

Safety Data Sheet

Classified According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS)

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation: Methylene Blue Loeffler Formulation, Loeffler's Alkaline Methylene Blue for Staining and Differentiation of Acid Fast Organisms in Smears

Product Number: 4880

Other Identifying Product Numbers: 4880-100, 4880-16, 4880-4

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company: Ricca Chemical Company

Address: 448 West Fork Drive

Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone: 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hours)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300

CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements:
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 2	H319	P264, P280, P305+P351+P338, P337+P313
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1	H360	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 2	H371	P260, P264, P270, P308+P311, P405, P501
Flammable Liquids	Category 3	H226	P210, P233, P240, P241, P242, P243, P280, P303+P361+P353, P370+P378, P403+P235, P501

Safety Data Sheet

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H371	May cause damage to organs.

Safety Data Sheet

Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P260	Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308+P311	IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H ₂ O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	75.53
Ethyl Alcohol	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	46.06 g/mol	64-17-5	23.01
Methyl Alcohol	CH ₃ OH	32.04 g/mol	67-56-1	1.15
Methylene Blue Trihydrate	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ ClN ₃ S·3H ₂ O	373.90 g/mol	7220-79-3	0.31
Potassium Hydroxide	KOH	56.10 g/mol	1310-58-3	< 0.1



Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. General First Aid Information

Eye Contact: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva.

Inhalation: Not expected to require first aid. If necessary, remove to fresh air.

Skin Contact: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Results in drying and cracking which can lead to secondary infections and dermatitis.

Ingestion: Dilute immediately with water or milk. Induce vomiting. Call a physician.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Causes serious eye irritation. May damage fertility or the unborn child. May cause damage to organs. Flammable liquid. Primarily toxic by ingestion. If ingested, give large quantity of water and induce vomiting. Call a physician. Contact may cause dryness and cracking of the skin. May cause irritation to the eyes. Wash areas of contact with water. May cause irritation of the respiratory system. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva. SKIN CONTACT: Results in drying and cracking which can lead to secondary infections and dermatitis.

4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Wash areas of contact with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Dilute immediately with water or milk. Induce vomiting. Call a physician.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish. Use dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide for extinguishing the surrounding fire. Use water as fog in flooding quantities. Water can be used to dilute spills to non-flammable mixtures.

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Flammable liquid and vapor. Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flashback. Use water spray to blanket fire, cool fire exposed containers, and to flush non-ignited spills or vapors away from fire. Explosion hazard when exposed to heat, flame or oxidizers.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Ground container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Remove all sources of ignition. Contain spill. Do not flush to sewer. Absorb with suitable inert material (vermiculite, dry sand, etc) and place in a chemical waste container for proper disposal in an approved waste disposal facility. Ventilate area of spill. Have extinguishing agent available in case of fire. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Store in secure, flammable storage area away from all sources of ignition. Empty containers may be hazardous since they retain product residues.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1 Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	TLV-Ceiling	USA	2 mg/m ³ Ceiling	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)
Ethyl Alcohol (64-17-5)	TWA	USA	1000 ppm TWA; 1900 mg/m ³ TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Ethyl Alcohol (64-17-5)	TLV-STEL	USA	1000 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TWA	USA	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m ³ TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TLV-STEL	USA	250 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TLV-TWA	USA	200 ppm TWA	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

8.2. Exposure Controls

Engineering Controls: A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limit.

Safety Data Sheet

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator with organic vapor cartridge may be worn.

Skin Protection: Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator with organic vapor cartridge may be worn. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.

SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Blue liquid

Physical State: Liquid

Odor: Data not available.

Odor Threshold: Data not available.

pH: Data not available.

Melting/Freezing Point: Approximately 0°C

Initial Boiling Point/Range: Approximately 82°C - Approximately 82°C

Flash Point: 24°C

Evaporation Rate: Data not available.

Flammability: Data not available.

Flammability/Explosive Limits: Data not available.

Vapor Pressure: Data not available.

Vapor Density: Data not available.

Relative Density: 0.98

Solubility: Miscible

Partition Coefficient: Data not available.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Data not available.

Decomposition Temperature: Data not available.

Viscosity: Data not available.

Explosive Properties: Data not available.

Oxidizing Properties: Data not available.

Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Oxidizers, platinum, Sodium, Potassium Dioxide, Bromine Pentafluoride, Acetyl Bromide, Acetyl Chloride, heat, sparks, open flame.

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: (Methanol) 5628 mg/kg, details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value, (Ethanol) 7060 mg/kg, respiratory effects noted. LD50, Oral, Rat: (Potassium Hydroxide) 273 mg/kg, details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value.

Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Not applicable.

Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Causes serious eye irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. 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 attention.

Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.

Skin Sensitization:

Not applicable.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

Not applicable.



Safety Data Sheet

Carcinogenicity:

Not applicable.

Reproductive Toxicity:

May damage fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:

May cause damage to organs. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:

Not applicable.

Aspiration Hazard:

Not applicable.

Additional Toxicology Information:

Data not available.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Not applicable.

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in Soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.



Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1. Transportation by Land-Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Sizes: 100 mL, 120 mL, 500 mL

UN Number: UN1987

Proper Shipping Name: Alcohols, n.o.s. (Ethanol, Methanol)

Hazard Class: 3

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Sizes: 100 mL, 120 mL, 500 mL

UN Number: UN1987

Proper Shipping Name: Alcohols, n.o.s. (Ethanol, Methanol)

Hazard Class: 3

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Sizes: 100 mL, 120 mL, 500 mL

UN Number: UN1987

Proper Shipping Name: ALCOHOLS, N.O.S. (ethanol, methanol)

Hazard Class: 3

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Not listed.

15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 1.0 % de minimis concentration

15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Teratogen

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present

15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Environmental hazard

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): "Present" As Denatured alcohols [RR-00113-8]

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): "Present" As Denatured alcohols [RR-00113-8]

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Environmental hazard

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): "Present" As Ethyl alcohol and water [RR-00802-6]

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): corrosive

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): sn 1571

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): carcinogen; flammable - third degree; mutagen; teratogen

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): sn 0844

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): flammable - third degree; teratogen

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): sn 1222

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): SN 1222 500 lb TPQ

Safety Data Sheet

15.8. California Proposition 65

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): "carcinogen, 7/1/1988 (when associated with alcohol abuse); carcinogen, 4/29/2011" As Alcoholic beverages [RR-01961-4]

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): "developmental toxicity, 10/1/1987 (listed under Ethyl alcohol in alcoholic beverages)" As Alcoholic beverages [RR-01961-4]

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): carcinogen, 7/1/1988 (when associated with alcohol abuse); carcinogen, 4/29/2011

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): developmental toxicity, 10/1/1987 (listed under Ethyl alcohol in alcoholic beverages)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): developmental toxicity, 3/16/2012

15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present (DSL)

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present (DSL)

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present (NDSL)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present (DSL)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present (NDSL)

Methylene Blue Trihydrate (CAS # 7220-79-3): Present (DSL)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (DSL)

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

All components of this solution are listed as active on the TSCA Inventory or are mixtures (hydrates) of active items listed on the TSCA Inventory.

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present (ACTIVE)

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present (ACTIVE)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present (ACTIVE)

Methylene Blue Trihydrate (CAS # 7220-79-3): Present (ACTIVE)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (ACTIVE)

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): 215-181-3

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): 200-578-6

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): 270-649-4

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 200-659-6

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 270-649-4

Methylene Blue Trihydrate (CAS # 7220-79-3): 200-515-2

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): 231-791-2

Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 16: Other Information

16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

Flammable liquid and vapor. Causes serious eye irritation. May damage fertility or the unborn child. May cause damage to organs.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Ground container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention. In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class: Not Applicable.

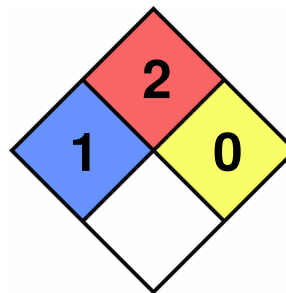
Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC): Not Applicable.

Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC): Not Applicable.

Biohazardous Infectious Materials Hazard Class: Not Applicable.

16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

Health: 1
Flammability: 2
Reactivity: 0
Special Hazard:



16.4. Document Revision

Last Revision Date: 2023-09-11

DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.