

**Safety Data Sheet**

**1. IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Identifier:** Xylenes

**Product Code(s):** X1005

**Synonyms:** Dimethylbenzenes

**Recommended Use:** For manufacturing, industrial, and laboratory use only. Use as a solvent or as a laboratory reagent.

**Uses Advised Against:** Not for food, drug, or household use.

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Hazard Classifications:**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation:	Category 2
Eye Damage/Irritation:	Category 2A
Carcinogenicity:	Category 2
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure):	Category 3
Aspiration Hazard:	Category 1
Flammable Liquids:	Category 3

**Signal Word:** DANGER

**Hazard Statements:**

- Causes skin irritation.
- Causes serious eye irritation.
- Suspected of causing cancer.
- May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
- May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
- Flammable liquid and vapor.

**Pictograms:**



## Precautionary Statements:

<b>Prevention:</b>	Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, and face protection. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Avoid breathing fumes, mists, vapors, or spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. – No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Ground container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, lighting, and transportation equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
<b>Response:</b>	If exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell. If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Do NOT induce vomiting. In case of fire, use water spray, dry powder, alcohol resistant foam, or carbon dioxide to extinguish.
<b>Storage:</b>	Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep cool.
<b>Disposal:</b>	Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.
<b>Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:</b>	Expected to be toxic to aquatic organisms. Avoid release to the environment.
<b>Toxicity Statement:</b>	Not applicable.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Common Name / Synonyms	CAS#	Chemical Formula	% by Weight
Xylenes	Dimethylbenzenes	1330-20-7	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	75 – 90
Ethyl Benzene	Phenylethane	100-41-4	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	10 – 25

**Trade Secret Statement:** Not applicable.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### First Aid Procedures:

<b>Inhalation:</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. WARNING! It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled or ingested material is toxic, infectious, or corrosive. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other
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proper respiratory medical device. Call a poison center or doctor immediately if symptoms occur.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that vomit does not enter lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a poison center or doctor immediately.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Wash clothing before reuse. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Immediately flush eyes with gentle but large stream of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**General Advice:** Poison information centers in each state can provide additional assistance for scheduled poisons. Ensure that medical personnel and those providing first aid are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Symptoms and Effects:** Inhalation may cause drowsiness, dizziness, and impaired motor function. Ingestion may cause visual disturbances, impaired motor function, unconsciousness, nausea, and vomiting. Skin and eye contact may cause irritation. Prolonged or repeated exposure may affect the brain and central nervous system and may cause cancer.

**Immediate Medical Care/  
Special Treatment:** If you feel unwell or are concerned, call a poison center or doctor immediately. Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, dry powder, alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a solid (straight) water stream, as it may scatter and spread fire.

**Hazardous Combustion  
Products:** Carbon oxides.

**Specific Hazards:** Highly flammable. Vapors may cause flash fire or ignite explosively. Burns vigorously if ignited easily by heat, sparks, or flames. Material may burn with an invisible flame. Sealed containers may explode when heated or involved in fire. Material is sensitive to static discharge. Vapors may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. Vapor from the solvent may accumulate in container headspace, resulting in flammability hazard.

**Special Protective Equipment/  
Precautions for Firefighters:** As in any fire, wear MSHA/NIOSH-approved (or equivalent), self-contained, positive-pressure or pressure-demand breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Move containers from fire area, if you can do so without risk. This material may evaporate and leave a flammable residue if spilled. In the event of fire and/or explosion, do not breathe fumes.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions and  
Protective Equipment:** Ventilate area of leak or spill. Isolate hazard area and keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away from the area of the leak or spill. Keep upwind. Keep out of low areas. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Remove all sources of ignition. Pay attention to flashback. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

<b>Emergency Procedures:</b>	In case of chemical emergency, or if unsure how to address an accidental release, consult a professional (see Section 1).
<b>Methods for Containment:</b>	Eliminate all sources of ignition. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements, or confined areas. Dike the spilled material where possible. Product should not be released to the environment. Contain and recover liquid when possible.
<b>Methods for Cleanup:</b>	Absorb spill with an inert material (e.g. vermiculite, dry sand, earth, cloth, or fleece) and place in a non-combustible container for reclamation or disposal. Do not flush to sewer. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Never return spills in original containers for reuse. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling:</b>	Do not handle, store, or open near an open flame, sources of heat, or sources of ignition. Wear personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Use only in well-ventilated areas. Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not ingest. When using, do not eat, drink, or smoke. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Keep away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash thoroughly after handling. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty, as they retain product residues. Observe all warnings and precautions listed for this product.
<b>Storage:</b>	Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Store in a segregated and approved area away from heat, sources of ignition, and incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed and upright. Keep away from food, drink, and animal foodstuffs. Keep out of the reach of children. Ground container and transfer equipment. Comply with all national, state, and local codes pertaining to the storage, handling, dispensing, and disposal of this product.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Exposure Limits:</b>	Xylene:	ACGIH: TWA:	100 ppm
		STEL:	150 ppm
		OSHA: TWA:	100 ppm
	Ethyl Benzene:	ACGIH: TWA:	20 ppm
		STEL:	125 ppm
		OSHA: TWA:	100 ppm
		NIOSH: TWA:	100 ppm

<b>Engineering Controls:</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.
<b>Personal Protective Measures:</b>	
<b>Eye/Face Protection:</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles. Maintain approved eye wash station and accessible rinse facilities in work area.

**Skin Protection:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing (with long sleeves) and appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

**Respiratory Protection:** An air-purifying, NIOSH-approved respirator with appropriate cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Use a positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, if exposure levels are unknown, or in any other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

**Specific Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment:** Ensure that glove material is compatible with this product. This information is available from glove manufacturers.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

*Unless otherwise indicated, all properties are given at 25 °C and standard pressure.*

**Appearance:** Colorless, transparent liquid.

**Odor:** Aromatic.

**Odor Threshold:** No information found.

**Formula Weight:** 106.17

**pH:** No information found.

**Melting/Freezing Point:** -41.5 °C

**Boiling Point/Range:** 137 – 143 °C

**Decomposition Temperature:** No information found.

**Flash Point:** 25 °C, closed cup

**Auto-ignition Temperature:** 528 °C

**Flammability:** Explosive as vapor; flammable as liquid.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Lower: 1.1% by volume  
Upper: 7.0% by volume

**Solubility:** Miscible with alcohol, ether, chloroform.

**Vapor Pressure:** 18 mmHg at 37.7 °C

**Vapor Density:** 3.67 (Air = 1)

**Specific Gravity:** 0.87 (Water = 1)

**Evaporation Rate:** No information found.

**Viscosity:** Kinematic: ≤ 20.5 mm<sup>2</sup>/s at 40 °C

**Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):** 3.12 – 3.20

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity Data:** Highly flammable. See Section 9.

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Heat, flames, sparks, sources of ignition, incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizing agents.

<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Carbon oxides.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b>	May react vigorously, violently, or explosively if exposed to extreme thermal conditions or in contact with the incompatible materials listed above.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>	Will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Routes of Exposure:</b>	Inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact.												
<b>Acute Effects:</b>	May be harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or exposed to the skin or eyes. Causes irritation to the eyes, skin, respiratory tract, and gastrointestinal tract. May cause drowsiness or dizziness if inhaled.												
<b>Chronic Effects:</b>	Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause brain and nervous system effects and may also cause cancer.												
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<b>Symptoms of Exposure:</b>	Irritation, unconsciousness, visual disturbances, impaired motor function, drowsiness, dizziness, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting.												
<b>Carcinogenic Effects:</b>	This product may cause cancer.												
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## 13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

<b>Disposal Instructions:</b>	All wastes must be handled in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Minimize exposure to product waste (see Section 8). Do not dispose unused waste down drains or into sewers.
<b>Contaminated Packaging:</b>	Because emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Residual vapors may explode on ignition; do not cut, drill, grind, or weld on or near product container. Offer rinsed packaging material to local recycling facilities.
<b>Waste Codes:</b>	D001: Waste flammable material (with a flash point <140 °F)

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT:

**UN Number:** UN1307

**Proper Shipping Name:** Xylenes

**Hazard Class:** 3

**Packing Group:** III

**ERG Number:** 130

**Environmental Hazard Regulations:** Not classified as a marine pollutant.

**Other Transport Precautions:** DOT Reportable Quantity: 100 lb

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### U.S. Federal Regulations:

**OSHA:** This product is considered a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**TSCA Inventory:** All components of this product are on the U.S. TSCA Inventory.

### U.S. EPCRA (SARA Title III):

**Section 302:** No information found.

### Sections 311/312:

Hazard Category	List (Yes/No)
Section 311 – Hazardous Chemical	Yes
Immediate Hazard	Yes
Delayed Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	Yes
Pressure Hazard	No
Reactivity Hazard	No

**Section 313:** No information found.

**CERCLA Reportable Quantities:** 100 lb

**International Inventories:**

Country or Region	Inventory Name	On Inventory (Yes/No)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that the listed components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country or region.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Disclaimer:**

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Update of part number information in Section 1, update of symptoms and effects in Section 4, and update of property conditions in Section 9. Supersedes 05/11/2015 version.