

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC.

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## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

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#### Methyl Alcohol

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### Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Methyl Alcohol

Synonyms: methanol, wood alcohol

CAS#: 67-56-1

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### Section 3 — Hazards Identification

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Clear, colorless liquid. Alcohol odor.

Toxic by ingestion (may cause blindness), inhalation or absorption. Irritating to body tissues.

Avoid body tissue contact.

Flammable liquid.

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Health-3

Flammability-3

Reactivity-1

Exposure-1

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

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### Section 4 — First Aid Measures

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Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

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### Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

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Flammable liquid.

Flash Point: 54 F Upper 36% Lower: 6% Autoignition Temperature: 725 F

Dangerous fire risk. When heated to decomposition, emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

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### Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

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Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand and absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

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### Section 7 — Handling and Storage

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #2. Store with alcohols, glycols, amines and amides.

Store in a dedicated flammables cabinet. If a flammables cabinet is not available, store in Flinn Saf-Stor can.

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### Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

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Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 200 ppm, STEL 250 ppm (OSHA, NIOSH)

### Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Clear, colorless, mobile, highly polar liquid. Alcohol odor.  
Specific Gravity: 0.7924  
Miscible with water, alcohol and ether.  
Formula: CH<sub>3</sub>OH  
Formula Weight: 32.05

Melting Point: -98 C  
Boiling Point: 64.6 C  
Vapor Pressure: 410 mm (50 C)  
Vapor Density: 1.1

### Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Avoid contact with acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, oxidizers, reducers, alkali metals.  
Shelf life: Indefinite.

### Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Poison, irritant, GI disturbances  
Chronic effects: N.A.  
Target organs: Eyes, kidneys

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 5628 mg/kg  
IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: 64000 ppm/4H  
SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: 15800 mg/kg

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

### Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

### Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method 18a is one option.

### Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Methyl Alcohol  
Hazard Class: 3, Flammable liquid  
UN Number: UN1230

N/A = Not applicable

### Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-659-6), RCRA code U154.

### Section 16 — Other Information

Consult your copy of the Flinn Scientific Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals. This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is for guidance and is based upon information and tests believed to be reliable. Flinn Scientific Inc. makes no guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the data and shall not be liable for any damages relating thereto. The data is offered solely for your consideration, investigation, and verification. Flinn Scientific Inc. assumes no legal responsibility for use or reliance upon this data.

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