

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** m-Tolualdehyde, stabilized

**Cat No. :** AC138990000; AC138990250; AC138991000

**CAS No** 620-23-5  
**Synonyms** 3-Methylbenzaldehyde

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Flammable liquids	Category 4
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Warning

**Hazard Statements**

Combustible liquid  
Harmful if swallowed  
Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Keep cool

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
Take off contaminated clothing

**Eyes**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

**Ingestion**

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
Rinse mouth

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

**Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200**

No information available

### 3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	>95
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	0.1

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	78 °C / 172.4 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Remove all sources of ignition.

## 7. Handling and Storage

<b>Handling</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not
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get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

**Storage.**

Keep under nitrogen. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong bases. Strong reducing agents.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Hydroquinone	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Recommended Filter type:**

Organic gases and vapours filter. Type A. Brown. conforming to EN14387.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance**Physical State**

Liquid

**Color**

Dark yellow

**Odor**

Strong

**Odor Threshold**

No information available

PropertyValuesRemarks• Method**Melting Point/Range**

No data available

**Softening Point**

No data available

**Boiling Point/Range**

199 °C / 390.2 °F

@ 760 mmHg

**Flash Point**

78 °C / 172.4 °F

**Method** - No information available

**Flammability (liquid)**

Combustible liquid

On basis of test data

**Flammability (solid,gas)**

Not applicable

Liquid

**Explosion Limits**

No data available

**Autoignition Temperature**

No data available

<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Slightly soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Hydroquinone	0.59	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	1.019	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Vapor Density</b>	4.14	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	Not applicable (liquid)	
<b>Other Information</b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8 H8 O	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	120.15	
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	explosive air/vapour mixtures possible	

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Air sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Exposure to air. Incompatible products. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on expected route of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Not an expected route of exposure.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.
<b>Eyes</b>	Avoid contact with eyes. Irritating to eyes.
<b>Skin</b>	Avoid contact with skin. May cause irritation.

### Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Hydroquinone	LD50 = 367 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 74800 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-

<b>Toxicologically Synergistic Products</b>	No information available
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(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

**Respiratory** No data available  
**Skin** No data available

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;**

No data available  
 Contains a known or suspected mutagen

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

Product contains small quantities of a suspected carcinogen The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	Not listed	Not listed	A3	Not listed	A3

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen  
 A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen  
 A3 - Animal Carcinogen  
 ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

**(g) reproductive toxicity;**

No data available

**(h) STOT-single exposure;**

Category 3

**Results / Target organs**

Respiratory system.

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;**

No data available

**Target Organs**

No information available.

**(j) aspiration hazard;**

No data available

**Other Adverse Effects**

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

**Other Adverse Effects**

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Hydroquinone	EC50: = 0.335 mg/L, 72h (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata)	LC50: 0.1 - 0.18 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 0.17 mg/L, 96h (Brachydanio rerio) LC50: = 0.044 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 0.044 mg/L, 96h	EC50 = 0.038 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 0.0382 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 0.042 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 23.75 mg/L 60 min	EC50: = 0.29 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

		flow-through (Oncorhynchus mykiss)		
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**Persistence and Degradability** Insoluble in water May persist based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Hydroquinone	0.59

### 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

### 14. Transport information

**DOT** COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID, NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT IN THIS QUANTITY  
According to 49 CFR §173.150(f)(1), this material should be reclassified as NA1993, Combustible Liquid, NOS if it is shipped in bulk

**UN-No** NA1993  
**Proper Shipping Name** Combustible liquid, n.o.s.  
**Packing Group** III

**TDG** Not regulated  
**IATA** Not regulated  
**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

### 15. Regulatory Information

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	X	ACTIVE	-
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

**TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)** Not applicable

**TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export** Not applicable

#### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	X	-	210-632-0	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23444
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	X	-	204-617-8	X	X	X	X	X	KE-35112

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	0.1	1.0 %	-

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Hydroquinone	X		-

**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration** Not applicable

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Hydroquinone	100 lb	100 lb	100 lb 45.4 kg

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Hydroquinone	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)



Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	-	-	-
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

## REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per &amp; poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

## Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Benzaldehyde, 3-methyl-	620-23-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y39

## 16. Other Information

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**End of SDS**