



## Material Safety Data Sheet

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name** 2-Butanone

**Cat No.** M208-1, M208-4, M208-20, M209-1, M209-4, M209-20, M209-200, M209-500, M209FB19, M209FB50, M209FB115, M209FB200, M209RB115, M209RS19, M209RS28, M209RS50, M209RS200, M209SS28, M209SS50, M209SS115, M209SS200

**Synonyms** Methyl ethyl ketone; Mek

**Company** Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
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**Emergency Telephone Number**  
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 703-527-3887

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### DANGER!

#### Emergency Overview

Flammable liquid and vapor. Irritating to eyes and skin. Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

**Appearance** Colorless

**Physical State** Liquid.

**Odor** characteristic - sweet

**Target Organs** Skin, Eyes, Central nervous system (CNS), Liver, Kidney

#### Potential Health Effects

#### Acute Effects

#### Principle Routes of Exposure

**Eyes**

Irritating to eyes.

**Skin**

Irritating to skin. May be harmful in contact with skin. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

**Inhalation**

May cause drowsiness and dizziness. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. May be harmful if inhaled.

**Ingestion**

May be harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

#### **Chronic Effects**

Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals. May cause adverse liver effects. May cause adverse kidney effects.

See Section 11 for additional Toxicological information.

**Aggravated Medical Conditions** Central nervous system disorders. Preexisting eye disorders. Skin disorders.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Haz/Non-haz

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	100

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flash Point</b>	-7°C / 19.4°F
<b>Method</b>	No information available.
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	404°C / 759.2°F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	11.4% @ 93°C
<b>Lower</b>	1.4% @ 93°C
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Combustion Products</b>	No information available.
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	No information available.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	No information available.

#### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

#### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**NFPA**                      **Health** 2                      **Flammability** 3                      **Instability** 0                      **Physical hazards** N/A

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable and closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Flammables area. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.
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### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Methyl ethyl ketone	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 300 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 3000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWA EV
Methyl ethyl ketone	TWA: 150 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 50 ppm STEL: 100 ppm STEL: 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 590 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 300 ppm STEL: 885 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**NIOSH IDLH:** Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

### Personal Protective Equipment

#### Eye/face Protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

#### Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	characteristic - sweet
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available.
<b>pH</b>	No information available.
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	105 mbar @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	2.41 (Air = 1.0)
<b>Viscosity</b>	0.42 mPa.s @ 15°C
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	80°C / 176°F
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-87°C / -124.6°F
<b>Decomposition temperature °C</b>	No information available.
<b>Flash Point</b>	-7°C / 19.4°F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	3.7 (Butyl Acetate = 1.0)
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	0.806
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water
<b>log Pow</b>	No data available
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	72.11
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents, Ammonia, copper, Amines
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions .</b>	None under normal processing..

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl ethyl ketone	2737 mg/kg ( Rat )	6480 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	32 g/m <sup>3</sup> ( Mouse ) 4 h

<b>Irritation</b>	Irritating to eyes and skin
<b>Toxicologically Synergistic Products</b>	No information available.

**Chronic Toxicity**

**Carcinogenicity** There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**Sensitization** No information available.

**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**Reproductive Effects** Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.

**Developmental Effects** Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Teratogenicity** Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals..

**Other Adverse Effects** See actual entry in RTECS for complete information..

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity**

. Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl ethyl ketone	Not listed	LC50= 1690 mg/L Lepomis macrochirus 96 h LC50= 3220 mg/L Pimephales promelas 96 h	EC50 = 3403 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 3426 mg/L 5 min	EC50 = 5091 mg/L 48 h EC50 = 520 mg/L 48 h

**Persistence and Degradability** Readily biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available

**Mobility** No information available

Component	log Pow
Methyl ethyl ketone	0.29

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Methyl ethyl ketone - 78-93-3	waste number U159 (Ignitable waste, Toxic waste)	-

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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DOT

UN-No UN1193  
 Proper Shipping Name Ethyl methyl ketone  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1193  
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL METHYL KETONE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

IATA

Limited quantity 1 L  
 UN-No UN1193  
 Proper Shipping Name Methyl ethyl ketone  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1193  
 Proper Shipping Name Ethyl methyl ketone (Methyl ethyl ketone)  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists:

**International Inventories**

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	CHINA	KECL
Methyl ethyl ketone	Present	X	-	201-159-0	-		X	X	X	X	KE-24094 X

**Legend:**

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**TSCA 12(b)** Not applicable

**SARA 313**  
Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

Acute Health Hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

**Clean Water Act**  
Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**  
Not applicable

**OSHA**  
Not applicable

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Methyl ethyl ketone	5000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**State Right-to-Know**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Methyl ethyl ketone	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	Y
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** Serious risk, Grade 3

**Canada**

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

**WHMIS Hazard Class**

B2 Flammable liquid

D2B Toxic materials

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Disclaimer**

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**End of MSDS**