

1. Identification of Substance & Company

Product

Product name	Xylene
HSNO approval	HSR000983
Approval description	Benzene, dimethyl-, mixed isomers
UN number	1307
Proper Shipping Name	XYLENES
DG class	3
Packaging group	III
Hazchem code	3Y
Uses	solvent

Company Details

Company	BDC Paints LTD
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Emergency Telephone Number: 0800 232 728

2. Hazard Identification

Approval

This product has been approved under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO, Approval HSR000983, Benzene, dimethyl-, mixed isomers), and is classified as follows:

Classes

Hazard Statements

3.1C	H226 - Flammable liquid and vapour.
6.1D (dermal)	H312 - Harmful in contact with skin.
6.1D (oral)	H302 - Harmful if swallowed.
6.1E (inhalation)	H333 - May be harmful if inhaled.
6.3A	H315 - Causes skin irritation.
6.4A	H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.
6.8B	H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
6.9B	H373 - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
9.1D	H402 - Harmful to aquatic life.
9.3C	H433 - Harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.

SYMBOLS

WARNING



Other Classifications

6.1E (aspiration)	H304 - May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
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Precautionary Statements

Precautionary Read label before use.
 Keep out of reach of children.
 Obtain special instructions before use.
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Keep away from ignition sources. No smoking.
 Keep container tightly closed.
 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
 Use explosion-proof electrical equipment.
 Use only non-sparking tools.
 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
 Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.
 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
 Do not breathe vapours.
 Avoid release to the environment.
 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
 Store locked up

* These precautionary statements apply when a flammable zone is required to be established.
 See Section 15 – Regulatory Information

Further precautionary statements can be found in Section 4 – First Aid.

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS/ Identification	Concentration
Xylene	1330-20-7	1.00

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary. Trace quantities of impurities are also likely.

4. First Aid

General Information

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. You should call the National Poisons Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 0800 764 766 (0800 POISON) (24 hr emergency service).

Recommended first aid facilities Ready access to running water is required. Accessible eyewash is required.

Exposure

Swallowed IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician. Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. If vomiting occurs, place victim face downwards, with the head turned to the side and lower than the hips to prevent vomit entering the lungs.

Eye contact IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Apply continuous irrigation with water for at least 15 minutes holding eyelids apart. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.

Skin contact IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.

Inhaled IF INHALED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

Advice to Doctor

Treat symptomatically

5. Firefighting Measures

Fire and explosion hazards:	Vapours may form an explosive mixture in air which can be ignited by many sources such as pilot lights, open flames, electrical motors, switches and static electricity.
Suitable extinguishing substances:	Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder, foam.
Unsuitable extinguishing substances:	Unknown.
Products of combustion:	Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water. May form toxic mixtures in air and may accumulate in sumps, pits and other low-lying spaces, forming potentially explosive mixtures.
Protective equipment:	Self-contained breathing apparatus. Safety boots, non-flammable overalls, gloves, hat and eye protection.
Hazchem code:	3Y

6. Accidental Release Measures

Containment	If greater than 1000LL is stored, secondary containment and emergency plans to manage any potential spills must be in place. In all cases design storage to prevent discharge to stormwater.
Emergency procedures	In the event of spillage alert the fire brigade to location and give brief description of hazard. Stop the source of the leak, if safe to do so. Shut off all possible sources of ignition. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin, eye and respiratory exposure. Clear area of any unprotected personnel. Contain using sand, earth or vermiculite. Do not use sawdust on concentrate. Prevent by whatever means possible any spillage from entering drains, sewers, or water courses. (If this occurs contact your regional council immediately).
Clean-up method	Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Rags are not recommended for the clean-up of spills, as they may create fire or environmental hazard. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. If contamination of crops, sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.
Disposal	Mop up and collect recoverable material into labelled containers for recycling or salvage. Recycle containers wherever possible. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Dispose of only in accord with all regulations.
Precautions	Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation.

7. Storage & Handling

Storage	Avoid storage of harmful substances with food. Store out of reach of children. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimise contamination. Keep from extreme heat and open flames. Avoid contact with incompatible substances as listed in Section 10. Location test certificates must be available if storing >500L (>5L), 500L (≤5L), 250L (in use). Containers (and outer packaging) must bear the prescribed labelling, including the Hazchem code, UN number, flammability warning and name of contents.
Handling	Keep exposure to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. See section 8 with regard to personal protective equipment requirements. Avoid skin and eye contact and inhalation of vapour, mist or aerosols.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protective Equipment

Workplace Exposure Standards

A workplace exposure standard (WES) has not been established by WorkSafe NZ for this product. There is a general limit of 10mg/m³ for dusts and mists when limits have not otherwise been established.

NZ Workplace Exposure Stds (2013)	Ingredient	WES-TWA	WES-STEL
	Xylene	50ppm, 217mg/m ³ *	Data unavailable

* These workplace exposure standards are also Prescribed Exposure Standards (PES) under the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016.

Engineering Controls

In industrial situations, it is expected that employee exposure to hazardous substances will be controlled to a level as far below the WES as practicable by applying the hierarchy of control required by the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016. Exposure can be reduced by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods. If you believe air borne concentrations of mists, dusts or vapours are high, you are advised to modify processes or increase ventilation.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eyes



Avoid contact with eyes. Use safety glasses and or chemical splash goggles if splashes are possible.

Skin



Protective gloves are recommended. PVA or Viton/Butyl gloves are recommended. Replace frequently. Gloves should be checked for tears or holes before use. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

Respiratory



A respirator when airborne concentrations approach the WES (section 8). Use a respirator with an organic vapour cartridge and a dust/mist filter. If using a respirator, ensure that the cartridges are correct for the potential air contamination and are in good working order.

WES Additional Information

Not applicable

9. Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance	clear liquid
Odour	hydrocarbon odour
pH	no data
Vapour pressure	no data
Viscosity	no data
Boiling point	138.5°C
Freezing / melting point	-47.4°C
Volatile materials	100%
Solubility	insoluble in water
Specific gravity / density	0.864g/ml
Flash point	30°C
Danger of explosion	no data
Auto-ignition temperature	no data
Upper & lower flammable limits	no data
Corrosiveness	non corrosive

10. Stability & Reactivity

Stability	Stable
Conditions to be avoided	Flammable substance. Keep away from sources of ignition at all times. Containers should be kept closed in order to avoid contamination.
Incompatible groups	Strong oxidisers, bases and diazo compounds.
Substance Specific Incompatibility	May attack some plastics, rubber and coatings.
Hazardous decomposition products	Oxides of carbon
Hazardous reactions	none known

11. Toxicological Information

Summary

IF SWALLOWED: can result in nausea, vomiting and central nervous system depression. If the victim is uncoordinated there is greater likelihood of vomit entering the lungs and causing subsequent acute effects such as chemical pneumonia, varying degrees of pulmonary injury or death.

IF IN EYES: may cause irritation.

IF ON SKIN: may cause irritation.

IF INHALED: vapours may cause irritation of the nose and throat. At high concentration Xylene vapours may cause severe breathing difficulties which may be delayed in onset. At high concentrations it may also cause dizziness, staggering, drowsiness and unconsciousness. Xylene may also cause loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

CHRONIC TOXICITY: Xylene vapour may cause reversible damage to kidneys and liver. Prolonged exposure can cause nerve damage (CNS)

Supporting Data

Acute	Oral	LD ₅₀ (oral) for for Xylene 1590 mg/kg (mouse).
	Dermal	LD ₅₀ (dermal) for Xylene >1700mg/kg.
Chronic	Inhaled	LC ₅₀ (inhalation) Xylene 27.6 mg/L (rat, vapour).
	Eye	Xylene is an eye irritant.
	Skin	Xylene is a skin irritant.
	Sensitisation	Xylene is not considered to be a sensitiser.
	Mutagenicity	Xylene is not classed as a mutagen.
	Carcinogenicity	Xylene is classed by IARC as Class 3 - unclassifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
	Reproductive / Developmental Systemic	Xylene, has been shown to cause foetal toxicity in animals at doses which are maternally toxic. Not expected to impair fertility.
	Aggravation of existing conditions	Xylene: affected organs: hepatic (liver), Neurological (nervous system), renal (urinary system or kidneys). None known.

12. Ecological Data

Summary

Xylene may be harmful towards aquatic organisms and terrestrial vertebrates.

Supporting Data

Aquatic	EC ₅₀ 's for Xylene 8.5mg/l (48hr, Palaemonetes pugio (Crustacea)), 3.3 mg/l (96hr, Oncorhynchus mykiss), 10mg/l (72hr, Skeletonema costatum),
Bioaccumulation	Not bioaccumulative
Degradability	Readily degradable
Soil	No evidence of soil toxicity.
Terrestrial vertebrate	Xylene is considered by EPA as harmful towards terrestrial vertebrates.
Terrestrial invertebrate	No evidence of toxicity towards terrestrial invertebrates.
Biocidal	no data

13. Disposal Considerations

Restrictions	There are no product-specific restrictions, however, local council and resource consent conditions may apply, including requirements of trade waste consents.
Disposal method	Disposal of this product must comply with the requirements of the Resource Management Act for which approval should be sought from the Regional Authority. The substance must be treated and therefore rendered non-hazardous before discharge to the environment.
Contaminated packaging	Rinse containers with water before disposal. Preferably re-cycle container, otherwise send to landfill or similar.

14. Transport Information

Transport according to NZS 5433 (Transport of Hazardous Substances on Land). Considered a dangerous good for transport.

UN number:	1307	Proper shipping name:	XYLENES
Class(es)	3	Packing group:	III
Precautions:	Flammable	Hazchem code:	3Y

15. Regulatory Information

This product is an approved substance under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO). Approval code: HSR000983, Benzene, dimethyl-, mixed isomers.

Specific Workplace Controls (as per HSNO approval referenced to Controls Matrix)

Key workplace requirements are:

SDS	To be available within 10 minutes in workplaces storing >0.1L.
Labelling	No removal of labels and/or decanting of product into other containers can occur.
Emergency plan	Required if > 1000L is stored.
Approved handler	Not required.
Tracking	Not required.
Bunding & secondary containment	Required if > 1000L is stored.
Signage	Required if > 1000L is stored in any one location. (0)
Location test certificate	Required if > 500L (>5L), 1500L (≤5L), 250L (in use) is stored in any one location.
Flammable zone	Must be established if > 100L (closed), 25L (decanting), 5L (open occasionally), 1L (in use) is stored in any one location.
Fire extinguisher	If > 500L present.

Note: The above workplace requirements apply if only this particular substance is present. The complete set of controls for a location will depend on the classification and total quantities of other substances present in that location.

Other Legislation

In New Zealand, the use of this product may come under the Resource Management Act and Regulations, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, local Council Rules and Regional Council Plans.

16. Other Information

Abbreviations

Approval Code	Approval HSR000983, Benzene, dimethyl-, mixed isomers Controls, EPA. www.epa.govt.nz
CAS Number	Unique Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
Ceiling	Ceiling Exposure Value: The maximum airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed at any time.
Controls Matrix	List of default controls linking regulation numbers to Matrix code (e.g. T1, I16).
EC₅₀	Ecotoxic Concentration 50% – concentration in water which is fatal to 50% of a test population (e.g. daphnia, fish species)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
HAZCHEM Code	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services, especially fire fighters
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Act and Regulations)
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit
LD₅₀	Lethal Dose 50% – dose which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats).
LC₅₀	Lethal Concentration 50% – concentration in air which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats)
MSDS (SDS)	Material Safety Data Sheet (or Safety Data Sheet)
PES	Prescribed Exposure Standard means a WES or a biological exposure standard that is prescribed in a regulation, a safe work instrument or an approval under HSNO (including group standards).
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit - The maximum airborne concentration of a chemical or biological agent to which a worker may be exposed in any 15 minute period, provided the TWA is not exceeded
TWA	Time Weighted Average – generally referred to WES averaged over typical work day (usually 8 hours)
UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
UN Number	United Nations Number
WES	Workplace Exposure Standard - The airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed during work hours (usually 8 hours, 5 days a week). The WES relates to exposure that has been measured by personal monitoring using procedures that gather air samples in the worker's breathing zone.

References

Data	Unless otherwise stated comes from the EPA HSNO chemical classification information database (CCID).
EPA Transfer Gazettes	Classifications and controls assigned for specific ingredients (consolidated gazette, 2004)
WES 2013	The NZ Workplace Exposure Standards Effective from 2013, published by WorkSafe NZ and available on their web site – www.worksafe.govt.nz.
WES 2002	Workplace Exposure Standards published by the Occupational Safety and Health Service, Department of Labour, January 2002, ISBN 0-477-03660-0. These are the WES referred to under the Group Standard (HSNO approval) and may constitute a PES.
Other References:	Suppliers SDS

Review

Date	Reason for review
May 2016	Not applicable – new SDS

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