



XYLENE

1. Product Identification

Synonyms: Dimethyl benzene, xylol, methyltoluene

CAS No.: 1330-20-7

Molecular Weight: 106.17

Chemical Formula: C₆H₄(CH₃)₂

Product Code : 33601, , 33602 , 33605

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
m-Xylene	108-38-3	40 - 65%
o-Xylene	95-47-6	15 - 20%
p-Xylene	106-42-3	< 20%

3. Hazards Identification

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: Inhalation of vapors may be irritating to the nose and throat. Inhalation of high concentrations may result in nausea, vomiting, headache, ringing in the ears, and severe breathing difficulties which may be delayed in onset. Substernal pain, cough, and hoarseness are also reported.

Ingestion: Ingestion causes burning sensation in mouth and stomach, nausea, vomiting and salivation.

Skin Contact: Skin contact results in loss of natural oils and often results in a characteristic dermatitis.

May be absorbed through the skin.

Eye Contact: Vapors cause eye irritation. Splashes cause severe irritation, possible corneal burns and eye damage.

Chronic Exposure: Chronic inhalation can cause headache, loss of appetite, nervousness and pale skin.

Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause a skin rash. Repeated exposure of the eyes to high concentrations of vapor may cause reversible eye damage. Repeated exposure can damage bone marrow, causing low blood cell count. May damage the liver and kidneys.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions: Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems, or impaired liver, kidney, blood, or respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician immediately.

Ingestion: Aspiration hazard. If swallowed, vomiting may occur spontaneously, but DO NOT INDUCE. If vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration into lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

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5. Fire Fighting Measures

Fire: Flash point: 29C (84F) CC

Autoignition temperature: 464C (867F)

Flammable limits in air % by volume:

l_{el}: 1.0; u_{el}: 7.0

Explosion: Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above.

Sensitive to static discharge.

Fire Extinguishing Media: Dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool, dilute spills to nonflammable mixtures, protect personnel attempting to stop leak and disperse vapors.

Special Information: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flash back.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer! If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures

7. Handling and Storage

Protect against physical damage. Store in a cool, dry well-ventilated location. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Separate from incompatibles. Containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks. Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas. Use non-sparking type tools and equipment, including explosion proof ventilation. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits:

-OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

100 ppm (TWA) xylene

100 ppm (TWA) ethylbenzene

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

xylene: 100 ppm (TWA) 150 ppm (STEL), A4 - Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

ethyl benzene: 100 ppm (TWA) 125 ppm (STEL), A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen with Unknown Relevance to Humans.

Ventilation System:

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half-face organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified

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by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face piece organic vapor respirator may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

Skin Protection:

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

Eye Protection:

Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid.

Odor: Characteristic odor.

Solubility: Insoluble in water.

Specific Gravity: 0.86 @ 20C/4C

pH: Not applicable.

% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F): 100

Boiling Point: 137 - 140C (279 - 284F)

Melting Point: -25C (-13F)

Vapor Density (Air=1): 3.7

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): 8 @ 20C (68F)

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): 0.7

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:

Involvement in a fire causes formation of carbon monoxide and unidentified organic components.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibilities: Strong oxidizing agents and strong acids.

Conditions to Avoid: Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

Toxicological Data:

Xylene: oral rat LD50: 4300 mg/kg; inhalation rat LC50: 5000 ppm/4H; skin rabbit LD50: > 1700 mg/kg;

Irritation eye rabbit: 87 mg mild (Std. Draize); irritation skin rabbit 500 mg/24 moderate (Std. Draize);

investigated as a tumorigen, mutagen, reproductive effector.

Ethyl benzene: oral rat LD50: 3500 mg/kg; skin rabbit LD50: 17800 uL/kg; investigated as a tumorigen,

mutagen, reproductive effector.

Reproductive Toxicity: May cause teratogenic effects.

12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate:

When released into the soil, this material may evaporate to a moderate extent. When released into the soil, this material is expected to leach into groundwater. When released into the soil, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released into water, this material may evaporate to a moderate extent. When released into water, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released into the air, this material may be moderately degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals.

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13. Disposal Considerations

Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

Land

Proper Shipping Name: XYLENES

Hazard Class: 3

UN/NA: UN1307

Packing Group: III

Information reported for product/size: 398LB

Water

Proper Shipping Name: XYLENES

Hazard Class: 3

UN/NA: UN1307

Packing Group: III

Information reported for product/size: 398LB

15. Regulatory Information

SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: Yes Fire: Yes Pressure: No

Reactivity: No (Mixture / Liquid)

16. Other Information

Product Use:

Laboratory Reagent.