

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : *p*-Xylene

Product Number : 95680  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 601-022-00-9  
CAS-No. : 106-42-3

**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.  
3050 Spruce Street  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
Fax : +1 800 325-5052

**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887

**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, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4), H312  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 2), H401

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 : Warning

Hazard statement(s)  
H226 : Flammable liquid and vapour.

H312 + H332	Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
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/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
P322	Specific measures (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: 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 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: 1,4-Dimethylbenzene
Formula	: C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>
Molecular weight	: 106.17 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 106-42-3
EC-No.	: 203-396-5
Index-No.	: 601-022-00-9

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>p-Xylene</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; STOT SE 3; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 2; Aquatic Chronic 3; H226, H332, H312, H315,	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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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

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### 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. 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
p-Xylene	106-42-3	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
p-Xylene	106-42-3	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

a) Appearance	Form: liquid, clear Colour: colourless
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	13.0 °C (55.4 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	137.0 - 138.0 °C 278.6 - 280.4 °F
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	21.3 hPa at 37.7 °C (99.9 °F) 12.0 hPa at 20.0 °C(68.0 °F)
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	0.86 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n) Water solubility	0.2 g/l
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 3.15
p) Auto-ignition temperature	529.0 °C (984.2 °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

Surface tension 28.3 mN/m at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)

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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  
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)  
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. Dermatitis

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 429)

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Ames test

Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

(National Toxicology Program)

sister chromatid exchange assay

Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

OECD Test Guideline 474

Mouse - male - Red blood cells (erythrocytes)

Result: negative

(IUCLID)

OECD Test Guideline 478

Mouse - male and female

Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

#### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

May cause reproductive disorders.

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

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

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: ZE2625000

narcosis, Lung irritation, chest pain, pulmonary edema, Central nervous system depression, Gastrointestinal disturbance, Liver injury may occur., Kidney injury may occur., Blood disorders

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

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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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 daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 35.50 - 63.10 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 4.36 mg/l - 73 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test NOEC - activated sludge - 16.2 mg/l - 28 h Remarks: (ECHA)

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

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

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

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

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 7.4 - 18.5

## 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.

Toxic to aquatic life.

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): 100 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1307 Class: 3  
Proper shipping name: XYLENES

Packing group: III

EMS-No: F-E, S-D

**IATA**

UN number: 1307 Class: 3  
Proper shipping name: Xylenes

Packing group: III

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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
p-Xylene	106-42-3	2007-07-01

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**

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