



**Product Number: 847**

**Product Name: Methyl Ethyl Ketone MEK**

## **USE AND SAFETY INFORMATION**

**Methyl Ethyl Ketone** is a fast evaporating solvent for thinning epoxies, lacquers and adhesives, as well as polyester resins used in fiberglass boat and auto repairs. When cleaning application equipment, or when using for any other purpose, prevent flammable vapor buildup by limiting the amount used to a few ounces at a time. Wait until vapors are gone between uses. Methyl Ethyl Ketone should never be used as an adhesive remover on floors, walls or other large surfaces. Carefully read and follow all cautions on this label before using, and always follow specific material manufacturer's recommendations.

**Do not** use as a general-purpose cleaner. M.E.K. may soften or damage plastics, synthetics and many other finishes. Use only where specified, and test an inconspicuous area before application.

**CAUTIONS:** CONTAINS METHYL ETHYL KETONE. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Vapors are given off rapidly during use and may ignite explosively. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel long distances to other rooms or lower areas. DO NOT use in confined areas such as basements or bathrooms. Open all doors and windows to provide plenty of fresh air cross ventilation equal to outdoor conditions. DO NOT smoke. Extinguish all flames and pilot lights, and turn off stoves, heaters, electric motors and other sources of ignition during use and until all vapors are gone. Vapors may linger for 30 minutes or more after use. If you smell Methyl Ethyl Ketone, vapors are still present. Do not turn ignition sources on or relight pilot lights until certain that all vapors are gone. Avoid rubbing; friction may cause static electric sparks which may ignite vapors. Do not attempt to start or re-ignite charcoal, wood or any other fire with this product. An explosive fire may result or fire may flash back into the can and explode. For disposal guidance of unused product, contact a household hazardous waste program, or your local or state government environmental control agency. Do not transfer contents to unlabeled containers. Close container after each use.

**Health Hazards:** Vapor harmful. May affect the brain or nervous system causing dizziness, headache or nausea. Causes eye, skin, nose and throat irritation. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist. If you experience eye watering, headaches, dizziness or have difficulty breathing, increase fresh air or wear respiratory protection (NIOSH approved) or leave the area to obtain fresh air. Reports have associated repeated and prolonged occupational overexposure to solvents with permanent brain and nervous system damage. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling contents may be harmful or fatal.

**WARNING:** THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CHEMICALS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER AND BIRTH DEFECTS, OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM.

**First Aid:** If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting. Call physician, hospital emergency room or poison control center immediately. In case of eye contact, flush with water for 15 minutes and get medical attention; for skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water and get medical attention if irritation persists. If overcome by vapors, remove to fresh air and get medical attention.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**