



LABORATORY CHEMICALS AND CONSUMABLES

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## CYCLOHEXANE

### 1. Chemical Product and Company information.

**Product name:** Cyclohexane

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### 2. Hazard Identification

Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

**CAS #:** 110-82-7

**Synonym:** Benzene, hexahydro-; Hexahydrobenzene; Hexamethylene; Hexanaphthene

**Chemical Name:** Cyclohexane

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>

### 4. First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.



**Serious Inhalation:** Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Aspiration hazard if swallowed- can enter lungs and cause damage. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## **5. Fire-fighting measures**

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Slightly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Vapour may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** When mixed hot with liquid dinitrogen tetroxide an explosion can result

## **6. Accidental release measures**

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:** Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## **7. Handling and storage**

**Precautions:** Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapour/spray. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

**Storage:** Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

## **8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Engineering Controls:** Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapours below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapour respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.



**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapour respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

### **9. Physical and chemical properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid

**Odour:** Chloroform-like odour; solvent odour; mild sweet odour

**Taste:** Not available

**Colour:** Clear Colourless

**Boiling Point:** 80.7°C

**Melting Point:** 6.47°C

**Critical Temperature:** 280.4°C

**Specific Gravity:** 0.7781 (Water = 1)

**Vapour Density:** 2.98 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available

**Odour Threshold:** 25 ppm

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, methanol

**Solubility:** Soluble in methanol. Insoluble in cold water

### **10. Stability and reactivity**

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, ignition sources, incompatible materials

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents

**Corrosivity:** Not considered to be corrosive for metals and glass

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

### **11. Toxicological information**

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 813 mg/kg [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, cardiovascular system, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.



**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Lowest Published Lethal Dose: LCL[Mouse] - Route: Inhalation; Dose: 70000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/2H LCL[Rabbit] - 89600 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/1H

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Human: passes the placental barrier, detected in maternal milk. May affect genetic material (mutagenic)

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: It may cause skin irritation. It may be absorbed through the skin. Eyes: It may cause eye irritation. Inhalation: It may cause respiratory tract (nose, throat) irritation. Exposure to high concentrations of vapour may cause nausea, increased respiration rate. It may also affect behaviour/central nervous system(dizziness, lethargy, somnolence, light-headedness, seizures/convulsions, weakness, loss of coordination and judgement, trembling, drowsiness). Unconsciousness and death may occur at high exposures. In experimental animals there is a narrow margin between doses causing narcosis, loss of reflexes and death. Generalized vascular damage/collapse and degenerative changes were seen in the heart, lung, liver kidneys and brain of experimental animals exposed to lethal concentrations by inhalation or ingestion. Ingestion: May cause gastrointestinal irritation and diarrhea. May affect behavior/central nervous system with symptoms similar that that of inhalation. May cause liver and kidney damage. Aspiration of cyclohexane into the lungs may cause chemical pneumonitis. Chronic Potential Health Effects: Skin: Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking and chapping of exposed areas. Ingestion and Ingestion: Prolonged or repeated inhalation or ingestion may cause liver and kidney damage. It may also affect behaviour/central nervous system with symptoms similar to that of acute ingestion or inhalation.

## **12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available

## **13. Disposal considerations**

**Waste Disposal:** Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## **14. Transport information**

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 3: Flammable liquid

**Identification:** : Cyclohexane UNNA: 1145 PG: II

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available

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