# **Epoxycoat Reducer RestoFinish**

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS Regulations (Hazardous Chemicals) Amendment 2020 and ADG requirements

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### SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

Р	ro	du	ct	Identifier	

Product name	Epoxycoat Reducer	
Proper shipping name	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains toluene and methyl ethyl ketone)	
Chemical formula	Not Applicable	
Other means of identification Not Available		

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

Relevant identified uses	Epoxycoat Reducer is used for diluting and thinning of Epoxycoat primer.

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

Registered company name	RestoFinish	
Address	6/8 Stockyard Place West Gosford NSW 2250 Australia	
Telephone	(02) 4321 0339	
Fax	(02) 4321 0338	
Website	www.restofinish.com.au	
Email	info@restofinish.com.au	

### Emergency telephone number

	Association / Organisation	RestoFinish	
	Emergency telephone numbers	+61 2 4321 0339 (Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm)	
Other emergency telephone numbers 000 (After Hours)		000 (After Hours)	

### **SECTION 2 Hazards identification**

### Classification of the substance or mixture

### HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.

Poisons Schedule	S6
Classification <sup>[1]</sup>	Flammable Liquids Category 2, Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Aspiration Hazard Category 1, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2A, Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure (Respiratory Tract Irritation) Category 3, Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure (Narcotic Effects) Category 3, Reproductive Toxicity Category 2, Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure Category 2
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

### Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)







Signal word Danger

### Hazard statement(s)

H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.	
H302	Harmful if swallowed.	
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.	
H315	Causes skin irritation.	
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.	
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.	
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.	
H361d	Suspected of damaging the unborn child.	

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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H373 May cause dam

Precautionary statement(s) Prevention		
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.		
P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.		
P260 Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.		
P271   Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area		

### Precautionary statement(s) Response

P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider.	
P331	P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.	
P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.		
P370+P378 In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam or normal protein foam to extinguish.		

### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

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

### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

### **SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

### Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

### Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
78-93-3	30-60	methyl ethyl ketone
108-88-3	30-60	toluene
Not Available	balance	Ingredients determined not to be hazardous
Legend:	Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4.     Classification drawn from C&L * EU IOELVs available	

### **SECTION 4 First aid measures**

### Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	If this product comes in contact with the eyes:  Wash out immediately with fresh running water.  Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.  Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.  Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.
Skin Contact	If skin contact occurs:  Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.  Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).  Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation  Inhala	
Ingestion	<ul> <li>Avoid giving milk or oils.</li> <li>Avoid giving alcohol.</li> <li>For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once.</li> <li>Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.</li> <li>If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.</li> <li>If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</li> <li>Observe the patient carefully.</li> <li>Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.</li> <li>Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.</li> <li>Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.</li> </ul>

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Any material aspirated during vomiting may produce lung injury. Therefore emesis should not be induced mechanically or pharmacologically. Mechanical means should be used if it is considered necessary to evacuate the stomach contents; these include gastric lavage after endotracheal intubation. If spontaneous vomiting has occurred after ingestion, the patient should be monitored for difficult breathing, as adverse effects of aspiration into the lungs may be delayed up to 48 hours.

Treat symptomatically.

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### **Extinguishing media**

- Alcohol stable foam.
- Dry chemical powder
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.

### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

### Advice for firefighters

# Fire Fighting Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard. May be violently or explosively reactive. Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire. Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course. Liquid and vapour are highly flammable. Severe fire hazard when exposed to heat, flame and/or oxidisers. Vapour may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition. Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. Combustion products include: carbon dioxide (CO2) other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material. Contains low boiling substance: Closed containers may rupture due to pressure buildup under fire conditions.

### **SECTION 6 Accidental release measures**

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

### **Environmental precautions**

See section 12

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	<ul> <li>Remove all ignition sources.</li> <li>Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<ul> <li>Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>May be violently or explosively reactive.</li> <li>Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.</li> </ul>

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

### **SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

Precautions for safe handling

# Containers, even those that have been emptied, may contain explosive vapours. Do NOT cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.

Contains low boiling substance:

Storage in sealed containers may result in pressure buildup causing violent rupture of containers not rated appropriately.

Check for bulging containers.

Vent periodically

Always release caps or seals slowly to ensure slow dissipation of vapours

DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin

Electrostatic discharge may be generated during pumping - this may result in fire.
 Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment.

Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge (<=1 m/sec until fill pipe submerged to twice its diameter, then <= 7 m/sec).</p>

Avoid splash filling.

Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.

Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

► Use in a well-ventilated area

Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.

Other information

Safe handling

▶ Store in original containers in approved flame-proof area.

No smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.

▶ DO NOT store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapours may be trapped.

► Keep containers securely sealed.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### ► Packing as supplied by manufacturer.

# Plastic containers may only be used if approved for flammable liquid. Check that containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks. For low viscosity materials (i): Drums and jerry cans must be of the remaining the provided of th

For low viscosity materials (i): Drums and jerry cans must be of the non-removable head type. (ii): Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.

For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C)

For manufactured product having a viscosity of at least 250 cSt.

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Storage incompatibility

Avoid reaction with oxidising agents

### SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

### **Control parameters**

### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

### INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure Standards	methyl ethyl ketone	Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)	150 ppm / 445 mg/m3	890 mg/m3 / 300 ppm	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	toluene	Toluene	50 ppm / 191 mg/m3	574 mg/m3 / 150 ppm	Not Available	Not Available

### **Emergency Limits**

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
methyl ethyl ketone	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
toluene	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
methyl ethyl ketone	3,000 ppm	Not Available
toluene	500 ppm	Not Available

### MATERIAL DATA

# Exposure controls

# Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment

### Personal protection









Eye and face protection

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
  - Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task.

### Skin protection

### See Hand protection below

- ▶ Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC.
- ▶ Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, e.g. Rubber

# Hands/feet protection

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care.

### **Body protection**

Other protection

### See Other protection below

- ▶ Overalls.
- ► PVC Apron.
- PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.

# Some plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity.

- For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets).
- Non sparking safety or conductive footwear should be considered. Conductive footwear describes a boot or shoe with a sole made from a conductive compound chemically bound to the bottom components, for permanent control to electrically ground the foot an shall dissipate static electricity from the body to reduce the possibility of ignition of volatile compounds.

### Recommended material(s)

### GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

### "Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the *computer-generated* selection:

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Material	СРІ
PE/EVAL/PE	A
PVA	В
TEFLON	В
BUTYL	С
BUTYL/NEOPRENE	С

### Respiratory protection

Type A Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required. Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 5 x ES	A-AUS / Class 1	-	A-PAPR-AUS / Class 1
up to 25 x ES	Air-line*	A-2	A-PAPR-2
up to 50 x ES	-	A-3	-
50+ x ES	-	Air-line**	-

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CPE	С
HYPALON	С
NATURAL RUBBER	С
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE/NATURAL	С
NITRILE	С
NITRILE+PVC	С
PVC	С
SARANEX-23	С
SARANEX-23 2-PLY	С
VITON	С
VITON/CHLOROBUTYL	С
VITON/NEOPRENE	С

- \* CPI Chemwatch Performance Index
- A: Best Selection
- B: Satisfactory; may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion
- C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

**NOTE**: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

\* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

### ^ - Full-face

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Cartridge respirators should never be used for emergency ingress or in areas of unknown vapour concentrations or oxygen content.
- The wearer must be warned to leave the contaminated area immediately on detecting any odours through the respirator. The odour may indicate that the mask is not functioning properly, that the vapour concentration is too high, or that the mask is not properly fitted. Because of these limitations, only restricted use of cartridge respirators is considered appropriate.
- Cartridge performance is affected by humidity. Cartridges should be changed after 2 hr of continuous use unless it is determined that the humidity is less than 75%, in which case, cartridges can be used for 4 hr. Used cartridges should be discarded daily, regardless of the length of time used

### **SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Clear highly flammable liquid; partly mixes with water.		
Physical state	Liquid Relative density (Water = 1) 0.82-0.86 @20C		
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Available
pH (as supplied)	Not Available	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Applicable	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Available	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Applicable
Flash point (°C)	Not Available	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Not Available	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Partly miscible	pH as a solution (%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

### **SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

### **SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

### Information on toxicological effects

Inhaled

Evidence shows, or practical experience predicts, that the material produces irritation of the respiratory system, in a substantial number of individuals, following inhalation. In contrast to most organs, the lung is able to respond to a chemical insult by first removing or neutralising the

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irritant and then repairing the damage. The repair process, which initially evolved to protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens, may however, produce further lung damage resulting in the impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Respiratory tract irritation often results in an inflammatory response involving the recruitment and activation of many cell types, mainly derived from the vascular system.

Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo.

Central nervous system (CNS) depression may include nonspecific discomfort, symptoms of giddiness, headache, dizziness, nausea, anaesthetic effects, slowed reaction time, slurred speech and may progress to unconsciousness. Serious poisonings may result in respiratory depression and may be fatal.

Acute effects from inhalation of high concentrations of vapour are pulmonary irritation, including coughing, with nausea; central nervous system depression - characterised by headache and dizziness, increased reaction time, fatigue and loss of co-ordination

Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

### Ingestion

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Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

Swallowing of the liquid may cause aspiration of vomit into the lungs with the risk of haemorrhaging, pulmonary oedema, progressing to chemical pneumonitis; serious consequences may result.

Signs and symptoms of chemical (aspiration) pneumonitis may include coughing, gasping, choking, burning of the mouth, difficult breathing, and bluish coloured skin (cyanosis).

The material produces moderate skin irritation; evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either

- roduces moderate inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or
- produces significant, but moderate, inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals (for up to four hours), such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period.

### **Skin Contact**

Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use.

Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material

Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

# Eye

The vapour when concentrated has pronounced eye irritation effects and this gives some warning of high vapour concentrations. If eye irritation occurs seek to reduce exposure with available control measures, or evacuate area.

Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material may cause severe eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or may produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals. Eye contact may cause significant inflammation with pain. Corneal injury may occur; permanent impairment of vision may result unless treatment is prompt and adequate. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may cause inflammation characterised by a temporary redness (similar to windburn) of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur. The liquid produces a high level of eye discomfort and is capable of causing pain and severe conjunctivitis. Corneal injury may develop, with possible permanent impairment of vision, if not promptly and adequately treated.

Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems. Serious damage (clear functional disturbance or morphological change which may have toxicological significance) is likely to be caused by repeated or prolonged exposure. As a rule the material produces, or contains a substance which produces severe lesions. Such damage may become apparent following direct application in subchronic (90 day) toxicity studies or following sub-acute (28 day) or chronic (two-year) toxicity tests.

Exposure to the material may cause concerns for humans owing to possible developmental toxic effects, generally on the basis that results in appropriate animal studies provide strong suspicion of developmental toxicity in the absence of signs of marked maternal toxicity, or at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of other toxic effects.

Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying with cracking, irritation and possible dermatitis following.

On the basis, primarily, of animal experiments, concern has been expressed by at least one classification body that the material may produce carcinogenic or mutagenic effects; in respect of the available information, however, there presently exists inadequate data for making a satisfactory assessment.

### Chronic

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Chronic toluene habituation occurs following intentional abuse (glue sniffing) or from occupational exposure. Ataxia, incoordination and tremors of the hands and feet (as a consequence of diffuse cerebral atrophy), headache, abnormal speech, transient memory loss, convulsions, coma, drowsiness, reduced colour perception, frank blindness, nystagmus (rapid, involuntary eye-movements), hearing loss leading to deafness and mild dementia have all been associated with chronic abuse. Peripheral nerve damage, encephalopathy, giant axonopathy electrolyte disturbances in the cerebrospinal fluid and abnormal computer tomographic (CT scans) are common amongst toluene addicts. Although toluene abuse has been linked with kidney disease, this does not commonly appear in cases of occupational toluene exposures.

Limited information is available on the chronic (long-term) effects of methyl ethyl ketone in humans. Chronic inhalation studies in animals have reported slight neurological, liver, kidney, and respiratory effects. No information is available on the developmental, reproductive, or carcinogenic effects of methyl ethyl ketone in humans. Developmental effects, including decreased foetal weight and foetal malformations, have been reported in mice and rats exposed to methyl ethyl ketone via inhalation and ingestion.

Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

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	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: ~6400-8000 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (human): 350 ppm -irritant
methyl ethyl ketone	Inhalation(Mouse) LC50; 32 mg/L4h <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (rabbit): 80 mg - irritant
	Oral(Rat) LD50; 2054 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Skin (rabbit): 402 mg/24 hr - mild
		Skin (rabbit):13.78mg/24 hr open
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
toluene	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye (rabbit): 2mg/24h - SEVERE
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	Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	Skin (rabbit):500 mg - moderate
	Skin (rabbit):20 mg/24h-moderate
	Eye: adverse effect observed (irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
Oral(Rat) LD50; 636 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (rabbit):100 mg/30sec - mild
Inhalation(Rat) LC50; 12.5-28.8 mg/l4h <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (rabbit):0.87 mg - mild

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**TOLUENE** 

 Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2.\* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

### METHYL ETHYL KETONE

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS.

Methyl ethyl ketone is considered to have a low order of toxicity; however methyl ethyl ketone is often used in combination with other solvents and the toxic effects of the mix may be greater than either solvent alone. Combinations of n-hexane with methyl ethyl ketone and also methyl n-butyl ketone with methyl ethyl ketone show increase in peripheral neuropathy, a progressive disorder of nerves of extremities. Combinations with chloroform also show increase in toxicity

### For toluene:

### **Acute Toxicity**

Humans exposed to intermediate to high levels of toluene for short periods of time experience adverse central nervous system effects ranging from headaches to intoxication, convulsions, narcosis, and death. Similar effects are observed in short-term animal studies.

**Humans** - Toluene ingestion or inhalation can result in severe central nervous system depression, and in large doses, can act as a narcotic. The ingestion of about 60 mL resulted in fatal nervous system depression within 30 minutes in one reported case.

Constriction and necrosis of myocardial fibers, markedly swollen liver, congestion and haemorrhage of the lungs and acute tubular necrosis were found on autopsy.

Central nervous system effects (headaches, dizziness, intoxication) and eye irritation occurred following inhalation exposure to 100 ppm toluene 6 hours/day for 4 days.

Exposure to 600 ppm for 8 hours resulted in the same and more serious symptoms including euphoria, dilated pupils, convulsions, and nausea . Exposure to 10,000-30,000 ppm has been reported to cause narcosis and death

Toluene can also strip the skin of lipids causing dermatitis

Animals - The initial effects are instability and incoordination, lachrymation and sniffles (respiratory exposure), followed by narcosis.

# METHYL ETHYL KETONE & TOLUENE

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling the epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

Acute Toxicity	✓	Carcinogenicity	×
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✓	Reproductivity	✓
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	<b>~</b>	STOT - Single Exposure	✓
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	×	STOT - Repeated Exposure	<b>✓</b>
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	✓

Leaend:

X - Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification

Data available to make classification

### **SECTION 12 Ecological information**

### **Toxicity**

Epoxycoat Reducer	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	NOEC(ECx)	48h	Crustacea	68mg/l	2
	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	1972mg/l	2
methyl ethyl ketone	LC50	96h	Fish	>324mg/L	4
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	308mg/l	2
	EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	>500mg/l	4
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
toluene	LC50	96h	Fish	5-35mg/l	4
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	3.78mg/L	5
	NOEC(ECx)	168h	Crustacea	0.74mg/L	5
	EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	>376.71mg/L	4

Legend:

Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment

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Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data

### DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways

### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
methyl ethyl ketone	LOW (Half-life = 14 days)	LOW (Half-life = 26.75 days)
toluene	LOW (Half-life = 28 days)	LOW (Half-life = 4.33 days)

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation	
methyl ethyl ketone	LOW (LogKOW = 0.29)	
toluene	LOW (BCF = 90)	

### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility	
methyl ethyl ketone	MEDIUM (KOC = 3.827)	
toluene	LOW (KOC = 268)	

### **SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

### Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- ► Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible

### Otherwise:

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.
- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
  - It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
  - ▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
  - ▶ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
  - Recycle wherever possible.
  - Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
  - Dispose of by: burial in a land-fill specifically licensed to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material).
  - Decontaminate empty containers.

### **SECTION 14 Transport information**

### Labels Required



Marine Pollutant NO
HAZCHEM •3YE

### Land transport (ADG)

UN number	1993		
UN proper shipping name	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains toluene and methyl ethyl ketone)		
Transport hazard class(es)	Class 3 Subrisk Not Applicable		
Packing group	Ш		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	Special provisions 274 Limited quantity 1 L		

### Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

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UN number	1993	1993			
UN proper shipping name	Flammable liquid, n.o.s.	* (contains toluene and methyl ethyl ketone)			
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class ICAO / IATA Subrisk	3 Not Applicable			

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	ERG Code 3H		
Packing group	II		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
	Special provisions	A3	
	Cargo Only Packing Instructions		
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack		
Special precautions for user	Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions	353	
	Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack		
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions		
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack		

### Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	1993		
UN proper shipping name	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains toluene and methyl ethyl ketone)		
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class     3       IMDG Subrisk     Not Applicable		
Packing group	II .		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	EMS Number F-E , S-E Special provisions 274 Limited Quantities 1 L		

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

### Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
methyl ethyl ketone	Not Available
toluene	Not Available

### Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

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Product name	Ship Type
methyl ethyl ketone	Not Available
toluene	Not Available

### **SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

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

### methyl ethyl ketone is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) -Schedule 5 Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

### toluene is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) -Schedule 5

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule  $\boldsymbol{6}$ 

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)
Chemical Footprint Project - Chemicals of High Concern List
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC
Monographs

### **National Inventory Status**

National inventory Status	
National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (methyl ethyl ketone; toluene)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes

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National Inventory	Status
USA - TSCA	Yes
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	Yes
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

### **SECTION 16 Other information**

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### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

### **Definitions and abbreviations**

PC-TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC-STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

ES: Exposure Standard

OSF: Odour Safety Factor

NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

LOD: Limit Of Detection

OTV: Odour Threshold Value

BCF: BioConcentration Factors

BEI: Biological Exposure Index

AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List

NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China

EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers

ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory

NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory

INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory

FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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