

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>2-Methylhydroquinone</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	95-71-6
<b>Synonyms</b>	2,5-Dihydroxytoluene; THQ; Toluhydroquinone
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C7 H8 O2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	124.14
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	150830000; 150830010; 150832500
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

**HSNO Approval Number**      **HSR002508**

### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Label Elements****Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
H341 - Suspected of causing genetic defects if inhaled  
H351 - Suspected of causing cancer  
H301 - Toxic if swallowed  
H315 - Causes skin irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use  
P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
P280 - Wear protective gloves

**Response**

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
P330 - Rinse mouth  
P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Storage**

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Toluhydroquinone	95-71-6	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	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. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	None reasonably foreseeable. Causes severe eye damage. 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.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

### Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

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

### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

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

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

#### Emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

#### Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

#### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### Precautions to prevent secondary hazards

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

#### Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

### Precautions for Safe Handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

#### Storage Conditions

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

#### Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong bases.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

### Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

#### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### 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

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, 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.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Long sleeved clothing
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Use an AS/NZS 1716 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 in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices
<b>Recommended Filter type:</b>	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
<b>Recommended half mask:-</b>	Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent) When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Light cream	
<b>Odor</b>	No information available	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	126 - 128 °C / 258.8 - 262.4 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	172 °C / 341.6 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	455 °C / 851 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	77 g/L (25°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Tolhydroquinone	0.91	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

### Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C7 H8 O2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	124.14
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available

<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

##### Product Information

<b>Inhalation</b>	May produce an allergic reaction. Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. May be harmful if inhaled.
<b>Eyes</b>	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Sensitization.
<b>Skin</b>	Skin Corrosion/Irritation. Avoid contact with skin. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause allergic reactions with susceptible persons.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May cause allergic reaction. May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

##### (a) acute toxicity;

<b>Oral</b>	Category 4
<b>Dermal</b>	No data available
<b>Inhalation</b>	No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Toluhydroquinone	> 400 mg/kg ( Mouse )	>1000 mg/kg ( guinea pig )	

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

##### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

<b>Respiratory</b>	No data available
<b>Skin</b>	Category 1

**Sensitization** May cause sensitization by skin contact

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Category 2

(f) carcinogenicity; Category 2  
Possible cancer hazard. May cause cancer based on animal data

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

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.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity**

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Toluhydroquinone	LC50 = 22.72 mg/L			

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

**Persistence and Degradability**

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

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Toluhydroquinone	0.91	No data available

**Mobility** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

**Other adverse effects**

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information** Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based

on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not flush to sewer.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

<b>NZS 5433:2020</b>	Not regulated
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not regulated
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable, packaged goods
<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.
<b>Additional information</b>	None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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#### **National Regulations**

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

#### **Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements**

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

#### **Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.

### International Regulations

<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Rotterdam Convention (PIC)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH</b>	Not applicable



**International Inventories**

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Toluhydroquinone	95-71-6	X	X	202-443-7	-	-	KE-23457	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Toluhydroquinone	95-71-6	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

**Section 16 - Other Information**

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

**Legend**

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

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

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

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

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

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

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

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

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

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**ADG** - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**Key literature references and sources for data**

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

**Training Advice**

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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**Revision Summary**

Not applicable

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