

# Safety Data Sheet

## Xylene

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Name:** Xylene

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** Mixed xylenes (o-, m-, p- isomers)

**Product Number:** 6010

**Product Use:** Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.  
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**In Case of Emergency Call:** CHEMTREC - 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**OSHA Hazards:** Flammable liquid, Carcinogen, Target organ effect, Harmful by skin absorption, Irritant

**Target Organs:** Liver, Kidneys, Blood, Eyes, Ears, Heart, Bone marrow, Central nervous system

**Signal Word:** Danger

**Pictograms:**



**GHS Classification:**

Flammable liquids	Category 3
Acute toxicity, Inhalation	Category 4
Skin irritation	Category 2
Eye irritation	Category 2A
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity-single exposure-Respiratory tract	Category 3
Specific target organ toxicity-repeated exposure-Ears	Category 2
Aspiration hazard	Category 1
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 2
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 2

**GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

**Hazard Statements:**

H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H315	Causes skin irritation.

H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### Precautionary Statements:

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.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P332+P337+P313	If skin or eye irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.
P391	Collect spillage.
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

#### Potential Health Effects

<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye severe irritation.
<b>Inhalation</b>	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes skin irritation. Prolonged exposure may cause skin drying.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

#### NFPA Ratings

<b>Health</b>	2
<b>Flammability</b>	3
<b>Reactivity</b>	0
<b>Specific hazard</b>	Not Available

#### HMIS Ratings

<b>Health</b>	2
<b>Fire</b>	3
<b>Reactivity</b>	0

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Xylenes	60-100	1330-20-7	215-535-7	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	106.17 g/mol

Ethylbenzene	10-30	100-41-4	202-849-4	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	106.17 g/mol
Cumene	0.1-1	98-82-8	202-704-5	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	120.20 g/mol

## 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

<b>Eyes</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If it is suspected that gas or vapor is still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Get medical attention. If necessary, call a poison center or physician. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
<b>Skin</b>	Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
<b>Ingestion</b>	<b>Do not induce vomiting!</b> Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Wash out mouth with water. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Aspiration hazard if swallowed. Can enter lungs and cause damage. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking. Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Emits toxic fumes (carbon oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Neutralize spill. Absorb spill with noncombustible absorbent material, then place in a suitable container for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of aerosols. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Occupational exposure controls:** Ventilation and appropriate grounding of containers.

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Xylene	100 ppm 434 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TLV	ACGIH
	150 ppm 651 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL	ACGIH
	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL	OSHA
	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	REL	NIOSH
	150 ppm 655 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL	NIOSH
Ethylbenzene	100 ppm 434 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TLV	ACGIH
	125 ppm 543 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL	ACGIH
	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL	OSHA
	100 ppm 435 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	REL	NIOSH
	125 ppm 454 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL	NIOSH
Cumene	50 ppm	TLV	ACGIH
	50 ppm 245 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL	OSHA

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

### Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles with face shield if splashing is likely to occur.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat.
Other	Not Available

**Other Recommendations**

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Clear, colorless liquid.
Odor	Sweet, pungent aromatic hydrocarbon odor.
Odor threshold	1 ppm
pH	Not Available
Melting point/freezing point	-48 °C (-54 °F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	138 °C (280 °F)
Flash point	Closed Cup: 27 °C (81 °F)
Evaporation rate	0.8 (n-Butyl Acetate = 1)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Lower: 1% Upper: 7%
Vapor pressure	0.93 kPa (7 mmHg) at 20 °C
Vapor density	3.7 (Air = 1)
Density	0.86-0.87 (Water = 1)
Solubility (ies)	Insoluble in cold water, hot water. Miscible with absolute alcohol, ether, and many other organic liquids.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	432 °C (810 °F)
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable under normal storage conditions.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	Will not occur under normal storage conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Heat, flames, sparks.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon oxides.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Acute Toxicity***Xylenes*

<b>Skin</b>	Not Available
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	LC50 Inhalation – Rat – 5000 ppm – 4hr LC50 Inhalation – Rat – 6700 ppm – 4hr
<b>Ingestion</b>	LD50 Oral – Rat – 4300 mg/kg LD50 Oral – Rat – 4300 mg/kg LD50 Oral – Mouse – 2199 mg/kg

*Ethylbenzene*

<b>Skin</b>	LD50 Dermal – Rabbit - >5000 mg/kg
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	Not Available
<b>Ingestion</b>	LD50 Oral – Rat – 3500 mg/kg

**Cumene**

<b>Skin</b>	LD50 Dermal – Rabbit - 12300 uL/kg
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	LC50 Inhalation – mouse – 10 g/m <sup>3</sup> – 7 hr
<b>Ingestion</b>	LD50 Oral – Rat – 2.9 g/kg LD50 Oral – Rat – 4000 mg/kg

**Carcinogenicity**

<b>IARC</b>	3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Xylene). 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Ethylbenzene). 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Cumene).
<b>ACGIH</b>	A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen (Xylene). A3: Animal carcinogen (Ethylbenzene).
<b>NTP</b>	Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Cumene).
<b>OSHA</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Signs & Symptoms of Exposure**

<b>Skin</b>	Irritation, redness.
<b>Eyes</b>	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness.
<b>Respiratory</b>	Headache, weakness, memory loss, irritability, dizziness, giddiness, loss of coordination and judgment, respiratory depression/arrest or difficulty breathing.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Abdominal pain, vomiting, and nausea.

<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Prolonged or repeated contact can defat the skin and lead to irritation, cracking and/or dermatitis.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Embryotoxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity</b>	Suspected of causing cancer if inhaled. Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not Available

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity***Xylenes*

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	Acute LC50 - 15700 µg/l Fresh water Fish - Lepomis macrochirus - Juvenile (Fledgling, Hatchling, Weanling) - 96 hours Acute LC50 - 19000 µg/l Fresh water Fish - Lepomis macrochirus - 96 hours Acute LC50 - 13400 µg/l Fresh water Fish - Pimephales promelas - 96 hours Acute LC50 - 16940 µg/l Fresh water Fish - Carassius auratus – 96 hours
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Acute EC50 - 90 mg/l Fresh water Crustaceans - Cypris subglobosa - 48 hours Acute LC50 - 8.5 ppm Marine water Crustaceans – Palaemonetes pugio – Adult - 48 hours Acute LC50 - 8500 µg/l Marine water Crustaceans – Palaemonetes pugio - 48 hours
<b>Terrestrial/Algae</b>	Not Available

*Ethylbenzene*

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	Acute LC50 - 4200 µg/l Fresh water Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss - 96 hours
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Acute EC50 - 2930 µg/l Fresh water Daphnia - Daphnia magna – Neonate - 48 hours

	Acute LC50 - 5200 µg/l Marine water Crustaceans – Americamysis bahia - 48 hours
<b>Terrestrial/Algae</b>	Acute EC50 - 4600 µg/l Fresh water Algae – Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 72 hours
	Acute EC50 - 3600 µg/l Fresh water Algae – Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 96 hours
	Chronic NOEC - 1000 µg/l Fresh water Algae – Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 96 hours

*Cumene*

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	Acute LC50 - 2700 µg/l Fresh water Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss - 96 hours
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Acute EC50 - 7400 µg/l Fresh water Crustaceans - Artemia sp. – Nauplii - 48 hours
	Acute EC50 - 10600 µg/l Fresh water Daphnia - Daphnia magna – Neonate - 48 hours
<b>Terrestrial/Algae</b>	Acute EC50 - 2600 µg/l Fresh water Algae – Pseudokirchneriella Subcapitata - 72 hours

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Not Available
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Not Available
<b>Mobility in Soil</b>	Not Available
<b>PBT and vPvB Assessment</b>	Not Available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	Not Available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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<b>Waste Product or Residues</b>	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue.
<b>Product Containers</b>	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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US DOT	UN1307, Xylenes, 3, pg III
TDG	UN1307, XYLENES, 3, PG III
IMDG	UN1307, XYLENES, 3, PG III
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1307, Xylenes, 3, pg III

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Listed: Ethylbenzene, Cumene
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard
SARA 312	Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313	Listed: Xylene, Ethylbenzene
WHMIS Canada	Class B-2: Flammable and combustible liquid- Flammable liquid Class D-2A: Poisonous and infectious material- Other effects- Very toxic Class D-2B: Poisonous and infectious material- Other effects- Toxic

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Original	10/24/2017
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