropriate hospitals is recommended.</p> <p>Effects may be delayed.</p> |
| <p><b>Antidote:</b></p>           | <p>Ethanol significantly decreases the toxicity of methanol because it competes for the same metabolic enzymes, and has been used to treat methanol poisoning.</p>   |

#### Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

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| <p><b>General Information:</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand. MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear during a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.</li> <li>Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Water may be ineffective. Material is lighter than water and fire may be spread by the use of water.</li> <li>Vapors are heavier than air and may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. Vapors can spread along the ground and collect in low or confined areas.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Flammable Properties</b></p>         |  |
| <p><b>Flammability of the Product:</b></p> | <p>Flammable</p>   |
| <p><b>Auto-Ignition Temperature:</b></p>   | <p>455 deg C (851.00 deg F)</p>  |
| <p><b>Flash Points:</b></p>                | <p>12 deg C (53.60 deg F)</p>  |
| <p><b>Flammable Limits:</b></p>            | <p>Lower 6.0 vol %, upper 31.00 vol%</p>   |
| <p><b>Products of Combustion:</b></p>      | <p>These products are Carbon Oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>), and water (H<sub>2</sub>O).</p>  |
| <p><b>Fire Fighting Media and</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For small fires, use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam.</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Instructions:</b></p>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General purpose synthetic foams or protein foams may work, but much less effectively.</li> <li>• Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Water may be ineffective. Material is lighter than water and fire may be spread by the use of water.</li> </ul>                              |
| <p><b>Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methanol vapours may burn with an invisible flame.</li> <li>• During a fire, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and irritating and toxic gases such as formaldehyde may be generated.</li> <li>• Vapours can accumulate in confined spaces resulting in a toxicity and flammability hazard.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close containers may rupture violently and suddenly, releasing large quantities of methanol when exposed to fire or excessive heat for a sufficient period of time</li> <li>• Vapours are slightly heavier than air and may travel long distances toward source of ignition.</li> </ul>             |
| <p><b>Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:</b></p>   | <p>Not available.</p>  |

#### Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

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| <p><b>General information:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Spill/ leaks:</b></p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use water spray to disperse the gas/vapor. Methanol is water pollutant. Minimize the use of water to prevent environment pollution.</li> <li>• Remove all sources of ignition.</li> <li>• Emergency responders should wear Absorb spill using an absorbent, non-combustible material such as earth, sand, or vermiculite. Do not use combustible materials such as sawdust.</li> <li>• Use spark-proof tools. Provide ventilation. A vapor suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapors. Water spray may reduce vapor but may not prevent ignition in closed spaces.</li> <li>• For small spills- soak up spill with non-combustible absorbent material. Recover methanol and dilute with water to reduce fire hazard. Prevent methanol from entering sewers.</li> <li>• For large spills – contain spill by diking. Alcohol resistant foams may be applied to diminish fire and vapour hazard.</li> </ul> |

#### Section 7. Handling and Storage

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| <p><b>Precautions for Handling:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No smoking or open flame in storage, use or handling areas.</li> <li>• Use explosion proof electrical equipment. Ensure proper electrical grounding procedures are in place.</li> <li>• Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.</li> <li>• Ground and bond containers when transferring material.</li> </ul> |
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##### Storage:

- Use spark-proof tools and explosion proof equipment.
- Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.
- Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep container tightly closed. So as not to ingest or inhale.
- Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind, or expose empty containers to heat, sparks or open flames. Use only with adequate ventilation.
- Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Avoid use in confined spaces.
- Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Keep away from sources of ignition.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Flammables-area. Keep containers tightly closed.
- Tanks must be grounded, vented, and should have vapour emission controls.
- Tanks must be diked as per NFPA or API Standards.
- A flammable mixture of methanol vapour and air is possible inside a storage tank or transportation tank, and handlers should take appropriate precautions to reduce the risk of ignition. Handlers must eliminate ignition sources or purge the tank with an inert gas such as nitrogen.
- All equipment must be grounded / bonded when transferring product in order to avoid static discharge from the equipment, and subsequent possible fire.
- Avoid storage with incompatible materials. Anhydrous methanol is no corrosive to most metals at ambient temperatures except lead, nickel, monel, cast iron and high silicon iron. Coatings of copper (or Copper alloys), zinc (including galvanized steel), or aluminum are unsuitable for storage. These materials may be attacked slowly by the methanol.
- Storage tanks of welded construction are normally satisfactory.
- Plastics are suitable only for short term storage of methanol.

#### Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

##### Engineering Controls:

Use explosion- proof ventilation equipment in confined areas. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

##### Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. NIOSH/OSHA recommendations for methanol concentrations in air:

- Upto 2000 ppm: supplied air respirator
- Up to 5000 ppm: supplied air respirator operated in a



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- continuous flow mode
- Up to 6000 ppm: supplied air respirator with a tight-fitting face-piece operated in a continuous flow mode; or Full face-piece self-contained breathing apparatus or Full face-piece supplied air respirator.
- Cartridge type respirators are NOT recommended.

**Emergency or Planned entry into unknown concentrations or IDLH conditions:**

**Respirator:** Respirator selection must be done by a qualified person and be based upon a risk assessment of the work activities. Respirators must be fit tested and users must be clean shaven where the respirator seals to the face. Exposure must be kept at or below the applicable exposure limits and the maximum use concentration of the respirator must not be exceeded.

**Skin Protection:** Wear butyl rubber gloves, apron, and/or clothing

**Eye and Face Protection:** Face shield and chemical splash goggles when transferring is taking place. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with methanol.

**Footwear:** Chemical resistant and as specified by the workplace

**Other:** Eyewash and showers should be located near work areas.

**Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Clear liquid, clear, colorless - APHA: 10 max

**Odour:** Alcohol-like - weak odor

**Molecular Weight:** 32.04 g/mol

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 64.7 deg C @ 760 mmHg

**Melting Point:** -98 deg C

**Flash Point:** 11.0 DegC

**Evaporation Rate:** 5.2 (Ether=1)

**Flammability:** Lower 6.0 vol %, upper 31.00 vol%

**Vapor Pressure:** 12.8 KPa @ 20 deg C

**Specific Gravity/ Density:** 0.7910 g/cm<sup>3</sup> @ 20°C

**Vapor Density:** 1.105 @ 15 DegC (Air=1)

**Solubility in Water:** Completely Miscible

**Auto Ignition Temperature:** 464 DegC

**Critical:** 239.4 DegC.

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#### Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Temperature:

Dispersion See solubility in water.

Properties:

Solvent Solubility: Soluble in all proportions in ethanol, benzene, other alcohols, chloroform, diethyl ether, other ethers, esters, ketones and most organic solvents

Viscosity: 0.55 cP 20 deg C

#### Section 10. Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

Incompatibility with various substances: Oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkali metals, potassium, sodium, metals as powders (e.g. hafnium, raney nickel), acid anhydrides, acid chlorides, powdered aluminum, powdered magnesium.

Instability Temperature: Not available.

Conditions to avoid: Avoid high temperatures, ignition sources, sparks, confined spaces.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, carbon dioxide, formaldehyde.

Polymerization: Will not occur.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: Avoid contact with strong oxidizers, strong mineral or organic acids and strong bases. Contact with these materials may cause a violent or explosive reaction.

**Section 11. Toxicological Information**

- RTECS#:** PC1400000
- Primary Routes of Entry**
- Skin Contact; Skin Absorption; Eye Contact; Ingestion; Inhalation;
- Acute Exposure:**
- Inhalation**
- Inhalation of high airborne concentrations can also irritate mucous membranes, cause headaches, sleepiness, nausea, confusion, loss of consciousness, digestive and visual disturbances and even death. NOTE: Odour threshold of Methanol is several times higher than the TLC-TWA. Depending upon severity of poisoning and the promptness of treatment, survivors may recover completely or may have permanent blindness, vision disturbances and/or nervous system effects. Concentrations in air exceeding 1000 ppm may cause irritation of the mucous membranes.
    - Inhalation, rabbit: LC50 = 81000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/14H;
    - Inhalation, rat: LC50 = 64000 ppm/4H;
- Eye Contact:**
- Methanol is a mild to moderate eye irritant. High vapour concentration or liquid contact eyes causes irritation, tearing and burning. Draize test on Rabbit eye
    - 40 mg Moderate
    - 100 mg/24H Moderate
- Skin Contact:**
- Methanol is a moderately irritating to the skin. Methanol can be absorbed through the skin and harmful effects have been reported by this route of entry. Effects are similar to those described in Inhalation.
    - Draize test, rabbit, skin: 20 mg/24H Moderate
    - Skin, rabbit : LD50 = 15800 mg/kg;
- Ingestion:**
- Swallowing even small amounts of methanol could potentially cause blindness or death. Effects of sub lethal doses may be nausea, headache, abdominal pain, vomiting and visual disturbances ranging from blurred vision to light sensitivity
    - Oral, mouse: LD50 = 7300 mg/kg;
    - Oral, rabbit: LD50 = 14200 mg/kg;
    - Oral, rat: LD50 = 5600 mg/kg;
    - Human LDLo Oral: 143 mg/kg; Human LDLo Oral: 428 mg/kg; Human TCLo Inhalation; 300 ppm Monkey LDLo Skin: 393 mg/kg.
    - Methanol is significantly less toxic to most experimental animals than humans, because most animal species metabolize methanol differently.
    - Non-primate species do not ordinarily show symptoms of metabolic acidosis or the visual effects which have been observed in primates and humans.

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#### Chronic Exposure

**Irritancy:** Prolonged contact with skin may dfat tissue causing dermatitis or aggravate existing skin problems.

**Sensitization:**  
None reported

**Carcinogenicity:** Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP as a carcinogen.

**Teratogenicity:** There is no human information available. Methanol is considered to be a potential developmental hazard based on animal data. In animal experiments, methanol has caused fetotoxicity or teratogenic effects without maternal toxicity.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Information available does not suggest that methanol is a reproductive toxin.

**Mutagenicity:** See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

**Neurotoxicity:** ACGIH cites neuropathy, vision and CNS under TLV basis.

**Potential for accumulation:** Methanol is readily absorbed into the body following inhalation and ingestion. Skin absorption may occur if the skin is broken or exposure is prolonged. Once absorbed, methanol is rapidly distributed to body tissues. A small amount is excreted unchanged in exhaled air and the urine. The rest is first metabolized to formaldehyde, which is then metabolized to formic acid and/or formats. The formic acid and formate are eventually converted to carbon dioxide and water.

In humans, methanol clears from the body, after inhalation or oral exposure, with a half-life of 1 day or more for high doses (> 1000 mg/kg) or 1.5-3 hours for low doses (< 100mg/kg or 76.5 – 230 ppm)

#### Section 12. Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:**

**Fish:**

Fathead Minnow: 29.4 g/L; 96 Hr; LC50 (unspecified);

Rainbow trout: LC50 = 13-68 mg/L; 96 Hr.; 12 degrees C; LC50 = 8000 mg/L; 48 Hr.; Unspecified

Goldfish: 250 ppm; 11 Hr; resulted in deathFish: 8000 mg/L; 48 Hr; LC50 (unspecified)

**Bacteria:**

Phytobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 51,000-320,000 mg/L; 30 minutes;

EC<sub>50</sub>Daphnea Pulex water flea, <24 hr old; immobilization

1. 19,500 mg/ltr/18 hr; static 22 DegC,
2. 23,500 mg/ltr/24 hr
3. 22,200 mg/ltr/48 hr

**Log K<sub>ow</sub>:** -0.82 to -0.66

**Half Life(hr) air:** 427

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Half Life(hr) H<sub>2</sub>O: 5.3 - 64

Surface water:

Henry's Law Constant (atm m<sup>3</sup>/mol) 4.55 X 10<sup>-6</sup>

BOD<sub>5</sub> 0.76-1.12

COD 1.0-1.5. 99%

ThOD 1.05

Biological Concentration Factor (BCF) 0.2-1.0

TLm (48 hr) 8000 mg/ltr (trout)

Toxicity Anthropoda NOEL 10 g/L/48 hr (Daphnia)

HSNO Classification: 9.3 Harmful to Terrestrial vertebrates

Methanol in Fresh Water or salt water may have serious effects on aquatic life. A study on methanol's toxic effects on sewage sludge bacteria reported little effect on digestion at 0.1% while 0.5% methanol retarded digestion. Methanol will be broken down into Carbon dioxide and Water.

**Environmental Fate:** Dangerous to aquatic life in high concentrations. Aquatic toxicity rating: TLm 96>1000 ppm. May be dangerous if it enters water intakes. Methyl alcohol is expected to biodegrade in soil and water very rapidly. This product will show high soil mobility and will be degraded from the ambient atmosphere by the reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals with an estimated half-life of 17.8 days. Bioconcentration factor for fish (golden ide) < 10. Based on a log Kow of -0.77, the BCF value for methanol can be estimated to be 0.2.

**Biodegradability:** Biodegrades easily in water and soil.

**Bioaccumulation:** Does not bio-accumulate

**Terrestrial fate:** Based on a classification scheme, an estimated Koc value of 1 determined from a structure estimation method indicates that methanol is expected to have very high mobility in soil.

Volatilization of methanol from moist soil surfaces is expected to be an important fate process given a Henry's Law constant of 4.55 X 10<sup>-6</sup> atm m<sup>3</sup>/mol. The potential of volatilization of methanol from dry soil surfaces may exist based upon a vapour pressure of 127 mmHg.

Biodegradation is expected to be an important fate process for methanol.

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| <b>Aquatic Fate:</b>     | <p>Methanol is not expected to adsorb to suspended solids and sediment.</p> <p>Volatilization from water surfaces is expected based upon a Henry's Law constant <math>4.55 \times 10^{-6}</math> atm m<sup>3</sup>/mol. Volatilization half-lives for a model river and model lake are three and 35 day, respectively.</p> <p>According to a classification scheme, a BCF of less than 10 measured in fish, suggests bioconcentration in aquatic organisms is low.</p> <p>Hydrolysis and photolysis in sunlit surface waters is not expected to be an important environmental fate process for methanol since this compound lacks functional groups that hydrolyze or absorb light under environmentally relevant conditions.</p> <p>Methanol has been shown to undergo rapid biodegradation in a variety of screening studies using sewage seed and activated sludge inoculum, which suggests that biodegradation will occur in aquatic environments.</p> |
| <b>Atmospheric Fate:</b> | <p>Methanol is expected to exist solely as a vapour in the ambient atmosphere. Vapour-phase methanol is degraded in the atmosphere, by reaction with photo chemically-produced hydroxyl radicals; the half life for this reaction in air is estimated to be 17 days, calculated from its rate constant of <math>9.4 \times 10^{-13}</math> cu-cm/molecule-sec at 25 DegC</p>   |

#### Section 13. Disposal Considerations

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| <b>Waste Disposal:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disposal shall comply to the federal, provincial and local government's statutory requirement.</li> <li>• Empty containers may contain hazardous residue. Return to supplier for reuse if possible. Never weld, cut or grind empty containers.</li> <li>• While disposing containers make sure that they are well rinsed with water and then disposed off at an authorized landfill. After cleaning all the labels to be removed.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) U-Series:</b> | <p>Waste number U154 (Ignitable waste).</p>   |

#### Section 14. Transport Information

|                                | US DOT  | CANADA TDG   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Shipping Name:</b>          | Methanol  | Methanol   |
| <b>Hazard Class:</b>           | 3   | 3  |
| <b>UN Number:</b>              | UN1230  | UN1230   |
| <b>Packing Group:</b>          | II  | II   |
| <b>Additional Information:</b> | Reportable Quantity (RQ) 5000 lbs (2270 kg)<br>Limited Quantity ≤ 1 litre<br>Emergency Response Guidebook | Flash Point 12°C<br>Emergency Response Guidebook<br>ID No: 1230<br>Guide Number: 131 |

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|  | ID No: 1230<br>Guide Number: 131 |  |
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#### Section 14. Transport Information

|                         | IATA  | IMO   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Shipping Name:          | Methanol  | Methanol  |
| Hazard Classes:         | 3   | 3   |
| UN Number:              | UN1230  | UN1230  |
| Packing Group:          | II  | II  |
| Additional Information: | 1. Packaging Instruction (passenger aircraft) 305<br>2. 1 litre maximum package | 1. Flash point = 11 DegC<br>2. EmS No F-E, S-D<br>3. Stowage Category “,B”<br>4. Clear of living quarters |

#### Section 15. Other Regulatory Information

##### US FEDERAL

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| <p><b>Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):</b></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Reporting List:</b></p> <p><b>Chemical Test Rules</b></p> <p><b>Section 12b:</b></p> <p><b>CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs</b></p> <p><b>Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA)</b></p> <p><b>SARA Codes Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances</b></p> <p><b>SARA Codes</b></p> <p><b>Section 313</b></p> <p><b>Clean Air Act(CAA):</b></p> <p><b>Clean Water Act (CWA):</b></p> | <p>Listed on the TSCA inventory.</p> <p>Not listed in the Health &amp; Safety Reporting List.</p> <p>None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.</p> <p>None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.</p> <p>Reportable Quantity (RQ) 5000 lb (2270 kg)</p> <p>None of the chemicals in this product have a Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)</p> <p>Immediate, fire.</p> <p>This material contains Methanol which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR Part 373.</p> <p>Listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP).<br/>This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters.<br/>This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.</li> <li>• None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.</li> <li>• None of the chemicals in this product are listed as</li> </ul> |
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Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

**OSHA:** None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

## European/International Regulations

### European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

**Hazard Symbols:**

- T F

**Risk Phrases:**

- R 11 Highly flammable.
- R 23/24/25 Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
- R 39/23/24/25 Toxic: danger of very serious irreversible effects through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

**Safety Phrases:**

- S 16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
- S 36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.
- S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
- S 7 Keep container tightly closed.

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**

Low Danger to Water – (1)

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**

Listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada – WHMIS:**

This product has a WHMIS classification of B2, D1B, D2B. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the regulations.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List:**

Listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

## Section 16. Other Information

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