

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Benzyl chloride

Product Number : 185558

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## Emergency Overview

## OSHA Hazards

Combustible Liquid, Carcinogen, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion, Harmful by skin absorption., Corrosive, Mutagen

## Target Organs

Kidney, Liver, Blood, Central nervous system

## Other hazards which do not result in classification

Lachrymator.

## GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2)

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Serious eye damage (Category 1)

Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B)

Carcinogenicity (Category 1B)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 2)

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2)

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226

Flammable liquid and vapour.

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H318

Causes serious eye damage.

H330 Fatal if inhaled.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H340 May cause genetic defects.  
H350 May cause cancer.  
H371 May cause damage to organs.  
H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P284 Wear respiratory protection.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

**HMIS Classification**

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

**NFPA Rating**

**Health hazard:** 4  
**Fire:** 2  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.  
**Skin** Causes skin burns.  
**Eyes** Causes eye burns.  
**Ingestion** Toxic if swallowed.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms :  $\alpha$ -Chlorotoluene

Formula :  $C_7H_7Cl$

Molecular Weight : 126.58 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Benzyl chloride</b>		
CAS-No.	100-44-7	-
EC-No.	202-853-6	
Index-No.	602-037-00-3	
<b>Methyloxirane</b>		
CAS-No.	75-56-9	1 - 5 %
EC-No.	200-879-2	
Index-No.	603-055-00-4	
Registration number	01-2119480483-35-XXXX	

### 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. 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. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. 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**

For small (incipient) fires, use media such as "alcohol" foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide. For large fires, apply water from as far as possible. Use very large quantities (flooding) of water applied as a mist or spray; solid streams of water may be ineffective. Cool all affected containers with flooding quantities of water.

**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, Hydrogen chloride gas

**Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions**

Wear respiratory protection. 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).

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

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

**Conditions for safe storage**

Store in cool place. 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.

Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive.

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

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Benzyl chloride	100-44-7	TWA	1 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans			
		TWA	1 ppm 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	1 ppm 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants

	The value in mg/m3 is approximate.			
		C	1 ppm 5 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
	15 minute ceiling value			
Remarks	Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A			
Methyloxirane	75-56-9	TWA	2 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Eye & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans Sensitizer			
		TWA	20 ppm 50 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	100 ppm 240 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	The value in mg/m3 is approximate.			

## 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

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). 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

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

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	liquid
Colour	colourless

### Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -43 °C (-45 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	177 - 181 °C (351 - 358 °F) - lit.
Flash point	60 °C (140 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	585 °C (1,085 °F)
Autoignition temperature	no data available

Lower explosion limit	1.1 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	14 %(V)
Vapour pressure	13.7 hPa (10.3 mmHg) at 60 °C (140 °F) 9 hPa (7 mmHg) at 55 °C (131 °F)
Density	1.1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	4.37 - (Air = 1.0)
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

Heat, flames and sparks.

### Materials to avoid

Contact with common metals (except nickel and lead) or moisture produces a Friedel-Crafts, condensation-type reaction with the liberation of heat and formation of toxic and corrosive hydrogen chloride. Hydrolyzes very slowly to form hydrogen chloride and benzyl alcohol. This product is not sensitive to physical impact. When stabilized with propylene oxide, the possibility of a Friedel-Crafts type reaction is minimized. Depletion of the stabilizer increases the possibility of condensation reactions, Oxidizing agents, Iron and iron salts., Brass, Aluminum

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Hydrogen chloride gas

Other decomposition products - no data available

Contains the following stabiliser(s):

Methyloxirane (<=1 %)

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,231 mg/kg

#### Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 0.74 mg/l

Remarks: Irritating to respiratory system.

#### 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

### **Carcinogenicity**

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

Possible human carcinogen

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Benzyl chloride)

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Methyloxirane)

NTP: Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Methyloxirane)

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 damage to organs.

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. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Toxic if swallowed.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes skin burns.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye burns.

### **Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

### **Synergistic effects**

no data available

### **Additional Information**

RTECS: XS8925000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 4 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 6.1 mg/l - 48 h

### Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Biotic/Aerobic
	Result: 80 % - Readily biodegradable.

### 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.

Toxic to aquatic life.

no data available

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## 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.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1738	Class: 6.1 (8)	Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Benzyl chloride		
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs		
Marine pollutant: No		
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No		

### IMDG

UN number: 1738	Class: 6.1 (8)	Packing group: II	EMS-No: F-A, S-B
Proper shipping name: BENZYL CHLORIDE			
Marine pollutant: No			

### IATA

UN number: 1738	Class: 6.1 (8)	Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Benzyl chloride		

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### OSHA Hazards

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### SARA 302 Components

CAS-No.

Revision Date

Methyloxirane  
Benzyl chloride

75-56-9  
100-44-7

1994-04-01  
2007-07-01

#### **SARA 313 Components**

Methyloxirane  
Benzyl chloride

CAS-No.  
75-56-9  
100-44-7

Revision Date  
1994-04-01  
2007-07-01

#### **SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

#### **Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

Methyloxirane  
Benzyl chloride

CAS-No.  
75-56-9  
100-44-7

Revision Date  
1994-04-01  
2007-07-01

#### **Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

Methyloxirane  
Benzyl chloride

CAS-No.  
75-56-9  
100-44-7

Revision Date  
1994-04-01  
2007-07-01

#### **New Jersey Right To Know Components**

Methyloxirane  
Benzyl chloride

CAS-No.  
75-56-9  
100-44-7

Revision Date  
1994-04-01  
2007-07-01

#### **California Prop. 65 Components**

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

Methyloxirane  
Benzyl chloride

CAS-No.  
75-56-9  
100-44-7

Revision Date  
2007-09-28  
2007-09-28

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## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Further information**

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