

Safety Data Sheet

Methyl Mercaptan

Section 1: Product and Company Identification

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Product Code: Methyl Mercaptan

Section 2: Hazards Identification



Hazard Classification:

Acute Aquatic Toxicity (Category 1)
Acute Gas Inhale Toxicity (Category 3)
Acute Vapor Inhale Toxicity (Category 3)
Chronic Aquatic Toxicity (Category 1)
Gases Under Pressure

Hazard Statements:

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated Toxic if inhaled Very toxic to aquatic life Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Precautionary Statements

Prevention:

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapors/spray. [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

Response

If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center or doctor.

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Protect from sunlight.

Store locked up.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents and/or container in accordance with applicable regulations.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

CAS # 74-93-1

Chemical Substance	Chemical Family	Trade Names
METHYL MERCAPTAN	mercaptans	METHANETHIOL; THIOMETHANOL; MERCAPTOMETHANE; METHYL SULFHYDRATE; THIOMETHYL ALCOHOL; RCRA U153; STCC 4905520; UN 1064; CH4S

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Skin Contact	Eye Contact	Ingestion	Inhalation	Note to Physicians
If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115 F; 41-46 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.	Wash eyes immediately with large amounts of water, occasionally lifting upper and lower lids, until no evidence of chemical remains. Get medical attention immediately.	If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.	If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.	For inhalation, consider oxygen.

Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Products of Combustion	Protection of Firefighters
Carbon dioxide, alcohol resistant foam Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. Large fires: Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.	Sulfur oxides, hydrogen sulfide	 Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece. Use a chemical protective suit. Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece. Use a chemical protective suit.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions	Environmental Precautions	Methods for Containment
Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Evacuation radius: 150 feet. For tank, rail car or tank truck: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Do not get water directly on material. Do not touch spilled material.	Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.	Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Remove sources of ignition. Reduce vapors with water spray.

Methods for Cleanup	Other Information
Dig holding area such as lagoon, pond or pit for	Notify Local Emergency Planning Committee and State Emergency Response
containment. Dike for later disposal. Absorb with sand or	Commission for release greater than or equal to RQ (U.S. SARA Section 304). If
other non-combustible material. Absorb with activated	release occurs in the U.S. and is reportable under CERCLA Section 103, notify the
carbon. Collect spilled material using mechanical equipment.	National Response Center at (800)424-8802 (USA) or (202)426-2675 (USA).

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling	Storage
Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S.	Grounding and bonding
OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Notify State Emergency Response Commission for storage or use at amounts greater	required. Keep separated
than or equal to the TPQ (U.S. EPA SARA Section 302). SARA Section 303 requires facilities storing a material	from incompatible
with a TPQ to participate in local emergency response planning (U.S. EPA 40 CFR 355.30).	substances.

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Exposure Guidelines

METHYL MERCAPTAN: 10 ppm (20 mg/m3) OSHA ceiling 0.5 ppm (1 mg/m3) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 0.5 ppm ACGIH TWA 0.5 ppm (1 mg/m3) NIOSH recommended ceiling 15 minute(s)

Engineering Controls

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

Eye Protection	Skin Protection	Respiratory Protection
Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield.	For the gas: Wear appropriate chemical	Any self-contained breathing
Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick	resistant clothing. For the liquid: Wear	apparatus with a full facepiece. Use
drench shower in the immediate work area.	appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.	a chemical protective suit.

General Hygiene considerations

- Avoid breathing vapor or mist
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin
- Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or drinking

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Gas Clear Colorless N/A Gas Garlic odor N/A
Cas Clear Colonics 14/71 Cas Carlie cas 14/71

Flash Point	Flammability	Partition Coefficient	Autoignition Temperature	Upper Explosive Limits	Lower Explosive Limits
<0 F (<-18 C) (OC)	Not available	Not available	Not available	0.218	0.039

Boiling Point	Freezing Point	Vapor Pressure	Vapor Density	Specific Gravity	Water Solubility	рН	Odor Threshold	Evaporation Rate	Viscosity
43 F (6 C)	-189 F (- 123 C)	1535 mmHg @ 21.1 C	1.66 (Air=1)	Not applicable	2.4% @ 20 C	Not applicable	0.0021 ppm	Not applicable	Not available

Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula	Density	Weight per Gallon	Volatility by Volume	Volatility	Solvent Solubility
48.11	C-H3-S-H	1.999 g/L @ 20 C	Not available	100%	Not applicable	Soluble: Alcohol, ether, petroleum ether, naphtha

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Stability	Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible Materials
Contact with water or moist air may	Contact with water or moist air may	Acids, metals, combustible materials, halo carbons, reducing
form flammable and/or toxic gases	form flammable and/or toxic gases or	agents, metal oxides, peroxides, oxidizing materials, nitric acid,
or vapors.	vapors.	mercury oxide, calcium hypochlorite

Hazardous Decomposition Products	Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	
Oxides of sulfur	Will not polymerize.	

Section 11: Toxicology Information

Acute Effects

Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation
LC50, Inhalation, rat	Not	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, wheezing, irregular heartbeat, headache, symptoms of drunkenness, bluish skin
= 675 ppm.	available	color, suffocation, lung congestion, blood disorders, kidney damage, liver damage, convulsions, coma

Eye Irritation	Skin Irritation	Sensitization
Irritation, blurred	Irritation,	Harmful if inhaled, respiratory tract irritation, skin irritation, eye irritation, central nervous system
vision	blisters	depression

Chronic Effects

Carcinogenicity	Mutagenicity	Reproductive Effects	Developmental Effects
Not available	Available.	Not available	No data

Section 12: Ecological Information

Fate and Transport

Eco toxicity	Persistence / Degradability	Bioaccumulation / Accumulation	Mobility in Environment
Fish toxicity: 500 ug/L 5 hour(s) (Mortality) Spotfin shiner (Notropis spilopterus) Invertibrate toxicity: 50000 ug/L 48 hour(s) (Mortality) Midge (Chironomus sp) Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): U153.

Section 14: Transportation Information

U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

Proper Shipping Name	ID Number	Hazard Class or Division	Packing Group	Labeling Requirements	Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations	Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations	Additional Shipping Description
Methyl mercaptan	UN1064	2.3	Not applicable	2.3; 2.1	Forbidden	Forbidden	Toxic-Inhalation Hazard Zone C

Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Shipping Name	UN Number	Class	Packing Group / Risk Group
Methyl mercaptan	UN1064	2.3; 2.1	Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory Information

U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections	SARA 355.30	SARA 355.40
100 LBS RQ	500 LBS TPQ	100 LBS RQ

SARA 370.21

Acute	Chronic	Fire	Reactive	Sudden Release
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

SARA 372.65

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OSHA Process Safety

5000 LBS TQ

State Regulations

CA Proposition 65
Not regulated.

Canadian Regulations

WHMIS Classification
ABD1

National Inventory Status

US Inventory (TSCA)	TSCA 12b Export Notification	Canada Inventory (DSL/NDSL)
Listed on inventory.	METHANETHIOL CAS NUMBER: 74-93-1 SECTION 4	Not determined.

Section 16: Other Information

NFPA Rating
HEALTH=4 FIRE=4 REACTIVITY=0

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard