

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Benzene

Product Number : 270709  
Brand : SIGALD  
Index-No. : 601-020-00-8

CAS-No. : 71-43-2

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B), H340  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1A), H350  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 1), H372  
Aspiration hazard (Category 1), H304  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225

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H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
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H350	May cause cancer.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P331	Do NOT induce vomiting.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Formula	:	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
Molecular weight	:	78.11 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	71-43-2
EC-No.	:	200-753-7
Index-No.	:	601-020-00-8

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Benzene</b>	Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; Muta. 1B; Carc. 1A; STOT RE 1; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H225, H304, H315, H319, H340, H350, H372,	<= 100 %

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

##### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

###### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

###### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

###### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

###### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

###### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

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#### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

##### 5.1 Extinguishing media

###### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

Carbon oxides

##### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

##### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

##### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

##### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

##### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

##### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Benzene	71-43-2	TWA	0.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Leukemia Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		STEL	2.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Leukemia Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		TWA	10 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.40-1969		
		CEIL	25 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.40-1969		
		Peak	50 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.40-1969		
		See 1910.1028. See Table Z-2 for the limits applicable in the operations or sectors excluded in 1910.1028 The final benzene standard in 1910.1028 applies to all occupational exposures to benzene except some subsegments of industry where exposures are consistently under the action level (i.e., distribution and sale of fuels, sealed containers and pipelines, coke production, oil and gas drilling and production, natural gas processing, and the percentage exclusion for liquid mixtures); for the excepted subsegments, the benzene limits in Table Z-2 apply.		
		TWA	0.1 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		
		ST	1 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
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Benzene	71-43-2	S-Phenylmercapturic acid	0.0300 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		t,t-Muconic acid	0.5000 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Full contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industria situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to enginee protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance

Form: liquid

Colour: colourless

b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	5.5 °C (41.9 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	80.0 - 80.2 °C (176.0 - 176.4 °F)
g) Flash point	-11.0 °C (12.2 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 8 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1.3 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	221.3 hPa at 37.7 °C (99.9 °F) 99.5 hPa at 20.0 °C(68.0 °F)
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	0.88 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n) Water solubility	ca.1.88 g/l at 23.5 °C (74.3 °F) - soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 2.13 at 25 °C (77 °F)
p) Auto-ignition temperature	562.0 °C (1043.6 °F)
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

acids, Bases, Halogens, Strong oxidizing agents, Metallic salts

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - > 5,960 mg/kg(Benzene)  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)  
LC50 Inhalation - Rat - female - 4 h - 43.7 mg/l(Benzene)  
(OECD Test Guideline 403)  
LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 8,263 mg/kg(Benzene)  
No data available(Benzene)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit(Benzene)  
Result: Skin irritation - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit(Benzene)  
Result: Eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig(Benzene)  
Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation.

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.(Benzene)  
In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects(Benzene)  
Chinese hamster lung cells  
Result: positive  
OECD Test Guideline 475(Benzene)  
Mouse - male  
Result: positive

#### Carcinogenicity

This is or contains a component that has been reported to be carcinogenic classification.(Benzene)  
Human carcinogen.(Benzene)

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Benzene)  
NTP: Known to be human carcinogen (Benzene)  
OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Benzene)

#### Reproductive toxicity

##### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available(Benzene)

##### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.(Benzene)

#### Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - No observed adverse effect level - 100 mg/kg(Benzene)  
RTECS: CY1400000

Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, narcosis, Inhalation of high concentrations of benzene may have an initial stimulatory exhilaration, nervous excitation and/or giddiness, depression, drowsiness chest, breathlessness, and loss of consciousness. Tremors, convulsions, a collapse can occur in a few minutes to several hours following severe exposure causes pulmonary edema and hemorrhage of pulmonary tissue. Direct skin contact may result in drying, scaling dermatitis, or development of secondary hematopoietic system. Bleeding from the nose, gums, or mucous membranes a

leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, aplastic anemia, and leukemia may occur as normal, aplastic or hyperplastic, and may not correlate with peripheral benzene exposure may be delayed for many months or years after the actual, Blood disorders(Benzene)

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence  
Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence(Benzene)

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 15.00 - 32.00 mg/l - 96 h(Benzene)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Ceriodaphnia dubia (water flea) - 17.2 mg/l - 48 h(Benzene)

Toxicity to algae Growth inhibition EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 100 mg/l - 72 h(Benzene) (OECD Test Guideline 201)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d(Benzene)  
Result: 96 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301F)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d  
- 0.05 mg/l(Benzene)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 10

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available(Benzene)

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber b highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1114 Class: 3 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Benzene  
Reportable Quantity (RQ) : 10 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG



UN number: 1114      Class: 3  
Proper shipping name: BENZENE

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-E, S-D

**IATA**

UN number: 1114      Class: 3  
Proper shipping name: Benzene

Packing group: II

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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Benzene

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

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**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:                    2  
Chronic Health Hazard:        \*

Flammability: 3  
Physical Hazard 0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 2  
Fire Hazard: 3  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Further information**

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