

MSDS – MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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PENTANE

1. Product Identification

Synonyms: Normal Pentane; n-Pentane; Amyl hydride

CAS No.: 109-66-0

Molecular Weight: 72.15

Chemical Formula: CH₃(CH₂)₃CH₃

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Pentane	109-66-0	98 - 100%	Yes

3. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE. HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED. HARMFUL IF INHALED. AFFECTS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

SAFETY DATA Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 2 - Moderate

Flammability Rating: 4 - Extreme (Flammable)

Reactivity Rating: 0 - None

Contact Rating: 2 - Moderate

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD;
PROPER GLOVES; CLASS B EXTINGUISHER

Storage Color Code: Red (Flammable)

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation:

Vapors have a mild narcotic effect. Symptoms of overexposure may include drowsiness and irritation of the respiratory passages. Greater exposure may cause unconsciousness and death.

Ingestion:

Tends to vaporize when swallowed causing aspiration into the lungs. The result can be a rapid fall in oxygen content with asphyxia and consequent brain damage or cardiac arrest.

Skin Contact:

Causes skin irritation, cracking or flaking due to dehydration and defatting action.

Eye Contact:

Very high vapor concentrations and liquid may cause irritation, redness, and pain.

Chronic Exposure:

Prolonged skin contact may cause drying, cracking, and dermatitis.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:

Persons with pre-existing skin conditions or impaired respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of this substance.

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation:

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

Ingestion:

DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

Skin Contact:

Remove any contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap or mild detergent and water for at least 15 minutes. Wash clothes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

Eye Contact:

Wash thoroughly with running water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Fire:

Flash point: -49C (-56F) CC

Autoignition temperature: 260C (500F)

Flammable limits in air % by volume:

lel: 1.5; uel: 7.8

Extremely Flammable Liquid and Vapor! Vapor may cause flash fire.

Explosion:

Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above. Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flash back. Sensitive to static discharge.

Fire Extinguishing Media:

Dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide. Water may be ineffective. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool.

Special Information:

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. This highly flammable liquid must be kept from sparks, open flame, hot surfaces, and all sources of heat and ignition. Vapor explosion hazard exists indoors, outdoors, or in sewers.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer! If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures.

7. Handling and Storage

Protect against physical damage. Store in a cool, dry well-ventilated location, away from any area where the fire hazard may be acute. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Separate from incompatibles. Containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks. Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas. Use non-sparking type tools and equipment, including explosion proof ventilation. **DANGER! DO NOT OPEN Unless Contents Are At Room temperature (72F) or Below. Allow at least 24 hours for material to cool to room temperature before opening container.** Containers of

this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits:

-OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

1000 ppm (TWA)

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

600 ppm (TWA)

NIOSH (REL) TWA 350 mg/m³, 1800 mg/m³ Ceiling

Ventilation System:

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, wear a supplied air, full-facepiece respirator, airtight hood, or full-facepiece self-contained breathing apparatus. Breathing air quality must meet the requirements of the OSHA respiratory protection standard (29CFR1910.134). This substance has questionable warning properties.

Skin Protection:

Rubber or neoprene gloves and additional protection including impervious boots, apron, or coveralls, as needed in areas of unusual exposure.

Eye Protection:

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:

Clear, colorless solution.

Odor:

Mild, gasoline-like.

Solubility:

Insoluble in water.

Specific Gravity:

0.63 20C/4C

pH:

No information found.

% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):

100

Boiling Point:

36C (97F)

Melting Point:

-130C (-202F)

Vapor Density (Air=1):

2.5

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):

426 @ 20C (68F)

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):

28.6

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability:

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

Hazardous Polymerization:

Will not occur.

Incompatibilities:

Strong oxidizers.

Conditions to Avoid:

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

Inhalation, rat, LC50: 364 g/m3/4H

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Pentane (109-66-0)	No	No	None

12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate:

When released into the soil, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released into the soil, this material is not expected to leach into groundwater. When released into the soil, this material is expected to quickly evaporate. When released into water, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released to water, this material is expected to quickly evaporate. When released into the water, this material is

expected to have a half-life of less than 1 day. This material has an estimated bioconcentration factor (BCF) of less than 100. This material has a log octanol-water partition coefficient of greater than 3.0. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate. When released into the air, this material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals. When released into the air, this material is expected to have a half-life between 1 and 10 days.

Environmental Toxicity:

No information found.

13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved incinerator or disposed in a RCRA approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

Domestic (Land, D.O.T.)

Proper Shipping Name: PENTANES

Hazard Class: 3

UN/NA: UN1265

Packing Group: II

Information reported for product/size: 2.5L

International (Water, I.M.O.)

Proper Shipping Name: PENTANES

Hazard Class: 3

UN/NA: UN1265

Packing Group: II

Information reported for product/size: 2.5L

International (Air, I.C.A.O.)

Proper Shipping Name: PENTANES

Hazard Class: 3

UN/NA: UN1265

Packing Group: II

Information reported for product/size: 2.5L

15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                TSCA  EC   Japan  Australia
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Pentane (109-66-0)                       Yes   Yes  Yes    Yes
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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                --Canada--
                                Korea  DSL  NDSL  Phil.
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Pentane (109-66-0)                       Yes   Yes  No    Yes
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                -SARA 302-  -----SARA 313-----
                                RQ    TPQ    List  Chemical Catg.
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Pentane (109-66-0)                       No    No    No    No
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                -RCRA-      -TSCA-
                                CERCLA      261.33      8(d)
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Pentane (109-66-0)                       No          No          Yes
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Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): Yes CDTA: No
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: Yes Fire: Yes Pressure: Yes
Reactivity: No (Pure / Liquid)

Australian Hazchem Code: 3[Y]E

Poison Schedule: None allocated.

WHMIS:

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

16. Other Information

NFPA Ratings: Health: **1** Flammability: **4** Reactivity: **0**

Label Hazard Warning:

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Label Precautions:

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Avoid breathing vapor or mist.

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

DO NOT OPEN Unless Contents Are At Room Temperature (72F) or Below For At Least 24 Hours.

Label First Aid:

Aspiration hazard. If swallowed, vomiting may occur spontaneously, but DO NOT INDUCE. If vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration into lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. In all cases, get medical attention.

Product Use:

Laboratory Reagent.

Revision Information: No Changes.

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