

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)

Synonyms: butan-2-one

CAS Number: 78-93-3

Grade/Purity: Technical

Product Type: Ketones

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer/Supplier: Alliance Chemical, 204 South Edmond St, Taylor, Texas 76574

Information: 512-365-6838 | www.alliancechemical.com

Emergency: CHEMTEL - 800-255-3924 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Signal Word: Danger

GHS Pictograms:



Hazard Statements:

H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour
H319	Causes serious eye irritation
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness
EUH066	Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

Precautionary Statements:

P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, and lighting equipment.
P242	Use non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261	Avoid breathing dust, fume, gas, mist, vapours or spray.
P264	Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye/face protection.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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 if you feel unwell.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice or attention.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	WEIGHT %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	FORMULA	MOLECULAR WEIGHT
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)	100%	78-93-3	201-159-0	C ₄ H ₈ O	72.11 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	EYES: First check the victim for contact lenses and remove if present. Flush victim's eyes with water or normal saline solution for 20 to 30 minutes while simultaneously calling a hospital or poison control center. Do not put any ointments, oils, or medication in the victim's eyes without specific instructions from a physician. IMMEDIATELY transport the victim after flushing eyes to a hospital even if no symptoms (such as redness or irritation) develop.
Skin	Remove contaminated clothes. Rinse skin with plenty of water or shower.
Inhalation	INHALATION: IMMEDIATELY leave the contaminated area; take deep breaths of fresh air. If symptoms (such as wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, or burning in the mouth, throat, or chest) develop, call a physician and be prepared to transport the victim to a hospital. Provide proper respiratory protection to rescuers entering an unknown atmosphere. Whenever possible, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) should be used; if not available, use a level of protection greater than or equal to that advised under Protective Clothing.
Ingestion	INGESTION: DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Volatile chemicals have a high risk of being aspirated into the victim's lungs during vomiting which increases the medical problems. If the victim is conscious and not convulsing, give 1 or 2 glasses of water to dilute the chemical and IMMEDIATELY call a hospital or poison control center. IMMEDIATELY transport the victim to a hospital. If the victim is convulsing or unconscious, do not give anything by mouth, ensure that the victim's airway is open and lay the victim on his/her side with the head lower than the body. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. IMMEDIATELY transport the victim to a hospital. (NTP, 1992)

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Media	Alcohol-resistant foam, CO ₂ , dry chemical powder. Water spray may be used to cool fire-exposed containers.
Unsuitable Media	Do not use a solid water stream — may scatter and spread fire.
Protective Equipment	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.
Combustion Products	May include carbon oxides and other toxic fumes. See Section 10.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions	Use PPE as described in Section 8. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
Environmental	Prevent leakage or spillage from entering drains, sewers, or waterways.
Containment & Cleanup	Absorb with inert material. Collect in appropriate waste container. Dispose per applicable regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Safe Handling	Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed when not in use.
Safe Storage	Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Keep away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Keep containers tightly closed. Ground and bond containers when transferring material.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Use adequate ventilation. Provide eyewash stations and quick-drench showers accessible to areas of use.

Occupational Exposure Limits:

AGENCY	EXPOSURE LIMIT
OSHA PEL	200 ppm TWA
NIOSH REL	200 ppm TWA / 300 ppm STEL
IDLH	3000 ppm

Eyes	Wear chemical safety goggles or face shield.
Skin	Wear chemical-resistant gloves and protective clothing.
Inhalation	Use a NIOSH-approved respirator with organic vapor cartridges. For confined spaces or exposures above the OEL, use supplied-air respiratory protection.

Exposure limits sourced from NIOSH Pocket Guide and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1000. Hazard classification from ECHA Classification and Labelling Inventory (CLP Annex VI).

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Clear volatile liquid, pale colorless
Odor	Characteristic
pH	Not Available
Melting Point	-86°C (-122.8°F)
Boiling Point	79.6°C (175.3°F)
Flash Point	-4°C (24.8°F)
Vapor Pressure	Not Available
Specific Gravity	0.805
Solubility	Miscible with water, alcohols
Molecular Formula	C ₄ H ₈ O
Molecular Weight	72.11 g/mol

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Heat, sparks, open flame, and incompatible materials.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, sources of ignition, heat.
Decomposition Products	May produce carbon oxides and other toxic fumes when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity: See Section 2 for GHS hazard classification.

IARC	Not listed as carcinogen.
NTP	Not listed as carcinogen.
OSHA	Not listed as carcinogen.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity	Data not available. Avoid release to the environment.
Persistence	Not Available
Bioaccumulation	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Do not dispose of into drains or waterways.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT	UN1193, Methyl ethyl ketone, 3, PG II
IMDG	UN1193, Methyl ethyl ketone, 3, PG II
IATA/ICAO	UN1193, Methyl ethyl ketone, 3, PG II
Marine Pollutant	No

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
California Prop 65	Refer to California Proposition 65 list for current status.
SARA 311/312	See Section 2 for hazard classifications.
SARA 313	Refer to EPA Toxic Release Inventory for current listing status.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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