

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name	Hydroquinone
Cat No. :	H329-500
CAS No	123-31-9
Synonyms	1,4-Dihydroxybenzene; 1,4-Benzenediol
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
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTRAC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTRAC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Combustible dust	Yes

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May form combustible dust concentrations in air
Harmful if swallowed
May cause an allergic skin reaction
Causes serious eye damage
Suspected of causing genetic defects
Suspected of causing cancer



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
Wear protective gloves
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

Skin

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

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Ingestion

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

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)

Very toxic to aquatic life

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

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	<= 100

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes eye burns. May cause allergic skin reaction. Causes severe eye damage. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	165 °C / 329 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	520 °C / 968 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	1	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.
Environmental Precautions	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong bases. Alkaline.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

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

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.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection Tight sealing safety goggles.

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: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State Solid

Color Off-white

Odor Odorless

Odor Threshold No information available

Property

Melting Point/Range 170 - 174 °C / 338 - 345.2 °F

Softening Point No data available

Boiling Point/Range 285 - 287 °C / 545 - 548.6 °F

Flash Point 165 °C / 329 °F

Flammability (liquid) Not applicable

Flammability (solid,gas) No information available

Explosion Limits No data available

Autoignition Temperature 520 - °C / 968 - °F

Decomposition Temperature No data available

pH 3.75

Viscosity Not applicable

Remarks

• Method

@ 760 mmHg

Method - No information available

Solid

Water Solubility	70 g/l in water (20°C)
Solubility in other solvents	No information available
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)	
Component	log Pow
Hydroquinone	0.59
Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 132 °C
Density / Specific Gravity	1.320
Bulk Density	No data available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Particle characteristics	Solid No data available

Other Information

Molecular Formula	C6 H6 O2
Molecular Weight	110.11
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Alkaline
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information**Information on expected route of exposure**

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. Skin Corrosion/Irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

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

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
Respiratory No data available

Skin	Category 1 No information available
(e) germ cell mutagenicity;	Category 2 Mutagenic category 2
(f) carcinogenicity;	Category 2 The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
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)

Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens

A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen
A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen
A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen
A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen
A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen

(g) reproductive toxicity;	No data available
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(h) STOT-single exposure;	No data available
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(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
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Target Organs

None known.

(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable Solid
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Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.
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Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
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Endocrine Disrupting Properties	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.
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12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

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 flow-through (Oncorhynchus	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)

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Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its 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

UN-No UN3077
Proper Shipping Name Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name Hydroquinone
Hazard Class 9
Packing Group III

TDG

UN-No UN3077
Proper Shipping Name Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name Hydroquinone
Hazard Class 9
Packing Group III

IATA

UN-No UN3077
Proper Shipping Name Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name Hydroquinone
Hazard Class 9
Packing Group III

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN3077
Proper Shipping Name Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name Hydroquinone
Hazard Class 9
Packing Group III

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
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
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**

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	<= 100	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

Slight risk, Grade 1

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)
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)
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & 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)
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y39

16. Other Information

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