

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

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** 1,3-Benzenedimethanol

**CAS No** 626-18-6

**Synonyms** m-Xylene-alpha,alpha'-diol

**Product Code** **B23417**

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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**

Acute Oral Toxicity  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 4  
Category 2

**Environmental hazards**  
No hazards identified

### Label Elements



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**Signal Word****Warning****Hazard Statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements**

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

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P280 - Wear eye protection/ face protection

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P330 - Rinse mouth

P337 + P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

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

**Other information**

No information available

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
1,3-Benzenedimethanol	626-18-6	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, 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>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<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.

**Most important symptoms and effects** None reasonably foreseeable.

**Notes to Physician** 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.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

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

### 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. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

### Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

#### Clean-up methods - small spillage

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

#### 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

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.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

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

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
Nitrile rubber	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Neoprene	recommendations			
Natural rubber				
PVC				

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

Long sleeved clothing

#### 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)

### 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 Physical State

White  
Powder Solid

#### Odor Odor Threshold pH

Odorless  
No data available  
No information available

<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	56 - 60 °C / 132.8 - 140 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	154 - 159 °C / 309.2 - 318.2 °F	@ 13 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	No information available	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8 H10 O2	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	138.17	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

<b>(a) acute toxicity;</b>	
Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	No data available
<b>(b) skin corrosion/irritation;</b>	
No data available	
<b>(c) serious eye damage/irritation;</b>	
Category 2	
<b>(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;</b>	
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
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	No information available.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable Solid
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	No information available

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects	Do not empty into drains.
Persistence and Degradability	No information available
Bioaccumulative Potential	No information available
Mobility	No information available.
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 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	Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

<u>IMDG/IMO</u>	Not regulated
<u>ADG</u>	Not regulated

<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required
<b>Additional information</b>	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 - 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
1,3-Benzenedimethanol	-	-	210-934-2	-	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
1,3-Benzenedimethanol	626-18-6	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/NDL** - 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 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)

**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

**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.

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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Not applicable.

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