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Methanol Haematology Grade

Section 1: Identification of the material and supplier

Product name:	Methanol Haematology Grade
Other names:	Methyl Alcohol, Wood Alcohol
Product Codes/Trade Names:	Methanol, Methanol AR, ML,ML2.5AR,ML5,ML10,ML20
Recommended use:	General organic solvent
Applicable in:	Australia
Supplier:	Labtech Service & Supplies
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Emergency phone number:	000 Fire Brigade and Police (available in Australia only) 1800 774 557 Transpacific Emergency Response (available in Australia only)
Poisons Information Centre:	13 11 26 (available in Australia only)

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Section 2: Hazard identification

Statement of hazardous nature: Classified as **Hazardous** according to the Approved Criteria For Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1008] 3rd Edition.

Methanol is classified as **Dangerous Goods** according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

Risk Phrases	Safety Phrases
R11 - Highly flammable. R23/24/25 - Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. R39/23/24/25 - Toxic: danger of very serious irreversible effects through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.	S1/2 - Keep locked up and out of the reach of children. S7 - Keep container tightly closed. S16 - Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. S36/37 - Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. S45 - In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

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Section 3: Composition / Information on ingredients

Chemical Name:	Synonyms	Proportion:	CAS Number:
Methyl alcohol	Methanol	100%	67-56-1

Section 4: First aid measures

If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre.	
Swallowed:	If a very minor amount has been accidentally swallowed, then, if conscious, rinse mouth with water and then dilute stomach contents by giving large amounts of water. Seek medical attention. Do not attempt to induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If person vomits place person on their side in recovery position.
Eyes:	Flush eye with flowing water for a minimum of 15 minutes. Seek medical attention promptly if irritation persists or any loss of vision occurs.
Skin:	Immediately remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin with water. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
Inhaled:	Remove promptly to fresh air. If respiratory irritation, dizziness, nausea or unconsciousness occurs, seek immediate medical attention. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stops.
First Aid Facilities:	Safety showers, eye wash stations and First Aid kits.
Advice to Doctor:	Treat according to standard texts on poisoning. Principal clinical manifestations are visual disturbances and acidosis.

Section 5: Fire fighting measures

Flammability:	Highly flammable liquid. May form flammable mixtures with air. Burns with a colourless flame. The vapour is heavier than air and may travel along the ground; distant ignition and flash back are possible. Run off to sewers and drains may cause explosions. The use of compressed air for filling, discharging, mixing or handling is prohibited due to the vapour hazard. All vessels must be earthed to avoid generation of static charges when agitating or transferring solvents. Avoid all ignition sources. Intrinsically safe equipment is necessary in areas where this chemical is being used.
Suitable extinguishing media:	Alcohol resistant foam is the preferred firefighting medium, but if it is not available, fine water spray can be used. In the absence of these, dry chemical or carbon dioxide may be used.
Hazards from combustion products:	Burning can produce carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.
Special protective precautions and equipment for fire fighters:	Use water to cool exposed containers. Heating can cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire. Spills and leaks may be washed away with copious volumes of water, fog or spray. Prevent run-off from entering drains and watercourses. Liquid tight chemical protective clothing and breathing apparatus is required. For major fires or where the atmosphere is either oxygen deficient or contains unacceptable levels of combustion products, firefighters must wear selfcontained breathing apparatus with full face-mask and protective clothing.
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Section 6: Accidental release measures

Emergency Procedure:	<p>In the event of a spill eliminate all sources of ignition and take measures to prevent static discharge. No smoking. Use water spray to disperse vapour. Clear area of all personnel not directly involved in the clean-up. Isolate for at least 800 metres if tanks or tankers are involved. The possible need for subsequent evacuation should be considered.</p> <p>All personnel involved in the containment and disposal procedures to wear protective equipment as described in Section 8 to prevent skin and eye contamination and inhalation of vapours.</p> <p>Ventilate area well and ensure the atmosphere is safe before personnel return to the work area.</p>
Containment Procedure:	<p>Stop and contain the spill for salvage or absorb in inert absorbent material (e.g. soil, sand, vermiculite) for disposal by an approved method. Prevent run-off into drains and waterways.</p> <p>If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred, advise the local emergency services.</p>
Clean Up Procedure:	<p>Wash the cleaned-up area with copious volumes of water to remove any trace amounts of product. Spills can be converted to non-flammable mixtures by dilution with water.</p> <p>Non-returnable containers should be de-gassed prior to disposal. Dispose of all waste containers and used drums in accordance with local authority guidelines.</p>

Section 7: Handling and storage

Handling:	<p>Use in well ventilated areas away from all ignition sources. Intrinsically safe equipment only must be used in areas where this chemical is being used.</p> <p>The use of compressed air for filling, discharging, mixing or handling is prohibited due to the vapour hazard. Containers must be earthed to avoid generation of static charges when agitating or transferring product.</p>
Storage:	<p>Store in tightly closed containers in cool, dry, isolated and well-ventilated areas away from heat, sources of ignition and incompatibles (see below). Store away from oxidizing agents. Keep containers closed at all times - check regularly for leaks.</p> <p>Do not eat, drink or smoke in areas of use or storage. Observe State Regulations concerning the storage and handling of Dangerous Goods. Store with all precautions required for handling flammable liquids.</p> <p>The requirement of Australian Standard AS 1940 should be observed in addition to AS 1020, AS 1076, AS 2380 and AS 3000.</p> <p>Empty containers retain residue (liquid and/or vapour) and are dangerous. Do not pressure cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, flame, sparks, static electricity, or other sources of ignition.</p>
Incompatibilities:	<p>Not to be stored with explosives (Class 1), flammable gases in bulk (Class 2.1), poisonous gases (Class 2.3), spontaneously combustible substances (Class 4.2), oxidizing agents (Class 5.1), organic peroxides (Class 5.2), radioactive substances (Class 7).</p> <p>Exemptions may apply.</p>

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Section 8: Exposure controls / Personal protection

Exposure Standards:	Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants, Safe Work Australia TWA - 200 ppm (262 mg/m ³) STEL - 250 ppm (328 mg/m ³) Notices - Sk
Notes:	<p>All occupational exposures to atmospheric contaminants should be kept to as low a level as is workable (practicable) and in all cases to below the Exposure Standard.</p> <p>These exposure standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. These exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.</p> <p>TWA (Time Weighted Average): the time-weighted average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life. According to current knowledge this concentration should neither impair the health of, nor cause undue discomfort to, nearly all workers.</p> <p>STEL (Short-Term Exposure Limit): the average airborne concentration over a 15-minute period which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight-hour work day.</p> <p>Sk Notice: Absorption through the skin may be a significant source of exposure. The exposure standard is invalidated if such contact should occur.</p>
Biological Limit Values:	No biological limit allocated.
ENGINEERING CONTROLS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation: 	Local exhaust ventilation and/or mechanical (general) exhaust is recommended where vapours are likely to be generated. All such equipment must be intrinsically safe.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Consideration for Repair &/or Maintenance of Contaminated Equipment: 	Empty containers retain residue (liquid and/or vapour) and are dangerous. Do not pressure cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, flame, sparks, static electricity, or other sources of ignition. Vapour is heavier than air - prevent concentration in hollows or sumps. Do not enter confined spaces where vapour may have collected. Keep containers closed when not in use.
PERSONAL PROTECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Hygiene	Protective clothing (gloves, coveralls, boots, etc.) should be worn to prevent skin contact. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin Protection: 	Avoid skin contact by the use of approved chemical resistant gloves and aprons - PVC or Neoprene (AS 2161).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Protection: 	Avoid eye contact by wearing chemical goggles with side-shields or face-shield (AS/NZS 1336) whenever exposed to vapour or mist or if there is a risk of splashing liquid in the eyes. Safety showers with eye-wash should be provided in all areas where product is handled.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory Protection: 	<p>None should be needed if engineering, storage and handling controls are adequate to ensure that atmospheric contamination is kept below the Exposure Standard.</p> <p>Where vapour concentrations are likely to approach or exceed the Exposure Standard, an approved organic vapour respirator (AS/NZS 1715 and 1716) must be worn.</p> <p>In high vapour concentrations, or in suspected oxygen deficient atmospheres, such as empty vessels or confined spaces, use air-supplied hood.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal Protection: 	None should be needed under normal circumstances.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking & Other Dusts 	Smoking must be prohibited in all areas where this product is used. See safety information on flammability above.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance:	Clear colourless liquid
Odour:	Slight alcohol odour detectable at 2000 - 8800 ppm
pH, at stated concentration:	Not available
Vapour Pressure:	92 mm Hg @ 25°C
Vapour Density:	1.1 (air = 1.0)
Boiling Point/range (°C):	64.5°C
Freezing/Melting Point (°C):	-97.8°C
Solubility:	Complete
Specific Gravity (H₂O = 1):	0.79
FLAMMABLE MATERIALS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flash Point:	11°C
• Flash Point Method:	Closed or open cup
<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable (Explosive) Limit - Upper:	36%
<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable (Explosive) Limit - Lower:	7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Autoignition Temperature:	385°C
ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evaporation Rate:	500 (n-Butyl Acetate = 100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Weight:	32.04
<input type="checkbox"/> Volatile Organic Compounds Content (VOC): (as specified by the Green Building Council of Australia)	100%
<input type="checkbox"/> % Volatiles:	100%

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Section 10: Stability and reactivity

Chemical Stability:	Stable
Incompatible Materials:	May react violently with acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, oxidizing agents, reducing agents and alkali metals. Protect from moisture.
Conditions to avoid:	Heat, sparks, flame and build-up of static electricity.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Burning can produce carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.
Hazardous Reactions:	Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological information

Toxicological Data: LD50/oral/rat:

8000 mg/kg LC50/inhalation/rat:

128.2 mg/l/4 h

LC50/inhalation/rat: 87.5 mg/l/6 h

Health effects information is based on reported effects in use from overseas and Australian reports.

In general methanol is much more toxic than ethanol and is more slowly metabolised. After a toxic dose excretion may occur through the lungs and kidneys for more than 4 days. It metabolises partly to formic acid, which may be responsible for its higher toxicity. Methanol is used to denature ethyl alcohol to make it undrinkable (as methylated spirits), but methylated spirits or even methanol itself may be abused leading to chronic poisoning with the effects described.

Effects: Acute

Swallowed:	Unlikely under normal occupational exposures, but methanol is very toxic by mouth and 60-120 ml (1 g/kg) may be a fatal dose. Initial symptoms resemble ethanol intoxication (drunkenness) and may include fatigue, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, and usually after some hours, blurred vision. Ingestion may cause acute poisoning with initial narcosis, progressing to coma and death where sufficient dosage has been ingested. Lesser dosage may lead to damage to liver, heart, kidneys, lungs and other organs including the retina and optic nerve.
Eyes:	Vapour and liquid can irritate the eyes resulting in redness, pain and swelling. Substantial acute poisoning, or chronic long term abuse, can lead to temporary or permanent loss of sight.
Skin:	Brief skin contact may cause minor and short-lasting irritation. Prolonged contact (e.g. repeated daily contact, or working in clothing saturated with the product) may cause drying and cracking of the skin due to the defatting action. Dermatitis may also occur in some individuals.
Inhaled:	Vapour may cause irritation of the nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Higher concentrations can cause drowsiness, nausea, dizziness and eventually unconsciousness. Harmful if aspirated into the lungs - may cause chemical pneumonitis.

Effects: Chronic

Repeated exposure at over the occupational standard may lead to damage to liver, heart, kidneys, lungs and other organs including the retina and optic nerve.

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Section 12: Ecological information

Eco-toxicity:	Toxicity to fish (acute): LC50/Rainbow trout: 10,800 mg/l/96 h
Persistence and Degradability:	Degree of elimination: 99% Evaluation: biodegradable
Mobility:	No data available

Section 13: Disposal considerations

Suitable for incineration by approved agent under controlled conditions if permitted by local authorities, otherwise disposal must be in accordance with local waste authority requirements.

Product must be contained and not disposed to sewerage systems, drains or waterways. Advise flammable nature. Empty containers must be decontaminated by rinsing with water.

Section 14: Transport information

Proper Shipping Name:	METHANOL
UN number:	1230
DG Class:	3
Subsidiary Risk 1:	6.1
Packaging Group:	II
HAZCHEM code:	2WE
Marine Pollutant:	No
Special Precautions for User:	Refer to incompatibilities in Section 7 and stability and reactivity information in Section 10.
ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS:	
Nil	

Section 15: Regulatory information

Poisons Schedule:	S6 - This material is a Scheduled Poison S6 and must be stored, maintained and used in accordance with the relevant regulations.
Other:	Nil

Section 16: Other information

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Additional Information

Australian Standards References:

AS 1020	The Control of Undesirable Static Electricity.
AS 1076	Code of Practice for selection, installation and maintenance of electrical apparatus and associated equipment for use in explosive atmospheres (other than mining applications) – Parts 1 to 13
AS/NZS 1336	Recommended Practices for Occupational Eye Protection
AS/NZS 1715	Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices
AS/NZS 1716	Respiratory Protective Devices
AS 1940	The Storage and Handling of Flammable and Combustible Liquids
AS 2161	Industrial Safety Gloves and Mittens (excluding electrical and medical gloves)
AS 2380	Electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres – Explosion Protection Techniques (Parts 1 to 9)
AS 3000	Electrical installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules).

Other References:

NOHSC:1008 (2004)	Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances
NOHSC:10005 (1999)	List Of Designated Hazardous Substances, April 1999, National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, Sydney.
NOHSC:2007 (1994)	National Code of Practice for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances (Australian States have similar Codes of Practice in each State).
Model Code of Practice	Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals, December 2011, Safe Work Australia.
Model Code of Practice	Labelling of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals, December 2011, Safe Work Australia.
WES	Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants, December 2011, Safe Work Australia.
ADG Code	Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail, 7th edition, National Transport Commission.
GHS	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), 3rd revised edition, United Nations, New York and Geneva, 2009.
Safe Work Australia HSIS	http://hsis.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/HazardousSubstance

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