

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Methylpyrrolidone, United States
Pharmacopeia (USP) Reference Standard

Product Number : 1437202
Brand : US Pharmacopeia
Index-No. : 606-021-00-7
CAS-No. : 872-50-4

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.
SPRUCE ST 3050
63103 St. Louis

Telephone : (314) 771-5765
Telefax: (800) 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800 424 9300 (CHEMTREC) 24/7
+1 703 527 3887 (CHEMTREC) 24/7

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 liquids : Category 4

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Skin irritation : Category 2
Eye irritation : Category 2A
Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H227 Combustible liquid.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapours.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response:
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.



P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

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

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 872-50-4

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	872-50-4*	>= 90 - <= 100	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.
Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : 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 contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.
In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.



If swallowed	: After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2 GHS label elements) 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	: Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
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Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
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Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible.
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Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)
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Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
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Further information	: Remove container from danger zone and cool with water.
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Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a 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:
Do not breathe vapours, aerosols.
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:
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, as indicated in Section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.

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 carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2 GHS label elements

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 : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

Further information on : Tightly closed.



storage conditions Keep in a well-ventilated place.
Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to
qualified or authorised persons.

Storage class : 6.1C, Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic
compounds or compounds which causing chronic
effects

Recommended storage : Recommended storage temperature see product label.
temperature

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	872-50-4	TWA	15 ppm 60 mg/m ³	US WEEL
		STEL	30 ppm 120 mg/m ³	US WEEL

Biological occupational exposure limits

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Biological specimen	Sampling time	Permissible concentration	Basis
N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	872-50-4	5-Hydroxy-N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	Urine	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)	100 mg/l	ACGIH BEI

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours 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 : Filter A-(P2)
type:

The entrepreneur 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 : butyl-rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.7 mm
Protective index : Full contact
Manufacturer : Butoject® (KCL 898)

Material : Latex gloves
Break through time : 60 min
Glove thickness : 0.6 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

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).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : 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 : liquid (68 °F / 20 °C, 1,013 hPa)

Colour : colourless



Odour	: amine-like
Odour Threshold	: No data available
pH	: 8.5 - 10.0 (68 °F / 20 °C) Concentration: 100 g/l
Melting point/ range	: -11.6 °F / -24.2 °C (1,013 hPa) Method: OECD Test Guideline 102
Boiling point/boiling range	: 396 °F / 202 °C (1,013.25 hPa)
Flash point	: 196 °F / 91 °C (1,013 hPa) Method: ISO 2719, Pensky-Martens closed cup
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: 473 °F / 245 °C 1,013 hPa Method: DIN 51794
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: Upper explosion limit 9.5 %(V)
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Lower explosion limit 1.3 %(V)
Vapour pressure	: 0.32 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 104
Relative vapour density	: 3.42 (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.03 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 109
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: 1,000 g/l soluble (68 °F / 20 °C)



Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: log Pow: -0.46 (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 107 Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: 518 °F / 270 °C
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: 1.661 mPa.s (77 °F / 25 °C)
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Surface tension	: 40.4 mN/m
Conductivity	: 0.2 - 0.4 µS/cm
Refractive index	: 1.469 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Molecular weight	: 99.13 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating. A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with: Oxidizing agents Violent reactions possible with: Strong acids Strong bases various plastics



Conditions to avoid	: Strong heating.
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: For Hazardous combustion 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 - 4,150 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 5.1 mg/l - aerosol

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 5,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritating to skin. - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 429)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: unscheduled DNA synthesis assay

Test system: rat hepatocytes

Method: OECD Test Guideline 482

Result: negative



Test Type: In vivo micronucleus test
Species: Mouse
Cell type: Bone marrow
Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test
Species: Chinese hamster
Cell type: Bone marrow
Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 475
Result: negative

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

May damage the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory system

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rabbit - male - Dermal - 20 d - No observed adverse effect level - 826 mg/kg - Lowest observed adverse effect level - 1,653 mg/kg
Remarks: Subacute toxicity

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause: Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Abdominal pain, Rats exposed to 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone at a concentration of 1 mg/L as an aerosol for 10 days showed depletion of hematopoietic cells in the bone marrow and atrophy of the lymphoid tissues of the thymus, spleen, and lymph nodes.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Bone marrow - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone:

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): > 500 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	: EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): ca. 4,897 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h Remarks: (IUCLID)
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: EC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): 672.8 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Method: DIN 38412
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 12.5 mg/l End point: reproduction rate Exposure time: 21 d Test Type: semi-static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 211 GLP: yes

Persistence and degradability

Components:

N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone:

Biodegradability	: aerobic Inoculum: activated sludge Concentration: 100 mg/l Result: Readily biodegradable. Biodegradation: 73 % Exposure time: 28 d Method: OECD Test Guideline 301C
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	: 1.100 mg/g Incubation time: 5 d Remarks: (Lit.)



Chemical Oxygen : 1.600 mg/g
Demand (COD) Remarks: (Lit.)

Stability in water : Degradation half life: ca. 15 yr

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone:

Partition coefficient: n- : log Pow: -0.46 (77 °F / 25 °C)
octanol/water Method: OECD Test Guideline 107
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

No data available

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

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : NA 1993
Proper shipping name : Combustible liquid, n.o.s.
(N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone)
Class : Combustible liquid.

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Packing group	: III
Labels	: None
ERG Code	: 128
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

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

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	:	Acute Health Hazard
		Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313	:	The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:		
		N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	872-50-4	>= 90 - <= 100 %

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	872-50-4
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Pennsylvania Right To Know

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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

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Washington Chemicals of High Concern

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California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, which is/are known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. **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.

The following substance(s) is/are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements:
N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone 872-50-4

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH BEI : ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
US WEEL : USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)
US WEEL / TWA : 8-hr TWA
US WEEL / STEL : Short-Term TWA

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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