

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** 2-Methylbenzyl chloride

**CAS No** 552-45-4

**Synonyms** 2-Methylbenzyl chloride; o-Xylyl chloride

**Product Code** **A13448**

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

**Physical hazards**  
No hazards identified

**Health hazards**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 1 B  
Category 1  
Category 3

**Environmental hazards**  
No hazards identified

### Label Elements



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Corrosion

**Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

Combustible liquid

**Precautionary Statements**

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

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

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

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

**Other information**

Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears)

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Benzene, 1-(chloromethyl)-2-methyl-	552-45-4	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove from exposure, lie down. Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get medical attention.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<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.

**First Aid Facilities**

Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

**Most important symptoms and effects**

Difficulty in breathing. Causes burns by all exposure routes. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Phosgene, Hydrogen chloride gas.**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

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

**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

**Emergency procedures**

Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions**

See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up****Clean-up methods - small spillage**

Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

**Clean-up methods - large spillage**

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Store in well-ventilated place.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

Keep in a dry place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep refrigerated.

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

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**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

**Exposure 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

**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
Disposable gloves	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 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.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

**Respiratory Protection**

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 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls**

No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties****Appearance**

Light yellow

**Physical State**

Liquid

Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Melting Point/Range	-2 °C / 28.4 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	197 - 199 °C / 386.6 - 390.2 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	73 °C / 163.4 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Vapor Density	No information available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	1.080	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	Insoluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	No data available	
Explosive Properties	No information available	
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	
<b>Other information</b>		
Molecular Formula	C8 H9 Cl	
Molecular Weight	140.61	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Exposure to moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Bases, Alcohols, Amines, Metals.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Phosgene. Hydrogen chloride gas.
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information	No acute toxicity information is available for this product
(a) acute toxicity;	
Oral	No data available
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	No data available
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	No data available
(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	No data available

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

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** No data available

**(f) carcinogenicity;** No data available  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**(g) reproductive toxicity;** No data available

**(h) STOT-single exposure;** No data available  
**Results / Target organs** Respiratory system

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;** No data available  
**Target Organs** No information available.

**(j) aspiration hazard;** No data available

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

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

<b>Ecotoxicity effects</b>	Do not empty into drains.
<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	No information available
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	No information available
<b>Mobility</b>	No information available.
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	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.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.
<b>Other Information</b>	Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN3265  
Proper Shipping Name Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II

**ADG**

UN-No UN3265  
Proper Shipping Name Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II

**IATA**

UN-No UN3265  
Proper Shipping Name CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.\*  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II

Environmental hazards No hazards identified  
Special Precautions No special precautions required  
Additional information None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****National Regulations Australia**

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

**Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons**

No poison schedule number allocated.

**Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Benzene, 1-(chloromethyl)-2-methyl- - 552-45-4	Present	-

**Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List**

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

**Chemicals of Security Concern**

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

National pollutant inventory Not applicable

**Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

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

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

**International Inventories**

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Benzene, 1-(chloromethyl)-2-methyl-	X	-	209-013-8	-	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>)

**International Regulations**

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

**Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal**

Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Benzene, 1-(chloromethyl)-2-methyl-	552-45-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

**Section 16 - Other Information****Legend**

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**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  
**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association  
**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**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 Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)  
**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code



Ships

**NZS 5433:2012** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**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)

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

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

**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

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

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

#### Training Advice

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

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18-Nov-2022

#### Revision Summary

Not applicable.

**This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).**

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