



SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Product Name METHOCEL™ A15 Modified Cellulose Food Grade

Product Code(s) 67936

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Thickening agent
Binder
film
Processing aid
We recommend that you use this product in a manner consistent with the listed use. If your intended use is not consistent with the stated use, please contact your sales or technical service representative.

Restrictions on use None under normal use conditions

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

Combustible dust	Yes
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Label elements

Signal word: Warning

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

No hazards not otherwise classified were identified.

Other information

No information available.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%
Methyl cellulose	9004-67-5	95 - 100

*The exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

4. First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General advice	When in doubt or if symptoms are observed, get medical advice.
Inhalation	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
Eye contact	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Skin contact	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
Ingestion	IF SWALLOWED: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur.
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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians	Treat symptomatically.
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5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Foam. Dry powder. Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO2).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not use water jetstream.
Specific hazards arising from the	Fine dust dispersed in air, in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition

chemical	source is a potential dust explosion hazard.
Hazardous combustion products	Smoke production.
Explosion data	
Sensitivity to mechanical impact	No.
Sensitivity to static discharge	Yes.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	Positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and structural firefighters' protective clothing will provide adequate protection.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions	Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Sweep up to prevent slipping hazard.
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Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
Methods for cleaning up	Use industrial vacuum cleaners approved for combustible dust and area electrical classification.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling	Avoid generation of dust and aerosols. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Combustible dust clouds may be created where operations produce fine material (dust). Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Handling and processing operations should be conducted in accordance with 'best practices' (e.g. NFPA- 654).
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Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions	Keep/store only in original container. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
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8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Exposure Limits	Based on data available for ingredients
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Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Dust, non-specific	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ inhalable particles, recommended TWA: 3 mg/m ³ respirable particles, recommended	TWA: 15 mg/m ³ total dust TWA: 5 mg/m ³ respirable fraction (vacated) TWA: 15 mg/m ³ total dust (vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³ respirable fraction TWA: 15 mppcf respirable fraction TWA: 50 mppcf total dust	-

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid generation of dust and aerosols.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

Hand protection Wear protective gloves.

Skin and body protection Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.

Respiratory protection If exposure limits are likely to be exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced, NIOSH/MSHA or EN 136 approved respiratory protection should be worn.

General hygiene considerations Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

9. Physical and chemical properties**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Appearance	Powder
Physical state	Solid
Color	White to off-white
Odor	Odorless
Odor threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	No data available	None known
Melting point / freezing point	No data available	None known
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available	None known
Flash point	No data available	CC (closed cup)
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available	May form combustible dust concentrations in air
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known

Relative vapor density	No data available	None known
Relative density	No data available	None known
Water solubility	No data available	soluble
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	bioconcentration : None known
Autoignition temperature	No data available	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available	None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known
Other information		
Explosive properties	No data available	
Oxidizing properties	No information available	
Molecular weight	> 1000	

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Not expected.
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	None under normal processing.
Hazardous polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks. May form combustible dust concentrations in air.
Incompatible materials	Keep away from heat, flames and sparks.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known based on information supplied.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Acute toxicity	
Inhalation	No information or data specific to the product on this toxicological (health) effect is available.
Eye contact	No information or data specific to the product on this toxicological (health) effect is available.
Skin contact	No information or data specific to the product on this toxicological (health) effect is available.
Ingestion	No information or data specific to the product on this toxicological (health) effect is available.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms	Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur.
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Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Respiratory or skin sensitization	No information available.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No information available.
Carcinogenicity	No information available.
Reproductive toxicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	No information available.
STOT - repeated exposure	No information available.
Aspiration hazard	No information available.

Numerical measures of toxicity**Component Information**

Based on data available for ingredients

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Methyl cellulose 9004-67-5	>4000 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

Methyl cellulose 9004-67-5

Eye irritation	Not expected
Skin irritation	Not expected
Respiratory irritation	Not expected
Sensitization	Not expected
Reproductive effects	Not expected
Mutagenic effects	Not expected
Systemic Toxicity	Not expected
Carcinogenicity	Not expected
Teratogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

12. Ecological information**Ecotoxicity**

Based on data available for ingredients

Persistence and degradability

Based on data available for ingredients.

Bioaccumulative potential

Based on data available for ingredients.

Chemical name	Biodegradation	Bioaccumulation/Accumulation
Methyl cellulose 9004-67-5	Slow biodegradation	No bioaccumulation potential Molecular weight >1,000

Mobility in soil

No information available.

Other adverse effects

No information available.

13. Disposal considerations**Waste from residues/unused products**

Dispose of wastes in an approved waste disposal facility. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of empty containers and wastes safely. Dispose of waste product or used containers according to local regulations.

14. Transport information**DOT**

Not regulated

IATA Not regulated

IMDG Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories Based on data available for ingredients

Chemical name	AICS	DSL/NDSL	EINECS/ELINCS	ENCS	IECSC	KECL	PICCS
Methyl cellulose 9004-67-5	X	X	-	X	X	X	X

US Federal Regulations

TSCA A food, food additive, drug, cosmetic, or device, when manufactured, processed or distributed in commerce for use as a food, food additive, drug, cosmetic, or device is not subject to the notification requirements of the United States of America regulation 40 CFR 720.

Chemical name	CAS No	US TSCA Inventory listing	US TSCA active/inactive designation
Methyl cellulose	9004-67-5	Present	Active

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

US State Regulations

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Based on data available for ingredients

16. Other information

Legend:

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

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