

## 1: Identification

### Product identifier

Product name: **Methylmercury (II) chloride**

Stock number: 37123

CAS Number:

115-09-3

EC number:

204-064-2

Index number:

080-004-00-7

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

Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Manufacturer/Supplier:

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## 2: Hazard(s) identification

### Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008



GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 1 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.



GHS08 Health hazard

STOT RE 2 H373 May cause damage to the peripheral nervous system, the kidneys, the blood, the brain and the immune system through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral.

### Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC



T+; Very toxic

R26/27/28: Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.



N; Dangerous for the environment

R50/53: Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

R33: Danger of cumulative effects.

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment: Not applicable

Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.

### Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.

### Hazard pictograms



GHS06 GHS08

### Signal word Danger

#### Hazard statements

H300+H310+H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H373 May cause damage to the peripheral nervous system, the kidneys, the blood, the brain and the immune system through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral.

#### Precautionary statements

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor/...

P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).

P361 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

#### WHMIS classification

D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects

D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects



### Classification system

#### HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH 3 Health (acute effects) = 3

FIRE 1 Flammability = 1

REACTIVITY 1 Physical Hazard = 1

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**Other hazards**  
**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**  
PBT: Not applicable.  
vPvB: Not applicable.

**3: Composition/information on ingredients**

**Chemical characterization: Substances**  
**CAS# Description:**  
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**EC number:** 204-064-2  
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**4: First-aid measures**

**Description of first aid measures**

**General information**

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.  
Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.  
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After skin contact**

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

**After swallowing** Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.

**Information for doctor**

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** No further relevant information available.

**5: Fire-fighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing agents** Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Toxic metal oxide fume

Carbon monoxide (CO)

**Advice for firefighters**

**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

**6: Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

**Environmental precautions:**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.

Do not allow to penetrate the ground/soil.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Prevention of secondary hazards:** No special measures required.

**Reference to other sections**

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

**7: Handling and storage**

**Handling**

**Precautions for safe handling**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Open and handle container with care.

**Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No information known.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage**

**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:** No information known.

**Further information about storage conditions:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

**Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

**8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

**Control parameters**

**Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

methyl mercury, as Hg

mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV 0.01; 0.03-STEL (skin)

Austria MAK 0.05

Belgium TWA 0.01 (skin)

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Denmark TWA	0.05 (skin)
Finland TWA	0.05 (skin)
France VME	0.05 (skin)
Germany MAK	0.01
Japan OEL	0.05
Korea TLV	0.01; 0.03-STEEL (skin)
Netherlands MAC-TGG	0.05
Norway TWA	0.05
Sweden NGV	0.05 (vapor)
United Kingdom TWA	0.025
USA PEL	0.01 (skin)

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PEL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling limit value: 0.04 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hg
REL (USA)	Short-term value: 0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Long-term value: 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hg; Skin
TLV (USA)	Short-term value: 0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Long-term value: 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hg; Skin
EV (Canada)	Short-term value: 0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Long-term value: 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hg, Skin

**Additional information:** No data

**Exposure controls**

**Personal protective equipment**

**General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Store protective clothing separately.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

**Breathing equipment:** Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.

**Protection of hands:**

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses

**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

**9: Physical and chemical properties**

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

**General Information**

**Appearance:**

**Form:** Crystalline

**Color:** White

**Odor:** Not determined

**Odor threshold:** Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not applicable.

**Change in condition**

**Melting point/Melting range:** 170 °C (338 °F)

**Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined

**Sublimation temperature / start:** 100 °C (212 °F)

**Flash point:** Not applicable

**Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Not determined.

**Ignition temperature:** Not determined

**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined

**Auto igniting:** Not determined.

**Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

**Explosion limits:**

**Lower:** Not determined

**Upper:** Not determined

**Vapor pressure:** Not applicable.

**Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 4.06 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (33.881 lbs/gal)

**Relative density** Not determined.

**Vapor density** Not applicable.

**Evaporation rate** Not applicable.

**Solubility in / Miscibility with**

**Water:** Insoluble

**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

**Viscosity:**

**dynamic:** Not applicable.

**kinematic:** Not applicable.

**Other information** No further relevant information available.

**10: Stability and reactivity**

**Reactivity** No information known.

**Chemical stability** Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known

**Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.

**Incompatible materials:** No information known.

**Hazardous decomposition products:**

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

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Mercury and organic compounds containing mercury

**11: Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity:**

Fatal if inhaled.  
Fatal in contact with skin.  
Fatal if swallowed.

Danger through skin absorption.

**LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:** No data

**Skin irritation or corrosion:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

**Eye irritation or corrosion:** Irritating effect.

**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** No effects known.

**Carcinogenicity:**

IARC-2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans: limited evidence in humans in the absence of sufficient evidence in experimental animals.

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains tumorigenic and/or carcinogenic and/or neoplastic data for this substance.

**Reproductive toxicity:** No effects known.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:**

May cause damage to the peripheral nervous system, the kidneys, the blood, the brain and the immune system through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:** No effects known.

**Aspiration hazard:** No effects known.

**Other information (about experimental toxicology):**

Mutagenic effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

Mutagenic effects have been observed on tests with bacteria.

Reproductive effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

Tumorigenic effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

Carcinogenic effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Organic mercury compounds may attack the central nervous system causing permanent damage. Symptoms include loss of sensation in the hands and feet and in the areas around the mouth, diminishment of vision resulting in tunnel vision, ataxia, inflammation of the gums and mouth, memory loss, general fatigue, dysarthria and hearing loss. Severe poisoning produces blindness, coma and death. Severe poisoning in humans may occur even at doses as small as a few milligrams per kilogram of body weight. There may be a period of weeks to months before development of symptoms.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:** No effects known.

**Additional toxicological information:** To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

**12: Ecological information**

**Toxicity**

**Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

**Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

**Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

**Ecotoxicological effects:**

**Remark:** Very toxic for aquatic organisms

**Additional ecological information:**

**General notes:**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.

May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

**Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

**13: Disposal considerations**

**Waste treatment methods**

**Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

**Uncleaned packagings:**

**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**14: Transport information**

**UN-Number**

**DOT, IMDG, IATA**

UN2025

**UN proper shipping name**

**DOT**

**IMDG, IATA**

Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Ethylmercury chloride)

MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Ethylmercury chloride)

**Transport hazard class(es)**

**DOT**



**Class**

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**IMDG, IATA**

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**Packing group**  
DOT, IMDG, IATA

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**Environmental hazards:**

Environmentally hazardous substance, solid

**Special precautions for user**  
**Segregation groups**

Warning: Toxic substances  
Heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), mercury  
and mercury compounds

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**Transport/Additional information:**

**DOT**  
**Marine Pollutant (DOT):**

No

**UN "Model Regulation":**

UN2025, Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Ethylmercury chloride), 6.1, I

**15: Regulatory information**

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**National regulations**

This product is not listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory. Use of this product is restricted to research and development only. This product must be used by or directly under the supervision of a technically qualified individual as defined by TSCA. This product must not be used for commercial purposes or in formulations for commercial purposes.

**SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)**

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**California Proposition 65**

**Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer**

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**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity**

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**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female** Substance is not listed.

**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male** Substance is not listed.

**Information about limitation of use:**

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

This product contains mercury and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

**Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations**

**Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.** Substance is not listed.

**The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.**

Substance is not listed.

**Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)** Substance is not listed.

**REACH - Pre-registered substances** Substance is listed.

**Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

**16: Other information**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

**Department issuing SDS:** Global Marketing Department

**Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)