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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Xylenes  
Product Number : 247642  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2), H373  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Inhalation (Category 2), Central nervous system, Liver, Kidney, H373  
Aspiration hazard (Category 1), H304  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401

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

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H373	May cause damage to organs (Central nervous system, Liver, Kidney)

H401	through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled. Toxic to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
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 skin thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P331	Do NOT induce vomiting.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Xylene mixture of isomers
Formula	: C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>
Molecular weight	: 106.17 g/mol
Registration number	: 01-2119488216-32-XXXX

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Xylene</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; STOT SE 3; STOT RE 2; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 2; H226, H304, H315, H332, H335, H373, H401	90 - 100 %
<b>Ethylbenzene</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 4; Carc. 2; STOT RE 2; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 2; H225, H304, H332, H351, H373, H401	20 - 30 %

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

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of 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.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder Dry sand

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do NOT use water jet.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, 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.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 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.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and place in container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 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.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Xylene	1330-20-7	STEL	150 ppm 655 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		C	300 ppm	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		PEL	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Remarks	The value in mg/m <sup>3</sup> is approximate.		
		TWA	100 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation 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)
		Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	TWA	20 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Cochlear impair Kidney damage (nephropathy) Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans		

		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	125 ppm 545 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate.		
		PEL	5 ppm 22 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		STEL	30 ppm 130 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
	-	Methylhippuric acids	1.5g/g creatinine	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
alkylbenzene		Sum of mandelic acid and phenyl glyoxylic acid	0.15g/g creatinine	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

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

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face 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 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.

#### Full contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### 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.

### 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).

### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: clear, liquid Colour: colourless
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	< 0 °C (< 32 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	137 - 140 °C (279 - 284 °F) - lit.
g) Flash point	25 °C (77 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 7 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1.1 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	24 hPa (18 mmHg) at 37.70 °C (99.86 °F)
l) Vapour density	3.67 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density	0.86 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

### 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density	3.67 - (Air = 1.0)
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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

## 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

## 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 3,523 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritations

Remarks: (IUCLID)

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

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

In animal experiments: - Mouse

Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation.

(OECD Test Guideline 429)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Result: negative

(National Toxicology Program)

Ames test

Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

#### Carcinogenicity

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

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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available  
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

Acute oral toxicity - Gastrointestinal disturbance

Acute inhalation toxicity - mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: Not available

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Blurred vision, Incoordination., Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness, Weakness, anemia, Prolonged or repeated exposure to skin causes defatting and dermatitis.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption:

Systemic effects:

Headache, somnolence, Dizziness, euphoria, agitation, spasms, respiratory paralysis, Unconsciousness, narcosis, inebriation

Effect potentiated by: ethanol

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence (Ethylbenzene)

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

Toxic to aquatic life.

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. 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  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs      Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1307      Class: 3      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: XYLENES

**IATA**

UN number: 1307      Class: 3      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Xylenes

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

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
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	2007-07-01
Xylene	1330-20-7	1993-04-24

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Reportable Quantity**      F003 lbs

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Xylene	1330-20-7	1993-04-24
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	2007-07-01

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Xylene	1330-20-7	1993-04-24
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	2007-07-01

**California Prop. 65 Components**

, 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).  
Ethylbenzene

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
	100-41-4	2007-09-28

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Asp. Tox.	Aspiration hazard
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.

H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation
STOT RE	Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Further information

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