SAFETY DATA SHEET according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Sodium methoxide

Product Number : 164992
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 603-040-00-2
CAS-No. : 124-41-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Restrictions on use : Not Available

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Flammable solids : Category 1

Self-heating substances and mixtures : Category 1

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Corrosive to metals	:	Category 1
Acute toxicity (Oral)	:	Category 4
Skin corrosion	:	Sub-category 1A
Serious eye damage	:	Category 1

Other hazards

Reacts violently with water.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements :
H228 Flammable solid.
H251 Self-heating: may catch fire.
H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Supplemental Hazard Statements : Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Precautionary statements :

Prevention:

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P234 Keep only in original packaging.
P235 Keep cool.
P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.
P260 Do not breathe dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P330 + P331 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with

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water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Storage:

P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405 Store locked up.
P406 Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P407 Maintain air gap between stacks or pallets.
P410 Protect from sunlight.
P420 Store separately.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 124-41-4

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Sodium methylate	124-41-4*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.
TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all

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contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
Call a physician immediately.

In case of eye contact	:	After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
If swallowed	:	After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	:	The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
Protection of first-aiders	:	For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	:	No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	:	Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	Foam Water
Specific hazards during fire fighting	:	Combustible. May not get in touch with: Water Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.
Hazardous combustion products	:	Carbon oxides Sodium oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	:	No data available
Further information	:	Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a

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water spray jet.
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	:	Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	:	Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	:	Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion	:	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
Advice on safe handling	:	Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.
Conditions for safe storage	:	No metal containers.
Further information on storage conditions	:	Tightly closed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
Materials to avoid	:	Never allow product to get in contact with water

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during storage.

Storage class	:	4.2, Pyrophoric and self-heating hazardous materials
Recommended storage temperature	:	Recommended storage temperature see product label.
Further information on storage stability	:	Moisture sensitive. Store under inert gas.
Packaging material	:	Suitable material: Mild Steel Drum

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection	:	required when dusts are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.
Recommended Filter type:	:	Filter type P2

The entrepeneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material	:	Nitrile rubber
Break through time	:	480 min
Glove thickness	:	0.11 mm
Protective index	:	Full contact
Manufacturer	:	KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material	:	Nitrile rubber
Break through time	:	480 min
Glove thickness	:	0.11 mm
Protective index	:	Splash contact

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Manufacturer	:	KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Remarks	:	This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Eye protection	:	Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles
Skin and body protection	:	Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.
Hygiene measures	:	Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	powder
Colour	:	white
Odour	:	odourless
Odour Threshold	:	Not applicable
pH	:	12.8 (68 °F / 20 °C) Concentration: 10 g/l
Melting point/ range	:	> 662 °F / > 350 °C (ca. 1,013.25 hPa) Decomposition: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 102 GLP: yes Decomposes on heating.
Boiling point/boiling range	:	662 °F / 350 °C (ca. 1,013.25 hPa) Method: OECD Test Guideline 103 Decomposes on heating.
Flash point	:	No data available

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Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 1. Method: Flammability (solids)
Burning rate	:	No data available
Self-ignition	:	Self-heating: may catch fire.
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	67 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C) 130 hPa (77 °F / 25 °C)
Relative vapour density	:	1.87 (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	1.300 g/cm3 (68 °F / 20 °C)
Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	Reacts violently with water.
Solubility in other solvents	:	soluble Solvent: Alcohol
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Autoignition temperature	:	464 °F / 240 °C Auto-flammability
Decomposition temperature	:	> 259 °F / > 126 °C Information taken from reference works and the literature.
Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available
Flow time	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	:	none

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Molecular weight	:	54.02 g/mol
Metal corrosion rate	:	Corrosive to metals
Particle characteristics		
Particle size	:	No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	Self-heating: may catch fire. The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Reactivity	:	Reacts violently with water.
Chemical stability	:	sensitive to moisture
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	can decompose violently in contact with: Water Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with: Aluminium Zinc Acids Exothermic reaction with: Oxidizing agents Risk of explosion with: Methanol with Chloroform
Conditions to avoid	:	Moisture.
Incompatible materials	:	No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	:	In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 1,687 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
Inhalation: No data available

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LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg
Remarks: (ECHA)

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Causes severe burns. - 4 h
(US-EPA)
Remarks: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Corrosive to eyes - 24 h
Remarks: (ECHA)
Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization
No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Sodium methylate:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill)): 15,400 mg/l
End point: mortality

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Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: flow-through test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: US-EPA
Remarks: Methanol

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 10,000 mg/l End point: Immobilization Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: static test Method: DIN 38412 Remarks: Methanol EC5 (E.sulcatum): > 10,000 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Remarks: (Lit.)
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): ca. 22,000 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 201 Remarks: Methanol
Toxicity to microorganisms	:	IC50 (activated sludge): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 209 Remarks: Methanol

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Sodium methylate:

Biodegradability	:	aerobic Inoculum: activated sludge Result: Readily biodegradable. Biodegradation: 95 % Exposure time: 20 d Remarks: Methanol

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

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Ozone-Depletion Potential	:	Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Components:

Sodium methylate:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	:	Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues	:	Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No.	:	UN 1431
Proper shipping name	:	Sodium methylate
Class	:	4.2
Subsidiary risk	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	Division 4.2 - Substances liable to spontaneous combustion, Class 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft)	:	470
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft)	:	466

IMDG-Code

UN number	:	UN 1431
Proper shipping name	:	SODIUM METHYLATE
Class	:	4.2
Subsidiary risk	:	8
Packing group	:	II

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Labels	:	4.2 (8)
EmS Code	:	F-A, S-L
Marine pollutant	:	no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number	:	UN 1431
Proper shipping name	:	Sodium methylate
Class	:	4.2
Subsidiary risk	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	Division 4.2 - Substances liable to spontaneous combustion, Class 8 - Corrosive substances
ERG Code	:	138
Marine pollutant	:	no
Poison Inhalation Hazard	:	No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
Sodium methylate	124-41-4	1000	1000

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards	:	Reactivity Hazard Acute Health Hazard Chronic Health Hazard
SARA 313	:	This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

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Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).
This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).
This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).
This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Substances are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A:

Sodium methylate	124-41-4	>= 90 - <= 100 %

The following Hazardous Chemicals are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3:

Sodium methylate	124-41-4	>= 90 - <= 100 %

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307
This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

Sodium methylate	124-41-4

Pennsylvania Right To Know

Sodium methylate	124-41-4

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

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AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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