

Material Safety Data Sheet

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According to 91/155/EEC

1 - Product and Company Information

Product Name	HEXAMETHYLBENZENE, 99%
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2 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Product Name	CAS #	EC no	Annex I Index Number
HEXAMETHYLBENZENE	87-85-4	201-777-0	None
Formula	C12H18		
Molecular Weight	162.28 AMU		
Synonyms	Hexamethylbenzene * Mellitene		

3 - Hazards Identification

SPECIAL INDICATION OF HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Not hazardous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.

4 - First Aid Measures

AFTER INHALATION

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

AFTER SKIN CONTACT

In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and copious amounts of water.

AFTER EYE CONTACT

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

AFTER INGESTION

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician.

5 - Fire Fighting Measures

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Water spray. Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam.

SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

6 - Accidental Release Measures

PROCEDURE(S) OF PERSONAL PRECAUTION(S)

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Avoid raising dust. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

7 - Handling and Storage

HANDLING

Directions for Safe Handling: Avoid inhalation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing.

STORAGE

Conditions of Storage: Keep tightly closed. Store in a cool dry place.

8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Safety shower and eye bath. Mechanical exhaust required.

GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES

Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory Protection: Government approved respirator.

Hand Protection: Rubber gloves.

Eye Protection: Chemical safety goggles.

9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	Color: Faintly yellow	Form: Fine crystals
Property	Value	At Temperature or Pressure
pH	N/A	
BP/BP Range	264 °C	
MP/MP Range	164 °C	
Flash Point	N/A	
Flammability	N/A	
Autoignition Temp	N/A	
Oxidizing Properties	N/A	
Explosive Properties	N/A	
Explosion Limits	N/A	
Vapor Pressure	N/A	
SG/Density	N/A	
Partition Coefficient	N/A	
Viscosity	N/A	
Vapor Density	N/A	
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A	
Evaporation Rate	N/A	

Bulk Density	N/A
Decomposition Temp.	N/A
Solvent Content	N/A
Water Content	N/A
Surface Tension	N/A
Conductivity	N/A
Miscellaneous Data	N/A
Solubility	N/A

10 - Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY

Reactions to Avoid: Reacts violently with:
Materials to Avoid: Nitromethane, Strong oxidizing agents.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS NUMBER: DA3200000

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Multiple Routes: May be harmful by inhalation, ingestion, or skin absorption. May cause irritation.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE - CARCINOGEN

Mouse

Route of Application: Implant

Result: Tumorigenic:Neoplastic by RTECS criteria. Kidney, Ureter, Bladder:Tumors.

12 - Ecological Information

No data available.

13 - Disposal Considerations

SUBSTANCE DISPOSAL

Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

14 - Transport Information

RID/ADR

Non-hazardous for road transport.

IMDG

Non-hazardous for sea transport.

IATA

Non-hazardous for air transport.

15 - Regulatory Information

Not hazardous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.

SWITZERLAND

SWISS POISON CLASS: 4

16 - Other Information

WARRANTY

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