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Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Carcinogen, Target Organ Effect, Irritant

Target Organs

Blood, Eyes, Female reproductive system., Bone marrow
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GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 2)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)
Skin irritation (Category 2)
Eye irritation (Category 2A)
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B)
Carcinogenicity (Category 1A)
Aspiration hazard (Category 1)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H303 May be harmful if swallowed.
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H340 May cause genetic defects.
H350 May cause cancer.
H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
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 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: +
Flammability: 3
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 2
Fire: 3
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed. Aspiration hazard if swallowed - can enter lungs and cause damage.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : C₆H₆
Molecular Weight : 78.11 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Benzene			
71-43-2	200-753-7	601-020-00-8	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Flash back possible over considerable distance. Container explosion may occur under fire conditions.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist. Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Benzene	71-43-2	TWA	0.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Leukemia Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic to humans based on the weight of evidence from epidemiologic studies. Danger of cutaneous absorption			
		STEL	2.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Leukemia Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic to humans based on the weight of evidence from epidemiologic studies. Danger of cutaneous absorption			
		TWA	10 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2
	Z37.40-1969			
		CEIL	25 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2
	Z37.40-1969			

	Peak	50 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2
	Z37.40-1969		
	See 1910.1028. See Table Z-2 for the limits applicable in the operations or sectors excluded in 1910.1028 The final benzene standard in 1910.1028 applies to all occupational exposures to benzene except some subsegments of industry where exposures are consistently under the action level (i.e., distribution and sale of fuels, sealed containers and pipelines, coke production, oil and gas drilling and production, natural gas processing, and the percentage exclusion for liquid mixtures); for the excepted subsegments, the benzene limits in Table Z-2 apply.		
	TWA	0.1 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
	Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		
	ST	1 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
	Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		

Personal protective equipment**Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Appearance**

Form liquid
Colour colourless

Safety data

pH no data available
Melting point/freezing point Melting point/range: 5.5 °C (41.9 °F) - lit.
Boiling point 80 °C (176 °F) - lit.
Flash point -11.0 °C (12.2 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature 562 °C (1,044 °F)
Autoignition 562.0 °C (1,043.6 °F)

temperature

Lower explosion limit 1.3 %(V)

Upper explosion limit 8 %(V)

Vapour pressure 221.3 hPa (166.0 mmHg) at 37.7 °C (99.9 °F)
99.5 hPa (74.6 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)

Density 0.874 g/cm³ at 25 °C (77 °F)

Water solubility no data available

Partition coefficient:
n-octanol/water no data available

Relative vapour
density no data available

Odour no data available

Odour Threshold no data available

Evaporation rate no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

Materials to avoid

acids, Bases, Halogens, Strong oxidizing agents, Metallic salts

Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,990 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - female - 4 h - 44,700 mg/m³

Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 8,263 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.

In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects

Genotoxicity in vitro - Human - lymphocyte

Sister chromatid exchange

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte

Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.

Genotoxicity in vivo - mouse - Inhalation

Sister chromatid exchange

Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenicity - Human - male - Inhalation

Tumorigenic: Carcinogenic by RTECS criteria. Leukaemia Blood: Thrombocytopenia.

Carcinogenicity - rat - Oral

Tumorigenic: Carcinogenic by RTECS criteria. Endocrine: Tumors. Leukaemia

This is or contains a component that has been reported to be carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

Human carcinogen.

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Benzene)

NTP: Known to be human carcinogen (Benzene)

Reproductive toxicity

Reproductive toxicity - mouse - Intraperitoneal

Effects on Fertility: Pre-implantation mortality (e.g., reduction in number of implants per female; total number of implants per corpora lutea). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetal death.

Teratogenicity

Developmental Toxicity - rat - Inhalation

Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Extra embryonic structures (e.g., placenta, umbilical cord). Effects on Embryo or Fetus:

Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).

Developmental Toxicity - mouse - Inhalation

Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Cytological changes (including somatic cell genetic material). Specific Developmental

Abnormalities: Blood and lymphatic system (including spleen and marrow).

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Potential health effects

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Skin

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Eyes

Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, narcosis, Inhalation of high concentrations of benzene may have an initial stimulatory effect on the central nervous system characterized by exhilaration, nervous excitation and/or giddiness, depression, drowsiness, or fatigue. The victim may experience tightness in the chest, breathlessness, and loss of consciousness. Tremors, convulsions, and death due to respiratory paralysis or circulatory collapse can occur in a few minutes to several hours following severe exposures. Aspiration of small amounts of liquid immediately causes pulmonary edema and hemorrhage of pulmonary tissue. Direct skin contact may cause erythema. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may result in drying, scaling dermatitis, or development of secondary skin infections. The chief target organ is the hematopoietic system. Bleeding from the nose, gums, or mucous membranes and the development of purpuric spots, pancytopenia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, aplastic anemia, and leukemia may occur as the condition progresses. The bone marrow may appear normal, aplastic or hyperplastic, and may not correlate with peripheral blood-forming tissues. The onset of effects of prolonged benzene exposure may be delayed for many months or years after the actual exposure has ceased., Blood disorders

Synergistic effects
no data available

Additional Information
RTECS: CY1400000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 5.90 mg/l - 96 h
	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 15.00 - 32.00 mg/l - 96 h
	LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 230.00 mg/l - 96 h
	NOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 10.2 mg/l - 7 d
	LOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 17.2 mg/l - 7 d
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates.	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 22.00 mg/l - 48 h
	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 9.20 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 29.00 mg/l - 72 h

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Result: - Readily biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d
Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 10

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Toxic to aquatic life.

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN number: 1114 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Benzene
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 1114 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D
Proper shipping name: BENZENE
Marine pollutant: No

IATA

UN number: 1114 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Benzene

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Carcinogen, Target Organ Effect, Irritant

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzene	71-43-2	2007-07-01

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzene	71-43-2	2007-07-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzene	71-43-2	2007-07-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzene	71-43-2	2007-07-01

California Prop. 65 Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer. Benzene	71-43-2	2009-02-01

California Prop. 65 Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Benzene	71-43-2	2009-02-01

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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