

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

MSDS #: 510.00

Revision Date: April 28, 2011

---

### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

---

#### Methyl Cellulose

Flinn Scientific, Inc. P.O. Box 219 Batavia, IL 60510 (800) 452-1261

CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

---

### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

---

Methyl cellulose

Synonym: methocel; methylcellulose; cellulose, methyl ether

CAS#: 9004-67-5

---

### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

---

White powder. Odorless.

Slightly irritating to skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. Not for human consumption.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-0

Flammability-0

Reactivity-0

Exposure-0

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

---

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

---

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution.

---

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

---

Noncombustible solid.

#### NFPA CODE

None  
established

---

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

---

Solid: Restrict unprotected personnel from the area. Use a damp paper towel to clean up spill. Avoid making methyl cellulose airborne during cleanup. Place in a sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

---

### SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

---

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #2. Store with alcohols, glycols, amines, and amides.

Store in a cool, dry place.

---

### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

---

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and a chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: as nuisance dust (PNOS) PEL 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as total dust; 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as respirable dust (OSHA)

---

**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

---

White powder.

Melting point: 290 - 305 °C

Solubility: Insoluble in alcohol, ether, and water warmer than 50.5 °C. Soluble in glacial acetic acid and cold water.

---

**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

---

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers. Cellulose and its derivatives may react vigorously with calcium oxide, bleaching powder, perchlorates, perchloric acid, sodium chlorate, fluorine, nitric acid, sodium nitrite, and sodium nitrate.

Shelf life: Good, if kept dry.

---

**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

---

Acute effects: Slightly irritating to skin, eyes, & mucous membranes. ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: >10,000 mg/kg

Chronic effects: N.A.

IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

Target organs: N.A.

SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

---

**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

---

Data not yet available.

---

**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

---

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Methods #26a or #26b are options.

---

**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

---

Shipping name: Not regulated

Hazard class: N/A

UN number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

---

**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

---

TSCA-listed.

---

**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

---

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is for guidance and is based upon information and tests believed to be reliable. Flinn Scientific, Inc. makes no guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the data and shall not be liable for any damages relating thereto. The data is offered solely for your consideration, investigation, and verification. The data should not be confused with local, state, federal or insurance mandates, regulations, or requirements and CONSTITUTE NO WARRANTY. Any use of this data and information must be determined by the science instructor to be in accordance with applicable local, state or federal laws and regulations. The conditions or methods of handling, storage, use and disposal of the product(s) described are beyond the control of Flinn Scientific, Inc. and may be beyond our knowledge. FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, WE DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE OR EXPENSE ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE HANDLING, STORAGE, USE OR DISPOSAL OF THIS PRODUCT(S).

**Consult your copy of the *Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual*  
for additional information about laboratory chemicals.**