

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Biphenyl

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

Target Organs

Liver, Central nervous system, Peripheral nervous system.

WHMIS Classification

D2B Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects Moderate skin irritant
Moderate eye irritant

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H303 May be harmful if swallowed.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
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.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 1
Physical hazards: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : C₁₂H₁₀
Molecular Weight : 154.21 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Biphenyl			
92-52-4	202-163-5	601-042-00-8	-

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

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

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.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Biphenyl	92-52-4	TWA	0.2 ppm	2006-11-29	Canada. British Columbia OEL

		TWAE V	0.2 ppm 1.3 mg/m ³	2005-12-17	Canada. Ontario OELs
		TWA	0.2 ppm 1.3 mg/m ³	2007-01-01	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
		TWAE V	0.2 ppm 1.3 mg/m ³	2006-12-29	Canada. Quebec OELs

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a dust mask type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) 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

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166

Skin and body protection

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

Hygiene measures

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

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form	crystalline
Colour	light yellow
Odour	characteristic

Safety data

pH	5.5
Melting point	68 - 70 °C (154 - 158 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	255 °C (491 °F) - lit.
Flash point	110 °C (230 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	540 °C (1,004 °F)
Lower explosion limit	0.6 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	5.8 %(V)
Vapour pressure	0.04 hPa (0.03 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 5.5 hPa (4.1 mmHg) at 100 °C (212 °F) 12.6 hPa (9.5 mmHg) at 115 °C (239 °F) 95.7 hPa (71.8 mmHg) at 166 °C (331 °F)
Density	0.992 g/cm ³
Water solubility	0.0075 g/l at 15 °C (59 °F)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid

no data available

Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,140 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity). Behavioral:Muscle weakness. Gastrointestinal disturbance

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - > 5,010 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Severe skin irritation - 24 h - Draize Test

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Mild eye irritation - Draize Test

Respiratory or skin sensitization

guinea pig -

Remarks: Did not cause sensitization on laboratory animals.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte

DNA damage

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte

Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.

Genotoxicity in vitro - Hamster - Lungs

Mutation in microorganisms

Genotoxicity in vitro - Hamster - fibroblast

Sister chromatid exchange

Genotoxicity in vivo - rat - Oral

Unscheduled DNA synthesis

Genotoxicity in vivo - mouse - Oral

DNA damage

Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Oral

Tumorigenic:Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Tumors. Blood:Tumors.

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Subcutaneous

Tumorigenic:Neoplastic by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Tumors. Liver:Tumors.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

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**Inhalation**

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Ingestion

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Skin
Eyes

May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Liver injury may occur., Gastrointestinal disturbance

Additional Information

RTECS: DU8050000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 1.45 mg/l - 96.0 h LC0 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 38 mg/l - 96.0 h LC50 - Salmo gairdneri - 1.5 mg/l - 96.0 h LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 4.7 mg/l - 96.0 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates.	LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.36 mg/l - 48 h

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Method: Closed Bottle test Remarks: According to the results of tests of biodegradability this product is considered as being readily biodegradable.
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Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation	Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 281
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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, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN-Number: 3077	Class: 9	Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Biphenyl)		
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs		
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant		
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No		

IMDG

UN-Number: 3077	Class: 9	Packing group: III	EMS-No: F-A, S-F
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Biphenyl)			
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant			

IATA

UN-Number: 3077 Class: 9

Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Biphenyl)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**DSL Status**

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

WHMIS Classification

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		Moderate eye irritant

16. OTHER INFORMATION**Further information**

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