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## Material Safety Data Sheet o-Xylene MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** o-Xylene

**Catalog Codes:** SLX1012

**CAS#:** 95-47-6

**RTECS:** ZE2450000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: o-Xylene

**CI#:** Not applicable.

**Synonym:** 1,2-Dimethylbenzene

**Chemical Name:** o-Xylene

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

| Name       | CAS #   | % by Weight |
|------------|---------|-------------|
| {o-}Xylene | 95-47-6 | 100         |

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** o-Xylene LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

**CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC.

**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available.

**TERATOGENIC EFFECTS:** Classified POSSIBLE for human.

**DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** Classified Reproductive system/toxin/male [POSSIBLE].

The substance may be toxic to kidneys, liver, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS).

Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. **WARNING:** It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 463°C (865.4°F)

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: 17°C (62.6°F).

**Flammable Limits:** LOWER: 0.9% UPPER: 6.7%

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.  
Slightly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

Flammable liquid, insoluble in water.  
SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.  
LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:**

Vapors are heavier than air and may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. When heated to decomposition it emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:**

Explosive in the form of vapor when exposed to heat or flame.  
Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

Containers may explode when heated.  
Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**

Toxic flammable liquid, insoluble or very slightly soluble in water.  
Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep locked up.. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids.

**Storage:**

Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:**

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.  
Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:**

TWA: 434 STEL: 651 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States]  
TWA: 100 STEL: 150 (ppm) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States]  
STEL: 150 (ppm) from NIOSH  
STEL: 655 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from NIOSH Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid. (Mobile, nonpolar liquid.)

**Odor:** Aromatic. Sweetish.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 106.17 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** 144.4°C (291.9°F)

**Melting Point:** -25°C (-13°F)

**Critical Temperature:** 359°C (678.2°F)

**Specific Gravity:** 0.88 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** 0.9 kPa (@ 20°C)

**Vapor Density:** 3.7 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** 0.05 ppm

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** The product is more soluble in oil;  $\log(\text{oil/water}) = 3.1$

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:**

Dispersed in diethyl ether.

Is not dispersed in cold water, hot water.

See solubility in diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in diethyl ether, acetone.

Insoluble in cold water, hot water.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, ignition sources, flames, incompatible materials.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:**

Photochemically reactive. Incompatible with strong oxidizers(e.g. chlorine, bromine, fluorine), and strong acids (e.g. nitric acid, acetic acid).

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

Lowest Published Lethal Dose - Inhalation (LCL): 6125 ppm 12 hours [Rat]; 6125 ppm 12 hours [Human]  
Lowest Published Lethal Dose - Oral: 5000 mg/kg [Rat]

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified POSSIBLE for human.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Classified Reproductive system/toxin/male [POSSIBLE].

May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**

May cause adverse reproductive effects (male) and birth defects based on animal data.

0347 Animal: embryotoxic, foetotoxic, passes through the placental barrier.

0900 Detected in maternal milk in human.

Narcotic effect; may cause nervous system disturbances.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Acute Potential Health Effects

Skin: May cause skin irritation. May be absorbed through skin in harmful amounts.

Eyes: Causes severe eye irritation.

Inhalation: Causes respiratory tract and mucous membranes irritation. May affect sense organs, behavior (Central Nervous system) which may result in dizziness, general weakness, central nervous system depression, confusion, ataxia, disorientation, lethargy, drowsiness, headaches. May also affect respiration, cardiovascular system, liver, blood, and digestive system (nausea, vomiting)

Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed. Causes digestive tract irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May also affect metabolism, liver, and urinary system, and central nervous system (excitement followed by headache, dizziness, drowsiness and nausea).

Chronic Potential Health Effects:

Skin: Prolonged or repeated contact may cause defatting of skin and dermatitis.

Eyes: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause conjunctivitis or permanent eye damage.

Inhalation: Chronic inhalation may cause effects similar to those of acute inhalation.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 3: Flammable liquid.

**Identification:** : Xylene UNNA: 1307 PG: III

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

### Federal and State Regulations:

Connecticut hazardous material survey.: o-Xylene

Illinois chemical safety act: o-Xylene

New York release reporting list: o-Xylene

Pennsylvania RTK: o-Xylene

Florida: o-Xylene

Massachusetts RTK: o-Xylene

Massachusetts spill list: o-Xylene

New Jersey: o-Xylene

New Jersey spill list: o-Xylene

Louisiana spill reporting: o-Xylene

California Director's List of Hazardous Substances: o-Xylene

TSCA 8(b) inventory: o-Xylene

TSCA 8(d) H and S data reporting: o-Xylene: Effective: 10/4/82; Sunset: 10/4/92

SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: o-Xylene

CERCLA: Hazardous substances.: o-Xylene: 1000 lbs. (453.6 kg)

### Other Regulations:

OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

### Other Classifications:

#### WHMIS (Canada):

CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F).

CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

#### DSCL (EEC):

#### HMIS (U.S.A.):

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 3

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** h

#### National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 3

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

#### Protective Equipment:

Gloves.

Lab coat.

Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.  
Splash goggles.

## Section 16: Other Information

### References:

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- Material safety data sheet emitted by: la Commission de la Santé et de la Sécurité du Travail du Québec.
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**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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