



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## METHYLCELLULOSE

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### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY:

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PRODUCT NAME:	METHYLCELLULOSE
PART No.:	RM164
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### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS:

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CAS No.:	9004-67-5
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### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

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Not regarded as a health or environmental hazard under current legislation.

Product has potential to form explosive air / dust cloud.

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES:

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GENERAL:	IN ALL CASES OF DOUBT OR WHEN SYMPTOMS PERSIST, ALWAYS SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION
INHALATION:	Remove affected person from exposure, rest and keep warm.
INGESTION:	Obtain medical attention if adverse symptoms occur.
SKIN:	Wash affected area with plenty of soap and water.
EYES:	Rinse immediately with plenty of water for at least 5 minutes while lifting the eye lids. Seek medical attention. Continue to rinse.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:

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EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:	Water spray, foam or dry chemical.
UNUSUAL FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS:	Finely divided material can cause dust explosion.

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<b>HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:</b>	Burning will produce oxides of carbon. Methanol, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, methylformate, methylacetate, acetone and acrolein may also be released in fire situation.
<b>PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN FIRE:</b>	Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:

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<b>PERSONAL PRECAUTION IN SPILL:</b>	Avoid breathing dust.
	OTHER PRECAUTIONS - Avoid ignition sources.
<b>PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT:</b>	Prevent contamination of soil, drains and surface water.
<b>SPILL CLEANUP METHODS:</b>	Avoid dry sweeping or other methods which raise dust. Vacuum or wet-sweep and place into a suitable closable, labelled container for disposal. Wash the area clean with water and detergent, observing environmental requirements.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE:

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<b>USAGE PRECAUTIONS:</b>	Avoid creating or raising dust. Ensure good ventilation and local exhaust extraction in work place.
<b>STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:</b>	Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place, in securely closed original container. Store away from sources of heat or ignition.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION:

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<b>INGREDIENT COMMENTS:</b>	No specific OES assigned, however for dusts of any kind, ensure LTEL (8-hour TWA ref. period) level does not exceed 10 mg.m3 for total inhalable dust or 4 mg.m3 for respirable dust (or) as recommended in current edition of EH40.
<b>VENTILATION:</b>	Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.
<b>RESPIRATORS:</b>	If unable to control dust emissions below OES limits, an approved dust protection to P2 level of protection is recommended.
<b>PROTECTIVE GLOVES:</b>	Use protective gloves.
<b>EYE PROTECTION:</b>	Use eye protection if eye contact is likely.
<b>OTHER PROTECTION:</b>	Wear personal protective equipment appropriate to the quantity of material handled.
<b>HYGIENIC WORK PRACTICES:</b>	SKIN PROTECTION - apply barrier cream to hands and exposed skin. Regularly vacuum dust to minimise the potential of air-borne exposure.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

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<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	White to off-white granular powder.
<b>PHYSICAL DATA COMMENTS:</b>	Combustible substance. Fine dust may create explosive mixture with air.
<b>SOLUBILITY DESCRIPTION:</b>	Soluble in cold water, producing a viscous solution or gel. Insoluble in hot water.
<b>AUTO IGNITION TEMP. (°C):</b>	360

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:

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STABILITY:	Stable under normal conditions of use.
CONDITIONS TO AVOID:	Avoid heat, flames and other sources of ignition. Risk of dust ignition in air.
HAZARDOUS DECOMP. PRODUCTS:	Thermal decomposition may release oxides of carbon, formaldehyde, acrolein or other hazardous gases, acrid smoke and flammable gases or vapours.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

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HEALTH HAZARDS, GENERAL:	No specific health effects anticipated with this product.
INGESTION:	Intake may induce intestinal obstruction or stomach constriction.
SKIN:	Repeated or prolonged contact may cause mild irritation and/or drying (defatting) of skin.
EYES:	Dust may cause mechanical irritation to eyes.
HEALTH WARNINGS:	Inhalation of high concentration of dust may cause a mechanical overburdening of the respiratory system.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

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ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:	No specific data or information available regarding environmental impact. Product has a BOD contribution.
DEGRADABILITY:	Cellulose ethers have slow biodegradation rate.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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DISPOSAL METHODS:	Disposal should be in accordance with the principles of Duty of Care observing local and national regulations.
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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION:

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GENERAL:	Not classified as hazardous for transport.
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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION:

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UK REGULATORY REFERENCES:	This product is not classed as dangerous substance under the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances regulations.
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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION:

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<b>INFORMATION SOURCES:</b>	This product has been classified in accordance with CHIP3 regulations.
<b>REVISION COMMENTS:</b>	Edition 01; Revised item(s):
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