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ACCORDING TO OSHA HCS (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Benzene

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier

Product name Benzene
CAS No. 71-43-2

Other means of identification

Benzol; cyclohexatriene; phenyl hydride; phene; coal naphtha; pyrobenzol

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified Use(s) Refinery feedstock.
Uses advised against Anything other than the above.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone No. Chemtrec: US/Canada: 1-800-424-9300 (24h)
Mexico: 800 681 9531 (24h)

SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with paragraph (d) of 29 CFR 1910.1200

Physical hazards Flammable Liquid, Category 2
Health hazards Aspiration hazard, Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation, Category 2
Eye Irritation, Category 2A
Germ cell mutagenicity, Category 1B
Carcinogen, Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity — repeated exposure, Category 1
Environmental hazards Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Acute, Category 2
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Chronic, Category 3

Label elements

Hazard Pictogram(s)



Signal Word(s)

DANGER

Hazard Statement(s)

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
Causes skin irritation.
Causes serious eye irritation.
May cause genetic defects.
May cause cancer.
Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Toxic to aquatic life.
Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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Precautionary Statement(s)

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
Keep container tightly closed.
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
Obtain special instructions before use.
Do not breathe vapour.
Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.
IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
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.
Do NOT induce vomiting.
Avoid release to environment.
Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

Other hazards

The vapour is heavier than air; beware of pits and confined spaces. May cause irritation to eyes and air passages. Product may release Hydrogen Sulphide: A specific assessment of inhalation risks from the presence of hydrogen sulphide in tank headspaces, confined spaces, product residue, tank waste and waste water, and unintentional releases should be made to help determine controls appropriate to local circumstances.

Percent of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity:

0% of the mixture consists of ingredients of unknown acute inhaled toxicity.
0% of the mixture consists of ingredients of unknown acute oral toxicity.
0% of the mixture consists of ingredients of unknown acute dermal toxicity.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

Classification: OSHA HCS (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Chemical identity of the substance	%W/W	CAS No.	EC No.
Benzene	> 99.9	71-43-2	200-753-7

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES



Description of first aid measures

Self-protection of the first aider

Avoid all contact. Do not breathe vapour. Eliminate sources of ignition. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the responder should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. Drench contaminated clothing with water before removing to avoid risk of sparks from static electricity. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. No action should be taken involving personal risk. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, avoid direct contact. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Inhalation

IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Apply artificial respiration only if patient is not breathing but do not use mouth to mouth resuscitation. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

Skin contact

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash affected skin with plenty of water or soap and water. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

Eye contact

IF IN EYES: Hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

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Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Wash out mouth with water and give small quantities of water to drink. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Do not wait for symptoms to appear.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

Notes to a physician:

IF SWALLOWED: Do not induce vomiting because of risk of aspiration into the lungs. If aspiration is suspected obtain immediate medical attention. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration into the lungs.

SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Extinguish with sand or dry chemical. Foam, Carbon dioxide, Water fog or dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do not use water jet. Direct water jet may spread the fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Will float and can be reignited on surface water. A mixture of solid and liquid particulates and gases including unidentified organic and inorganic compounds. May form explosive mixture with air. Prevent liquid entering sewers, basements and any watercourses. Vapours are heavier than air and may travel considerable distances to a source of ignition and flashback. If sulphur compounds are present in appreciable amounts, combustion products may include also H₂S and SO_x (sulfur oxides) or sulfuric acid.

Advice for firefighters

Fight fire with normal precautions from a reasonable distance. Fire fighters should wear complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Keep containers cool by spraying with water if exposed to fire. Avoid release to the environment. Dike fire control water for later disposal.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Caution - spillages may be slippery. Ensure operatives are trained to minimise exposures. Ensure suitable personal protection during removal of spillages. Eliminate sources of ignition. Shut off leaks if without risk. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Avoid all contact. Do not breathe vapour. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not use sparking tools. Use non-sparking ventilation systems, approved explosion-proof equipment, and intrinsically safe electrical systems. Avoid exposure during pregnancy.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Provided it is safe to do so, isolate the source of the leak. Use non-sparking equipment when picking up flammable spill. The vapour is heavier than air; beware of pits and confined spaces. Ensure that the equipment is adequately grounded. Allow small spillages to evaporate provided there is adequate ventilation. Wear flame-resistant antistatic protective clothing. Wear chemical protection suit and breathing apparatus.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Obtain special instructions before use. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Prevent vapour build up by providing adequate ventilation during and after use. May form explosive mixtures with air. Take action to prevent static discharges. Use non-sparking tools. All parts of the plant and equipment should be electrically bonded together and connected to earth. Electrical continuity should be checked at regular intervals. Antistatic clothing and footwear should be used. The vapour is heavier than air; beware of pits and confined spaces. Avoid all contact with substance. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not breathe

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Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage temperature
Incompatible materials

vapour. See Section: 8. Keep good industrial hygiene. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Contaminated clothing should be thoroughly cleaned. Light hydrocarbon vapours can build up in the headspace of containers. These can cause flammability / explosion hazards. Bund storage facilities to prevent soil and water pollution in the event of spillage. Keep only in original packaging. Keep containers properly sealed when not in use. Protect from sunlight. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residue. Empty container may contain product residue which may result in flammable or explosive vapours inside the container.
Stable at ambient temperatures.
Keep away from oxidising agents and strong acids.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure limits

SUBSTANCE	CAS No.	LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)	LTEL (8 hr TWA mg/m ³)	STEL (ppm)	STEL (mg/m ³)	Note
Benzene	71-43-2	0.1	0.42	1 [^]	3.2	NIOSH
		1	-	5	-	OSHA
		0.5	-	2.5	-	ACGIH, A1

Note: OSHA PELs 1910.1000 TABLE Z-1/2/3 / NIOSH RELs / ACGIH TLVs

[^]Ceiling limit value (15 min)

A1: Confirmed Human Carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic to humans based on the weight of evidence from epidemiological studies.

Biological exposure indicies

Not established

Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate ventilation, including appropriate local extraction if dusts, fumes or vapours are likely to be evolved. Store in a cool/low-temperature, well-ventilated (dry) place away from heat and ignition sources. Guarantee that the eye flushing systems and safety showers are located close to the working place.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Fuels are typically used, transferred and transported in closed systems. If exposure is likely (i.e. during sampling) the following advice may be appropriate. Keep good industrial hygiene. Always wash hands before smoking, eating and drinking. Do not eat, drink or smoke at the work place. Avoid all contact. Do not breathe vapour. Avoid exposure during pregnancy.

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the working place, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled. The resistance of the protective clothing to chemicals should be ascertained with the respective supplier.

Eye/ face protection



Use eye protection according to EN 166, designed to protect against liquid splashes.

Skin protection



Hand protection: Wear impervious gloves (recommended: EN374). Gloves should be changed regularly to avoid permeation problems. Breakthrough time of the glove material: refer to the information provided by the gloves' producer. Protective index 6, corresponding > 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN 374. Efficiency of at least 80%).

Body protection: Wear anti-static clothing and shoes.

Small scale: Wear suitable coveralls to prevent exposure to the skin.
Large scale: Chemical protection suit.

Respiratory protection

When the product is heated / In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. The use of a high efficiency filter (recommended: EN143) is recommended. Filter type A1.

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Closed system(s): Not normally required.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Colorless to pale yellow liquid.
Odour	Gasoline
Odour threshold	Not available
pH	Not available
Melting point/freezing point	42 °F (5.6 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	176 °F (80 °C)
Flash point	11.9 °F (-11.2 °C) Closed Cup
Evaporation rate	3.5 (n-Butyl Acetate = 1)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable – liquid
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper limit: 7.10% Lower limit: 1.30%
Vapour pressure	Not available
Vapour density	2.77
Relative density	Not available
Solubility(ies)	Not available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not available
Auto-ignition temperature	1097 °F (591.67 °C)
Decomposition temperature	Not available
Viscosity	Not available

Other information

Specific Gravity	0.879
Percent volatile	100%
Molecular weight:	78.11 g/mol
Molecular formula:	C6-H6

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	Stable under normal conditions. Reacts with - Strong oxidising agents
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions. Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Vapours are heavier than air and may travel considerable distances to a source of ignition and flashback.
Conditions to avoid	Elevated temperature. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Keep away from direct sunlight.
Incompatible materials	Keep away from oxidising agents. Strong Acids and Alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products	A mixture of solid and liquid particulates and gases including unidentified organic and inorganic compounds. Decomposes in a fire giving off toxic fumes: COx, H2S, SOx,

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity - Ingestion	Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Calculated acute toxicity estimate (ATE) >2,000 mg/kg.
Acute toxicity - Inhalation	Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Calculated acute toxicity estimate (ATE) > 5 mg/L (Vapour)
Acute toxicity - Skin contact	Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Calculated acute toxicity estimate (ATE) >2,000 mg/kg.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Skin Corrosion/Irritation, Category 2: Causes skin irritation. Irritating to skin. (rabbit) (OECD 404)
Serious eye damage/irritation	Eye Irritation, Category 2: Causes serious eye irritation. EU Harmonised Classification.
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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Germ cell mutagenicity	Germ cell mutagenicity, Category 1B: May cause genetic defects. In vitro: negative (Zeiger E and Haworth S., 1985) In vivo: positive (OECD 474)
Carcinogenicity	Carcinogen, Category 1A: May cause cancer. LOAEL: 25 mg/kg/dw/day (rat) (EPA OPP 83-5)
Reproductive toxicity STOT - single exposure STOT - repeated exposure	Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Specific target organ toxicity — repeated exposure, Category 1: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Oral: Chronic - LOAEL: 25 mg/kg/dw/day (rat) Inhalation: Chronic - NOAEC: 11.2mg/m ³ Dermal: No data
Aspiration hazard	Aspiration hazard, Category 1: May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. EU Harmonised Classification.
Information on likely routes of exposure Inhalation Ingestion Skin contact Eye contact	Possible – accidental exposure Possible – accidental exposure Possible – accidental exposure Unlikely – accidental exposure
Early onset symptoms related to exposure	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation.
Delayed health effects from exposure	May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Exposure levels and health effects	See Section: 8
Interactive effects	None known
Other information OSHA Designated Carcinogen NIOSH Occupational Carcinogen List NTP Report on Carcinogens IARC Monographs	Listed Listed Listed Listed

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Acute, Category 2: Toxic to aquatic life. Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Chronic, Category 3: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. NOEC: 0.8 mg/L (32 days) (Fish) (ASTM 1984)
Persistence and degradability	Readily biodegradable. (OECD 301F) 81% Degradation in Water (5 days)
Bioaccumulative potential	Not anticipated to bioaccumulate BCF: < 10 (OECD 305)
Mobility in soil	The substance has high mobility in soil. Koc: 134 L / Kg.
Other adverse effects	None known.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods	Dispose of this material and its container as hazardous waste. Do not empty into drains, dispose of this material and its container at hazardous or special waste collection point. Disposal should be in accordance with local, state or national legislation. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residue.
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SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

	Road/rail (ADR/RID)	Sea transport (IMDG)	Air (ICAO/IATA)
UN number	UN1114	UN1114	UN1114
UN proper shipping name	BENZENE	BENZENE	BENZENE
Transport hazard class(es)	3	3	3
Packing group	II	II	II
Environmental hazards	Not applicable	Not classified as a Marine Pollutant.	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	See Section: 2		
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code	Not applicable		

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

US Federal Regulations

TSCA Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) Rule	Listed
NIOSH Occupational Carcinogen List	Listed
EPCRA Section 313	Listed (De Minimis limit: 0.1%)
CWA 307- Toxic	Listed
CERCLA - Hazardous Substances	Listed (RQ = 10 lbs)
CWA Section 311 List of Hazardous Substances	Listed

US State Regulations

Proposition 65 (California)	Listed
Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island- State Right to Know Lists	Listed
New York -State Right to Know Lists	Listed
Minnesota - State Right to Know Lists	Listed
Massachusetts – Toxic Use reduction act	Listed

Non-Regional

IARC Monographs	Listed
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SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

The following sections contain revisions or new statements: Updated substance / mixture classification. Updated version and date. New format has been issued, all sections have been updated to include new information. Review SDS with care.

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Existing Safety Data Sheet (SDS),
EU Harmonised Classification and Existing ECHA registration for Benzene (CAS No. 71-43-2).

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with paragraph (d) of 29 CFR 1910.1200	Classification procedure
Flammable Liquid, Category 2	Flash point (°C) / Boiling Point (°C)
Aspiration hazard, Category 1	High percentage inclusion of components with Aspiration hazard
Skin Corrosion/Irritation, Category 2	Summation Calculation
Eye Irritation, Category 2	Threshold Calculation
Carcinogen, Category 1A	Threshold Calculation
Germ cell mutagenicity, Category 1B	Threshold Calculation

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Specific target organ toxicity — repeated exposure, Category 1	Threshold Calculation
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Acute, Category 2	Summation Calculation
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Chronic, Category 3	Summation Calculation

Legend

ADR/RID	ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road / RID: Regulations concerning the international railway transport of dangerous goods
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
CAS	CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service
EC	European Community
EN	European Standard
EU	European Union
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO/IATA	ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization / IATA: International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
Koc	Soil Adsorption Coefficient
Kow	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
LC50	Lethal concentration 50
LD50	Lethal dose 50
LOAEL	Lowest dose adverse effect level
LTEL	Long Term Exposure Limit
NOAEC	No Observed Averse Effect concentration
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PBT	PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No Effect Concentration
(Q)SAR	Quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR)
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
UN	United Nations
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

Training advice: Consideration should be given to the work procedures involved and the potential extent of exposure as they may determine whether a higher level of protection is required.

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