

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Methyl ethanesulfonate

Product Number : 50490  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

CAS-No. : 1912-28-3

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Flammable liquids (Category 4), H227  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

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 : Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H227 : Combustible liquid.  
H315 : Causes skin irritation.  
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 : May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 : Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P261 : Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P264 : Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P271 : Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 : Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face

P302 + P352 P304 + P340	protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
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 - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Ethanesulfonic acid, methyl ester
Formula	: C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
Molecular weight	: 124.16 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 1912-28-3

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Methyl ethanesulfonate</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H227, H315, H319, H335	<= 100 %

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

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. 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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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

Carbon oxides, Sulphur oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Recommended storage temperature 2 - 8 °C

Moisture sensitive. Store under inert gas.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### **Components with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## Personal protective equipment

### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.2 mm

Break through time: 60 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® P (KCL 743 / Aldrich Z677388, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### Body Protection

Impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance                              | Form: clear, liquid<br>Colour: colourless |
| b) Odour                                   | No data available                         |
| c) Odour Threshold                         | No data available                         |
| d) pH                                      | No data available                         |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | No data available                         |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available                         |
| g) Flash point                             | 83.5 °C (182.3 °F)                        |
| h) Evaporation rate                        | No data available                         |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)               | No data available                         |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or             | No data available                         |

explosive limits

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| k) Vapour pressure                        | 0.304 hPa (0.228 mmHg) at 25 °C (77 °F)  |
| l) Vapour density                         | No data available                        |
| m) Relative density                       | 1.177 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F) |
| n) Water solubility                       | No data available                        |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: 0.295                           |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature              | No data available                        |
| q) Decomposition temperature              | No data available                        |
| r) Viscosity                              | No data available                        |
| s) Explosive properties                   | No data available                        |
| t) Oxidizing properties                   | No data available                        |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

- IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
- ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
- NTP: No component 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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

Reproductive toxicity - Rat - Intraperitoneal

Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: KI7970000

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

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

No data available

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**Product**

This combustible material may be burned in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

### IATA

Not dangerous goods

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### 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

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methyl ethanesulfonate	1912-28-3	

### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H227	Combustible liquid.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	2
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	2
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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