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Section 3. Composition

3.1 Substances

Component	CAS No.	EEC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
n-Hexane	110-54-3	203-777-6	01-2119480412-44-XXXX	>95%	Flam. Liq. 2, Skin Irrit. 2, Repr. 2, STOT SE 3 (D), STOT RE 2, Asp. Tox. 1, Aquatic Chronic 2

Section 4. First Aid

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eyes	Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. If discomfort persists OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Skin	Thoroughly wash off skin with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash before re-use. In severe cases or if exposure has been great, OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Inhalation	Remove from exposure. Keep warm and at rest. If there is difficulty in breathing give oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial resuscitation. If unconscious place in the recovery position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Ingestion	If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. If there is difficulty in breathing give oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial resuscitation. If unconscious place in the recovery position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Personal protection for first aiders	Wear protective gloves / eye protection.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute & delayed.

No further relevant information available.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed.

No further relevant information available.

Section 5. Fire Fighting

5.1 Extinguishing media

Extinguishing Media	Foam, dry powder, carbon dioxide or vaporising liquids. Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool.
Unsuitable Media	Do not use water jet.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards	Vapour-air mixtures are explosive.
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5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Evacuate area immediately. Keep up wind. Avoid exposure to toxic vapours and fumes. Fire-fighters should wear protective clothing and breathing apparatus.
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Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal Protection Ensure no sources of ignition. Avoid breathing vapour. Use approved personal protective equipment. Evacuate area immediately. Do not allow general use of area until it is safe to do so. Beware : vapour is heavier than air and will tend to accumulate at low spots.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental Keep material out of sewers, storm drains, surface waters and soil. Notify the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Major Spillage Contain and absorb on inert material. Transfer absorbent to salvage container for removal. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

Minor Spillage Contain and absorb on inert material. Transfer absorbent to container for removal. Allow solvent to evaporate in remote area, then dispose of absorbent as solid chemical waste. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 8.2 for information on protective equipment and section 13 for information on disposal.

Section 7. Storage & Handling

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

All transfer systems should be earthed to prevent accumulation of static electricity. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath vapours. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.

Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations below the recommended limits.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Well ventilated, cool, dry storage . Protect from direct sun and store away from sources of ignition. Keep containers closed when not in use. Keep well separated from oxidising agents. Large quantities must be stored in accordance with the Petroleum Spirits Act.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2.

Section 8. Workplace Exposure & Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Component	CAS No	Concentration	Workplace Exposure Limits			
			Long Term (8hr TWA)	Short Term 15min period		
n-Hexane	110-54-3	>95%	20.0 ppm	72.0 mg/m-3	-	-

Exposure data source(s) IOELV: Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Value.

8.2 Exposure controls

Respiratory Protection Use L.E.V. or natural ventilation to maintain vapour concentrations below exposure limits. If not, use a well maintained chemical cartridge organic vapour respirator, or use self contained breathing apparatus.

Hand Protection Use solvent resistant gloves.

Eye Protection Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.

Skin Protection Avoid contact with skin. If skin contact or contamination of clothing is likely, protective clothing must be worn.

Special Hazards No special precautions required.

Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance Clear colourless liquid.
Odour Characteristic.
pH Not applicable
Boiling Point 69°C

Melting Point	-95.6°C
Flash Point	-22°C (Closed cup)
Upper Flammable Limit	7.5%
Lower Flammable Limit	1.2%
Auto Ignition	223°C
Explosive Properties	Severe in confined spaces.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	100mmHg @ 20°C
Relative Density	0.6600
Water Solubility	Insoluble in water.

9.2 Other information

No data available.

Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1	Reactivity	No data available.
10.2	Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions
10.3	Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
10.4	Conditions to Avoid	Hot surfaces, naked flames or other sources of ignition.
10.5	Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidising agents.
10.6	Hazardous Decomposition Products	None unusual. Burning will produce smoke, carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	Both the vapour and liquid will, act as an eye irritant.
Skin	The liquid is mildly irritating to the skin. Repeated or prolonged contact may defat the skin producing irritation and dermatitis.
LD50 Skin	3,000mg/kg Rabbit
Ingestion	Ingestion will cause irritation of the throat with nausea and vomiting, unconsciousness may develop in extreme cases. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
LD50 Oral	15,840mg/kg Rat
Inhalation	Exposure to vapour concentrations above the occupational exposure limits will produce irritation of the eyes and respiratory tract. High concentrations of vapour may cause narcosis. Symptoms include drowsiness, mental confusion and unconsciousness. Chronic exposure can lead to loss of sensation in hands and feet and has been linked with neurotoxic effects, progressing for several months following exposure, followed by slow recovery.
LD50 Inhalation	48000ppm Rat (4 hours)
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	No information is available.
Mutagenicity	May be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Section 12. Ecological

12.1	Toxicity	Moderately toxic to mammals, fish and bacteria. Toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
	LC50 Algal	Not available
	LC50 Crustacea	Not available
	LC50 Fish	2.5mg/l Fathead Minnow (96 hours)
12.2	Persistence and degradability	No data available.
12.3	Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
12.4	Mobility in soil	No data available.

12.5	Results of PBT & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
12.6	Other adverse effects	None known at present.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal Methods	Dispose of in a licensed incinerator for organic solvents. Do not dispose of as domestic waste. Never dispose of into water courses or sewerage systems due to high risk of explosion.
Contaminated Packaging	Use a licensed waste disposer. Do not attempt to burn any residual liquids due to risk of explosion.

Section 14. Transport Information





14.1	UN Number	1208
14.2	Proper Shipping Name	Hexanes
14.3	Transport classes	
	UN classification	3
	Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
	Transport category	2
	ADR Hazard ID	33
	Tunnel Restriction Code	D/E
14.4	Packing Group	II
14.5	Environment hazards	See section 12.
14.6	Special precautions for user	No special precautions required.
14.7	Transport in bulk	Not transported in bulk.



Section 15. Regulatory Information

15.1 Safety, health and environment regulations specific for substance/mixture.

Classification, Labeling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations (1272/2008/CE)

Classification	Flammable liquid, category 2; Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2; Reproductive toxicity, category 2; Spec target organ tox - single, category 3; Spec target organ tox - repeat, category 2; Aspiration hazard, category 1; Hazard to aquatic environment, category 2
Signal word	Danger
Hazard Pictograms	   
Hazard Statements	H225, H361, H304, H373, H315, H336, H411 Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Causes skin irritation. May cause drowsiness or dizziness. Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Hazard Statements (Packs of 100ml/g or less)	H225, H301, H304, H373 Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Toxic if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary Statements	P233, P280, P261, P301+P310, P331 Keep container tightly closed. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection. Avoid breathing dust / fume / gas / mist / vapours / spray. IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Precautionary Statements P301+P310
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15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Assessment not required.

Section 16. Other Information

The information contained in this document only covers the hazards presented by this material, it DOES NOT constitute a workplace risk assessment. See sections 11 for toxicological information and section 12 for ecological information.

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