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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : 2-Butanone

Product Number : 360473

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 606-002-00-3

CAS-No. : 78-93-3

**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 2), H225

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Central nervous system, H336

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

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H336

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

P242

Use only non-sparking tools.

P243

Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

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/ eye protection/ face protection.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
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

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Methyl ethyl ketone  
MEK  
Ethyl methyl ketone

Formula : C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O  
Molecular weight : 72.11 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 78-93-3  
EC-No. : 201-159-0  
Index-No. : 606-002-00-3

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Ethyl methyl ketone</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H225, H319, H336	90 - 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

Flash back possible over considerable distance., Container explosion may occur under fire conditions.

#### 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).

#### 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.

Use explosion-proof equipment. 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

Store under inert gas. 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.

Hygroscopic. Store under nitrogen.

#### 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

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Ethyl methyl ketone	78-93-3	TWA	200.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Central Nervous System impairment		

		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Peripheral Nervous System impairment Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section)		
		STEL	300.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Peripheral Nervous System impairment Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section)		
		TWA	200.000000 ppm 590.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	300.000000 ppm 885.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	200.000000 ppm 590.000000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate.		
		PEL	200 ppm 590 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		STEL	300 ppm 885 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Ethyl methyl ketone	78-93-3	methyl ethyl ketone	2.0000 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		methyl ethyl ketone	2 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

## 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

Face shield and safety glasses 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.

Splash contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm  
Break through time: 292 min  
Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, 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, Flame retardant antistatic protective 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: liquid, clear<br>Colour: colourless                           |
| b) Odour  | No data available   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available   |
| d) pH   | No data available   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | -87 °C (-125 °F)  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 80 °C (176 °F) - lit.   |
| g) Flash point                                  | -3 °C (27 °F) - closed cup  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available   |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 10.1 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 1.8 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 95 hPa (71 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)                                   |
| l) Vapour density                               | 2.49 - (Air = 1.0)  |
| m) Relative density                             | 0.805 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)   |
| n) Water solubility                             | soluble   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 0.29   |
| 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

Surface tension 24.6 mN/m at 20 °C (68 °F)

Relative vapour density 2.49 - (Air = 1.0)

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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

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture  
Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available  
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 2,737 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - Mouse - 4 h - 32,000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

LC50 Inhalation - Mammal - 38,000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 6,480 mg/kg

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irritating to eyes.  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### 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.

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

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: EL6475000

Central nervous system depression, Gastrointestinal disturbance, narcosis

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	mortality NOEC - Cyprinodon variegatus (sheepshead minnow) - 400 mg/l - 96 h
	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 3,130 - 3,320 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 520 mg/l - 48 h
	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 7,060 mg/l - 24 h

**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**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. 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)**

UN number: 1193      Class: 3      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Ethyl methyl ketone  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1193      Class: 3      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: ETHYL METHYL KETONE

**IATA**

UN number: 1193      Class: 3      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Ethyl methyl ketone

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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, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethyl methyl ketone	78-93-3	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethyl methyl ketone	78-93-3	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethyl methyl ketone	78-93-3	1993-04-24

**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
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	3
Physical Hazard	0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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