



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)- TOLUENE

# 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### **PRODUCT**

**Product Description:** Aromatic Hydrocarbon

**Intended Use:** Feedstock, Solvent

### **COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Supplier:** Pure Chemicals Group.

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Company Name	Place	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER
Pure Chemicals Group.	India	Day Emergency - 044-26161803-26161809

# 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Reportable Hazardous Substance(s) or Complex Substance(s)

Name	CAS#	Concentration*
TOLUENE	108-88-3	100%

<sup>\*</sup> All concentrations are percent by weight unless material is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This material is considered to be hazardous according to regulatory guidelines (see (M)SDS Section 15).

# POTENTIAL PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL EFFECTS

Flammable. Material can release vapors that readily form flammable mixtures. Vapor accumulation could flash and/or explode if ignited. Material can accumulate static charges which may cause an ignition.

## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking. If swallowed, may be aspirated and cause lung damage. May be irritating to the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. May cause central nervous system depression.

NFPA Hazard ID: Health: 2 Flammability: 3 Reactivity: 0 HMIS Hazard ID: Health: 2\* Flammability: 3 Reactivity: 0

NOTE: This material should not be used for any other purpose than the intended use in Section 1 without expert advice. Health studies have shown that chemical exposure may cause potential human health risks which may vary from person to person.

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### INHALATION

Remove from further exposure. For those providing assistance, avoid exposure to yourself or others. Use adequate respiratory protection. If respiratory irritation, dizziness, nausea, or unconsciousness occurs, seek immediate medical assistance. If breathing has stopped, assist ventilation with a mechanical device or use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

### SKIN CONTACT

Wash contact areas with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

### **EYE CONTACT**

Flush thoroughly with water. If irritation occurs, get medical assistance.

### **INGESTION**

Seek immediate medical attention. Do not induce vomiting.

### NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

If ingested, material may be aspirated into the lungs and cause chemical pneumonitis. Treat appropriately. This light hydrocarbon material, or a component, may be associated with cardiac sensitization following very high exposures (well above occupational exposure limits) or with concurrent exposure to high stress levels or heart-stimulating substances like epinephrine. Administration of such substances should be avoided.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

Appropriate Extinguishing Media: Use water fog, foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide (CO2) to extinguish flames.

Inappropriate Extinguishing Media: Straight Streams of Water

# FIRE FIGHTING

Fire Fighting Instructions: Evacuate area. If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors and to protect personnel attempting to stop a leak. Prevent runoff from fire control or dilution from entering streams, sewers, or drinking water supply. Firefighters should use standard protective equipment and in enclosed spaces, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Use water spray to cool fire-exposed surfaces and to protect personnel.

Unusual Fire Hazards: Highly flammable. Vapors are flammable and heavier than air. Vapors may travel across the ground and reach remote ignition sources causing a flashback fire danger. Hazardous material. Firefighters should consider protective equipment indicated in Section 8.

Hazardous Combustion Products: Smoke, Fume, Incomplete combustion products, Oxides of carbon

# FLAMMABILITY PROPERTIES

Flash Point [Method]: >=4C (39F) [ASTM D-56]

Flammable Limits (Approximate volume % in air): LEL: 1.3 UEL: 6.7

Auto ignition Temperature: >500°C (932°F)

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### **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

# **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

In the event of a spill or accidental release, notify relevant authorities in accordance with all applicable regulations. US regulations require reporting releases of this material to the environment, which exceed the applicable reportable quantity or oil spills, which could reach any waterway including intermittent dry creeks. The National Response Center can be reached at (800) 424-8802.

# **PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

Avoid contact with spilled material. Warn or evacuate occupants in surrounding and downwind areas if required due to toxicity or flammability of the material. See Section 5 for fire fighting information. See the Hazard Identification Section for Significant Hazards. See Section 4 for First Aid Advice. See Section 8 for Personal Protective Equipment.

### SPILL MANAGEMENT

Land Spill: Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Stop leak if you can do it without risk. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. A vapor suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapors. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material. Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers. Large Spills: Water spray may reduce vapor; but may not prevent ignition in closed spaces.

Water Spill: Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Eliminate sources of ignition. Warn other shipping. If the Flash Point exceeds the Ambient Temperature by 10 degrees C or more, use containment booms and remove from the surface by skimming or with suitable absorbents when conditions permit. If the Flash Point does not exceed the Ambient Air Temperature by at least 10C, use booms as a barrier to protect shorelines and allow material to evaporate. Seek the advice of a specialist before using dispersants.

Water spill and land spill recommendations are based on the most likely spill scenario for this material; however, geographic conditions, wind, temperature, (and in the case of a water spill) wave and current direction and speed may greatly influence the appropriate action to be taken. For this reason, local experts should be consulted. Note: Local regulations may prescribe or limit action to be taken.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS**

Large Spills: Dike far ahead of liquid spill for later recovery and disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### **HANDLING**

Avoid all personal contact. Prevent exposure to ignition sources, for example use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment. Potentially toxic/irritating fumes/vapors may be evolved from heated or agitated material. Use only with adequate ventilation. Prevent small spills and leakage to avoid slip hazard. Material can accumulate static charges which may cause an electrical spark (ignition source). Use proper bonding and/or ground procedures. However,

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bonding and grounds may not eliminate the hazard from static accumulation. Consult local applicable standards for guidance. Additional references include American Petroleum Institute 2003 (Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning and Stray Currents) or National Fire Protection Agency 77 (Recommended Practice on Static Electricity) or CENELEC CLC/TR 50404 (Electrostatics - Code of practice for the avoidance of hazards due to static electricity).

Loading/Unloading Temperature : [Ambient]
Transport Temperature : [Ambient]
Transport Pressure : [Ambient]

Static Accumulator : This material is a static accumulator. A liquid is typically considered a nonconductive, static accumulator if its conductivity is below 100 pS/m (100x10E-12 Siemens per meter) and is considered a semi conductive, static accumulator if its conductivity is below 10,000 pS/m. Whether a liquid is nonconductive or semi conductive, the precautions are the same. A number of factors, for example liquid temperature, presence of contaminants, anti-static additives and filtration can greatly influence the conductivity of a liquid.

### **STORAGE**

Ample fire water supply should be available. A fixed sprinkler/deluge system is recommended. The container choice, for example storage vessel, may effect static accumulation and dissipation. Keep container closed. Handle containers with care. Open slowly in order to control possible pressure release. Store in a cool, well-ventilated area. Outside or detached storage preferred. Storage containers should be grounded and bonded. Fixed storage containers, transfer containers and associated equipment should be grounded and bonded to prevent accumulation of static charge.

Storage Temperature : [Ambient] Storage Pressure : [Ambient]

Suitable Containers/Packing: Barges; Drums; Tank Trucks; Tank Cars; Tankers Suitable Materials and Coatings (Chemical Compatibility): Carbon Steel; Teflon;

Polyester; Stainless Steel

Unsuitable Materials and Coatings: Rubber; Polystyrene; Ethylene-proplyene-

diene monomer (EPDM); Polyethylene.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES**

Exposure limits/standards (Note: Exposure limits are not additive)

Source	Form	Limit / Standard		NOTE	Source
TOLUENE		Ceiling	300 ppm	N/A	OSHA Z2
TOLUENE		Maximum concentration	500 ppm	N/A	OSHA Z2
TOLUENE		TWA	200 ppm	N/A	OSHA Z2
TOLUENE		TWA	20 ppm	N/A	ACGIH

NOTE: Limits/standards shown for guidance only. Follow applicable regulations.

# **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Control measures to consider:

Adequate ventilation should be provided so that exposure limits are not

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exceeded. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment to stay below exposure limits.

# PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protective equipment selections vary based on potential exposure conditions such as applications, handling practices, concentration and ventilation. Information on the selection of protective equipment for use with this material, as provided below, is based upon intended, normal usage.

<u>Respiratory Protection:</u> If engineering controls do not maintain airborne contaminant concentrations at a level which is adequate to protect worker health, an approved respirator may be appropriate. Respirator selection, use, and maintenance must be in accordance with regulatory requirements, if applicable. Types of respirators to be considered for this material include: Half-face filter respirator.

For high airborne concentrations, use an approved supplied-air respirator, operated in positive pressure mode. Supplied air respirators with an escape bottle may be appropriate when oxygen levels are inadequate, gas/vapor warning properties are poor, or if air purifying filter capacity/rating may be exceeded.

<u>Hand Protection:</u> Any specific glove information provided is based on published literature and glove manufacturer data. Glove suitability and breakthrough time will differ depending on the specific use conditions. Contact the glove manufacturer for specific advice on glove selection and breakthrough times for your use conditions. Inspect and replace worn or damaged gloves. The types of gloves to be considered for this material include: Chemical resistant gloves are recommended.

Eye Protection: If contact is likely, safety glasses with side shields are recommended.

<u>Skin and Body Protection:</u> Any specific clothing information provided is based on published literature or manufacturer data. The types of clothing to be considered for this material include: Chemical/oil resistant clothing is recommended.

<u>Specific Hygiene Measures:</u> Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated clothing and footwear that cannot be cleaned. Practice good housekeeping.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS** 

See Sections 6, 7, 12, 13.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Typical physical and chemical properties are given below. Consult the Supplier in Section 1 for additional data.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

Physical State : Liquid Form : Clear

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Color : Colorless Odor : Aromatic Odor Threshold : N/D

### IMPORTANT HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Relative Density : 0.87

Density (at 15 °C) : 870 kg/m³ (7.26 lbs/gal, 0.87 kg/dm³)

Flash Point [Method] : >=4C (39F) [ASTM D-56]
Flammable Limits (Approximate volume % in air) : LEL: 1.3 UEL: 6.7

Autoignition Temperature : >500°C (932°F)

Boiling Point / Range : 110C (230F) - 111C (232F)

Vapor Density (Air = 1) :> 1 @ 101 kPa

Vapor Pressure : 7 kPa (52.5 mm Hg) at 38C

Evaporation Rate (n-butyl acetate = 1): 2.4 pH : N/A

Log Pow (n-Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient): N/D

Solubility in Water : Negligible

Viscosity : 0.65 cSt (0.65 mm2/sec) at 25C

Oxidizing Properties: See Hazards Identification Section.

# OTHER INFORMATION

Freezing Point : -95°C (-139°F)

Melting Point : N/D
Molecular Weight : 92
Hygroscopic : No

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion : 0.0009 V/VDEGC

Decomposition Temperature : N/D

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY :Material is stable under normal conditions.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID :Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

MATERIALS TO AVOID :Strong oxidizers

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Material does not decompose at ambient

temperatures.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

### 11.TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## **ACUTE TOXICITY**

Route of Exposure	<u>Conclusion / Remarks</u>
Inhalation	
Toxicity: LC50 30-35 mg/l	May cause central nervous system effects. Based on available literature
Irritation: Data available.	Negligible hazard at ambient/normal handling temperatures. Based on available literature
Ingestion	
Toxicity: LD50 > 7000 mg/kg	Minimally Toxic. Based on available literature

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Skin	
Toxicity: LD50 12-14 g/kg	Minimally Toxic. Based on available literature
Irritation: Data available.	Moderately irritating to skin with prolonged exposure. Based on available literature
Eye	
Irritation: Data available.	May cause mild, short-lasting discomfort to eyes. Based on available literature

#### CHRONIC/OTHER EFFECTS

### For the product itself:

Small amounts of liquid aspirated into the lungs during ingestion or from vomiting may cause chemical pneumonitis or pulmonary edema. Very high exposure (confined spaces / abuse) to light hydrocarbons may result in abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmias). Concurrent high stress levels and/or co-exposure to high levels of hydrocarbons (above occupational exposure limits), and to heart-stimulating substances like epinephrine, nasal decongestants, asthma drugs, or cardiovascular drugs may initiate arrhythmias.

TOLUENE: Concentrated, prolonged or deliberate inhalation may cause brain and nervous system damage. Prolonged and repeated exposure of pregnant animals ( $> 1500~\rm ppm$ ) have been reported to cause adverse fetal developmental effects.

Additional information is available by request.

The following ingredients are cited on the lists below: None.

-- REGULATORY LISTS SEARCHED--

1 = NTP CARC 3 = IARC 1

2 = NTP SUS 4 = IARC 2A

5 = IARC 2B 6 = OSHA CARC

#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The information given is based on data available for the material, the components of the material, and similar materials.

# **ECOTOXICITY**

Material -- Expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms.

# **MOBILITY**

Material -- Highly volatile, will partition rapidly to air. Not expected to partition to sediment and wastewater solids.

# PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY

Biodegradation:

Material -- Expected to be readily biodegradable.

Atmospheric Oxidation:

Material -- Expected to degrade at a moderate rate in air

### BIOACCUMULATION POTENTIAL

Material -- Potential to bioaccumulate is low.

### OTHER ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

VOC (EPA Method 24): 7.26 lbs/gal

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### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal recommendations based on material as supplied. Disposal must be in accordance with current applicable laws and regulations, and material characteristics at time of disposal.

### DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Product is suitable for burning in an enclosed controlled burner for fuel value or disposal by supervised incineration at very high temperatures to prevent formation of undesirable combustion products.

### REGULATORY DISPOSAL INFORMATION

RCRA Information: Disposal of unused product may be subject to RCRA regulations (40 CFR 261). Disposal of the used product may also be regulated due to ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity as determined by the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP). Potential RCRA characteristics: IGNITABILITY.

TCLP (BENZENE)

Empty Container Warning Empty Container Warning (where applicable): Empty containers may contain residue and can be dangerous. Do not attempt to refill or clean containers without proper instructions. Empty drums should be completely drained and safely stored until appropriately reconditioned or disposed. Empty containers should be taken for recycling, recovery, or disposal through suitably qualified or licensed contractor and in accordance with governmental regulations. DO NOT PRESSURISE, CUT, WELD, BRAZE, SOLDER, DRILL, GRIND, OR EXPOSE SUCH CONTAINERS TO HEAT, FLAME, SPARKS, STATIC ELECTRICITY, OR OTHER SOURCES OF IGNITION. THEY MAY EXPLODE AND CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

LAND (DOT)

Proper Shipping Name : TOLUENE Hazard Class & Division : 3 ID Number : 1294 Packing Group : II

Product RQ : 1000 LBS - TOLUENE

ERG Number : 130 Label(s) : 3

Transport Document Name: UN1294, TOLUENE, 3, PG II, RQ

LAND (TDG)

Proper Shipping Name : TOLUENE

Hazard Class & Division : 3 UN Number : 1294 Packing Group : II

SEA (IMDG)

Proper Shipping Name : TOLUENE
Hazard Class & Division : 3
EMS Number : F-E, S-D
UN Number : 1294
Packing Group : II

Packing Group : II Label(s) : 3

Transport Document Name: UN1294, TOLUENE, 3, PG II, (4°C c.c.)

AIR (IATA)

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Proper Shipping Name : TOLUENE

Hazard Class & Division : 3
UN Number : 1294
Packing Group : II
Label(s) / Mark(s) : 3

Transport Document Name: UN1294, TOLUENE, 3, PG II

### **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD: When used for its intended purpose, this material is classified as hazardous in accordance with OSHA 29CFR 1910.1200.

NATIONAL CHEMICAL INVENTORY LISTING: AICS, IECSC, DSL, EINECS, ENCS, KECI,

PICCS, TSCA

EPCRA: This material contains no extremely hazardous substances.

#### CERCLA:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Typical Value	Component RQ	Product RQ
TOLUENE	108-88-3	100%	1000 LBS	1000 LBS

SARA (311/312) REPORTABLE HAZARD CATEGORIES: Fire. Immediate Health. Delayed Health.

SARA (313) TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Typical Value
TOLUENE	108-88-3	100%

The following ingredients are cited on the lists below:\*

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List Citations
TOLUENE	108-88-3	1, 4, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

--REGULATORY LISTS SEARCHED--

11 = CA P65 REPRO 16 = MN RTK1 = ACGIH ALL 6 = TSCA 5a27 = TSCA 5e 2 = ACGIH A112 = CA RTK 17 = NJ RTK3 = ACGIH A28 = TSCA 613 = IL RTK18 = PA RTK4 = OSHA Z9 = TSCA 12b 14 = LA RTK19 = RI RTK 5 = TSCA 410 = CA P65 CARC 15 = MI 293

Code key: CARC=Carcinogen; REPRO=Reproductive

\* EPA recently added new chemical substances to its TSCA Section 4 test rules. Please contact the supplier to confirm whether the ingredients in this product currently appear on a TSCA 4 or TSCA 12b list.

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### **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

N/D = Not determined, N/A = Not applicable

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