

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : *p*-Xylene

Product Number : 95680

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## Emergency Overview

## OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Irritant, Reproductive hazard

## Target Organs

Nerves., Liver, Kidney

## GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4)

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2)

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H226

Flammable liquid and vapour.

H303

May be harmful if swallowed.

H312 + H332

Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H401

Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

## HMIS Classification

Health hazard:

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Chronic Health Hazard:

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**Flammability:** 3  
**Physical hazards:** 0

**NFPA Rating**

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

**Potential Health Effects**

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

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : 1,4-Dimethylbenzene

Formula : C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>

Molecular Weight : 106.17 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>p-Xylene</b>		
CAS-No.	106-42-3	-
EC-No.	203-396-5	
Index-No.	601-022-00-9	

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**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. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

**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**

**Conditions of flammability**

Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.

**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

**Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. 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).

**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**

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.

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

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
p-Xylene	106-42-3	TWA	100 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Central Nervous System impairment Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen			
		STEL	150 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Eye & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Central Nervous System impairment Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen			
		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		STEL	150 ppm 655 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	100 ppm 434 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen			
		STEL	150 ppm 651 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen			
		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	150 ppm 655 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 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

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, 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

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

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	liquid, clear
Colour	colourless

### Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	13.0 °C (55.4 °F)
Boiling point	137.0 - 138.0 °C (278.6 - 280.4 °F)
Flash point	25.0 °C (77.0 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	529 °C (984 °F)
Autoignition temperature	529.0 °C (984.2 °F)
Lower explosion limit	1.1 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	7 %(V)
Vapour pressure	21.3 hPa (16.0 mmHg) at 37.7 °C (99.9 °F) 12.0 hPa (9.0 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)
Density	0.86 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Water solubility	0.2 g/l
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 3.15
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

### Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 5,000 mg/kg

#### Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 4550 ppm

Remarks: Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Chronic pulmonary edema. Liver:Other changes. Blood:Changes in cell count (unspecified).

#### Dermal LD50

#### 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

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

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

May cause reproductive disorders.

### Teratogenicity

no data available

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

no data available

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

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects**

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<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.
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<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

narcosis, Lung irritation, chest pain, pulmonary edema, Central nervous system depression, Gastrointestinal disturbance, Liver injury may occur., Kidney injury may occur., Blood disorders

**Synergistic effects**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: ZE2625000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 2.60 mg/l - 96 h
	LC50 - Carassius auratus (goldfish) - 18.00 mg/l - 24 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 35.50 - 63.10 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 3.20 - 4.40 mg/l - 72 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.

Toxic to aquatic life.

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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: 1307 Class: 3

Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Xylenes (p-Xylene)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1307    Class: 3    Packing group: III    EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: XYLENES (p-Xylene)  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 1307    Class: 3    Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Xylenes (p-Xylene)

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Irritant, Reproductive hazard

**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
p-Xylene	106-42-3	2007-07-01

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
p-Xylene	106-42-3	2007-07-01

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
p-Xylene	106-42-3	2007-07-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
p-Xylene	106-42-3	2007-07-01

**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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