

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Version 6.5  
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Print Date 08/29/2020**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : *m*-Xylene  
Product Number : 296325  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 601-022-00-9  
CAS-No. : 108-38-3

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

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

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4), H312  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
Aspiration hazard (Category 1), H304  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H412

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)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H312 Harmful in contact with skin.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

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.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
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 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
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

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : 1,3-Dimethylbenzene

Formula : C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>  
 Molecular weight : 106.17 g/mol  
 CAS-No. : 108-38-3  
 EC-No. : 203-576-3  
 Index-No. : 601-022-00-9

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>m-Xylene</b>	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 2; Aquatic Chronic 3; H226, H332, H312, H315, H319, H335, H304, H401, H412	<= 100 %

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## SECTION 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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## SECTION 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 firefighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## SECTION 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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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

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

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.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
m-Xylene	108-38-3	TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	150 ppm 655 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Remarks	The value in mg/m <sup>3</sup> is approximate.		
		TWA	100 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		STEL	150 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
m-Xylene	108-38-3	Methylhippuric acids	1.5g/g creatinine	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	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.

Full contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm  
Break through time: 480 min  
Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

Splash contact  
Material: Nitrile rubber  
Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm  
Break through time: 30 min  
Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### **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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## **SECTION 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            | Melting point/range: -48 °C (-54 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 138 - 139 °C 280 - 282 °F - lit.            |
| g) Flash point                             | 25.0 °C (77.0 °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: 7 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1.1 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	8.0 hPa at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F) 21.3 hPa at 37.7 °C(99.9 °F)
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	0.868 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 3.2 at 20 °C (68 °F)
p) Auto-ignition temperature	465.0 °C (869.0 °F) 528.0 °C (982.4 °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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## SECTION 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.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 3,523 mg/kg

(EC Directive 92/69/EEC B.1 Acute Toxicity (Oral))

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 27.12 mg/l  
(US-EPA)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male - 12,126 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA) (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Moderate skin irritation - 4 h

(Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.4)

Drying-out effect resulting in rough and chapped skin. After long-term exposure to the chemical: Dermatitis

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe eye irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (RTECS)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 429)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

sister chromatid exchange assay

Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Ames test

Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

(National Toxicology Program)

Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

OECD Test Guideline 478

Mouse - male and female

Result: negative

OECD Test Guideline 474

Mouse - male - Red blood cells (erythrocytes)

Result: negative

(IUCLID)

#### Carcinogenicity

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

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.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

Overexposure may cause reproductive disorder(s) based on tests with laboratory animals.

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

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

Acute oral toxicity - Risk of aspiration upon vomiting., Aspiration may cause pulmonary oedema and pneumonitis.

Acute inhalation toxicity - Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract.

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

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

### **Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 90 Days - No observed adverse effect level - 200 mg/kg

RTECS: ZE2275000

Liver injury may occur., Kidney injury may occur., Blood disorders, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, narcosis, Lung irritation, chest pain, pulmonary edema, Central nervous system depression, Dermatitis, Gastrointestinal disturbance  
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Kidney -

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 2.60 mg/l - 96 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to algae static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 4.36 mg/l - 73 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 201)

Toxicity to bacteria Remarks: (ECHA)(m-Xylene)

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d  
Result: 98 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301F)

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 2.62 g/g  
Remarks: (ECHA)

Theoretical oxygen demand 3.17 g/g  
Remarks: (ECHA)

Ratio BOD/ThBOD 80 %  
Remarks: (ECHA)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 56 d  
at 10 °C - 1.3 mg/l(m-Xylene)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 7.4 - 18.5

Due to the distribution coefficient n-octanol/water, accumulation in organisms is not expected.

### 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.

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Additional ecological information No data available

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## SECTION 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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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1307 Class: 3 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Xylenes  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1307 Class: 3 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: XYLENES

### IATA

UN number: 1307 Class: 3 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Xylenes

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

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:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
m-Xylene	108-38-3	2007-07-01

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
m-Xylene	108-38-3	2007-07-01

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
m-Xylene	108-38-3	2007-07-01

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
m-Xylene	108-38-3	2007-07-01

### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

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