SIGMA-ALDRICH

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Benzyl alcohol

Product Number : 402834

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Benzenemethanol

Formula : C7H8O Molecular Weight : 108.14 g/mol

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

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview OSHA Hazards

Delayed target organ effects

Irritant

Target Organs

Central nervous system

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 May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.

Eyes Causes eye irritation.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

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

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

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

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable properties

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

Ignition temperature 436 °C (817 °F)

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

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

Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

Methods for 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

Handling

Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

Storage

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

Handle and store under inert gas. hygroscopic

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multipurpose 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.

Eye protection

Safety glasses

Skin and body protection

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

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 -15 °C (5 °F)

Boiling point 90 - 93 °C (194 - 199 °F) at 13 hPa (10 mmHg)

205 °C (401 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg)

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

Ignition temperature 436 °C (817 °F)

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 1.044 g/cm3

Water solubility 33 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)

Partition coefficient: log Pow: 1.1

n-octanol/water

Vapour density 3.73

- (Air = 1.0)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Storage stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions. hygroscopic

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

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.

Carbon oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,230 mg/kg

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

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 2,000 mg/kg

Irritation and corrosion

Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation - 24 h

Sensitisation

no data available

Chronic exposure

no data available

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Central nervous system depression

Potential Health Effects

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Elimination information (persistence and degradability)

Biodegradability Biotic/Aerobic

Ecotoxicity effects

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

and other aquatic invertebrates.

Further information on ecology

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN-Number: 3334 Class: 9

Proper shipping name: Aviation regulated liquid, n.o.s. (Benzyl alcohol)

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

Delayed target organ effects, Irritant

TSCA Status

On TSCA Inventory

DSL Status

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

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	1991-07-01
Pennsylvania Right To Know Components		
	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	1991-07-01
New Jersey Right To Know Components		
	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	1991-07-01

California Prop. 65 Components

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

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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