

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : *p*-Benzoquinone

Product Number : B10358

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## Emergency Overview

## Target Organs

Eyes

## WHMIS Classification

D1A	Very Toxic Material Causing Immediate and	Highly toxic by inhalation
D1B	Serious Toxic Effects	Toxic by ingestion
D2B		Moderate skin irritant
		Moderate eye irritant

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H371	May cause damage to organs.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

## HMIS Classification

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	2
Physical hazards:	1

## Potential Health Effects

<b>Inhalation</b>	May be fatal if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Toxic if swallowed.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms	: Quinone
Formula	: C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular Weight	: 108.09 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
<b>Quinone</b>			
106-51-4	203-405-2	606-013-00-3	-

### 4. 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

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

#### Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

#### 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.

#### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

#### Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Light sensitive. Exposure to moisture. Keep in a dry place.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Quinone	106-51-4	TWA	0.1 ppm 0.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2009-04-30	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
		TWA	0.1 ppm	2006-11-29	Canada. British Columbia OEL
		TWAE V	0.1 ppm 0.44 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2005-12-17	Canada. Ontario OELs
		TWAE V	0.1 ppm 0.44 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2006-12-29	Canada. Quebec OELs

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N99 (US) or type P2 (EN 143) 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).

#### Hand protection

Handle with gloves.

#### Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses

#### Skin and body protection

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

#### Hygiene measures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	powder
Colour	dark yellow

### Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point	113 - 115 °C (235 - 239 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	no data available
Flash point	77.00 °C (170.60 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	560 °C (1,040 °F)
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	0.1 hPa (0.1 mmHg) at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.2
Relative vapour density	4.33

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Reacts violently with: Strong oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

### Thermal decomposition

243 °C

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

Genotoxicity in vitro - Ames test - S. typhimurium  
Histidine reversion (Ames)

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
DNA damage

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
DNA inhibition

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.

Genotoxicity in vitro - Human - lymphocyte  
Sister chromatid exchange

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - Embryo  
Morphological transformation.

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte  
Other mutation test systems

Genotoxicity in vitro - Hamster - Lungs  
Micronucleus test

Genotoxicity in vitro - Human - lymphocyte  
Other mutation test systems

Genotoxicity in vivo - mouse - Oral  
Micronucleus test

### Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Skin  
Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Tumors. Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Quinone)

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (GHS)**

May cause damage to organs.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (GHS)**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects**

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**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Damage to the eyes.

**Additional Information**

RTECS: DK2625000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.04 - 0.125 mg/l - 96.0 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates.	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1 - 3.5 mg/l - 24 h
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 0.08 mg/l - 4 h

**Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN-Number: 2587 Class: 6.1

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Benzoquinone

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs

Marine pollutant: No

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN-Number: 2587 Class: 6.1  
Proper shipping name: BENZOQUINONE  
Marine pollutant: No

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-A, S-A

**IATA**

UN-Number: 2587 Class: 6.1  
Proper shipping name: Benzoquinone

Packing group: II

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****DSL Status**

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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