

## Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

## Azobenzene

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

**Product identifier**

Product name : Azobenzene  
CBnumber : CB4383484  
CAS : 103-33-3  
EINECS Number : 203-102-5  
Synonyms : azobenzene,(E)-1,2-diphenyldiazene

**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.  
Uses advised against : none

**Company Identification**

Company : Chemicalbook  
Address : Building 1, Huihuang International, Shangdi 10th Street, Haidian District, Beijing  
Telephone : 010-86108875

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture**

Acute toxicity - Category 4, Oral  
Acute toxicity - Category 4, Inhalation  
Germ cell mutagenicity, Category 2  
Carcinogenicity, Category 1B  
Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure, Category 2  
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (Acute) - Category Acute 1  
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (Chronic) - Category Chronic 1

**Label elements****Pictogram(s)**

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Signal word : Danger

**Hazard statement(s)**

H302 Harmful if swallowed  
H332 Harmful if inhaled

H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects  
H350 May cause cancer  
H370 Causes damage to organs  
H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life  
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

#### **Precautionary statement(s)**

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
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.  
P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.  
P311 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P391 Collect spillage. Hazardous to the aquatic environment  
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents/container to.....

#### **Prevention**

P264 Wash ... thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P203 Obtain, read and follow all safety instructions before use.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection/...  
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.

#### **Response**

P301+P317 IF SWALLOWED: Get medical help.  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P317 Get medical help.  
P318 IF exposed or concerned, get medical advice.  
P319 Get medical help if you feel unwell.  
P391 Collect spillage.

#### **Storage**

P405 Store locked up.

#### **Disposal**

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

#### **Other hazards**

no data available

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### **Substance**

Product name	: Azobenzene
Synonyms	: azobenzene,(E)-1,2-diphenyldiazene
CAS	: 103-33-3
EC number	: 203-102-5
MF	: C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
MW	: 182.22

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### **Description of first aid measures**

#### **If inhaled**

Move the victim into fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration and consult a doctor immediately.

Do not use mouth to mouth resuscitation if the victim ingested or inhaled the chemical.

#### **Following skin contact**

Take off contaminated clothing immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a doctor.

#### **Following eye contact**

Rinse with pure water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a doctor.

#### **Following ingestion**

Rinse mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a doctor or Poison Control Center immediately.

### **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**SYMPTOMS:** Symptoms of exposure to this compound may include irritation of the skin, eyes and respiratory tract; liver and kidney damage; liver and lung cancer; and possible blood disorders. Symptoms of exposure to nitrogen compounds may include cyanosis, headache, shallow respiration, dizziness, confusion, jaundice, pain on urination, anemia, weight loss, weakness, irritability, blood pressure fall, lethargy, stupor, convulsions, coma, and possible death. The nervous system, liver, kidneys, and bone marrow may be affected after chronic exposure.

**ACUTE/CHRONIC HAZARDS:** This compound irritates the skin, eyes, and respiratory tract, and can be absorbed through the skin. It is a positive animal carcinogen. When heated to decomposition it emits toxic fumes of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. (NTP, 1992)

### **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Immediate first aid: Ensure that adequate decontamination has been carried out. If patient is not breathing, start artificial respiration, preferably with a demand-valve resuscitator, bag-valve-mask device, or pocket mask, as trained. Perform CPR as necessary. Immediately flush contaminated eyes with gently flowing water. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain an open airway and prevent aspiration. Keep patient quiet and maintain normal body temperature. Obtain medical attention. Aniline and related compounds

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

Use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or alcohol foam extinguishers. Poisonous gases are produced in fire including nitrogen oxides. If material or contaminated runoff enters waterways, notify downstream users of potentially contaminated waters. Notify local health and fire officials and pollution control agencies. From a secure, explosion-proof location, use water spray to cool exposed containers. If cooling streams are ineffective (venting sound increases in volume and pitch, tank discolors, or shows any signs of deforming), withdraw immediately to a secure position. If employees are required to fight fires, they must be properly trained and equipped. OSHA 1910.156.

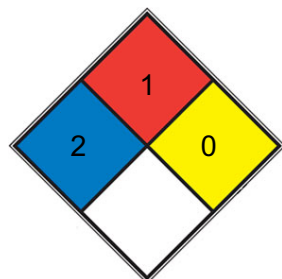
### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flash point data for this chemical are not available. It is probably combustible. (NTP, 1992)

### Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### NFPA 704



■ HEALTH 2

Materials that require considerable preheating, under all ambient temperature conditions, before ignition and combustion

■ FIRE 1 can occur. Includes some finely divided suspended solids that do not require heating before ignition can occur. Flash point at or above 93.3 °C (200 °F). (e.g. [mineral oil](#), ammonia)

■ REACT 0 Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and is not reactive with water (e.g. helium, [N<sub>2</sub>](#))

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing mist, gas or vapours. Avoid contacting with skin and eye. Use personal protective equipment. Wear

chemical impermeable gloves. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

### **Environmental precautions**

Prevent further spillage or leakage if it is safe to do so. Do not let the chemical enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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

PRECAUTIONS FOR "CARCINOGENS": A high-efficiency particulate arrestor (HEPA) or charcoal filters can be used to minimize amt of carcinogen in exhausted air ventilated safety cabinets, lab hoods, glove boxes or animal rooms ... Filter housing that is designed so that used filters can be transferred into plastic bag without contaminating maintenance staff is avail commercially. Filters should be placed in plastic bags immediately after removal ... The plastic bag should be sealed immediately ... The sealed bag should be labelled properly ... Waste liquids ... should be placed or collected in proper containers for disposal. The lid should be secured & the bottles properly labelled. Once filled, bottles should be placed in plastic bag, so that outer surface ... is not contaminated ... The plastic bag should also be sealed & labelled. ... Broken glassware ... should be decontaminated by solvent extraction, by chemical destruction, or in specially designed incinerators. Chemical Carcinogens

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### **Precautions for safe handling**

Handling in a well ventilated place. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Use non-sparking tools. Prevent fire caused by electrostatic discharge steam.

### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

PRECAUTIONS FOR "CARCINOGENS": Storage site should be as close as practical to lab in which carcinogens are to be used, so that only small quantities required for ... expt need to be carried. Carcinogens should be kept in only one section of cupboard, an explosion-proof refrigerator or freezer (depending on chemico-physical properties ...) that bears appropriate label. An inventory ... should be kept, showing quantity of carcinogen & date it was acquired ... Facilities for dispensing ... should be contiguous to storage area. Chemical Carcinogens

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### **Control parameters**

#### **Occupational Exposure limit values**

no data available

#### **Biological limit values**

no data available

### **Exposure controls**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Set up emergency exits and the risk-elimination area.

### **Individual protection measures**

#### **Eye/face protection**

Wear tightly fitting safety goggles with side-shields conforming to EN 166(EU) or NIOSH (US).

### Skin protection

Wear fire/ flame resistant and impervious clothing. Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Wash and dry hands. The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

### Respiratory protection

If the exposure limits are exceeded, irritation or other symptoms are experienced, use a full-face respirator.

### Thermal hazards

no data available

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physicochemical properties

Physical state	Crystalline Powder
Colour	Orange
Odour	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	163°C(dec.)(lit.)
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	293°C(lit.)
Flammability	no data available
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	no data available
Flash point	190°C(lit.)
Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
Decomposition temperature	no data available
pH	no data available
Kinematic viscosity	no data available
Solubility	6.4mg/l
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	log Kow = 3.82
Vapour pressure	1 mm Hg ( 104 °C)
Density and/or relative density	1.02g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Relative vapour density	no data available
Particle characteristics	no data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

This chemical is sensitive to air and light. Dust may form an explosive mixture in air. Insoluble in water.

### Chemical stability

Chemically it is stable

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

AZOBENZENE is an azo compound. Azo, diazo, azido compounds can detonate. This applies in particular to organic azides that have been sensitized by the addition of metal salts or strong acids. Toxic gases are formed by mixing materials of this class with acids, aldehydes, amides, carbamates, cyanides, inorganic fluorides, halogenated organics, isocyanates, ketones, metals, nitrides, peroxides, phenols, epoxides, acyl halides, and strong oxidizing or reducing agents. Flammable gases are formed by mixing materials in this group with alkali metals. Explosive combination can occur with strong oxidizing agents, metal salts, peroxides, and sulfides. This compound is incompatible with strong oxidizing agents. (NTP, 1992)

### **Conditions to avoid**

no data available

### **Incompatible materials**

Strong oxidizers.

### **Hazardous decomposition products**

When strongly heated, it emits highly toxic fumes of /nitrogen oxides/.

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **Acute toxicity**

- Oral: no data available
- Inhalation: no data available
- Dermal: no data available

### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

### **Serious eye damage/irritation**

no data available

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

### **Carcinogenicity**

No data are available in humans. Limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animals. OVERALL EVALUATION: Group 3: The agent is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

### **STOT-single exposure**

no data available

## STOT-repeated exposure

no data available

## Aspiration hazard

no data available

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# SECTION 12: Ecological information

## Toxicity

Toxicity to fish: no data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: EC50; Species: Daphnia magna (Water flea, age < or =24 hr); Conditions: freshwater, static, 25 deg C, pH > or =7.0, dissolved oxygen > or =58%; Concentration: 5000 ug/L for 24 hr; Effect: intoxication, immobilization

Toxicity to algae: EC50; Species: Scenedesmus subspicatus (Green algae, Log growth phase); Conditions: freshwater, static, 24 deg C, pH 8.0-9.3; Concentration: 1700 ug/L for 48 hr; Effect: decreased population biomass

Toxicity to microorganisms: no data available

## Persistence and degradability

AEROBIC: In a Warburg respirometer study using sludge acclimated to aniline, azobenzene was found to be resistant to degradation over a 190-hr incubation period(1).

## Bioaccumulative potential

An estimated BCF of 10 was calculated for azobenzene(SRC), using a log Kow of 3.82(1) and a regression-derived equation(2). According to a classification scheme(3), this BCF suggests the potential for bioconcentration in aquatic organisms is low(SRC).

## Mobility in soil

A Koc value of approximately 1,350 was experimentally derived for a silt loam soil(1). Respective Koc values of 2,410 and 4,510 were experimentally determined for a Hagerstown clay loam soil and a Palouse silt loam soil under non-sterile conditions(2); in sterilized soil, respective Koc values of 2,100 and 3,740 were determined(2). According to a suggested classification scheme(3), these Koc values suggest that azobenzene has low to slight mobility in soil(SRC).

## Toxics Screening Level

The Initial Risk Screening Level (IRSL) for azobenzene is 0.03 µg/m<sup>3</sup> based on an annual averaging time.

## Other adverse effects

no data available

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# SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

## Disposal methods

### Product

The material can be disposed of by removal to a licensed chemical destruction plant or by controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing. Do not contaminate water, foodstuffs, feed or seed by storage or disposal. Do not discharge to sewer systems.

### Contaminated packaging

Containers can be triply rinsed (or equivalent) and offered for recycling or reconditioning. Alternatively, the packaging can be punctured to make it unusable for other purposes and then be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing is possible for combustible packaging materials.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### UN Number

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

### UN Proper Shipping Name

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

### Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

### Packing group, if applicable

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

### Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: Yes

IMDG: Yes

IATA: Yes

### Special precautions for user

no data available

### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

no data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

#### European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)

Listed.

## **EC Inventory**

Listed.

## **United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory**

Listed.

## **China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015**

Not Listed.

## **New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)**

Listed.

## **PICCS**

Listed.

## **Vietnam National Chemical Inventory**

Listed.

## **IECSC**

Listed.

## **Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL)**

Not Listed.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### **Abbreviations and acronyms**

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

TWA: Time Weighted Average

STEL: Short term exposure limit

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

### **References**

IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website: [http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

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