

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Biphenyl

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Irritant

##### Target Organs

Liver, Central nervous system, Peripheral nervous system.

##### GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)  
Skin irritation (Category 2)  
Eye irritation (Category 2A)  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H303 May be harmful if swallowed.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

#### HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2  
Chronic Health Hazard: \*  
Flammability: 1  
Physical hazards: 0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 2  
Fire: 1  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Formula : C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 154.21 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Biphenyl</b>		
CAS-No.	92-52-4	-
EC-No.	202-163-5	
Index-No.	601-042-00-8	

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**4. 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. 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**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**Conditions of flammability**

Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**

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

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

**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.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

**Conditions for safe storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Biphenyl	92-52-4	TWA	0.2 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Pulmonary function			
		TWA	0.2 ppm 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	0.2 ppm 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	The value in mg/m <sup>3</sup> is approximate.			
		TWA	0.2 ppm 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

**Personal protective equipment****Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand 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.

**Eye protection**

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin and body protection**

Impervious clothing. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Hygiene measures**

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

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****Appearance**

Form

crystalline

Colour light yellow

### Safety data

pH	5.5
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 68 - 70 °C (154 - 158 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	255 °C (491 °F) - lit.
Flash point	110 °C (230 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	540 °C (1,004 °F)
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	0.6 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	5.8 %(V)
Vapour pressure	0.04 hPa (0.03 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 5.5 hPa (4.1 mmHg) at 100 °C (212 °F) 12.6 hPa (9.5 mmHg) at 115 °C (239 °F) 95.7 hPa (71.8 mmHg) at 166 °C (331 °F)
Density	0.992 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Water solubility	0.0075 g/l at 15 °C (59 °F)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	characteristic
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides  
Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,140 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral: Somnolence (general depressed activity). Behavioral: Muscle weakness. Gastrointestinal disturbance

#### Inhalation LC50

#### Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - > 5,010 mg/kg

**Other information on acute toxicity**

no data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - rabbit - Severe skin irritation - 24 h - Draize Test

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - rabbit - Mild eye irritation - Draize Test

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

guinea pig -

Remarks: Did not cause sensitization on laboratory animals.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte

DNA damage

Genotoxicity in vitro - mouse - lymphocyte

Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.

Genotoxicity in vitro - Hamster - Lungs

Mutation in microorganisms

Genotoxicity in vitro - Hamster - fibroblast

Sister chromatid exchange

Genotoxicity in vivo - rat - Oral

Unscheduled DNA synthesis

Genotoxicity in vivo - mouse - Oral

DNA damage

**Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Oral

Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Tumors. Blood: Tumors.

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Subcutaneous

Tumorigenic: Neoplastic by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Tumors. Liver: Tumors.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

**Teratogenicity**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects**

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<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.
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<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

Liver injury may occur., Gastrointestinal disturbance

**Synergistic effects**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: DU8050000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 1.45 mg/l - 96.0 h
	LC0 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 38 mg/l - 96.0 h
	LC50 - Salmo gairdneri - 1.5 mg/l - 96.0 h
	LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 4.7 mg/l - 96.0 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.36 mg/l - 48 h

**Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability	Method: Closed Bottle test Remarks: According to the results of tests of biodegradability this product is considered as being readily biodegradable.
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**Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation	Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 281
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**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic life.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 3077    Class: 9    Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Biphenyl)

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs  
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

#### IMDG

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-F  
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Biphenyl)  
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant

#### IATA

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Biphenyl)

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Irritant

#### SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: 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

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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#### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Biphenyl	92-52-4	2007-07-01

#### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Biphenyl	92-52-4	2007-07-01

#### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Further information

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