

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Benzene

Product Number : 319953

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 601-020-00-8

CAS-No. : 71-43-2

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B), H340

Carcinogenicity (Category 1A), H350

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 1), H372

Aspiration hazard (Category 1), H304

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

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.

H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
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.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Formula	: C ₆ H ₆
Molecular weight	: 78.11 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 71-43-2
EC-No.	: 200-753-7
Index-No.	: 601-020-00-8
Registration number	: 01-2119447106-44-XXXX

Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
Benzene	Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; Muta. 1B; Carc. 1A; STOT RE 1; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H225, H304, H315, H319, H340, H350, H372, H412	90 - 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of 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. Take victim immediately to hospital. 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.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

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

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

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

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, 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.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 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.

6.3 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).

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 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.

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Component	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 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 Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		TWA	10 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.40-1969		
		CEIL	25 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.40-1969		
		Peak	50 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		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		

Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Benzene	71-43-2	S-Phenylmercapturic acid	0.0300 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)

	Remarks	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		t,t-Muconic acid	0.5000 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		S-Phenylmercapturic acid	25µg/g creatinine	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		t,t-Muconic acid	500µg/g creatinine	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

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

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face 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 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.

Full contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

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.

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).

Control of environmental exposure

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

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: liquid Colour: clear, colourless
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 5.5 °C (41.9 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	80 °C (176 °F) - lit.
g) Flash point	-11.0 °C (12.2 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 8 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1.3 %(V)
k) 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)
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	0.874 g/cm ³ at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	ca.1.88 g/l at 23.5 °C (74.3 °F) - soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 2.13 at 25 °C (77 °F)
p) Auto-ignition temperature	562.0 °C (1,043.6 °F)
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

10.5 Incompatible materials

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

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides
In the event of fire: see section 5

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - > 5,960 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - female - 4 h - 43.7 mg/l
(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 8,263 mg/kg

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation - 4 h
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.

In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects

Chinese hamster lung cells

Result: positive

OECD Test Guideline 475

Mouse - male

Result: positive

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)

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Benzene)

Reproductive toxicity

Reproductive toxicity - Mouse - Intraperitoneal

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

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

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity
Rat - male and female - Oral - NOAEL : 100 mg/kg - OECD Test Guideline 408
RTECS: CY1400000

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

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 15.00 - 32.00 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Ceriodaphnia dubia (water flea) - 17.2 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae	Growth inhibition EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 100 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	aerobic - Exposure time 28 d Result: 96 % - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301F)
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12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation	Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d - 0.05 mg/l
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Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 10

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

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
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

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

IATA

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

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components

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:

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Benzene	71-43-2	2007-07-01

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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

New Jersey Right To Know Components

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

California Prop. 65 Components

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
Benzene

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WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.
Benzene

CAS-No.	Revision Date
71-43-2	2009-02-01

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Asp. Tox.	Aspiration hazard
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
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.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	3
Physical Hazard	0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

Further information

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