



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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SECTION 1. Identification

Product identifier

Product number	822337
Product name	m-Xylene for synthesis

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses	Chemical for synthesis
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Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. Hazards identification

GHS Classification

Flammable liquid, Category 3, H226
Acute toxicity, Category 4, Inhalation, H332
Acute toxicity, Category 4, Dermal, H312
Skin irritation, Category 2, H315

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

GHS-Labeling

Hazard pictograms



Signal Word
Warning

Hazard Statements
H226 Flammable liquid and vapor.

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H312 + H332 Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H315 Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary Statements

P210 Keep away from heat.

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

OSHA Hazards

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Other hazards

None known.

SECTION 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Formula	$C_6H_4(CH_3)_2$	C_8H_{10} (Hill)
CAS-No.	108-38-3	
Molar mass	106.16 g/mol	

Hazardous ingredients

Chemical Name (Concentration)

CAS-No.

m-xylene (>= 90 % - <= 100 %)
108-38-3

SECTION 4. First aid measures

Description of first-aid measures

Inhalation

After inhalation: fresh air. If breathing stops: mouth-to-mouth breathing or artificial respiration. Oxygen if necessary. Immediately call in physician.

Skin contact

After skin contact: wash off with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing. Get medical attention.

Eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water with the eyelid held wide open. Call in ophthalmologist if necessary.

Ingestion

After swallowing: caution if victim vomits. Risk of aspiration! Keep airways free. Call a physician immediately. Subsequently administer: activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in 10% slurry).

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

irritant effects, Lung edema, Pneumonia, Headache, drowsiness, Dizziness, euphoria, agitation, spasms, narcosis

Dermatitis, Drying-out effect resulting in rough and chapped skin.

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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No information available.

SECTION 5. Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Foam, Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.

Pay attention to flashback.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapors possible in the event of fire.

Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

Further information

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

Advice for emergency responders: Protective equipment see section 8.

Environmental precautions

Do not empty into drains. Risk of explosion.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.

Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).

Take up with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemisorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapors/aerosols.

Observe label precautions.

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Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Store at +15°C to +25°C (+59°F to +77°F).

SECTION 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Exposure limit(s)

Ingredients

Basis	Value	Threshold limits	Remarks
<i>m-xylene 108-38-3</i>			
ACGIH	Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL):	150 ppm	
	Time Weighted Average (TWA):	100 ppm	
NIOSH/GUIDE	Recommended exposure limit (REL):	100 ppm	
		435 mg/m ³	
	Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL):	150 ppm	
		655 mg/m ³	
OSHA_TRANS	PEL:	100 ppm	
		435 mg/m ³	
Z1A	Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL):	150 ppm	
		655 mg/m ³	
	Time Weighted Average (TWA):	100 ppm	
		435 mg/m ³	

Engineering measures

Technical measures and appropriate working operations should be given priority over the use of personal protective equipment.

Individual protection measures

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the workplace, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled. The chemical resistance of the protective equipment should be inquired at the respective supplier.

Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply skin- protective barrier cream. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

Eye/face protection

Safety glasses

Hand protection

Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Other protective equipment:

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing

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Respiratory protection

required when vapors/aerosols are generated.

Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

SECTION 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical state	liquid
Color	colorless
Odor	characteristic
Odor Threshold	No information available.
pH	No information available.
Melting point	-54 °F (-48 °C)
Boiling point/boiling range	282 °F (139 °C) at 1,013 hPa
Flash point	77 °F (25 °C)
Evaporation rate	No information available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	No information available.
Lower explosion limit	1.1 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	7 %(V)
Vapor pressure	ca. 8 hPa at 68 °F (20 °C)
Relative vapor density	No information available.
Relative density	0.86 g/cm ³ at 68 °F (20 °C)
Water solubility	0.2 g/l at 68 °F (20 °C)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 3.2 (experimental) (Lit.) Bioaccumulation is not expected (log Pow <1).
Autoignition temperature	No information available.

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Decomposition temperature	No information available.
Viscosity, dynamic	0.581 mPa.s at 77 °F (25 °C)
Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
Ignition temperature	ca. 977 °F (525 °C)

SECTION 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

Vapor/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

Strong oxidizing agents, conc. sulfuric acid, Nitric acid, uranium hexafluoride, sulfur

Conditions to avoid

Heating.

A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

Incompatible materials

rubber, various plastics

Hazardous decomposition products

no information available

SECTION 11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Likely route of exposure

Inhalation, Eye contact, Skin contact

Target Organs

Eyes

Skin

Respiratory system

Central nervous system

gastrointestinal tract

Blood

Liver

Kidneys

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Acute oral toxicity

LD50 rat: 5,000 mg/kg (IUCLID)

Symptoms: Risk of aspiration upon vomiting., Aspiration may cause pulmonary edema and pneumonitis.

Acute inhalation toxicity

LCLO rat: 35.32 mg/l; 4 h (RTECS) (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

absorption

Symptoms: Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract.

Acute dermal toxicity

LD50 rabbit: 12,126 mg/kg

(RTECS) (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

absorption

Skin irritation

rabbit

Result: Severe irritations

(RTECS) (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

Drying-out effect resulting in rough and chapped skin. After long-term exposure to the chemical: Dermatitis

Causes skin irritation.

Eye irritation

rabbit

Result: Severe irritations

(RTECS) (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

Genotoxicity in vivo

Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Result: negative

(IUCLID)

Genotoxicity in vitro

Ames test

Result: negative

(National Toxicology Program)

Specific target organ systemic toxicity - single exposure

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure.

Specific target organ systemic toxicity - repeated exposure

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

Regarding the available data the classification criteria are not fulfilled.

Carcinogenicity

IARC

No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA

No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or

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

Further information

After absorption of toxic quantities:

Systemic effects:

Headache, drowsiness, Dizziness, euphoria, agitation, spasms, narcosis

Effect potentiated by: ethanol

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

SECTION 12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Toxicity to fish

LC50 *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (rainbow trout): 8.4 mg/l; 96 h (ECOTOX Database)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

EC50 *Daphnia magna* (Water flea): 4.7 mg/l; 24 h (ECOTOX Database)

Toxicity to algae

IC50 *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* (green algae): 4.9 mg/l; 72 h (ECOTOX Database)

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability

(ECHA)

Readily biodegradable.

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)

2.62 g/g

(ECHA)

Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)

3.17 g/g

(ECHA)

Ratio BOD/ThBOD

BOD5 80 %

(ECHA)

Ratio COD/ThBOD

83 %

(ECHA)

Bioaccumulative potential

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Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water

log Pow: 3.2

(experimental)

(Lit.) Bioaccumulation is not expected (log Pow <1).

Mobility in soil

Distribution among environmental compartments

Adsorption/Soil

log Koc: 2.29

(experimental)

Moderately mobile in soils (External MSDS)

Other adverse effects

Henry constant

727 Pa·m³/mol

Method: (experimental)

(Lit.) Distribution preferentially in air.

Additional ecological information

Biological effects:

Hazard for drinking water supplies.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 13. Disposal considerations

The information presented only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations. Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

SECTION 14. Transport information

Land transport (DOT)

UN number	UN 1307
Proper shipping name	XYLENES
Class	3
Packing group	III
Environmentally hazardous	--

Air transport (IATA)

UN number	UN 1307
Proper shipping name	XYLENES
Class	3
Packing group	III
Environmentally hazardous	--
Special precautions for user	no

Sea transport (IMDG)

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UN number UN 1307
Proper shipping name XYLENES
Class 3
Packing group III
Environmentally hazardous --
Special precautions for user yes
EmS F-E S-D

SECTION 15. Regulatory information

United States of America

OSHA Hazards

Flammable Liquid
Skin irritant
Target organ effects

This information is based on 29 CFR 1910.1200 criteria prior to adoption of the GHS, and may deviate from the GHS information on the label and in section 2.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard
Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313

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

Ingredients

m-xylene 108-38-3

Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Substances are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A:

Ingredients

m-xylene

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

Ingredients

m-xylene

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

Ingredients

m-xylene

Pennsylvania Right To Know

Ingredients

m-xylene

New Jersey Right To Know

Ingredients

m-xylene

California Prop 65 Components

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

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Notification status

TSCA: On TSCA Inventory
DSL: All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL.

SECTION 16. Other information

Training advice

Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H312	Harmful in contact with skin.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Used abbreviations and acronyms can be looked up at www.wikipedia.org.

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