



# Methyl Isobutyl Carbinol

Product Code	S1216
Region	Europe
Product Category	Alcohols
CAS Registry Number	108-11-2
Synonym(s)	4-methyl-2-pentanol, MIBC
Description	Methyl isobutyl carbinol (MIBC), a high boiling, colourless, stable liquid. MIBC is a solvent for ethyl cellulose and certain phenolics as well as many oils, dyes, gums, and natural resins. It is a latent solvent for nitrocellulose. MIBC is miscible with organic solvents, but has only limited solubility in water.

## Typical Properties

Property	Unit	Method	Value
Purity, min.	%m/m	GC	98.0
Water	%m/m	ASTM D1364	0.02
Acidity (as Acetic Acid)	%m/m	ASTM D1613	0.001
Density at 20°C	kg/l	ASTM D4052	0.807
Specific Gravity at 20°C/20°C	-	ASTM D4052	0.809
Specific Gravity at 25°C/25°C	-	ASTM D4052	0.805
Coefficient of Cubic Expansion at 20°C	10 <sup>-4</sup> /°C	Calculated	11
Refractive Index at 20°C	-	ASTM D1218	1.410
Colour	Pt-Co	ASTM D1209	< 5
Boiling Point	°C	-	132
Relative Evaporation Rate (nBuAc=1)	-	ASTM D3539	0.28
Relative Evaporation Rate (Ether=1)	-	DIN 53170	66
Antoine Constant A #	kPa. °C	-	6.63977
Antoine Constant B #	kPa. °C	-	1521.88
Antoine Constant C #	kPa. °C	-	196.767

Temperature Limits for Antoine Equation #	°C	-	+10 to +140
Vapour Pressure at 20°C	kPa	Calculated	0.42
Vapour Pressure at 50°C	kPa	Calculated	3.0
Saturated Vapor Concentration at 20°C	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Calculated	17
Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)	g/l	EU / EPA	807
Flash Point (Abel)	°C	IP 170	41
Auto Ignition Temperature	°C	ASTM E659	305
Lower Explosion Limit	%v/v	-	1.0
Upper Explosion Limit	%v/v	-	5.5
Electrical Conductivity at 20°C	pS/m	ASTM D4308	3*10 <sup>5</sup>
Dielectric Constant at 20°C	-	-	10.4
Freezing Point	°C	-	-90
Surface Tension at 20°C	mN/m	-	23
Viscosity at 20°C	mPa.s	-	5.2
Hildebrand Solubility Parameter	(cal/cm <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1/2</sup>	-	10.0
Hydrogen Bonding Index	-	-	-18.7
Fractional Polarity	-	-	0.066
Heat of Vaporization at T <sub>boil</sub>	kJ/kg	-	413
Heat of Combustion (Net) at 25°C	kJ/kg	-	36000
Specific Heat at 20°C	kJ/kg/°C	-	2.40
Thermal Conductivity at 20°C	W/m/°C	-	0.13
Miscibility at 20°C: Solvent in water	%m/m	-	1.6
Miscibility at 20°C: Water in solvent	%m/m	-	6.3
Azeotrope with Water: Boiling Point	°C	-	94.3
Azeotrope with Water: Solvent Content	%m/m	-	55.6
Molecular Weight	g/mol	-	102

(#) In the Antoine temperature range, the vapor pressure P (kPa) at temperature T (°C) can be calculated by means of the Antoine equation:  $\log P = A - B/(T+C)$

## Test Methods

Copies of copyrighted test methods can be obtained from the issuing organisations:

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) : [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)  
Energy Institute (IP) : [www.energyinst.org.uk](http://www.energyinst.org.uk)  
Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN) : [www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

N.B: For routine quality control local test methods may be applied. Such methods have been validated against those mentioned in this datasheet.

## Quality

Methyl Isobutyl Carbinol can be supplied to meet the requirements of ASTM D2635. Methyl Isobutyl Carbinol does not contain detectable quantities of polycyclic aromatics, heavy metals or chlorinated compounds.

## Hazard Information

For detailed Hazard Information please refer to the Safety Data Sheet on [www.shell.com/chemicals](http://www.shell.com/chemicals).

## Storage Handling

Provided proper storage and handling precautions are taken we would expect Methyl Isobutyl Carbinol to be technically stable for at least 12 months. For detailed advice on Storage and Handling please refer to the Safety Data Sheet on [www.shell.com/chemicals](http://www.shell.com/chemicals).

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