

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Xylenes

**Cat No. :** AC200910000; AC200910010; AC200910025; AC200910250

**Synonyms** Dimethylbenzene

**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**  
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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

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

Flammable liquids	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Heart, Liver, Kidney, Ears.	
Aspiration Toxicity	Category 1

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Flammable liquid and vapor  
Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled  
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways  
Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation  
Suspected of causing cancer  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Keep container tightly closed  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use only non-sparking tools  
Take precautionary measures against static discharges  
Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
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  
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention  
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell  
Do NOT induce vomiting  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

**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**

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	1330-20-7	>75
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	<25

#### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<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>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Risk of serious damage to the lungs (by aspiration).
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<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. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	25 °C / 77 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	460 °C / 860 °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

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

#### 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

**Health**  
3

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

#### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Xylenes (o-, m-, p-isomers)	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 434 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 150 ppm STEL: 651 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 100 ppm STEL: 150 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm STEL: 150 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 434 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 150 ppm STEL: 651 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 100 ppm STEL: 150 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 150 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 655 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Ethylbenzene	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 434 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 125 ppm STEL: 543 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 20 ppm	TWA: 20 ppm	TWA: 20 ppm	TWA: 20 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 125 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 545 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 800 ppm TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 125 ppm STEL: 545 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

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**  
**Hand Protection**

Goggles  
Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	-	As tested under EN374-3

Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
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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:** Organic gases and vapours filter Type A Brown conforming to EN14387

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**

When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	aromatic
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-34 °C / -29.2 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	137 - 143 °C / 278.6 - 289.4 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	25 °C / 77 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	8 mbar @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	0.865
<b>Solubility</b>	practically insoluble
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	460 °C / 860 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	0.6 mPa s @ 20 °C
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8 H10
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	106.17

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids

**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

**Oral LD50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

**Dermal LD50** Category 4. ATE = 1000 - 2000 mg/kg.

**Vapor LC50** Category 4. ATE = 10 - 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	LD50 = 3500 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 4350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	29.08 mg/L [MOE Risk Assessment Vol.1, 2002]
Ethylbenzene	3500 mg/kg ( Rat )	15400 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	17.2 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	1330-20-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	Group 2B	Not listed	A3	X	A3

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Animal Carcinogen*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

*A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen*

*A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen*

*A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen*

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** Heart Liver Kidney Ears

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. Contains a substance which is: Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	Not listed	LC50: 30.26 - 40.75 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata) LC50: = 780 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Cyprinus carpio) LC50: 23.53 - 29.97 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: > 780 mg/L, 96h (Cyprinus carpio) LC50: 7.711 - 9.591 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 19 mg/L, 96h (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 13.1 - 16.5 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 13.5 - 17.3 mg/L, 96h (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 2.661 - 4.093 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 13.4 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 0.0084 mg/L 24 h	LC50: = 0.6 mg/L, 48h (Gammarus lacustris) EC50: = 3.82 mg/L, 48h (water flea)
Ethylbenzene	EC50: 2.6 - 11.3 mg/L, 72h static (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata) EC50: 1.7 - 7.6 mg/L, 96h static (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata) EC50: > 438 mg/L, 96h (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata) EC50: = 4.6 mg/L, 72h (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata)	LC50: 7.55 - 11 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 11.0 - 18.0 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 4.2 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 32 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 9.1 - 15.6 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 9.6 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata)	EC50 = 9.68 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 96 mg/L 24 h	EC50: 1.8 - 2.4 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Insoluble 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 volatility. Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	3.15
Ethylbenzene	3.2

### 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.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers) - 1330-20-7	U239	-

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

UN-No UN1307  
 Proper Shipping Name XYLENES  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group III

#### TDG

UN-No UN1307  
 Proper Shipping Name XYLENES  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group III

#### IATA

UN-No UN1307  
 Proper Shipping Name XYLENES  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group III

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1307  
 Proper Shipping Name XYLENES  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group III

### 15. Regulatory information

#### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	1330-20-7	X	-	X	ACTIVE	215-535-7	-	-
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	202-849-4	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	1330-20-7	X	KE-35427	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	X	KE-13532	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)
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 5, Isomer Groups Part 4 Substance		
Ethylbenzene	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 4 Substance		

**Legend**

NPRI - National Pollutant Release Inventory

**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)
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<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)
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	1330-20-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	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)
Xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)	1330-20-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y42
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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