

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : *p*-Benzoquinone

Product Number : B10358

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion, Irritant

##### Target Organs

Eyes

##### GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Eye irritation (Category 2A)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 + H331

Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

H400

Very toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

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.

P311

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

**HMIS Classification**

Health hazard: 2  
Chronic Health Hazard: \*  
Flammability: 2  
Physical hazards: 1

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 2  
Fire: 2  
Reactivity Hazard: 1

Health hazard: 2  
Fire: 0  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** Toxic if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** Toxic if swallowed.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Quinone  
Formula : C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 108.09 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Quinone</b>		
CAS-No.	106-51-4	-
EC-No.	203-405-2	
Index-No.	606-013-00-3	

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****General advice**

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

**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**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable extinguishing media**

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

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### 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

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

### Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Light sensitive. Exposure to moisture. Keep in a dry place.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Quinone	106-51-4	TWA	0.1 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye irritation Skin damage			
		TWA	0.1 ppm 0.4 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	0.1 ppm 0.4 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	The value in mg/m3 is approximate.			
		TWA	0.1 ppm 0.4 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N99 (US) or type P2 (EN 143) 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, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Hygiene measures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	powder
Colour	dark yellow

### Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 113 - 115 °C (235 - 239 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	no data available
Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	no data available
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	0.1 hPa (0.1 mmHg) at 25 °C (77 °F)
Density	no data available
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.2
Relative vapour density	4.33
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Reacts violently with: Strong oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

### Thermal decomposition

243 °C

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

no data available

**Inhalation LC50**

no data available

**Dermal LD50**

no data available

**Other information on acute toxicity**

no data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

Genotoxicity in vitro - Ames test - *S. typhimurium*  
Histidine reversion (Ames)

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
DNA damage

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
DNA inhibition

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.

Genotoxicity in vitro - Human - lymphocyte  
Sister chromatid exchange

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - Embryo  
Morphological transformation.

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
Other mutation test systems

Genotoxicity in vitro - Hamster - Lungs  
Micronucleus test

Genotoxicity in vitro - Human - lymphocyte  
Other mutation test systems

Genotoxicity in vivo - mouse - Oral  
Micronucleus test

**Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Skin

Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Tumors. Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Quinone)

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

## Teratogenicity

no data available

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

May cause respiratory irritation.

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

no data available

### Aspiration hazard

no data available

### Potential health effects

<b>Inhalation</b>	Toxic if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Toxic if swallowed.
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Damage to the eyes.

### Synergistic effects

no data available

### Additional Information

RTECS: DK2625000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.04 - 0.125 mg/l - 96.0 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1 - 3.5 mg/l - 24 h
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 0.08 mg/l - 4 h

### Persistence and degradability

no data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

### 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.

Very toxic to aquatic life.

no data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 2587 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Benzoquinone  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2587 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: BENZOQUINONE  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 2587 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Benzoquinone

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****OSHA Hazards**

Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion, 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:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Quinone	106-51-4	1993-04-24

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Quinone	106-51-4	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Quinone	106-51-4	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Quinone	106-51-4	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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