

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Benzyl alcohol

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Harmful by ingestion., Harmful by skin absorption., Irritant

Target Organs

Central nervous systemCentral nervous system

GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)

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)

H302 + H312

Harmful if swallowed or in contact with skin

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H332

Harmful if inhaled.

H401

Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2

Chronic Health Hazard: *

Flammability: 1

Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 2
Fire: 1
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

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

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Benzenemethanol

Formula : C₇H₈O

Molecular Weight : 108.14 g/mol

Component		Concentration
Benzyl alcohol		
CAS-No.	100-51-6	-
EC-No.	202-859-9	
Index-No.	603-057-00-5	

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

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Not flammable or combustible.

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

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

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

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

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

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Handle and store under inert gas. hygroscopic

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	TWA	10 ppm	USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)

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, 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.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form liquid, clear

Colour colourless

Safety data

pH no data available

Melting point/freezing point Melting point/range: -16 - -13 °C (3 - 9 °F)

Boiling point 203 - 205 °C (397 - 401 °F)

Flash point 96 °C (205 °F) - closed cup

Ignition temperature 436 °C (817 °F)

Autoignition no data available

temperature	
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	5.00 hPa (3.75 mmHg) at 77 °C (171 °F) 17.7 hPa (13.3 mmHg) at 100 °C (212 °F) 0.125 hPa (0.094 mmHg) at 25 °C (77 °F)
Density	1.045 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	33 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.1
Relative vapour density	3.73 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

hygroscopic Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

Conditions to avoid

A mixture of benzyl alcohol and 58% sulfuric acid decomposed violently when heated to 180°C. Benzyl alcohol containing 1.4% hydrogen bromide and 1.1% of an iron(II) salt polymerized exothermally when heated above 100°C.

Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

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Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,230 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity). Behavioral:Excitement. Behavioral:Coma.

Inhalation LC50

Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 2,000 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

- IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
- ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
- 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

no data available

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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Eyes	Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

stupor, narcosis

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: DN3150000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 10 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 55 mg/l - 24 h

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Biotic/Aerobic
	Result: 92 - 96 % - 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.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Product**

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.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3334 Class: 9
Proper shipping name: (Benzyl alcohol)
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

Not dangerous goods

IATA

UN number: 3334 Class: 9
Proper shipping name: Aviation regulated liquid, n.o.s. (Benzyl alcohol)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**OSHA Hazards**

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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

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	1993-04-24

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	1993-04-24

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	1993-04-24

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.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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