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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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# 1. Identification

**Product identifier** 

Product Name METHOCEL™ 240 Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose

Product Code(s) 16665

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

**Supplier Address** 

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# 2. Hazard(s) identification

# Classification

Combustible dust Yes

#### 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-%	
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	9004-65-3	95 - 100	

<sup>\*</sup>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.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

# 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

chemical

Fine dust dispersed in air, in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition

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.

#### 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).

#### 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.

# 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

#### Control parameters

**Exposure Limits** Based on data available for ingredients

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Dust, non-specific	TWA: 10 mg/m³ inhalable	TWA: 15 mg/m³ total dust	-
	particles, recommended	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable	

TWA: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable	fraction	
particles, recommended	(vacated) TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total	
	dust	
	(vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	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 mild
Odor No information available
Odor threshold No information available

PropertyValuesRemarks • MethodpH5 - 8aqueous solutionMelting point / freezing pointNo data availableNone known

Melting point / freezing pointNo data availableNone knownInitial boiling point and boiling rangeNo data availableNone knownFlash pointNo data availableCC (closed cup)Evaporation rateNo data availableNone known

Flammability (solid, gas)

No data available

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

Flammability Limit in Air

Upper flammability or explosive No data available

limits

Lower flammability or explosive No data available

limits

Vapor pressureNo data availableNone knownRelative vapor densityNo data availableNone knownRelative densityNo data availableNone knownWater solubilityNo data availablePartly solubleSolubility(ies)No data availableNone known

Partition coefficient No data available bioconcentration : None known

**Autoignition temperature** 170 °C Key literature references and sources for data Does

not ignite before melting

Not applicable to Solids

**Decomposition temperature** 140 Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

Decomposes on heating

Kinematic viscosity No data available None known

Dynamic viscosity No data available Solid

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 No hazardous decomposition products known.

### 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.

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Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur.

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Germ cell mutagenicity
Carcinogenicity
Reproductive toxicity
STOT - single exposure
STOT - repeated exposure
No information available.
No information available.
No information available.
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
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	>4000 mg/kg ( Rat )	>5000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-

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9004-65-3			

Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose 9004-65-3

Eye irritation Not expected Skin irritation Not expected Not expected Respiratory irritation Not expected Sensitization Not expected Reproductive effects Not expected **Mutagenic effects Systemic Toxicity** Not expected Carcinogenicity Not expected **Teratogenicity** Not expected

# 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
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	Slow biodegradation	No bioaccumulation potential
9004-65-3	-	Molecular weight >1,000

Mobility in soil

Other adverse effects

No information available.

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

DOTNot regulatedIATANot regulatedIMDGNot regulated

# 15. Regulatory information

<u>International Inventories</u>

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Chemical name	AICS	DSL/NDSL	EINECS/ELIN CS	ENCS	IECSC	KECL	PICCS
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose 9004-65-3	Х	Х	-	Х	Х	Х	Х

#### **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
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	9004-65-3	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:

# 16665 - METHOCEL™ 240 Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose

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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**Revision Note** \*\*\*Indicates updated data since last publication.

#### **Disclaimer**

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