

# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## O-XYLENE

SDS No. M0216

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: o-Xylene

Synonyms: 1,2-Dimethylbenzene, ortho-xylene, o-xylol

Recommended Use: This product is recommended for laboratory and manufacturing use only. It is not recommended for drug, food or household use.

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION



#### **Classification:**

Flammable Liquids: GHS Category 3

Acute Toxicity, Inhalation: GHS Category 4

Acute Toxicity, Dermal: GHS Category 4

Skin Irritation: GHS Category 2

Reproductive Toxicity: GHS Category 2

Acute Aquatic Hazard: GHS Category 2

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#### **Label Elements**

Signal Word: DANGER!

#### Hazard Statements:

H226 – Flammable liquid and vapor.

H312 – Harmful in contact with skin.

H315 – Causes skin irritation.

H332 – Harmful if inhaled.

H361 – Suspected of causing damage to fertility or the unborn child.

H411 – Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### Precautionary Statements:

P210 – Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking.

P243 – Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P273 – Avoid release to the environment.

P280 – Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

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P303+P361+P353 – If on skin or hair: Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse continuously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do – continue rinsing.

P403+P235 – Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P501 – Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

### **Emergency Overview**

Causes irritation to eyes and respiratory tract. Aspiration hazard if swallowed. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin. May cause central nervous system depression, liver damage, or kidney damage. Causes adverse reproductive and fetal effects in animals. Flammable liquid and vapor. Static electrical hazard. Target Organs: Blood, kidneys, central nervous system, liver, lungs, eyes, skin, and mucous membranes.

#### HMIS Rating:

Health – 2\* Flammability – 3 Physical Hazard – 0 PPE – User supplied

NOTE: HMIS ratings use a numbering scale that ranges from 0 - 4 to indicate the degree of hazard. A value of zero means the chemical presents no hazard while a value of four indicates a high hazard. These ratings are based on the inherent properties of this chemical under expected conditions of normal use and are not intended to be used in emergency situations. PPE is determined by the user based on their needs and conditions.

## **3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>CAS No</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Hazardous</u>
o-Xylene	95-47-6	>96%	Yes

## **4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give supplemental oxygen. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration. Get medical attention.

Ingestion: Get medical attention. Rinse mouth with water. DO NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of 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: Check for and remove contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flammability: Highly flammable liquid and vapor (GHS Category 3)

Auto-ignition Temperature: 464° C (867° F)

Flash Point: 31° C (88° F)

Flammable Limits: Lower Limit – 0.9 vol %, Upper Limit – 6.7 vol %

Products of Combustion: May decompose into carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide in fire conditions.

Specific Fire Hazards: As in any fire, always wear self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand (MSA/NIOSH approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool. Approach fire from upwind to avoid hazardous vapors and toxic decomposition products. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. Vapors can spread along the ground and collect in low or confined areas. Liquid is lighter than water and may travel to a source of ignition and spread fire. May accumulate static electricity.

Specific Explosion Hazards: Not available.

Fire Fighting Media: Water streams may be ineffective and spread the fire. Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.

National Fire Protective Association: Health - 2, Flammability - 3, Reactivity - 0

NOTE: NFPA ratings use a numbering scale that ranges from 0 - 4 to indicate the degree of hazard. A value of zero means the chemical presents no hazard while a value of four indicates a high hazard. They are for use by emergency personnel to address the hazards that are presented by short term, acute exposure to this product under fire, spill, or similar emergencies. Ratings involve data and interpretations that may vary from company to company.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Use water spray to dilute into a non-flammable mixture. Avoid run-off into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways. Provide ventilation to the affected area and remove all ignition sources. Vapor suppressing foam may be used. Water spray may reduce vapors but may not prevent ignition in closed spaces. Absorb spilled liquid with sorbent pads, socks, or other inert material such as vermiculite, sand, or earth. Approach the spill from upwind and pick up absorbed material and place it in a suitable container. Always use proper personal protective equipment as described in section 8.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions: Always use proper personal protective equipment as described in section 8. Wash thoroughly after handling. Ground and bond containers when transferring material. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Empty containers contain product residue (liquid and vapor) and can be dangerous. Keep container tightly closed and away from heat, spark, and flame. Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind, or expose empty containers to heat, sparks, or open flames. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Storage: Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame in a flammables area. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep from contact with oxidizing materials and strong acids. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated space and avoid contact with incompatible materials.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. Facilities storing or using the material should be equipped with eyewash station and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

Personal Protection: Wear protective chemical goggles or appropriate eye protection. Use appropriate protective gloves and protective clothing to prevent skin exposure. A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever possible. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

Exposure Limits:

ACGIH – 100 ppm TWA; 150 ppm STEL

NIOSH – 100 ppm TWA 435 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA; 160 ppm ST; 655 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ST; 900 ppm IDLH

OSHA Final PELs – 100 ppm TWA 435 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State and Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid.

Odor: aromatic odor

Odor Threshold: 1 ppm

Molecular Formula: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Molecular Weight: 106.17

Auto-ignition Temperature: 464° C (867° F)

Flash Point: 31° C (88° F)

Flammable Limits: Lower Limit – 0.9 vol %, Upper Limit – 6.7 vol %

pH: Not available.

Boiling Point: 144° C @ 760 mm Hg

Freezing/Melting Point: -25° C

Decomposition Temperature: Not available

Specific Gravity: 0.879 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Vapor Density (Air=1): Not available

Vapor Pressure: 6.6 mm Hg @ 25° C.

Evaporation Rate (Butyl acetate = 1): Not available

Viscosity: <32.6 SUS

Solubility: Insoluble

Conductivity: Nonconductive; Conductivity = 0.1 pS/m; Dielectric Constant = 2.38; Relaxation Time Constant = ~100 seconds

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Under normal storage conditions, temperature and pressure.

Conditions to Avoid: Ignition sources and excess heat.

Incompatibility With Various Substances: Oxidizing agents.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Routes of Entry: Inhalation, skin absorption, skin contact

Acute Exposure Hazards:

INHALATION HAZARD: High concentrations may cause central nervous system effects characterized by nausea, headache, dizziness, unconsciousness, and coma. Prolonged exposures may result in dizziness and general weakness. Irritation may lead to pneumonitis and pulmonary edema. May cause liver and kidney damage. Causes irritation of the mucous membranes. Exposure may cause blood abnormalities. Odor is not an adequate warning of exposure to xylene.

INGESTION HAZARD: Aspiration hazard. May cause irritation of the digestive tract. May cause central nervous system depression characterized by excitement followed by nausea, headache, dizziness, and unconsciousness. Advanced stages may cause collapse, loss of consciousness, coma, and death from respiratory failure.

SKIN CONTACT HAZARD: May be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Causes skin irritation, defatting, cracking, and dryness.

EYE CONTACT HAZARD: Causes severe eye irritation. Contact with eyes generally causes transient, superficial injury.

Chronic Exposure Hazards: Prolonged or repeated exposure to xylene may cause defatting and dermatitis, reversible eye damage, labored breathing, confusion, dizziness, apprehension, memory loss, headache, tremors, weakness, anorexia, nausea, ringing in the ears, irritability, thirst, mild changes in liver function, kidney impairment, anemia, and hyperplasia (but not destruction) of bone marrow.

Animal Toxicity:

Intraperitoneal, mouse: LD50 = 1364 mg/kg;

Carcinogenicity:

ACGIH: A4, not classifiable as a human carcinogen

IARC: Group 3 – not classifiable.

Epidemiology: No information found.

Teratogenicity: No information found.

Reproductive Effects: There is evidence that xylene produces reduced body weight, retarded ossification, retarded kidney development, and increased extra rib in embryos, as well as, fetotoxicity in mice and rats. It is not considered teratogenic.

Mutagenicity: No information available.

Neurotoxicity: No information available.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity:

Fish: bluegill: LC50 = 16.1 mg/L; 96 Hr.

Fish: goldfish: LC50 = 13 mg/L; 24 Hr.

Invertebrate: Water flea: EC50 = 1.39-1.87 mg/l, 48 hr.

Algae: Green: EC50 = 4.7 mg/l; 72 hr.

Algae: Fresh water: EC50 = 55 mg/L; 24 hr.

Environmental Fate: No information available.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Material that cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. Waste generators must decide if discarded material is a hazardous waste. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal definitions found in 40 CFR 261.3. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### US DOT

Proper Shipping Name: Xylenes

Hazard Class: 3

UN Number: UN1307

Packing Group: III

#### IMDG

Proper Shipping Name: Xylenes

Hazard Class: 3

UN Number: UN1307

Packing Group: III

#### IATA

Proper Shipping Name: Xylenes

Hazard Class: 3

UN Number: UN1307

Packing Group: III

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### US Federal Regulations:

CERCLA Hazardous Substances: CAS# 95-47-6 – 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

SARA Section 302: Does not have a TPQ

SARA Codes: CAS# 95-47-6 – acute, chronic, flammable

Section 313: Xylene (CAS# 95-47-6) is reportable under Section 313 and 40 CFR 373..

Clean Air Act: CAS# 95-47-6 is listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP).

Clean Water Act: CAS# 95-47-6 is listed as a Hazardous Substance.

OSHA: Not considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

#### US State Regulations:

CAS# 95-47-6 is on the following state right-to-know lists: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts

California Prop 65: This product contains no chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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