

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Methanol

**Cat No. :** A411-4; A411-20

**CAS-No** 67-56-1  
**Synonyms** Methyl alcohol

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

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

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

Fisher Scientific  
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Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
Canada  
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##### **Manufacturer**

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One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Flammable liquids</b>	Category 2
<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 3
<b>Acute dermal toxicity</b>	Category 3
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Category 3
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 1
Target Organs - Optic nerve.	
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)</b>	Category 1
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver, spleen, Blood.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
Causes damage to organs  
Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. 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 discharges

Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin 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

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor

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

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor

Rinse mouth

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

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

**Storage**

Store locked up

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other Hazards**

Poison, may be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Inhalation**

Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket

mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Ingestion** Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

**Most important symptoms/effects** Breathing difficulties. May cause blindness: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Water may be ineffective

**Flash Point** 12 °C / 53.6 °F

**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** 455 °C / 851 °F

### Explosion Limits

**Upper** 31.00 vol %

**Lower** 6.0 vol %

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO) Formaldehyde

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
1	3	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not ingest. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Storage** Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from open

flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Flammables area.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 6000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Butyl rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm	As tested under EN374-3
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.70 mm	Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. 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.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** low boiling organic solvent Type AX Brown conforming to EN371

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

### Hygiene Measures

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	Alcohol-like
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-98 °C / -144.4 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	64.7 °C / 148.5 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	12 °C / 53.6 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	5.2 (ether = 1)
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
Upper	31.00 vol %
Lower	6.0 vol %
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	128 hPa @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	1.11
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	0.791
<b>Solubility</b>	Miscible with water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	455 °C / 851 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	0.55 cP at 20 °C
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C H4 O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	32.04
<b>VOC Content(%)</b>	100
<b>Surface tension</b>	0.02255 N/m @ 20°C

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides, Strong bases, Metals, Peroxides
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Formaldehyde
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl alcohol	Calc. ATE 60 mg/kg LD50 > 1187 – 2769 mg/kg ( Rat )	Calc. ATE 60 mg/kg LD50 = 17100 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Calc. ATE 0.6 mg/L (vapours) or <b>0.5 mg/L (mists)</b> LC50 = 128.2 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** Carbon tetrachloride

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

<b>Irritation</b>	May cause skin and eye irritation
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	No information available
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	Component substance is listed on California Proposition 65 as a developmental hazard.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Optic nerve
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Kidney Liver spleen Blood
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	May cause blindness: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl alcohol	Not listed	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Methyl alcohol	-0.74

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Should not be released into the environment.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	U154	-

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1230
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	METHANOL
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### TDG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1230
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**Proper Shipping Name** METHANOL  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** II

**IATA**

**UN-No** UN1230  
**Proper Shipping Name** METHANOL  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** II

**IMDG/IMO**

**UN-No** UN1230  
**Proper Shipping Name** METHANOL  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** II

## 15. Regulatory information

**International Inventories**

Component	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methyl alcohol	X	-	X	200-659-6	-		X	X	X	X	X

**Canada**

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Methyl alcohol	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 5, Individual Substances		

## 16. Other information

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