

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Benzene  
  
Product Number : 270709  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 601-020-00-8  
REACH No. : 01-2119447106-44-XXXX  
CAS-No. : 71-43-2

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B), H340  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1A), H350  
Aspiration hazard (Category 1), H304  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.  
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H340 May cause genetic defects.  
H350 May cause cancer.  
H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P331	Do NOT induce vomiting.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
Molecular Weight	: 78.11 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 71-43-2
EC-No.	: 200-753-7
Index-No.	: 601-020-00-8
Registration number	: 01-2119447106-44-XXXX

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Benzene</b>	Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; Muta. 1B; Carc. 1A; STOT RE 1; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 2; H225, H304, H315, H319, H340, H350, H372, H401	90 - 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

no data available

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Benzene	71-43-2	TWA	0.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Leukemia Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		STEL	2.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Leukemia Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		TWA	10 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2
		Z37.40-1969		
		CEIL	25 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2
		Z37.40-1969		
		Peak	50 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2
		Z37.40-1969		
		See 1910.1028. See Table Z-2 for the limits applicable in the operations or sectors excluded in 1910.1028 The final benzene standard in 1910.1028 applies to all occupational exposures to benzene except some subsegments of industry where exposures are consistently under the action level (i.e., distribution and sale of fuels, sealed containers and pipelines, coke production, oil and gas drilling and production, natural gas processing, and the percentage exclusion for liquid mixtures); for the excepted subsegments, the benzene limits in Table Z-2 apply.		
		TWA	0.1 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		
		ST	1 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Benzene	71-43-2	S-Phenylmercapturic acid	0.03 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		t,t-Muconic acid	0.5 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid<br>Colour: colourless   |
| b) Odour  | no data available  |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available  |
| d) pH   | no data available  |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | 5.5 °C (41.9 °F)   |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 80.0 - 80.2 °C (176.0 - 176.4 °F)  |
| g) Flash point                                  | -11.0 °C (12.2 °F) - closed cup  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available  |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available  |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 8 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 1.3 %(V)                         |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 221.3 hPa (166.0 mmHg) at 37.7 °C (99.9 °F)<br>99.5 hPa (74.6 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F) |
| l) Vapour density                               | no data available  |
| m) Relative density                             | 0.88 g/cm <sup>3</sup>   |
| n) Water solubility                             | no data available  |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | no data available  |

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| p) Auto-ignition temperature | 562.0 °C (1,043.6 °F) |
| q) Decomposition temperature | no data available     |
| r) Viscosity                 | no data available     |
| s) Explosive properties      | no data available     |
| t) Oxidizing properties      | no data available     |

## 9.2 Other safety information

no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

no data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

acids, Bases, Halogens, Strong oxidizing agents, Metallic salts

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,990 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - female - 4 h - 44,700 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 8,263 mg/kg

no data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit

Result: Skin irritation

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.

In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects

Human

lymphocyte

Sister chromatid exchange

mouse

lymphocyte

Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.

mouse  
Sister chromatid exchange

### **Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity - Human - male - Inhalation  
Tumorigenic: Carcinogenic by RTECS criteria. Leukaemia Blood: Thrombocytopenia.

Carcinogenicity - rat - Oral  
Tumorigenic: Carcinogenic by RTECS criteria. Endocrine: Tumors. Leukaemia

This is or contains a component that has been reported to be carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

Human carcinogen.

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Benzene)

NTP: Known to be human carcinogen (Benzene)

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Benzene)

### **Reproductive toxicity**

Reproductive toxicity - mouse - Intraperitoneal  
Effects on Fertility: Pre-implantation mortality (e.g., reduction in number of implants per female; total number of implants per corpora lutea). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetal death.

Developmental Toxicity - rat - Inhalation  
Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Extra embryonic structures (e.g., placenta, umbilical cord). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).

Developmental Toxicity - mouse - Inhalation  
Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Cytological changes (including somatic cell genetic material). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Blood and lymphatic system (including spleen and marrow).

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

no data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

no data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

### **Additional Information**

RTECS: CY1400000

Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, narcosis, Inhalation of high concentrations of benzene may have an initial stimulatory effect on the central nervous system characterized by exhilaration, nervous excitation and/or giddiness, depression, drowsiness, or fatigue. The victim may experience tightness in the chest, breathlessness, and loss of consciousness. Tremors, convulsions, and death due to respiratory paralysis or circulatory collapse can occur in a few minutes to several hours following severe exposures. Aspiration of small amounts of liquid immediately causes pulmonary edema and hemorrhage of pulmonary tissue. Direct skin contact may cause erythema. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may result in drying, scaling dermatitis, or development of secondary skin infections. The chief target organ is the hematopoietic system. Bleeding from the nose, gums, or mucous membranes and the development of purpuric spots, pancytopenia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, aplastic anemia, and leukemia may occur as the condition progresses. The bone marrow may appear normal, aplastic or hyperplastic, and may not correlate with peripheral blood-forming tissues. The onset of effects of prolonged benzene exposure may be delayed for many months or years after the actual exposure has ceased., Blood disorders

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (rainbow trout) - 5.90 mg/l - 96 h

LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 15.00 - 32.00 mg/l - 96 h

LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 230.00 mg/l - 96 h

NOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 10.2 mg/l - 7 d

LOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 17.2 mg/l - 7 d

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 22.00 mg/l - 48 h

EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 9.20 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 29.00 mg/l - 72 h

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Result: - Readily biodegradable.

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d  
- 0.05 mg/l

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 10

## 12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available

## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Toxic to aquatic life.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1114      Class: 3      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Benzene  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1114      Class: 3      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: BENZENE  
Marine pollutant: No

### IATA

UN number: 1114      Class: 3      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Benzene

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

REACH No. : 01-2119447106-44-XXXX



### SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

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### California Prop. 65 Components

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Asp. Tox.	Aspiration hazard
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	3
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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