

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR  
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## Xylene

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Xylene

Product code : Q5891, Q9151, Q9156, Q9306, T1404

Synonyms : Reaction Mass of Ethylbenzene and Xylenes (REACH)

CAS-No. : 1330-20-7

**Manufacturer or supplier's details**

Company : **Shell Chemical LP**  
PO Box 576  
HOUSTON TX 77001  
USA

SDS Request : 1-800-240-6737

Customer Service : 1-855-697-4355

**Emergency telephone number**

Chemtrec Domestic (24 hr) : 1-800-424-9300  
Chemtrec International (24 hr) : 1-703-527-3887

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

Recommended use : Solvent., Raw material for use in the chemical industry.

Restrictions on use : This product must not be used in applications other than the above without first seeking the advice of the supplier.

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### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200**

Flammable liquids : Category 3

Aspiration hazard : Category 1

Acute toxicity (Dermal) : Category 4

Skin irritation : Category 2

Eye irritation : Category 2

Acute toxicity (Inhalation) : Category 4

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Inhalation) : Category 2 (Auditory system)

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### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms



Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: PHYSICAL HAZARDS:  
H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
HEALTH HAZARDS:  
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H312 Harmful in contact with skin.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H332 Harmful if inhaled.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H373 May cause damage to organs (Auditory system) through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.  
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:  
Not classified as an environmental hazard under GHS criteria.

Precautionary statements

: **Prevention:**

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces.  
No smoking.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.  
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.  
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.  
P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.  
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water

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for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.

### Storage:

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

P405 Store locked up.

### Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents and container to appropriate waste site or reclaimer in accordance with local and national regulations.

### Other hazards which do not result in classification

May form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.

This material is a static accumulator.

Even with proper grounding and bonding, this material can still accumulate an electrostatic charge.

If sufficient charge is allowed to accumulate, electrostatic discharge and ignition of flammable air-vapour mixtures can occur.

Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.

The classification of this material is based on OSHA HCS 2012 criteria.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

### Hazardous components

Chemical name	Synonyms	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Xylene	xylenes	1330-20-7	> 80
Ethylbenzene	ethylbenzene	100-41-4	< 20

## SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

General advice : DO NOT DELAY.  
Keep victim calm. Obtain medical treatment immediately.

If inhaled : Call emergency number for your location / facility.  
Remove to fresh air. Do not attempt to rescue the victim unless proper respiratory protection is worn. If the victim has difficulty breathing or tightness of the chest, is dizzy, vomiting, or unresponsive, give 100% oxygen with rescue breathing or Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation as required and transport to the nearest medical facility.

In case of skin contact : Remove contaminated clothing. Immediately flush skin with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, and follow by washing with soap and water if available. If redness, swelling, pain and/or blisters occur, transport to the nearest medical

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facility for additional treatment.

### In case of eye contact

- : Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Transport to the nearest medical facility for additional treatment.

### If swallowed

- : Call emergency number for your location / facility. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration. If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: fever greater than 101° F (38.3°C), shortness of breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- : Respiratory irritation signs and symptoms may include a temporary burning sensation of the nose and throat, coughing, and/or difficulty breathing. Skin irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation, redness, swelling, and/or blisters. Eye irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation, redness, swelling, and/or blurred vision. Ingestion may result in nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhoea. If material enters lungs, signs and symptoms may include coughing, choking, wheezing, difficulty in breathing, chest congestion, shortness of breath, and/or fever. The onset of respiratory symptoms may be delayed for several hours after exposure. If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: fever greater than 101° F (38.3°C), shortness of breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing. Breathing of high vapour concentrations may cause central nervous system (CNS) depression resulting in dizziness, light-headedness, headache, nausea and loss of coordination. Continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and death. Auditory system effects may include temporary hearing loss and/or ringing in the ears.

### Protection of first-aiders

- : When administering first aid, ensure that you are wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment according to the incident, injury and surroundings.

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

- : **IMMEDIATE TREATMENT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!** Call a doctor or poison control center for guidance. Potential for chemical pneumonitis. Potential for cardiac sensitisation, particularly in abuse situations. Hypoxia or negative inotropes may enhance these effects. Consider: oxygen therapy. Treat symptomatically.

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## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Foam, water spray or fog. Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water in a jet.

Specific hazards during fire-fighting : Clear fire area of all non-emergency personnel.  
Hazardous combustion products may include:  
A complex mixture of airborne solid and liquid particulates and gases (smoke).  
Carbon monoxide.  
Unidentified organic and inorganic compounds.  
Flammable vapours may be present even at temperatures below the flash point.  
The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible.  
Will float and can be reignited on surface water.

Specific extinguishing methods : Standard procedure for chemical fires.

Further information : Keep adjacent containers cool by spraying with water.

Special protective equipment for firefighters : Proper protective equipment including chemical resistant gloves are to be worn; chemical resistant suit is indicated if large contact with spilled product is expected. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn when approaching a fire in a confined space. Select fire fighter's clothing approved to relevant Standards (e.g. Europe: EN469).

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Observe all relevant local and international regulations.  
Notify authorities if any exposure to the general public or the environment occurs or is likely to occur.  
Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.  
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.  
Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unprotected personnel.  
Do not breathe fumes, vapour.  
Do not operate electrical equipment.

Environmental precautions : Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading or entering drains, ditches or rivers by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers. Attempt to disperse the vapour or to direct its flow to a safe location for example by using fog sprays. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bond-

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ing and grounding (earthing) all equipment.  
Monitor area with combustible gas indicator.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

- : For small liquid spills (< 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labeled, sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely.  
For large liquid spills (> 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to a salvage tank for recovery or safe disposal. Do not flush away residues with water. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely
- Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly.  
If contamination of site occurs remediation may require specialist advice.

Additional advice

- : For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Chapter 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.  
For guidance on disposal of spilled material see Chapter 13 of this Safety Data Sheet.
- U.S. regulations may require reporting releases of this material to the environment which exceed the reportable quantity (refer to Section 15) to the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802.  
Under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) this material is considered an oil. As such, spills into surface waters must be reported to the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802.  
This material is covered by EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Petroleum Exclusion. Therefore, releases to the environment may not be reportable under CERCLA.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Technical measures

- : Avoid breathing of or direct contact with material. Only use in well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.  
Use the information in this data sheet as input to a risk assessment of local circumstances to help determine appropriate controls for safe handling, storage and disposal of this material.  
Ensure that all local regulations regarding handling and storage facilities are followed.

Advice on safe handling

  - : Avoid inhaling vapour and/or mists.  
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

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Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition sources. Avoid sparks.  
Use local exhaust ventilation if there is risk of inhalation of vapours, mists or aerosols.  
Bulk storage tanks should be diked (bunded).  
When using do not eat or drink.

The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible.

Avoidance of contact	: Strong oxidising agents.
Product Transfer	: Even with proper grounding and bonding, this material can still accumulate an electrostatic charge. If sufficient charge is allowed to accumulate, electrostatic discharge and ignition of flammable air-vapour mixtures can occur. Be aware of handling operations that may give rise to additional hazards that result from the accumulation of static charges. These include but are not limited to pumping (especially turbulent flow), mixing, filtering, splash filling, cleaning and filling of tanks and containers, sampling, switch loading, gauging, vacuum truck operations, and mechanical movements. These activities may lead to static discharge e.g. spark formation. Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge ( $\leq 1$ m/s until fill pipe submerged to twice its diameter, then $\leq 7$ m/s). Avoid splash filling. Do NOT use compressed air for filling, discharging, or handling operations.
	Refer to guidance under Handling section.
Conditions for safe storage	: Refer to section 15 for any additional specific legislation covering the packaging and storage of this product.
Further information on storage stability	: Storage Temperature: Ambient.  Bulk storage tanks should be diked (bunded). Locate tanks away from heat and other sources of ignition. Cleaning, inspection and maintenance of storage tanks is a specialist operation, which requires the implementation of strict procedures and precautions. Must be stored in a diked (bunded) well- ventilated area, away from sunlight, ignition sources and other sources of heat. Keep away from aerosols, flammables, oxidizing agents, corrosives and from other flammable products which are not harmful or toxic to man or to the environment. Electrostatic charges will be generated during pumping. Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment to reduce the risk. The vapours in the head space of the storage vessel may lie in the flammable/explosive range and hence may be flammable.

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Packaging material : Suitable material: For containers, or container linings use mild steel, stainless steel., For container paints, use epoxy paint, zinc silicate paint.  
Unsuitable material: Avoid prolonged contact with natural, butyl or nitrile rubbers.

Container Advice : Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.

Specific use(s) : Not applicable

See additional references that provide safe handling practices for liquids that are determined to be static accumulators:  
American Petroleum Institute 2003 (Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning and Stray Currents) or National Fire Protection Agency 77 (Recommended Practices on Static Electricity).  
IEC/TS 60079-32-1: Electrostatic hazards, guidance

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parame- ters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Xylene	1330-20-7	TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
Xylene		TWA	100 ppm	ACGIH
Xylene		STEL	150 ppm	ACGIH
Xylene		STEL	150 ppm 655 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
Xylene		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	TWA	20 ppm	ACGIH
Ethylbenzene		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1

### Biological occupational exposure limits

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Biological specimen	Sam- pling time	Permissible concentra- tion	Basis
Xylene	1330-20-7	Methylhip- puric acids	Urine	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)	1.5 g/g cre- atinine	ACGIH BEI
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	Sum of mandelic	Urine	End of shift (As	0.15 g/g creatinine	ACGIH BEI

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		acid and phenyl glyoxylic acid		soon as possible after exposure ceases)		
				End of shift	0,15 g/g creatinine	ACGIH BEI

### Monitoring Methods

Monitoring of the concentration of substances in the breathing zone of workers or in the general workplace may be required to confirm compliance with an OEL and adequacy of exposure controls. For some substances biological monitoring may also be appropriate.

Validated exposure measurement methods should be applied by a competent person and samples analysed by an accredited laboratory.

Examples of sources of recommended exposure measurement methods are given below or contact the supplier. Further national methods may be available.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), USA: Manual of Analytical Methods <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), USA: Sampling and Analytical Methods <http://www.osha.gov/>

Health and Safety Executive (HSE), UK: Methods for the Determination of Hazardous Substances <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Institut für Arbeitsschutz Deutschen Gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung (IFA) , Germany <http://www.dguv.de/inhalt/index.jsp>

L'Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité, (INRS), France <http://www.inrs.fr/accueil>

### Engineering measures

: The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Select controls based on a risk assessment of local circumstances. Appropriate measures include:  
Use sealed systems as far as possible.  
Adequate explosion-proof ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure guidelines/limits.  
Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.  
Firewater monitors and deluge systems are recommended.  
Where material is heated, sprayed or mist formed, there is greater potential for airborne concentrations to be generated.  
Eye washes and showers for emergency use.

### General Information:

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing hands after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated clothing and footwear that cannot be cleaned.

Practice good housekeeping.

Define procedures for safe handling and maintenance of controls.

Educate and train workers in the hazards and control measures relevant to normal activities associated with this product.

Ensure appropriate selection, testing and maintenance of equipment used to control exposure, e.g. personal protective

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equipment, local exhaust ventilation.  
Drain down system prior to equipment break-in or maintenance.  
Retain drain downs in sealed storage pending disposal or subsequent recycle.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

- : If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, select respiratory protection equipment suitable for the specific conditions of use and meeting relevant legislation. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. Where air-filtering respirators are unsuitable (e.g. airborne concentrations are high, risk of oxygen deficiency, confined space) use appropriate positive pressure breathing apparatus.  
If air-filtering respirators are suitable for conditions of use: Select a filter suitable for organic gases and vapours [Type A boiling point >65°C (149°F)].  
Where air-filtering respirators are suitable, select an appropriate combination of mask and filter.

Respirator selection, use and maintenance should be in accordance with the requirements of the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard, 29 CFR 1910.134.

#### Hand protection

#### Remarks

- : Where hand contact with the product may occur the use of gloves approved to relevant standards (e.g. Europe: EN374, US: F739) made from the following materials may provide suitable chemical protection. Longer term protection: Viton. Incidental contact/Splash protection: Nitrile rubber. Suitability and durability of a glove is dependent on usage, e.g. frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, dexterity. Always seek advice from glove suppliers. Contaminated gloves should be replaced.  
For continuous contact we recommend gloves with breakthrough time of more than 240 minutes with preference for > 480 minutes where suitable gloves can be identified. For short-term/splash protection we recommend the same but recognize that suitable gloves offering this level of protection may not be available and in this case a lower breakthrough time maybe acceptable so long as appropriate maintenance and replacement regimes are followed. Glove thickness is not a good predictor of glove resistance to a chemical as it is dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Glove thickness should be typically greater than 0.35 mm depending on the glove make and model.  
Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturizer is recommended.

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Eye protection : Wear goggles for use against liquids and gas.  
Wear full face shield if splashes are likely to occur.

Skin and body protection : Wear chemical resistant gloves/gauntlets and boots. Where risk of splashing, also wear an apron.  
Wear antistatic and flame-retardant clothing.

Protective measures : Personal protective equipment (PPE) should meet recommended national standards. Check with PPE suppliers.

Hygiene measures : Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking and using the toilet.  
Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.  
Do not ingest. If swallowed, then seek immediate medical assistance.

### Environmental exposure controls

General advice : Local guidelines on emission limits for volatile substances must be observed for the discharge of exhaust air containing vapour.  
Information on accidental release measures are to be found in section 6.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : Liquid.

Colour : colourless

Odour : aromatic

Odour Threshold : 0.27 ppm

pH : Not applicable

Melting point/freezing point : < -25 °C / -13 °F

Boiling point/boiling range : Typical 136 - 145 °C / 277 - 293 °F

Flash point : Typical 23 - 27 °C / 73 - 81 °F  
Method: Abel

Evaporation rate : 13.5  
Method: DIN 53170, di-ethyl ether=1  
0.76  
Method: ASTM D 3539, nBuAc=1

Flammability (solid, gas) : Not applicable

Upper explosion limit / upper flammability limit : 7.1 %(V)

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Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit : 1 %(V)

Vapour pressure : 4.5 kPa (50 °C / 122 °F)

0.8 - 1.2 kPa (20 °C / 68 °F)

0.2 kPa (0 °C / 32 °F)

Relative vapour density : 3.7

Relative density : 0.86 - 0.87

Density : Typical 870 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (15 °C / 59 °F)  
Method: ASTM D1298

Solubility(ies)  
Water solubility : estimated value(s) 0.2 g/l

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 3.12 - 3.2

Auto-ignition temperature : estimated value(s) 432 - 530 °C / 810 - 986 °F

Viscosity  
Viscosity, dynamic : ca. 0.9 mPa.s (20 °C / 68 °F)

Viscosity, kinematic : < 0.9 mm<sup>2</sup>/s (20 °C / 68 °F)

Explosive properties : Not classified

Oxidizing properties : Not applicable

Surface tension : Typical 28.7 mN/m, 20 °C / 68 °F, ASTM D-971

Conductivity : Low conductivity: < 100 pS/m

The conductivity of this material makes it a static accumulator., A liquid is typically considered nonconductive if its conductivity is below 100 pS/m and is considered semi-conductive if its conductivity is below 10,000 pS/m., Whether a liquid is nonconductive or semi-conductive, the precautions are the same., A number of factors, for example liquid temperature, presence of contaminants, and anti-static additives can greatly influence the conductivity of a liquid

Molecular weight : 106 g/mol

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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Reactivity	: The product does not pose any further reactivity hazards in addition to those listed in the following sub-paragraph.
Chemical stability	: No hazardous reaction is expected when handled and stored according to provisions Stable under normal conditions of use.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Reacts with strong oxidising agents.
Conditions to avoid	: Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.  In certain circumstances product can ignite due to static electricity.
Incompatible materials	: Strong oxidising agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Hazardous decomposition products are not expected to form during normal storage. Thermal decomposition is highly dependent on conditions. A complex mixture of airborne solids, liquids and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulphur oxides and unidentified organic compounds will be evolved when this material undergoes combustion or thermal or oxidative degradation.

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Basis for assessment : Information given is based on product testing.

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation is the primary route of exposure although absorption may occur through skin contact or following accidental ingestion.

### Acute toxicity

#### Product:

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2000 - <= 5000 mg/kg  
Remarks: May be harmful if swallowed.

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 : > 10 - <= 20 mg/l  
Remarks: Harmful if inhaled.

Acute dermal toxicity : LD50 (Rabbit): > 1000 - <= 2000 mg/kg  
Remarks: Harmful in contact with skin.

### Skin corrosion/irritation

#### Product:

Remarks: Causes skin irritation.

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### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

#### Product:

Remarks: Causes serious eye irritation.

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

#### Product:

Remarks: Not a sensitiser.

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

### Germ cell mutagenicity

#### Product:

: Remarks: Not mutagenic.

### Carcinogenicity

#### Product:

Remarks: An increased tumour incidence has been observed in experimental animals; the significance of this finding to man is unknown.

#### IARC

Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans

Ethylbenzene

100-41-4

#### OSHA

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### 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.

### Reproductive toxicity

#### Product:

: Remarks: Does not impair fertility., Not a developmental toxicant., Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

### STOT - single exposure

#### Product:

Remarks: Inhalation of vapours or mists may cause irritation to the respiratory system., High concentrations may cause central nervous system depression resulting in headaches, dizziness and nausea; continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and/or death.

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### STOT - repeated exposure

#### Product:

Target Organs: Auditory system

Remarks: Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation., Solvent abuse and noise interaction in the work environment may cause hearing loss.

### Aspiration toxicity

#### Product:

Aspiration into the lungs when swallowed or vomited may cause chemical pneumonitis which can be fatal.

### Further information

#### Product:

Remarks: Exposure to very high concentrations of similar materials has been associated with irregular heart rhythms and cardiac arrest., Classifications by other authorities under varying regulatory frameworks may exist.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Basis for assessment : Incomplete ecotoxicological data are available for this product.  
The information given below is based partly on a knowledge of the components and the ecotoxicology of similar products.

### Ecotoxicity

#### Product:

Toxicity to fish (Acute toxicity)	:	Remarks: Toxic LL/EL/IL50 > 1 <= 10 mg/l
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Acute toxicity)	:	Remarks: Toxic LL/EL/IL50 > 1 <= 10 mg/l
Toxicity to algae (Acute toxicity)	:	Remarks: Toxic LL/EL/IL50 > 1 <= 10 mg/l
Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity)	:	Remarks: NOEC/NOEL > 1.0 - <=10 mg/l (based on test data)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	:	Remarks: NOEC/NOEL > 0.1 - <=1.0 mg/l
Toxicity to microorganisms (Acute toxicity)	:	Remarks: Practically non toxic: LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

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### Persistence and degradability

#### Product:

Biodegradability : Remarks: Readily biodegradable.  
Oxidises rapidly by photo-chemical reactions in air.

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Product:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Does not bioaccumulate significantly.

### Mobility in soil

#### Product:

Mobility : Remarks: Floats on water.  
If it enters soil, it will adsorb to soil particles and will not be mobile.

### Other adverse effects

#### Product:

Additional ecological information : In view of the high rate of loss from solution, the product is unlikely to pose a significant hazard to aquatic life.

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues

: Recover or recycle if possible.  
It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste classification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.

Do not dispose into the environment, in drains or in water courses

Waste product should not be allowed to contaminate soil or ground water, or be disposed of into the environment.

Waste, spills or used product is dangerous waste.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national, and local laws and regulations.

Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements and must be complied with.

Contaminated packaging

: Drain container thoroughly.  
After draining, vent in a safe place away from sparks and fire.  
Residues may cause an explosion hazard. Do not puncture, cut or weld uncleaned drums.  
Send to drum recoverer or metal reclaimer.  
Comply with any local recovery or waste disposal regulations.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### National Regulations

#### US Department of Transportation Classification (49 CFR Parts 171-180)

UN/ID/NA number	:	UN 1307
Proper shipping name	:	XYLENES
Class	:	3
Packing group	:	III
Labels	:	3
Reportable quantity		ETHYLBENZENE (1,000 lb) XYLENE (100 lb)
ERG Code	:	130
Marine pollutant	:	no

### International Regulations

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No.	:	UN 1307
Proper shipping name	:	XYLENES
Class	:	3
Packing group	:	III
Labels	:	3

#### IMDG-Code

UN number	:	UN 1307
Proper shipping name	:	XYLENES
Class	:	3
Packing group	:	III
Labels	:	3
Marine pollutant	:	no

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Pollution category	:	Y
Ship type	:	2
Product name	:	Xylene (Mixed Isomers)

### Special precautions for user

Remarks : Special Precautions: Refer to Section 7, Handling & Storage, for special precautions which a user needs to be aware of or needs to comply with in connection with transport.

### Additional Information

: This product may be transported under nitrogen blanketing. Nitrogen is an odourless and invisible gas. Exposure to nitrogen enriched atmospheres displaces available oxygen which may cause asphyxiation or death. Personnel must observe strict safety precautions when involved with a confined space entry.

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

#### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
<b>Xylene</b>	<b>1330-20-7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Xylene</b>	<b>1330-20-7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100 (F003)</b>
<b>Ethylbenzene</b>	<b>100-41-4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100 (F003)</b>

\*: The components with RQs are given for information.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Flammable (gases, aerosols, liquids, or solids)  
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)  
Skin corrosion or irritation  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation  
Aspiration hazard  
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

**SARA 313** : The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

Xylene	1330-20-7	>= 90 - <= 100 %
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	>= 20 - < 30 %

### Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Chemicals are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3:

Xylene	1330-20-7	100 %
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	20 %

### US State Regulations

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

Xylene	1330-20-7
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4

#### California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Ethylbenzene, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

#### California List of Hazardous Substances

Xylene	1330-20-7
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4

#### Other regulations:

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The regulatory information is not intended to be comprehensive. Other regulations may apply to this material.

### The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

AIIC	:	Listed
DSL	:	Listed
IECSC	:	Listed
ENCS	:	Listed
KECI	:	Listed
NZIoC	:	Listed
PICCS	:	Listed
TSCA	:	Listed
TCSI	:	Listed

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

NFPA Rating (Health, Fire, Reactivity) 2, 3, 0

### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
ACGIH BEI	:	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
OSHA P0	:	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / TWA	:	8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / STEL	:	Short-term exposure limit
OSHA P0 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average
OSHA P0 / STEL	:	Short-term exposure limit
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average
Abbreviations and Acronyms	:	The standard abbreviations and acronyms used in this document can be looked up in reference literature (e.g. scientific dictionaries) and/or websites.

ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

ADR = European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

AICS = Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

ASTM = American Society for Testing and Materials

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BEL = Biological exposure limits  
BTEX = Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes  
CAS = Chemical Abstracts Service  
CEFIC = European Chemical Industry Council  
CLP = Classification Packaging and Labelling  
COC = Cleveland Open-Cup  
DIN = Deutsches Institut fur Normung  
DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level  
DNEL = Derived No Effect Level  
DSL = Canada Domestic Substance List  
EC = European Commission  
EC50 = Effective Concentration fifty  
ECETOC = European Center on Ecotoxicology and Toxicology Of Chemicals  
ECHA = European Chemicals Agency  
EINECS = The European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
EL50 = Effective Loading fifty  
ENCS = Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory  
EWC = European Waste Code  
GHS = Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals  
IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer  
IATA = International Air Transport Association  
IC50 = Inhibitory Concentration fifty  
IL50 = Inhibitory Level fifty  
IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods  
INV = Chinese Chemicals Inventory  
IP346 = Institute of Petroleum test method N° 346 for the determination of polycyclic aromatics DMSO-extractables  
KECI = Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory  
LC50 = Lethal Concentration fifty  
LD50 = Lethal Dose fifty per cent.  
LL/EL/IL = Lethal Loading/Effective Loading/Inhibitory loading  
LL50 = Lethal Loading fifty  
MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships  
NOEC/NOEL = No Observed Effect Concentration / No Observed Effect Level  
OE HPV = Occupational Exposure - High Production Volume  
PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
PICCS = Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration  
REACH = Registration Evaluation And Authorisation Of Chemicals  
RID = Regulations Relating to International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail  
SKIN\_DES = Skin Designation  
STEL = Short term exposure limit  
TRA = Targeted Risk Assessment  
TSCA = US Toxic Substances Control Act  
TWA = Time-Weighted Average  
vPvB = very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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