

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 — PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### PRODUCT NUMBER

MEK/SW

### PRODUCT NAME

Methyl Ethyl Ketone

### MANUFACTURER'S NAME

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY  
101 Prospect Avenue N.W.  
Cleveland, OH 44115

### Telephone Numbers and Websites

Regulatory Information	(216) 566-2902 www.paintdocs.com
Medical Emergency	(216) 566-2917
Transportation Emergency*	(800) 424-9300

\*for Chemical Emergency ONLY (spill, leak, fire, exposure, or accident)

## SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

% by Weight	CAS Number	Ingredient	Units	Vapor Pressure
100	78-93-3	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	ACGIH TLV ACGIH TLV OSHA PEL OSHA PEL	200 PPM 300 PPM STEL 200 PPM 300 PPM STEL

## SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### ROUTES OF EXPOSURE

INHALATION of vapor or spray mist.  
EYE or SKIN contact with the product, vapor or spray mist.

### EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE

EYES: Irritation.  
SKIN: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause irritation.  
INHALATION: Irritation of the upper respiratory system.

HMIS Codes	
Health	2
Flammability	3
Reactivity	0

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE

May cause nervous system depression. Extreme overexposure may result in unconsciousness and possibly death.  
Prolonged overexposure to hazardous ingredients in Section 2 may cause adverse chronic effects to the following organs or systems:  
• the reproductive system

### MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE

None generally recognized.

### CANCER INFORMATION

For complete discussion of toxicology data refer to Section 11.

## SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES: Flush eyes with large amounts of water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention.  
SKIN: Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water.  
Remove contaminated clothing and launder before re-use.  
INHALATION: If affected, remove from exposure. Restore breathing. Keep warm and quiet.  
INGESTION: Do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately.

## SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT	LEL	UEL	FLAMMABILITY CLASSIFICATION
18 °F PMCC	1.8	10.0	RED LABEL -- Extremely Flammable, Flash below 21 °F (-6 °C)

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

Carbon Dioxide, Dry Chemical, Foam

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS**

Closed containers may explode when exposed to extreme heat.

Application to hot surfaces requires special precautions.

During emergency conditions overexposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Symptoms may not be immediately apparent. Obtain medical attention.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES**

Full protective equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus should be used.

Water spray may be ineffective. If water is used, fog nozzles are preferable. Water may be used to cool closed containers to prevent pressure build-up and possible autoignition or explosion when exposed to extreme heat.

**SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED**

Remove all sources of ignition. Ventilate the area.

Remove with inert absorbent.

**SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE****STORAGE CATEGORY**

DOL Storage Class IB

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Contents are EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE. Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Vapors will accumulate readily and may ignite explosively.

During use and until all vapors are gone: Keep area ventilated - Do not smoke - Extinguish all flames, pilot lights, and heaters - Turn off stoves, electric tools and appliances, and any other sources of ignition.

Consult NFPA Code. Use approved Bonding and Grounding procedures.

Keep container closed when not in use. Transfer only to approved containers with complete and appropriate labeling. Do not take internally. Keep out of the reach of children.

**SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN USE**

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid breathing vapor and spray mist.

Wash hands after using.

**VENTILATION**

Local exhaust preferable. General exhaust acceptable if the exposure to materials in Section 2 is maintained below applicable exposure limits. Refer to OSHA Standards 1910.94, 1910.107, 1910.108.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

If personal exposure cannot be controlled below applicable limits by ventilation, wear a properly fitted organic vapor/particulate respirator approved by NIOSH/MSHA for protection against materials in Section 2.

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES**

Wear gloves which are recommended by glove supplier for protection against materials in Section 2.

**EYE PROTECTION**

Wear safety spectacles with unperforated sideshields.

**OTHER PRECAUTIONS**

Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the contents can be harmful or fatal.

**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

PRODUCT WEIGHT 6.68 lb/gal 800 g/l

SPECIFIC GRAVITY 0.80

BOILING POINT 174 - 177 °F

78 - 80 °C

MELTING POINT Not Available

VOLATILE VOLUME 100%

EVAPORATION RATE Slower than ether

VAPOR DENSITY Heavier than air

SOLUBILITY IN WATER Not Available

**VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC Theoretical - As Packaged)**

6.68 lb/gal 800 g/l Less Water and Federally Exempt Solvents

6.68 lb/gal 800 g/l Emitted VOC

## SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### STABILITY — Stable

### CONDITIONS TO AVOID

None known.

### INCOMPATIBILITY

None known.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

By fire: Carbon Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide

### HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Will not occur

## SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### CHRONIC HEALTH HAZARDS

No ingredient in this product is an IARC, NTP or OSHA listed carcinogen.

Methyl Ethyl Ketone may increase the nervous system effects of other solvents.

Reports have associated repeated and prolonged overexposure to solvents with permanent brain and nervous system damage.

### TOXICOLOGY DATA

CAS No.	Ingredient Name			
78-93-3	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	LC50 RAT LD50 RAT	4HR	Not Available 2740 mg/kg

## SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data available.

## SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD

Waste from this product may be hazardous as defined under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 40 CFR 261.

Waste must be tested for ignitability to determine the applicable EPA hazardous waste numbers.

Incinerate in approved facility. Do not incinerate closed container. Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State/Provincial, and Local regulations regarding pollution.

## SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Multi-modal shipping descriptions are provided for informational purposes and do not consider container sizes. The presence of a shipping description for a particular mode of transport (ocean, air, etc.), does not indicate that the product is packaged suitably for that mode of transport. All packaging must be reviewed for suitability prior to shipment, and compliance with the applicable regulations is the sole responsibility of the person offering the product for transport.

### US Ground (DOT)

1 Liter (1.1 Quarts) and Less may be Classed as LTD. QTY. (PAINT OR RELATED).

Larger Containers are Regulated as:

UN1193, ETHYL METHYL KETONE, 3, PG II, (ERG#127)

### DOT (Dept of Transportation) Hazardous Substances & Reportable Quantities

Ethyl methyl ketone 5000 lb RQ

### Bulk Containers may be Shipped as (check reportable quantities):

UN1193, ETHYL METHYL KETONE, 3, PG II, (ERG#127)

### Canada (TDG)

UN1193, ETHYL METHYL KETONE, CLASS 3, PG II, (ERG#127)

### IMO

1 Liter (1.1 Quarts) and Less may be Shipped as Limited Quantity.

UN1193, ETHYL METHYL KETONE, CLASS 3, PG II, (-8 C c.c.), EmS F-E,

S-D

### IATA/ICAO

UN1193, ETHYL METHYL KETONE, 3, PG II

## SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

### SARA 313 (40 CFR 372.65C) SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION

CAS No.	CHEMICAL/COMPOUND	% by WT	% Element
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No ingredients in this product are subject to SARA 313 (40 CFR 372.65C) Supplier Notification.

**TSCA CERTIFICATION**

All chemicals in this product are listed, or are exempt from listing, on the TSCA Inventory.

**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

The above information pertains to this product as currently formulated, and is based on the information available at this time. Addition of reducers or other additives to this product may substantially alter the composition and hazards of the product. Since conditions of use are outside our control, we make no warranties, express or implied, and assume no liability in connection with any use of this information.