



Section 1. Material Identification

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Automotive Gasoline, Lead-free, Description: A mixture of volatile hydrocarbons composed mainly of branched-chain paraffins, cycloparaffins, olefins, naphthenes, and aromatics. In general, gasoline is produced from petroleum, shale oil, Athabasca tar sands, and coal. Motor gasolines are made chiefly by cracking processes, which convert heavier petroleum fractions into more volatile fractions by thermal or catalytic decomposition. Widely used as fuel in internal combustion engines of the spark-ignited, reciprocating type. Automotive gasoline has an octane number of approximately 90. A high content of aromatic hydrocarbons and a consequent high toxicity are also associated with a high octane rating. Some gasolines sold in the US contain a minor proportion of tetraethyllead, which is added in concentrations not exceeding 3 ml per gallon to prevent engine "knock." However, methyl-tert-butyl ether (MTBE) has almost completely replaced tetraethyllead.

R 1
I 2
S 2*
K 4
* Skin absorption



HMIS
H 2
F 3
R 1
PPG†
† Sec. 8

Other Designations: CAS No. 8006-61-9, benzin, gasoline, gasolene, motor spirits, natural gasoline, petrol.
Manufacturer: Contact your supplier or distributor. Consult latest *Chemical Week Buyers' Guide*⁽⁷³⁾ for a suppliers list.

Cautions: Inhalation of automotive gasoline vapors can cause intense burning in throat and lungs, central nervous system (CNS) depression, and possible fatal pulmonary edema. Gasoline is a dangerous fire and explosion hazard when exposed to heat and flames.

Section 2. Ingredients and Occupational Exposure Limits

Automotive gasoline, lead-free*

1990 OSHA PELs

8-hr TWA: 300 ppm, 900 mg/m³
15-min STEL: 500 ppm, 1500 mg/m³

1990-91 ACGIH TLVs

TWA: 300 ppm, 890 mg/m³
STEL: 500 ppm, 1480 mg/m³

1990 NIOSH REL

None established

1985-86 Toxicity Data*

Man, inhalation, TC_{Lo}: 900 ppm/1 hr; toxic effects include sense organs and special senses (conjunctiva irritation), behavioral (hallucinations, distorted perceptions), lungs, thorax, or respiration (cough)
Human, eye: 140 ppm/8 hr; toxic effects include mild irritation
Rat, inhalation, LC₅₀: 300 g/m³/5 min

* A typical modern gasoline composition is 80% paraffins, 14% aromatics, and 6% olefins. The mean benzene content is approximately 1%. Other additives include sulfur, phosphorus, and MTBE.

† See NIOSH, RTECS (LX3300000), for additional toxicity data.

Section 3. Physical Data

Boiling Point: Initially, 102 °F (39 °C); after 10% distilled, 140 °F (60 °C); after 50% distilled, 230 °F (110 °C); after 90% distilled, 338 °F (170 °C); final boiling point, 399 °F (204 °C)

Density/Specific Gravity: 0.72 to 0.76 at 60 °F (15.6 °C)

Water Solubility: Insoluble

Vapor Density (air = 1): 3.0 to 4.0

Appearance and Odor: A clear (gasoline may be colored with dye), mobile liquid with a characteristic odor recognizable at about 10 ppm in air.

Section 4. Fire and Explosion Data

Flash Point: -45 °F (-43 °C)

Autoignition Temperature: 536 to 853 °F (280 to 456 °C)

LEL: 1.3% v/v

UEL: 6.0% v/v

Extinguishing Media: Use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or alcohol foam as extinguishing media. Use of water may be ineffective to extinguish fire, but use water spray to knock down vapors and to cool fire-exposed drums and tanks to prevent pressure rupture. Do not use a solid stream of water since it may spread the fuel.

Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards: Automobile gasoline is an OSHA Class IB flammable liquid and a dangerous fire and explosion hazard when exposed to heat and flames. Vapors can flow to an ignition source and flash back. Automobile gasoline can also react violently with oxidizing agents.

Special Fire-fighting Procedures: Isolate hazard area and deny entry. Since fire may produce toxic fumes, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full facepiece operated in pressure-demand or positive-pressure mode, and full protective clothing. When the fire is extinguished, use nonsparking tools for cleanup. Be aware of runoff from fire control methods. Do not release to sewers or waterways.

Section 5. Reactivity Data

Stability/Polymerization: Automotive gasoline is stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions. Hazardous polymerization cannot occur.

Chemical Incompatibilities: Automotive gasoline can react with oxidizing materials such as peroxides, nitric acid, and perchlorates.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid heat and ignition sources.

Hazardous Products of Decomposition: Thermal oxidative decomposition of automotive gasoline can produce oxides of carbon and partially oxidized hydrocarbons.

Section 6. Health Hazard Data

Carcinogenicity: In 1990 reports, the IARC list gasoline as a possible human carcinogen (Group 2B). Although the IARC has assigned an overall evaluation to gasoline, it has not assigned an overall evaluation to specific substances within this group (inadequate human evidence).

Summary of Risks: Gasoline vapors are considered moderately poisonous. Vapor inhalation can cause central nervous system (CNS) depression and mucous membrane and respiratory tract irritation. Brief inhalations of high concentrations can cause a fatal pulmonary edema. Reported responses to gasoline vapor concentrations are: 160 to 270 ppm causes eye and throat irritation in several hours; 500 to 900 ppm causes eye, nose, and throat irritation, and dizziness in 1 hr; and 2000 ppm produces mild anesthesia in 30 min. Higher concentrations are intoxicating in 4 to 10 minutes. If large areas of skin are exposed to gasoline, toxic amounts may be absorbed. Repeated or prolonged skin exposure causes dermatitis. Certain individuals may develop hypersensitivity. Ingestion can cause CNS depression. Pulmonary aspiration after ingestion can cause severe pneumonitis. In adults, ingestion of 20 to 50 g gasoline may produce severe symptoms of poisoning.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Long-Term Exposure: None reported.

Target Organs: Skin, eye, respiratory and central nervous systems.

Primary Entry Routes: Inhalation, ingestion, skin contact.

Acute Effects: Acute inhalation produces intense nose, throat, and lung irritation; headaches; blurred vision; conjunctivitis; flushing of the face; mental confusion; staggering gait; slurred speech; and unconsciousness, sometimes with convulsions. Ingestion causes inebriation (drunkenness), vomiting, dizziness, fever, drowsiness, confusion, and cyanosis (a blue to dark purplish coloration of skin and mucous membrane caused by lack of oxygen). Aspiration causes choking, cough, shortness of breath, increased rate of respiration, excessively rapid heartbeat, fever, bronchitis, and pneumonitis. Other symptoms following acute exposure include acute hemorrhage of the pancreas, fatty degeneration of the liver and kidneys, and passive congestion of spleen.

Chronic Effects: Chronic inhalation results in appetite loss, nausea, weight loss, insomnia, and unusual sensitivity (hyperesthesia) of the distal extremities followed by motor weakness, muscular degeneration, and diminished tendon reflexes and coordination. Repeated skin exposure can cause blistering, drying, and lesions.

FIRST AID

Eyes: Gently lift the eyelids and flush immediately and continuously with flooding amounts of water until transported to an emergency medical facility. Consult a physician immediately.

Skin: Quickly remove contaminated clothing. Rinse with flooding amounts of water for at least 15 min. For reddened or blistered skin, consult a physician. Wash affected area with soap and water.

Inhalation: Remove exposed person to fresh air and support breathing as needed.

Ingestion: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. If ingested, do not induce vomiting due to aspiration hazard. Give conscious victim a mixture of 2 tablespoons of activated charcoal mixed in 8 oz of water to drink. Consult a physician immediately.

After first aid, get appropriate in-plant, paramedic, or community medical support.

Section 7. Spill, Leak, and Disposal Procedures

Spill/Leak: Notify safety personnel, evacuate all unnecessary personnel, remove heat and ignition sources, and provide maximum explosion-proof ventilation. Cleanup personnel should protect against vapor inhalation and liquid contact. Use nonsparking tools. Take up small spills with sand or other noncombustible adsorbent. Dike storage areas to control leaks and spills. Follow applicable OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.120).

Aquatic Toxicity: Bluegill, freshwater, LC₅₀, 8 ppm/96 hr.

Disposal: Contact your supplier or a licensed contractor for detailed recommendations. Follow applicable Federal, state, and local regulations.

EPA Designations

RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 261.21): Characteristic of ignitability

CERCLA Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 302.4): Not listed

SARA Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355): Not listed

SARA Toxic Chemical (40 CFR 372.65): Not listed

OSHA Designations

Listed as an Air Contaminant (29 CFR 1910.1000, Table Z-1-A)

Section 8. Special Protection Data

Goggles: Wear protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles, per OSHA eye- and face-protection regulations (29 CFR 1910.133). Since contact lens use in industry is controversial, establish your own policy.

Respirator: Seek professional advice prior to respirator selection and use. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and, if necessary, wear a NIOSH-approved respirator. There are no specific NIOSH recommendations. However, for vapor concentrations not immediately dangerous to life or health, use chemical cartridge respirator equipped with organic vapor cartridge(s), or a supplied-air respirator. For emergency or nonroutine operations (cleaning spills, reactor vessels, or storage tanks), wear an SCBA. *Warning! Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.*

Other: Wear impervious gloves, boots, aprons, and gauntlets to prevent prolonged or repeated skin contact. Materials such as neoprene or polyvinyl alcohol provide excellent/good resistance for protective clothing. **Note:** Resistance of specific materials can vary from product to product.

Ventilation: Provide general and local explosion-proof exhaust ventilation systems to maintain airborne concentrations below the OSHA PELs (Sec. 2). Local exhaust ventilation is preferred since it prevents contaminant dispersion into the work area by controlling it at its source.⁽¹⁰³⁾

Safety Stations: Make available in the work area emergency eyewash stations, safety/quick-drench showers, and washing facilities.

Contaminated Equipment: Remove this material from your shoes and equipment. Launder contaminated clothing before wearing.

Comments: Never eat, drink, or smoke in work areas. Practice good personal hygiene after using this material, especially before eating, drinking, smoking, using the toilet, or applying cosmetics.

Section 9. Special Precautions and Comments

Storage Requirements: Store in closed containers in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heat and ignition sources and strong oxidizing agents. Protect containers from physical damage. Avoid direct sunlight. Storage must meet requirements of OSHA Class IB liquid. Outside or detached storage preferred.

Engineering Controls: Avoid vapor inhalation and skin or eye contact. Consider a respiratory protection program that includes regular training, maintenance, inspection, and evaluation. Indoor use of this material requires explosion-proof exhaust ventilation to remove vapors. Only use gasoline as a fuel source due to its volatility and flammable/explosive nature. Practice good personal hygiene and housekeeping procedures. Wear clean work clothing daily.

Transportation Data (49 CFR 172.101, .102)

DOT Shipping Name: Gasoline (including casing-head and natural)

DOT Hazard Class: Flammable liquid

ID No.: UN1203

DOT Label: Flammable liquid

DOT Packaging Exceptions: 173.118

DOT Packaging Requirements: 173.119

IMO Shipping Name: Gasoline

IMO Hazard Class: 3.1

ID No.: UN1203

IMO Label: Flammable liquid

IMDG Packaging Group: II

MSDS Collection References: 26, 73, 89, 100, 101, 103, 124, 126, 127, 132, 133, 136, 138, 140, 143, 146, 153, 159

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