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Date printed: 12 August 2023**Section 1. Identification****1.1 Product Identifier** 0759

Product Name XYLENE  
CAS Number 1330-20-7  
REACH Registration No 01-2119488216-32-XXXX  
Molecular Formula  $C_8H_{10}(CH_3)_2 = 106.17$

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

Uses of Material Chemical for industrial and laboratory use. Not suitable for domestic use.

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(Have this document to hand)**Section 2. Hazards Identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to regulation 1272/2008/EC**

Flammable liquid, category 3 H226: Flammable liquid and vapour.  
Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2 H315: Causes skin irritation.  
Acute toxicity, category 4 (dermal) H312: Harmful in contact with skin.  
Acute toxicity, category 4 (inhalation) H332: Harmful if inhaled.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according to regulation 1272/2008/EC**

Signal word Warning

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements Flammable liquid and vapour. Harmful if inhaled. Harmful in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary Statements Keep away from heat / sparks/open flames/hot surfaces - No smoking. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection. Do not breathe dust / fume / gas / mist / vapours / spray. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing. Dispose of contents / container to an approved waste disposal plant

## Section 3. Composition

### 3.1 Substances

Component	CAS No.	EEC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
Xylene	1330-20-7	215-535-7	01-2119488216-32-XXXX	>80%	Flam. Liq. 3, Skin Irrit. 2, Acute Tox. 4 (D), Acute Tox. 4 (I)
Ethyl benzene	100-41-4	202-849-4	01-2119489370-35-XXXX	<15%	Flam. Liq. 2, Acute Tox. 4 (I), STOT RE 2, Asp. Tox. 1, Aquatic Chronic 3

## Section 4. First Aid

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eyes	Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Skin	Thoroughly wash off skin with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash before re-use. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Inhalation	Harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory irritation. Remove from exposure. Keep warm and at rest. If there is difficulty in breathing give oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial resuscitation. If unconscious place in the recovery position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Ingestion	Aspiration during swallowing or vomiting may injure lungs. Ingestion may cause nausea, vomiting, gastric pain and diarrhoea. If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. If there is difficulty in breathing give oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial resuscitation. If unconscious place in the recovery position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Personal protection for first aiders	Wear protective gloves / eye protection.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute & delayed.

No further relevant information available.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed.

No further relevant information available.

## Section 5. Fire Fighting

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Extinguishing Media	Alcohol resistant foam, dry powder, carbon dioxide or vaporising liquid. Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool.
Unsuitable Media	Do not use water jet.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards	Vapour-air mixtures are explosive.
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### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Evacuate area immediately. Keep up wind. Avoid exposure to toxic vapours and fumes. Fire-fighters should wear protective clothing and breathing apparatus.
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## Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal Protection	Ensure no sources of ignition. Avoid breathing vapour. Use approved personal protective equipment. Evacuate area immediately. Do not allow general use of area until it is safe to do so. Beware : vapour is heavier than air and will tend to accumulate at low spots.
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## 6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental Keep material out of sewers, storm drains, surface waters and soil. Notify the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.

## 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Major Spillage Contain and absorb on inert material. Transfer absorbent to salvage container for removal. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

Minor Spillage Contain and absorb on inert material. Transfer absorbent to container for removal. Allow solvent to evaporate in remote area, then dispose of absorbent as solid chemical waste. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 8.2 for information on protective equipment and section 13 for information on disposal.

# Section 7. Storage & Handling

## 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

All transfer systems should be earthed to prevent accumulation of static electricity. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath vapours. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.

Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations below the recommended limits.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Well ventilated, cool, dry storage . Protect from direct sun and store away from sources of ignition. Keep containers closed when not in use. Keep well separated from oxidising agents.

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2.

# Section 8. Workplace Exposure & Personal Protection

## 8.1 Control parameters

Component	CAS No	Concentration	Workplace Exposure Limits			
			Long Term (8hr TWA)	Short Term 15min period		
Xylene	1330-20-7	>80%	50.0 ppm	220.0 mg/m-3	100.0 ppm	441.0 mg/m-3
Ethyl benzene	100-41-4	<15%	100.0 ppm	441.0 mg/m-3	125.0 ppm	552.0 mg/m-3

Exposure data source(s) IOELV: Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Value.

## 8.2 Exposure controls

Respiratory Protection Use L.E.V. or natural ventilation to maintain vapour concentrations below exposure limits. If not, use a well maintained chemical cartridge organic vapour respirator, or use self contained breathing apparatus.

Hand Protection Use solvent resistant gloves.

Eye Protection Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.

Skin Protection Avoid contact with skin. If skin contact or contamination of clothing is likely, protective clothing must be worn.

Special Hazards No special precautions required.

# Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

## 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance Clear colourless liquid.  
Odour Characteristic aromatic odour.  
pH Not applicable  
Boiling Point 137°C  
Melting Point -30°C  
Flash Point 29°C (Closed cup)  
Upper Flammable Limit 7%  
Lower Flammable Limit 1.1%

Auto Ignition	465°C
Explosive Properties	Severe in confined spaces.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	6.72mmHg @ 21°C
Relative Density	0.8600
Water Solubility	Insoluble in water.

## 9.2 Other information

No data available.

## Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity	No data available.
10.2 Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
10.4 Conditions to Avoid	Hot surfaces, naked flames or other sources of ignition.
10.5 Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidising agents.
10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Products	None unusual. Burning will produce smoke, carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.

## Section 11. Toxicological Information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	Repeated exposure to the vapours can lead to reversible corneal changes and conjunctivitis
Skin	The liquid is irritating to the skin. The liquid may be absorbed slowly through the skin but absorption is enhanced when the skin is damaged.
LD50 Skin	1100mg/kg Acute toxicity estimate
Ingestion	The liquid causes damage to stomach and intestinal linings.
LD50 Oral	3523mg/kg Rat
Inhalation	Exposure to vapour concentrations above the occupational exposure limits will cause narcosis. Prolonged exposure to vapour concentrations above the occupational exposure limits will cause headache, nausea, vomiting and irritation of the mucous membranes. High concentrations of vapour may produce central nervous system depression and unconsciousness.
LD50 Inhalation	Not available
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	Not teratogenic but can be toxic to the embryo and foetus and may result in reduced fertility.

## Section 12. Ecological

12.1 Toxicity	Moderately toxic to mammals, fish and bacteria. LC50, rainbow trout, 96hr static = 2.6-8.4mg/l : EC50, daphnia magna, 25hr = 1.0-4.7 mg/l.
LC50 Algal	Not available
LC50 Crustacea	Not available
LC50 Fish	Not available
12.2 Persistence and degradability	No data available.
12.3 Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
12.4 Mobility in soil	No data available.
12.5 Results of PBT & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
12.6 Other adverse effects	None known at present.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal Methods	Dispose of in a licensed incinerator for organic solvents. Do not dispose of as domestic waste. Never dispose of into water courses or sewerage systems due to high risk of explosion.
Contaminated Packaging	Use a licensed waste disposer. Do not attempt to burn any residual liquids due to risk of explosion.

## Section 14. Transport Information

14.1 UN Number	1307
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	Xylenes
14.3 Transport classes	
UN classification	3
Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
Transport category	2
ADR Hazard ID	30
Tunnel Restriction Code	D/E
14.4 Packing Group	III
14.5 Environment hazards	See section 12.
14.6 Special precautions for user	No special precautions required.
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not transported in bulk.



## Section 15. Regulatory Information

### 15.1 Safety, health and environment regulations specific for substance/mixture.

#### Classification, Labeling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations (1272/2008/CE)

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Hazard Pictograms



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Precautionary Statements P210, P280, P260, P270, P301+P330+P331, P305+P351+P338, P501  
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### 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Assessment not required.

## Section 16. Other Information

The information contained in this document only covers the hazards presented by this material, it DOES NOT constitute a workplace risk assessment. See sections 11 for toxicological information and section 12 for ecological information.

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