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## Section 1. Identification

### 1.1 Product Identifier 1043

Product Name CATECHOL pure  
CAS Number 120-80-9  
REACH Registration No 01-2119515921-43-XXXX  
Molecular Formula  $C_6H_4(OH)_2$  =110.11

### 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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## Section 2. Hazards Identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Acute toxicity, category 3 (oral)	H301: Toxic if swallowed.
Acute toxicity, category 3 (dermal)	H311: Toxic in contact with skin.
Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2	H315: Causes skin irritation.
Serious eye damage/irritation, category 1	H318: Causes serious eye damage.
Skin sensitization, category 1	H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity, category 2	H341: Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Carcinogenicity, category 1B	H350: May cause cancer.

### 2.2 Label elements

#### Labelling according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Signal word Danger

Hazard Pictograms



**Hazard Statements** Toxic if swallowed. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Suspected of causing genetic defects. May cause cancer.

**Precautionary Statements** Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. Do not breathe fume/vapours. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

## Section 3. Composition

### 3.1 Substances

Component	CAS No.	EEC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9	204-427-5	01-2119515921-43-XXXX	>98%	Acute Tox. 3 (O), Acute Tox. 3 (D), Skin Irrit. 2, Eye Dam. 1, Skin Sens. 1, Muta. 2, Carc. 1B

## 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	Remove contaminated clothing immediately avoiding contamination of unaffected areas. Swab contaminated skin with a mixture of 70 parts polyethylene glycol and 30 parts alcohol. Alternatively use glycerol or polyethylene glycol, or if solvents are not available flush with water for at least 10 minutes. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Inhalation	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.
Ingestion	If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. Convulsions may occur and cause unconsciousness. 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	Water spray, alcohol resistant foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide. 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	Presents no specific fire danger.
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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.

### 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 If molten allow to solidify first. 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 salvage container for removal. 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

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.

### 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		
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9	>98%	5.0 ppm	23.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-

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 PVC gauntlets.

Eye Protection Use chemical full face shield.

Skin Protection Wear PVC oversuit.

Special Hazards No special precautions required.

## Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance White crystalline solid, becoming biege brown on exposure to light and air.

Odour Slight odour characteristic of dihydric phenols.

pH Not applicable

Boiling Point 245°C

Melting Point	104°C
Flash Point	131°C (Closed cup)
Upper Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Auto Ignition	Not applicable
Explosive Properties	No.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Relative Density	Not available
Water Solubility	Very soluble 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	May explode on contact with concentrated nitric acid.
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	The solid, molten liquid and solutions are irritating to the eyes. Damage can range from severe irritation and corneal scarring to permanent blindness.
Skin	Toxic when absorbed through skin. The solid, molten liquid and solutions will cause severe burns. Because of its local anaesthetic effect, skin burns may be painless. Even small amounts may lead rapidly to a state of collapse. Symptoms include, profuse sweating, vomiting, cyanosis, convulsions, leading to coma and respiratory failure.
LD50 Skin	800mg/kg Rat
Ingestion	The liquid is Causes severe corrosion of the mouth, throat and gastro-intestinal tract. Ingestion may prove fatal.
LD50 Oral	260mg/kg Rat
Inhalation	Contact with the liquid or vapour will Exposure to vapour concentrations above the occupational exposure limits will produce irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract. High concentrations of vapour may cause digestive and nervous disorders, pulmonary oedema or liver and kidney failure.
LD50 Inhalation	Not available
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	No information is available.
Reproductive Effects	No information is available.

## Section 12. Ecological

12.1 Toxicity	No information is available.
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. Do not dispose of as domestic waste. Never dispose of into water courses or sewerage systems.

Contaminated Packaging      Clean out with a weak sodium hydroxide solution then wash out thoroughly with water. Use a licensed waste disposer.

## Section 14. Transport Information

14.1 UN Number      2811

14.2 Proper Shipping Name      Toxic solid, organic, N.O.S. (Catechol)

14.3 Transport classes

UN classification      6.1

Subsidiary hazard(s)      None

Transport category      2

ADR Hazard ID      60

Tunnel Restriction Code      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)

Classification      Acute toxicity, category 3 (oral); Acute toxicity, category 3 (dermal); Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2; Serious eye damage/irritation, category 1; Skin sensitization, category 1; Germ cell mutagenicity, category 2; Carcinogenicity, category 1B

Signal word      Danger

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements      H301, H311, H315, H318, H317, H341, H350  
Toxic if swallowed. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Suspected of causing genetic defects. May cause cancer.

Precautionary Statements      P280, P260, P303+P361+P353, P304+P340, P305+P351+P338, P301+P330+P331  
Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. Do not breathe fume/vapours. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

### 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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