

# 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

<b>Regulatory Information</b>	(216) 566-2902 www.paintdocs.com
<b>Medical Emergency</b>	(216) 566-2917
<b>Transportation Emergency*</b>	(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	200 PPM	70 mm
		ACGIH TLV	300 PPM STEL	
		OSHA PEL	200 PPM	
		OSHA PEL	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.

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

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE

Headache, dizziness, nausea, and loss of coordination are indications of excessive exposure to vapors or spray mists.  
Redness and itching or burning sensation may indicate eye or excessive skin exposure.

### MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE

None generally recognized.

### CANCER INFORMATION

For complete discussion of toxicology data refer to Section 11.

### HMIS Codes

<b>Health</b>	2
<b>Flammability</b>	3
<b>Reactivity</b>	0

## 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

<b>FLASH POINT</b>	<b>LEL</b>	<b>UEL</b>	<b>FLAMMABILITY CLASSIFICATION</b>
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**

<b>PRODUCT WEIGHT</b>	6.68 lb/gal	800 g/l
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</b>	0.80	
<b>BOILING POINT</b>	174 - 177 °F	78 - 80 °C
<b>MELTING POINT</b>	Not Available	
<b>VOLATILE VOLUME</b>	100%	
<b>EVAPORATION RATE</b>	Slower than ether	
<b>VAPOR DENSITY</b>	Heavier than air	
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER</b>	N.A.	

**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	4HR	Not Available
		LD50 RAT		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****US Ground (DOT)**

1 Quart and Less may be Classed as CONSUMER COMMODITY, ORM-D  
 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**

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

**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.

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