

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Methyl Cellulose

Signal Word
N/A

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Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This chemical is considered nonhazardous according to GHS classifications for the Hazard Communication Standard. Treat all laboratory chemicals with caution.

Although this material is considered to be nonhazardous, unpredictable reactions among chemicals are always possible. Prudent laboratory practices should be observed.

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Methyl cellulose	9004-67-5	Unspecified	Unspecified	
Synonyms: Methocel; Methylcellulose; Cellulose, methyl ether				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing.

If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Noncombustible solid.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

NFPA Code
None established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Use a damp paper towel to clean up spill. Avoid making methyl cellulose airborne during cleanup. Place in a sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #2. Store with alcohols, glycols, amines and amides. Keep container tightly sealed. Store in a cool, dry place.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

White powder. Odorless. Melting point: 290 - 305 °C
Soluble: Glacial acetic acid and cold water. Insoluble in alcohol, ether, and water warmer than 50.5 °C.

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers. Cellulose and its derivatives may react vigorously with calcium oxide, bleaching powder, perchlorates, perchloric acid, sodium chlorate, fluorine, nitric acid, sodium nitrite, and sodium nitrate. Shelf life: Indefinite, if kept dry.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: N.A.	ORL-RAT LD ₅₀ : greater than 10,000 mg/kg
Chronic effects: N.A.	IHL-RAT LC ₅₀ : N.A.
Target organs: N.A.	SKN-RBT LD ₅₀ : N.A.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding. Flinn Suggested Disposal Methods #26a or #26b are options.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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

N/A = Not applicable

Consult your copy of the Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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