

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Hydroquinone

**Cat No. :** C12091

**CAS-No** 123-31-9

**Synonyms** 1,4-Dihydroxybenzene; 1,4-Benzenediol

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

Fisher Scientific  
112 Colonnade Road,  
Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
Canada  
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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

##### **WHMIS 2015 Classification**

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Skin Sensitization</b>	Category 1
<b>Germ Cell Mutagenicity</b>	Category 2
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	
<b>Combustible Dusts</b>	Category 1

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air  
Harmful if swallowed  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Causes serious eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation  
Suspected of causing genetic defects  
Suspected of causing cancer

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Keep container tightly closed  
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace

**Response**

In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion  
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
Rinse mouth  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Storage**

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other Hazards**

Very toxic to aquatic organisms

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
1,4-Benzenediol	123-31-9	99

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Causes eye burns. May cause allergic skin reaction. . Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	165 °C / 329 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	520 °C / 968 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
2	1	1	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.
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**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong bases. Alkaline.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
1,4-Benzenediol	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Tight sealing safety goggles Goggles

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	See manufacturers	-	Splash protection only
Neoprene	recommendations		
Natural rubber			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

### Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Physical State

Solid

Appearance	Off-white
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	3.75 70 g/l aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	170 - 174 °C / 338 - 345.2 °F
Boiling Point/Range	285 - 287 °C / 545 - 548.6 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	165 °C / 329 °F
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 132 °C
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	1.320
Solubility	Soluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	520 °C / 968 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C6 H6 O2
Molecular Weight	110.11

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Alkaline
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
1,4-Benzenediol	LD50 = 298 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 74800 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
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### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Severe eye irritant
Sensitization	May cause sensitization by skin contact
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
1,4-Benzenediol	123-31-9	Not listed	Not listed	A3	Not listed	A3

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen

Hygienists)

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	Mutagenic category 2
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS)
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
1,4-Benzenediol	EC50: = 0.335 mg/L, 72h (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata)	LC50: 0.1 - 0.18 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 0.17 mg/L, 96h (Brachydanio rerio) LC50: = 0.044 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 0.044 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	EC50 = 0.038 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 0.0382 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 0.042 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 23.75 mg/L 60 min	EC50: = 0.29 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
1,4-Benzenediol	0.59

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Technical Name</b>	HYDROQUINONE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9

<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>TDG</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9
<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>IATA</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9
<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
1,4-Benzenediol	123-31-9	X	-	X	ACTIVE	204-617-8	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
1,4-Benzenediol	123-31-9	X	KE-35112	X	X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
1,4-Benzenediol	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 4 Substance	Schedule I	Subject to Monitoring and Surveillance Activities

### Other International Regulations

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
1,4-Benzenediol	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

## REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
1,4-Benzenediol	123-31-9	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
1,4-Benzenediol	123-31-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y39

## 16. Other information

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