Methyl Acrylate (MA)

CAS #: 96-33-3 EINECS #: 202-500-6

CHEMICAL FORMULA

$$CH_2 = C - C - C - CH_3$$

Molecular weight: 86

OTHER NAMES

Acrylic acid methyl ester 2-Propenoic acid, methyl ester

SPECIFICATIONS

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Test Method</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Purity	GC	99.5 % (min)
Appearance	Visual	C.F.S.M.
Color	ASTM D1209	10 PT-CO (max)
Inhibitor Concentration	ASTM D3125	10 – 20 ppm MEHQ
Water Content	ASTM D1364	500 ppm (max)
Acidity (as Acrylic Acid)	ASTM D1613	90 ppm (max)



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MAIN PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Molecular weight 86				
Boiling point, at 1013 mbar 80℃				
Freezing point75℃				
Specific gravi	ty	at 20℃0.956 at 25℃0.950		
Refractive inc	lex, n _D	at 20℃1.403 at 25℃1.400		
Viscosity		0.489 mP a.s 0.461 mPa.s		
Solubility wa	ater in MA A in water	at 20℃ 2.5 g/100 g at 20℃ 5 .2 g/100 g		
Specific heat in liquid state 2.01 kJ/kg℃				
Latent heat of vaporization 384 kJ/kg				
Heat of polymerization 914 kJ/kg				
Homopolymer glass transition temperature $10 \ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$				
Flash point		in open cup 3° in closed cup -2°		
Lower explosion limit in volume 2.8%				
Vapor pressu	re	at 20℃91 mbar at 30℃147 mbar at 50℃346 mbar		
Auto-ignition temperature				

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Addition reactions to the double bonds.
- Ability to polymerize and copolymerize.
- Values for the copolymerization reactivity ratios r₁, r₂ of methyl acrylate (M₁) with various monomers (M₂) have been calculated using the Alfrey & Price formula:

Styrene	$r_1 = 0.14$	$r_2 = 0.78$
Methyl methacrylate	$r_1 = 0.50$	$r_2 = 1.91$
Vinyl acetate	$r_1 = 9.98$	$r_2 = 0.05$

HANDLING AND SAFETY ADVISES

Carefully read the material safety data sheet.

PACKAGING AND STORAGE

Methyl Acrylate is delivered:

- in carbon steel railcars, capacity 90 tons
- in 45,000 pound stainless steel tank trucks
- in 400 pound steel drums

The standard inhibitor level is 15 ppm Monomethyl Ether of HydroQuinone (MEHQ).

With this inhibitor, the product should be stored at a temperature of no more than 25°C and away from light. It must also be stored under air atmosphere, as the presence of oxygen is essential to maintain the inhibitor effectiveness.

Under these conditions, the product is commercially guaranteed for three months after delivery.

Methyl acrylate is a highly flammable product, and the appropriate precautions must be taken in handling it.

USES

Methyl acrylate is used in the composition of polymers and copolymers, with a wide range of industrial applications, such as:

- acrylic and modacrylic fibers
- resins and dispersions for paints, varnishes and inks, glues and adhesives
- aqueous dispersions for non-woven fabrics, textiles and paper
- cleaning and waxing products
- plastic and synthetic resins
- synthetic rubbers and latexes
- organic synthesis

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