

NAPHTHALENE

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CAS No: 91-20-3
RTECS No: QJ0525000
UN No: 1334 (solid); 2304 (molten)
EC No: 601-052-00-2

Naphthene
C₁₀H₈
Molecular mass: 128.18

TYPES OF HAZARD/ EXPOSURE	ACUTE HAZARDS/SYMPTOMS	PREVENTION	FIRST AID/FIRE FIGHTING
FIRE	Combustible.	NO open flames.	Powder, water spray, foam, carbon dioxide.
EXPLOSION	Above 80/C explosive vapour/air mixtures may be formed. Finely dispersed particles form explosive mixtures in air.	Prevent deposition of dust; closed system, dust explosion-proof electrical equipment and lighting.	

EXPOSURE		PREVENT DISPERSION OF DUST!	
Inhalation	Headache. Weakness. Nausea. Vomiting. Sweating. Confusion. Jaundice. Dark urine.	Ventilation (not if powder), local exhaust, or breathing protection.	Fresh air, rest. Refer for medical attention.
Skin	MAY BE ABSORBED! (Further see Inhalation).	Protective gloves.	Rinse skin with plenty of water or shower.
Eyes		Safety spectacles.	First rinse with plenty of water for several minutes (remove contact lenses if easily possible), then take to a doctor.
Ingestion	Abdominal pain. Diarrhoea. Convulsions. Unconsciousness. (Further see Inhalation).	Do not eat, drink, or smoke during work. Wash hands before eating.	Rest. Refer for medical attention.

SPILLAGE DISPOSAL	PACKAGING & LABELLING
Personal protection: filter respirator for organic gases and vapours. Do NOT let this chemical enter the environment. Sweep spilled substance into covered containers; if appropriate, moisten first to prevent dusting. Carefully collect remainder, then remove to safe place.	Xn Symbol N Symbol R: 22-40-50/53 S: (2-)36/37-46-60-61 UN Hazard Class: 4.1 UN Pack Group: III Do not transport with food and feedstuffs. Marine pollutant.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE	SAFE STORAGE
Transport Emergency Card: TEC (R)-41S1334 (solid); 41GF1-II+III (solid); 41S2304 (molten) NFPA Code: H2; F2; R0	Separated from strong oxidants, food and feedstuffs. Store in an area without drain or sewer access.

IMPORTANT DATA

Physical State; Appearance

WHITE SOLID IN VARIOUS FORMS, WITH CHARACTERISTIC ODOUR.

Physical dangers

Dust explosion possible if in powder or granular form, mixed with air.

Chemical dangers

On combustion, forms irritating and toxic gases. Reacts with strong oxidants.

Occupational exposure limits

TLV: 10 ppm as TWA; 15 ppm as STEL; (skin); A4 (not classifiable as a human carcinogen); (ACGIH 2005).
MAK: skin absorption (H); Carcinogen category: 2; Germ cell mutagen group: 3B; (DFG 2004).

Routes of exposure

The substance can be absorbed into the body by inhalation, through the skin and by ingestion.

Inhalation risk

A harmful contamination of the air will be reached rather slowly on evaporation of this substance at 20/C. See Notes.

Effects of short-term exposure

The substance may cause effects on the blood, resulting in lesions of blood cells (haemolysis). See Notes. The effects may be delayed. Exposure by ingestion may result in death. Medical observation is indicated.

Effects of long-term or repeated exposure

The substance may have effects on the blood, resulting in chronic haemolytic anaemia. The substance may have effects on the eyes, resulting in the development of cataract. This substance is possibly carcinogenic to humans.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling point: 218/C Sublimation slowly at room temperature
Melting point: 80/C
Density: 1.16 g/cm³
Solubility in water, g/100 ml at 25/C: none
Vapour pressure, Pa at 25/C: 11

Relative vapour density (air = 1): 4.42
Flash point: 80/C c.c.
Auto-ignition temperature: 540/C
Explosive limits, vol% in air: 0.9-5.9
Octanol/water partition coefficient as log Pow: 3.3

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

The substance is very toxic to aquatic organisms. The substance may cause long-term effects in the aquatic environment.

NOTES

Some individuals may be more sensitive to the effect of naphthalene on blood cells.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LEGAL NOTICE

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