

# Part 1 - Name of product and supplier

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Product:- hexane (n) for org trc 2.5L

Synonyms:- n-Hexane

#### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### **Hazard Classification**

#### Australia:

Classified as Hazardous according to criteria of National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC), Australia.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

New Zealand:

Classified as Hazardous according to the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods for transport, according to the New Zealand Standard NZS 5433:1999 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

**HSNO Classification:** 

3.1B - Flammable Liquid: High Hazard.

6.1E - Substance that is acutely toxic if swallowed.

6.3B - Substance that is mildly irritating to the skin.

6.4A - Substance that is irritating to the eye.

6.9A - Substance that is toxic to human target organs or systems.

9.1B - Substance that is ecotoxic in the aquatic environment.

Hazard statement code:

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

H316 Causes mild skin irritation.

H320 Causes eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement codes- prevention:

P102 Keep out of reach of children.

P103 Read label before use.

P104 Read Safety Data Sheet before use.

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 mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Precautionary statement codes- Response:

INHALATION:

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P312 Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

INGESTION:

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.

SKIN:

P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

EYES:

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON CLOTHING: Rinse immediately contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing clothes.

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or foam.

P391 Collect spillage.

Precautionary statement codes - Storage:

P403+P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P405 Store locked up.

Precautionary statement codes - Disposal:

P501 In the case of a substance that is in compliance with a HSNO approval other than a Part 6A (Group Standards) approval, a label must provide a description of one or more appropriate and achievable methods for the disposal of a substance in accordance with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations 2001. This may also include any method of disposal that must be avoided.

#### Risk Phrase(s)

R11 Highly flammable.

R38 Irritating to skin.

R62 Possible risk of impaired fertility.

R65 Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed. R67 Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness

R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through

inhalation.

R51/53 Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic

environment.

#### Safety Phrase(s)

S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place.

S16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

S29 Do not empty into drains.

S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

S38 If insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

S51 Use only in well ventilated areas.

S61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheet.

S62 If swallowed, do not induce vomiting; seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

S23(3) Do not breathe spray.

S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	Name	CAS	Proportion
	Hexane	110-54-3	100 %

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

Seek immediate medical attention.

Ingestion Do NOT induce vomiting. Wash out mouth with water. Where vomiting occurs naturally

have victim place head below hip level in order to reduce risk of aspiration. Seek

immediate medical attention.

**Skin** If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with

running water. Ensure contaminated clothing is washed before re-use or discard. If

irritation develops, seek medical attention.

Eye If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eyes immediately with running water. Continue

flushing for several minutes until all contaminants are washed off completely. Seek

medical attention.

**First Aid Facilities** Eye wash fountain, safety shower and normal wash room facilities.

**Advice to Doctor** Treat symptomatically.

**Other Information** For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 13 1126; New Zealand

0800 764 766) or a doctor at once.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing

Media Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or foam.

Hazards from

Under fire conditions this product may emit toxic and/or irritating fumes including carbon

Combustion Products monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Highly flammable liquid. Vapour/air mixtures may ignite explosively. Precautions should be **Specific Hazards** 

> taken to eliminate the build up of explosive mixtures. Flashback along the vapour trail may occur. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard. Heating can cause expansion

or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.

**Hazchem Code** 3[Y]E

**Precautions in** connection with Fire

Fire fighters should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode. Water may be used to cool containers to

prevent pressure build-up or auto-ignition.

Warning: Burning liquid is lighter than water and will float spreading flames as water flows

from the site of the fire fighting efforts.

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### **Emergency Procedures**

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing to prevent exposure. Extinguish or remove all sources of ignition and stop leak if safe to do so. Increase ventilation. Evacuate all unprotected personnel. If possible contain the spill. If necessary place inert absorbent onto material. Prevent run off into drains and waterways. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect the material and place into suitable, labelled containers. If contamination of sewers or waterways occurs inform the local water authorities and EPA in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste according to applicable local and national regulations.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# Handling

Precautions for Safe Wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment to prevent inhalation, skin and eye contact. Handle and use the material in a well-ventilated area, away from sparks, flames and other ignition sources. Have emergency equipment (for fires, spills, leaks, etc.) readily available. Work from suitable, labelled, fire-resistant containers. Keep containers closed when not in use. Flameproof equipment is necessary in areas where the product is being used. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Earth or bond all equipment. Do not empty into drains. Maintain a high level of personal hygiene when using the product, that is, always wash hands after handling, and before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet facilities.

# **Conditions for Safe** Storage

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from sources of ignition, oxidising agents, strong acids, foodstuffs, and clothing. Keep containers closed when not in use and securely sealed and protected against physical damage. Inspect regularly for deficiencies such as damage or leaks. Have appropriate fire extinguishers available in and near the storage area. Take precautions against static electricity discharges. Use proper grounding procedures. For information on the design of the storeroom, reference should be made to

Australian Standard AS1940 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids. Reference should also be made to all applicable national and local regulations.

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **National Exposure** Standards

The exposure standards that have been established for this material by the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC), Australia and the Occupational Safety and Health Service (OSH) of the New Zealand Department of Labour are given below. Australian National Occupational Health And Safety Commission (NOHSC) Exposure Standards:

**Substance TWA STEL Notices** ppm mg/m³ ppm mg/m³ n-Hexane 20 72 - -

New Zealand Occupational Safety and Health Service (OSH) Workplace Exposure Standards: Substance TWA STEL

ppm mg/m<sup>3</sup> ppm mg/m<sup>3</sup> n-Hexane 20 72 - -

TWA (Time Weighted Average): The average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day week. STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit): The average airborne concentration over a 15 minute period which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight-hour workday.

# **Biological Limit** Values

No biological limit allocated.

Engineering Controls Provide sufficient ventilation to keep airborne levels below the exposure limit. Where vapours or mists are generated, particularly in enclosed areas, and natural ventilation is inadequate, a flameproof exhaust ventilation system is required. Refer to AS 1940 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids and AS/NZS 2430: Classification of hazardous areas - Examples of area classification - General, for further information concerning ventilation requirements.

#### Respiratory Protection

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable organic vapour filter should be used. Reference should be made to Australian/New Zealand Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

#### **Eye Protection**

Safety glasses with side shields or chemical goggles should be worn. Final choice of appropriate eye/face protection will vary according to individual circumstances. Eye protection devices should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 -Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications.

#### **Hand Protection**

Wear laminated film, nitrile or other suitable, impervious gloves conforming to AS/NZS 2161: Occupational protective gloves.

#### **Body Protection**

Suitable protective workwear, e.g. cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist. Industrial clothing should conform to the specifications detailed in AS/NZS 2919: Industrial clothing.

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** Clear, colourless liquid with ta ypical paraffinic odour.

Odour Paraffinic sweet

Melting Point Not available

**Boiling Point** 62-69°C at 760 mmHg

Solubility in Water Insoluble

**Specific Gravity** 0.67 at 15°C

**pH Value** Not applicable

Vapour Pressure 16.60 kPa at 15°C

**Vapour Density** 

(Air=1) 2.86 at 15°C (Air=1)

**Evaporation Rate** 8.40 (n-Butyl acetate=1)

**Volatile Component** 100%

Flash Point <-30 °C

Flammability Highly flammable liquid.

**Auto-Ignition** 

Temperature 225°C

Flammable Limits -

**Lower** 1.2 % v/v

Flammable Limits -

**Upper** 7.50 % v/v

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability** Stable under normal conditions of handling and storage.

**Conditions to Avoid** Heat, direct sunlight, open flames and other sources of ignition.

Incompatible

Materials Strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous

Decomposition

Thermal decomposition and combustion produce noxious fumes containing oxides of

**Products** carbon.

Hazardous

**Polymerization** Will not occur.

# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicology** LD50 (Oral, Rat): 25,000 mg/kg

Information LC50 (Inhalation, Rat): 48,000 ppm/4h

**Inhalation** Inhalation of product vapours may cause drowsiness, dizziness and irritation of the nose,

throat and respiratory system.

**Ingestion** Harmful, may cause lung damage if swallowed. It can cause central nervous system

depression, severe abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting that may lead to pulmonary edema. Subsequent to ingestion or vomiting, small amounts of liquid aspirated into the

respiratory system may cause severe lung damage or death.

**Skin** Irritating to skin. Symptoms may include redness and itchiness. Repeated exposure may

cause skin dryness and cracking, and may lead to dermatitis.

**Eye** May cause irritation to eyes. Symptoms may include redness, tearing, stinging and blurred

vision.

**Chronic Effects** Possible risk of impaired fertility. Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged

exposure through inhalation. Repeated inhalation or dermal exposure to n-hexane can cause peripheral neuropathy in exposed individuals. Recovery is not immediate on cessation of exposure, and the effects may progress for 2-3 months. Final recovery may take more than a year and may not necessarily be complete, depending on the severity of exposure. These effects are associated with n-hexane not the other hexane isomers. Concurrent exposure to n-hexane and methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) will accelerate the onset of n-hexane induced nerve damage, although MEK alone will not cause such damage. Prolonged and repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis due to defatting effect.

#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic

environment.

Persistence /

**Degradability** Not available

Mobility Not available

**Bioaccumulative** 

Potential Not available

Environment

**Protection** Prevent this material entering waterways, drains and sewers.

#### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

# Disposal Considerations

Dispose of waste according to federal, EPA and state regulations. Labels should not be removed from containers until they have been cleaned. Do not cut, puncture or weld on or near containers. Empty containers may contain hazardous and dangerous residues. Contaminated containers must not be treated as household waste. Containers should be

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

# Transport Information

#### Australia:

This material is classified as a Class 3 (Flammable Liquid) Dangerous Good according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. Dangerous goods of Class 3 (Flammable Liquid) are incompatible in a placard load with any of the following:

- Class 1, Explosive
- Class 2.1, Flammable Gas, if both the Class 3 and Class 2.1 dangerous goods are in bulk
- Class 2.3, Toxic Gas
- Class 4.2, Spontaneously Combustible Substance
- Class 5.1, Oxidising Agent
- Class 5.2, Organic Peroxide
- Class 6.1, Toxic and Class 6.2 Infectious Substances, if the Class 3 dangerous goods are nitromethane
- Class 7, Radioactive Substance

New Zealand:

This material is classified as a Class 3 - Flammable Liquid according to NZS 5433:1999 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

Must not be loaded in the same freight container or on the same vehicle with:

- Class 1, Explosives
- Class 2.1, Flammable gases
- Class 2.3, Toxic gases
- Class 4.2, Spontaneously combustible substances
- Class 5.1, Oxidising substances
- Class 5.2, Organic peroxides or
- Class 7, Radioactive materials unless specifically exempted.

Must not be loaded with in the same freight container; and on the same vehicle must be separated horizontally by at least 3 metres unless all but one are packed in separate freight containers with:

- Class 4.3, Dangerous when wet substances

Goods of packing group II or III may be loaded in the same freight container or on the same vehicle if transported in segregation devices with:

- Class 4.2, Spontaneously combustible substances
- Class 4.3, Dangerous when wet substances
- Class 5.1, Oxidising substances
- Class 5.2, Organic peroxides

**U.N. Number** 1208

**Proper Shipping** 

Name HEXANES

DG Class 3

Hazchem Code 3[Y]E

Packaging Method 3.8.3

Packing Group

EPG Number 3A1

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Regulatory** Australia:

Information Classified as Hazardous according to criteria of National Occupational Health & Safety

Commission (NOHSC), Australia.

Classified as a Scheduled Poison S5 according to the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling

of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).

Poisons Schedule S5

National and or

New Zealand:

International Regulatory Information Classified as Hazardous according to the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Minimum

Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001. ERMA Approval Code: HSR001166; Hexane

Hazard Category Harmful,Irritant,Highly Flammable,Dangerous for the environment

AICS (Australia) All constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical

Substances (AICS).

# 16. Disclaimer:

The information above is believed to be accurate and represents the best information currently available to us. However, the information is not a guarantee expressed or implied, with respect to such information, and we assume no liability resulting from its use. Anyone using the chemical described here should ensure that he or she has the appropriate training and has the expertise and any equipment required for safe handling. If clarification or further information is required, please contact ECP Ltd or refer to the official handler of dangerous goods within your own company. The user should also make their own investigations to determine the suitability of the product for their particular purposes. In no event shall the company be liable for any claims, losses, or damages of any third party or for lost profits or any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages howsoever arising, even if the company has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

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