



Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name SUPER SPEC HP EPOXY AROMATIC THINNER
Product Code P94
Product Class PAINT THINNER

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Emergency Telephone Number(s)
CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300

2. COMPOSITION INFORMATION ON COMPONENTS

Hazardous Components

Chemical Name	CAS-No	Weight % (max)
Xylene	1330-20-7	75
Ethyl benzene	100-41-4	25

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

DANGER

Flammable. Vapors may be irritating to eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. May cause skin irritation and/or dermatitis. May be harmful if swallowed.

Appearance clear, colorless liquid

Odor aromatic, sweet odor

OSHA Regulatory Status This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Potential Health Effects

Principal Routes of Exposure Eye contact, skin contact and inhalation.

Acute Effects

Eyes

Moderately irritating to the eyes.

Skin

May cause skin irritation and/or dermatitis.

Inhalation	High vapor / aerosol concentrations are irritating to the eyes, nose, throat and lungs and may cause headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, and other central nervous system effects.
Ingestion	Ingestion may cause irritation to mucous membranes. Small amounts of this product aspirated into the respiratory system during ingestion or vomiting may cause mild to severe pulmonary injury, possibly progressing to death.
Chronic Effects	Avoid repeated exposure

See Section 11 for additional Toxicological information.

Aggravated Medical Conditions None known

HMIS **Health:** 2* **Flammability:** 3 **Reactivity:** 0 **PPE:** -

HMIS Legend

0 - Minimal Hazard

1 - Slight Hazard

2 - Moderate Hazard

3 - Serious Hazard

4 - Severe Hazard

* - Chronic Hazard

X - Consult your supervisor or S.O.P. for "Special" handling instructions.

Note: The PPE rating has intentionally been left blank. Choose appropriate PPE that will protect employees from the hazards the material will present under the actual normal conditions of use.

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Eye Contact	Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If symptoms persist, call a physician. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician immediately.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and afterwards drink plenty of water. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician.
Notes To Physician	Treat symptomatically
Protection Of First-Aiders	Use personal protective equipment

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Foam, dry powder or water. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Protective Equipment And Precautions For Firefighters	As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.
Specific Hazards Arising From The Chemical	Flammable. Closed containers may rupture if exposed to fire or extreme heat. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
Sensitivity To Mechanical Impact	No
Sensitivity To Static Discharge	Yes
Flash Point Data	
Flash Point (°F)	79
Flash Point (°C)	26
Flash Point Method	Tag closed cup
Flammability Limits In Air	
Lower Explosion Limit	1.9
Upper Explosion Limit	12.3

NFPA **Health:** 2 **Flammability:** 3 **Instability:** 0 **Special:** Not Applicable

NFPA Legend

- 0 - Not Hazardous
- 1 - Slightly
- 2 - Moderate
- 3 - High
- 4 - Severe

The ratings assigned by Benjamin Moore & Co. are only suggested ratings, the contractor/employer has ultimate responsibilities for NFPA ratings where this system is used.

Additional information regarding the NFPA rating system is available from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) at www.nfpa.org.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition.
Environmental Precautions	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
Methods For Clean-Up	Dam up. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly.
Other Information	None known

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	Use only in area provided with appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Wear personal protective equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Storage	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat. Keep in properly labeled containers.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits

Hazardous Components

Chemical Name	ACGIH	OSHA
Xylene	100 ppm - TWA 150 ppm - STEL	100 ppm - TWA 435 mg/m ³ - TWA
Ethyl benzene	100 ppm - TWA 125 ppm - STEL	100 ppm - TWA 435 mg/m ³ - TWA

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Exposure Limits

OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration Exposure Limits

N/E - Not Established

Engineering Measures Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/Face Protection	Safety glasses with side-shields.
Skin Protection	Long sleeved clothing. Protective gloves.
Respiratory Protection	In operations where exposure limits are exceeded, use a NIOSH approved respirator that has been selected by a technically qualified person for the specific work conditions. When spraying the product or applying in confined areas, wear a NIOSH approved respirator specified for paint spray or organic vapors.

Hygiene Measures Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Wash thoroughly after handling. When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	clear, colorless liquid
Odor	aromatic, sweet odor
Density (lbs/gal)	7.3
Specific Gravity	0.87
pH	Not available
Viscosity (centistokes)	0.7
Water Solubility	Insoluble
Evaporation Rate	0.8 (butyl acetate = 1)

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Vapor Pressure	14.2 mmHg (@38 °C)
Vapor Density	3.7 (air = 1)
Wt. % Solids	0
Vol. % Solids	0
Wt. % Volatiles	100
Vol. % Volatiles	100
VOC Regulatory Limit (g/L)	Not available
Boiling Point (°F)	279
Boiling Point (°C)	137
Freezing Point (°F)	-53
Freezing Point (°C)	-47
Flash Point (°F)	79
Flash Point (°C)	26
Flash Point Method	Tag closed cup
Upper Explosion Limit	12.3
Lower Explosion Limit	1.9

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions. Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.
Conditions To Avoid	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces, static electricity and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, concentrated mineral acids, halogens, molten sulphur.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
Possibility Of Hazardous Reactions	None under normal conditions of use.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Product

Repeated or prolonged exposure to organic solvents may lead to permanent brain and nervous system damage. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling vapors may be harmful or fatal.

Component

Xylene

LD50 Oral: 4300 mg/kg (Rat)

LD50 Dermal: > 1700 mg/kg (Rabbit)

LC50 Inhalation (Vapor): 5000 ppm (Rat, 4 hr.)

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Ethyl benzene

LD50 Oral: 3500 mg/kg (Rat)

LD50 Dermal: > 5000 mg/kg (Rabbit)

LC50 Inhalation (Vapor): 55000 mg/m³ (Rat, 2 hr.)

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Chronic Toxicity

Carcinogenicity

The information below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen:

Chemical Name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA Carcinogen
Ethyl benzene	A3	2B - Possible Human Carcinogen		Listed

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

NTP - National Toxicity Program

OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Effects

Product

Acute Toxicity to Fish

No information available

Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates

No information available

Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

No information available

Component

Acute Toxicity to Fish

Xylene

LC50: 13.5 mg/L (Rainbow Trout - 96 hr.)

Ethyl benzene

LC50: 12.1 mg/L (Fathead Minnow - 96 hr.)

Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ethyl benzene

EC50: 1.8 mg/L (Daphnia magna - 48 hr.)

Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Ethyl benzene

EC50: 4.6 mg/L (Green algae (Scenedesmus subspicatus), 72 hrs.)

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Method

Dispose of in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Local requirements may vary, consult your sanitation department or state-designated environmental protection agency for more disposal options.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

Proper Shipping Name	Xylenes (Mixture)
Hazard Class	3
UN-No	UN1307
Packing Group	III

ICAO / IATA

Contact Benjamin Moore & Co. for further information.

IMDG / IMO

Contact Benjamin Moore & Co. for further information.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

United States TSCA

Yes - All components are listed or exempt.

Canada DSL

Yes - All components are listed or exempt.

Federal Regulations

SARA 311/312 hazardous categorization

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No</u>	<u>Weight % (max)</u>
Xylene	1330-20-7	75
Ethyl benzene	100-41-4	25

This product may contain trace amounts of (other) SARA reportable chemicals. Contact Benjamin Moore & Co. for further information.

Clean Air Act, Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) (see 40 CFR 61)

This product contains the following HAPs:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No</u>	<u>Weight % (max)</u>
Xylene	1330-20-7	75
Ethyl benzene	100-41-4	25

This product may contain trace amounts of (other) HAPs chemicals. Contact Benjamin Moore & Co. for further information.

State Regulations**California Proposition 65**

This product may contain small amounts of materials known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive harm.

State Right-to-Know

Chemical Name	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Louisiana	Rhode Island
Xylene	X	X	X		X
Ethyl benzene	X	X	X		X

Legend

X - Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

WARNING! If you scrape, sand, or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to www.epa.gov/lead.

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