

Methyl Acrylate, MA

Acrylic acid methyl ester, 2-Propenoic acid, methyl ester

$$H_2C$$
OCH₃

Introduction

Methyl Acrylate (MA) is a clear, colorless liquid with a sharp, pungent odor. It's comprised of a polymerizable vinyl functional group on one end and a reactive ester group on the other end. It is slightly miscible with water, soluble in most organic solvents and has relatively low volatility. It's vapor is heavier than air. Methyl Acrylate copolymerizes readily with ethylene, acrylonitriles, styrene and (meth)acrylic acid. The added ester group imparts properties such as durability, flexibility, elasticity, stickiness and adhesiveness.

Applications

Methyl Acrylate can be homopolymerized into PolyMA or co-polymerized with ethylene to form Ethylene-MA co- polymers which can be used to form a variety of latexes and thermoplastics. These products exhibit high flexibility, good adhesiveness, elasticity and form good O2 barriers. PolyMA is a tough, leathery and flexible and polymers containing MA exhibit the following characteristics.

- Mechanical strength, flexibility, durability, elasticity
- Weather resistance, moisture resistance, UV resistance
- Crosslinking sites, can be copolymerized with other acrylates.
- Low volatility and low odor.
- Methyl Acrylate monomer is also used in the manufacture of inks, resins, caulks, adhesives, sealants, fibers, leather and packaging materials.

Physical Properties

Property	Value
Formula weight	86
Appearance	Clear, colorless liquid
Odor	Strong ester, pungent odor
Specific gravity at 25 °C	0.955
Refractive index at 25 °C	1.402
Viscosity, cps at 25 °C	0.569
Boiling point at 760 mmHg	80 °C
Freezing point	-75 °C
Solubility in water	Slightly Soluble
Flash point, °C	3
Tg of homopolymer, °C	10
Vapor Pressure, mm at 20 °C	67.5
Vapor Density, (air=1)	3
Autoignition Temperature, °C	468

Typical Composition

Property	Standard Specification	Typical Value
Methyl Acrylate assay	99.50% Min	99.85 wt%
MEHQ 10, 50 ppm	5 - 15, 45 - 55 ppm	Target
Water	0.05% Max	0.02%
Color	10 Max	5
Acidity as Acrylic Acid	0.009% Max	0.001%

Handling Precautions

Before using this product, consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for details on product hazards, recommended handling precautions and product storage.

Storage

Consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). The monomer shelf life informs how long the material will remain stable under normal conditions. Never store expired material.

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