

Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Identification

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Product BALSAM, CANADA (SYNTHETIC IN XYLENE)

Synonyms Synthetic Mounting Medium / Piccolyte Slide Mounting Media

Section 2 Hazards Identification

Signal word: WARNING

Pictograms: GHS02 / GHS07

Target organs: Liver, Kidneys, Skin, Eyes, Respiratory system, Cardiovascular system, Central nervous system, Gastrointestinal tract, Auditory system (repeated or prolonged exposure)



GHS Classification:

Flammable liquid (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, dermal (Category 4)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Acute toxicity, inhalation (Category 4)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:

H226: Flammable liquid and vapour.

H312: Harmful in contact with skin.

H315: Causes skin irritation.

H332: Harmful if inhaled.

Precautionary statement:

P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P233: Keep container tightly closed.

P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

P242: Use only non-sparking tools.

P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P261: Avoid breathing mist/vapours/spray.

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P303+P361+P533: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P311: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor.

P370+P378: In case of fire: Use dry chemical, alcohol foam, carbon dioxide or water spray to extinguish.

P403+P235+P233: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Keep container tightly closed.

P405: Store locked up.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified:

Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	INECS
Terpene resin	68240-09-5	60.0%	None assigned
Xylenes*	1330-20-7	40.0%	215-535-7
Contains*			
(Xylenes: a mixture of ortho-, meta-, and para-xylenes)			
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4		202-849-4

Section 4 First Aid Measures

INGESTION: MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: HARMFUL IF INHALED. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: MAY CAUSE IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES SKIN IRRITATION. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Carbon dioxide, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol foam.

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Vapors formed from this product are heavier than air and may travel along the ground to a distant source of ignition and flash back instantly.

Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Remove all sources of ignition. Absorb with inert dry material, sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Section 7 Handling & Storage

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Precautions for Safe Handling: Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale vapors, spray or mist. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from ignition sources.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Xylene	TWA: 100 ppm / STEL: 150 ppm(A4)	TWA: 100 ppm / 435 mg/m ³	TWA: 100 ppm / STEL: 150 ppm

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If misty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance: Liquid. Viscous pale yellow-green Odor: Aromatic odor. Odor threshold: Data not available. pH: Data not available.	Evaporation rate (Butyl acetate = 1): 0.7 [Xylene] Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available. Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: 1.1% / 7.0% [Xylene] Vapor pressure (mm Hg): 6 @ 20°C [Xylene] Vapor density (Air = 1): 3.7 [Xylene] Relative density (Specific gravity): 0.87 @ 60°F [Xylene] Solubility(ies): Negligible in water.	Partition coefficient: Data not available Auto-ignition temperature: 867-962°F ASTM D 2155 [Xylene] Decomposition temperature: Data not available. Viscosity: Data not available. Molecular formula: Mixture Molecular weight: Mixture
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Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive temperatures, heat, sparks, open flame and other sources of ignition.

Incompatible materials: Strong oxidizers, acids.

Hazardous decomposition products: Carbon oxides and other unidentified organic material may be formed during combustion.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Oral-rat LD50: 4300 mg/kg; Inhalation-rat LC50: 6350 ppm/4 hours; Dermal-rat LD50: >4350 mg/kg [Xylene]

Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available

Serious eye damage/irritation: Data not available

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available

Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available

Carcinogenicity: Data not available

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

IARC classified: Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans. [Xylene]

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

CA Prop 65: ⚠️ **WARNING!** This product can expose you to Ethylbenzene, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Reproductive toxicity: Data not available

STOT-single exposure: Data not available

STOT-repeated exposure: Data not available

Aspiration hazard: Data not available

Potential health effects:

Inhalation: Inhalation of high concentrations may cause central nervous system effects characterized by headache, dizziness, unconsciousness and coma. Inhalation of vapor may cause respiratory tract irritation. Prolonged exposure may result in dizziness and general weakness. Irritation may lead to chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema.

Ingestion: May cause central nervous system depression, kidney damage, and liver damage. Symptoms may include: headache, excitement, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, stupor, and coma. Causes gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Aspiration of material into the lungs may cause chemical pneumonitis, which may be fatal.

Skin: Exposure may cause irritation characterized by redness, dryness, and inflammation. Prolonged and/or repeated contact may cause defatting of the skin and dermatitis.

Eyes: Causes eye irritation.

Signs and symptoms of exposure: Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Additional information: RTECS #: ZE2100000 [Xylene]

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: *Leuciscus idus melanotus* (fish, fresh water), LC50 = 86-308 mg/L/48 hours [Xylene]

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: *Gammarus lacustris* (Crustacea), LC50 = 800 µg/L/24 hours [Xylene]

Toxicity to algae: *Scenedesmus quadricauda* (Algae) = mortality effect concentration > 200,000 µg/L [Xylene]

Persistence and degradability: No data available **Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available

Mobility in soil: No data available **PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available

Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

UN/NA number: UN1993

Shipping name: Flammable liquids, n.o.s., (Xylenes)

Hazard class: 3

Packing group: III

Reportable Quantity: See below

Marine pollutant: No

Exceptions: Limited quantity equal to or less than 5 L

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Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	CA Prop 65
Xylene	Listed	100 lbs (45.4 kg)	U239	Listed	Not listed	⚠️ WARNING-Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Section 16 Other Information

The information contained herein is furnished without warranty of any kind. Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them and must make independent determinations of suitability and completeness of information from all sources to assure proper use of these materials and the safety and health of employees. NTP: National Toxicology Program, IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer, OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, STOT: Specific Target Organ Toxicity, SE: Single Exposure, RE: Repeated Exposure, ERG: Emergency Response Guidebook.

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