



# Material Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

**Product name:** Marathon Benzene  
**Synonym:** Benzene; Cyclohexatriene;  
**Chemical Family:** Aromatic Hydrocarbon  
**Formula:** C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

**Formula:**

**Manufacturer:**  
Marathon Petroleum Company LP  
539 South Main Street  
Findlay OH 45840

**Other information:** 419-421-3070  
**Emergency telephone number:** 877-627-5463

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Benzene is an C<sub>6</sub> aromatic petroleum hydrocarbon.

### Product information:

Name	CAS Number	Weight %	ACGIH Exposure Limits:	OSHA - Vacated PELs - Time Weighted Ave	Other:
Marathon Benzene	71-43-2	100	Skin - potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous route 0.5 ppm TWA 2.5 ppm STEL	= 25 ppm Ceiling = 10 ppm TWA = 50 ppm STEL	OSHA Exposure Limit as specified in 1910.1028: =1.0 ppm TWA = 5 ppm STEL = 0.5 ppm Action Level

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Water	7232-18-5	0-0.5			

**Notes:** The manufacturer has voluntarily elected to reflect exposure limits contained in OSHA's 1989 air contaminants standard in its MSDS's, even though certain of those exposure limits were vacated in 1992.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

DANGER!

FUMES MAY CAUSE EYE AND RESPIRATORY IRRITATION.  
MAY BE HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED  
MAY CAUSE LUNG DAMAGE  
OVEREXPOSURE MAY CAUSE CNS DEPRESSION  
BREATHING HIGH CONCENTRATIONS CAN CAUSE IRREGULAR HEARTBEATS WHICH MAY BE FATAL

DANGER - CONTAINS BENZENE - MAY CAUSE CANCER  
CAN CAUSE LEUKEMIA AND OTHER BLOOD DISORDERS.  
POTENTIAL REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD  
SEE TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR  
VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE OR EXPLOSION  
MATERIAL MAY ACCUMULATE STATIC CHARGE

STABLE

#### Inhalation:

Breathing this material is harmful and can cause death depending on level and duration of exposure. May cause central nervous system depression or effects. Symptoms may include headache, excitation, euphoria, dizziness, incoordination, drowsiness, light-headedness, blurred vision, fatigue, tremors, convulsions, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory arrest and death, depending on the concentration and duration of exposure. Breathing high concentrations of this material, for example, in a confined space or by intentional abuse, can cause irregular heartbeats which can cause death. See Toxicological Effects (Section 11) for more information.

#### Ingestion:

Swallowing this material may be harmful. Swallowing large amounts may cause death. May cause irritation of the mouth, throat and gastrointestinal tract. May cause central nervous system depression or effects. Symptoms may include salivation, pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Exposure may also cause central nervous system symptoms similar to those listed under "Inhalation" (see Inhalation section).

#### Skin contact:

Contact may cause reddening, itching and inflammation.  
Skin contact may cause harmful effects in other parts of the body.

#### Eye contact:

Contact may cause pain and severe reddening and inflammation of the conjunctiva.  
Effects may become more serious with repeated or prolonged contact.

#### Carcinogenic Evaluation:

#### Product information:

Name	IARC Carcinogens:	NTP Carcinogens:	ACGIH - Carcinogens:	OSHA - Select Carcinogens:
Marathon Benzene 71-43-2	Supplement 7 [1987], Monograph 29 [1982]	Known Human Carcinogen male rat-clear evidence; female rat-clear evidence; male mice-clear evidence; female mice-clear evidence	A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen	Present

**Notes:**

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), and OSHA have determined that there is sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of benzene in humans (Group 1A).

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact:**

Flush immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids should be held away from the eyeball to ensure thorough rinsing. GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately wash exposed skin with plenty of soap and water while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if irritation persists. Place contaminated clothing in closed container until cleaned or discarded. If clothing is to be laundered, inform the person performing the operation of contaminant's hazardous properties.

**Ingestion:**

Do not induce vomiting because of danger of aspirating liquid into lungs, causing serious damage and chemical pneumonitis. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration and monitor for breathing difficulty. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Keep affected person warm and at rest.  
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**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, institute rescue breathing. If breathing is difficult, ensure airway is clear and give oxygen. If heart has stopped, immediately begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Keep affected person warm and at rest. GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

**INHALATION:** This material (or a component) sensitizes the myocardium to the effects of sympathomimetic amines. Epinephrine and other sympathomimetic drugs may initiate cardiac arrhythmias in individuals exposed to this material. Administration of sympathomimetic drugs should be avoided.

**INGESTION:** If ingested this material represents a significant aspiration and chemical pneumonitis hazard. Induction of emesis is not recommended.

**Medical Conditions  
Aggravated  
By Exposure:**

blood (anemia), bone marrow,  
blood-forming organs, skin, respiratory system, lungs, liver,

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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<b>Suitable extinguishing media:</b>	For small fires, Class B fire extinguishing media such as CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, foam (AFFF/ATC) or water spray can be used. For large fires, water spray, fog or foam (AFFF/ATC) can be used. Fire fighting should be attempted only by those who are adequately trained and equipped with proper protective equipment.
<b>Specific hazards:</b>	This product has been determined to be a flammable liquid per the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, and should be handled accordingly. Flashback can occur along vapor trail. For additional fire related information, see NFPA 30 or the North American Emergency Response Guide 130.
<b>Special protective equipment for firefighters:</b>	Avoid using straight water streams. Water may be ineffective in extinguishing low flash point fires, but can be used to cool exposed surfaces. Avoid excessive water spray application. Water spray and foam (AFFF/ATC) must be applied carefully to avoid frothing and from as far a distance as possible. Keep run-off water out of sewers and water sources.
<b>Flash point:</b>	12 F
<b>Autoignition temperature:</b>	1076 F
<b>Flammable limits in air - lower (%):</b>	1.3
<b>Flammable limits in air - upper (%):</b>	7.9

### NFPA rating:

Health: 2  
Flammability: 3  
Instability: 1  
Other: -

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions:</b>	Keep public away. Isolate and evacuate area. Shut off source if safe to do so. Eliminate all ignition sources. Advise authorities and National Response Center (800-424-8802) if the product has entered a water course or sewer. Notify local health and pollution control agencies, if appropriate. Contain liquid with sand or soil. Recover and return free product to proper containers. Use suitable absorbent materials such as vermiculite, sand, or clay to clean up residual liquids.
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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Handling:

Comply with all applicable EPA, OSHA, NFPA and consistent state and local requirements. Use appropriate grounding and bonding practices. Store in properly closed containers that are appropriately labeled and in a cool well-ventilated area. Do not expose to heat, open flames, strong oxidizers or other sources of ignition. Do not cut, drill, grind or weld on empty containers since they may contain explosive residues.

Never siphon this product by mouth. Avoid skin contact. Exercise good personal hygiene including removal of soiled clothing and prompt washing with soap and water.

Hydrocarbons are basically non-conductors of electricity and can become electrostatically charged during mixing, filtering, pumping at high flow rates or loading and transfer operations. If this charge reaches a sufficiently high level, sparks can form that may ignite the vapors of flammable liquids. Sudden release of hot organic chemical vapors or mists from process equipment operating under elevated temperature and pressure, or sudden ingress of air into vacuum equipment may result in ignitions without the presence of obvious ignition sources. Nozzle spouts must be kept in contact with the containers or tank during the entire filling operation.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

<b>Engineering measures:</b>	Local or general exhaust required in an enclosed area or when there is inadequate ventilation.
<b>Respiratory protection:</b>	Approved organic vapor chemical cartridge or supplied air respirators should be worn for exposures to any components exceeding the TWA or STEL. Use an air-supplied respirator at concentrations above the exposure limit. Self-contained breathing apparatus should be used for fire fighting.
<b>Skin and body protection:</b>	For non-exposure jobs or where exposure is expected to be less than 15 minutes, neoprene gloves can be used to prevent skin contact. For all exposure jobs expected to be greater than 15 minutes, viton gloves should be used to prevent skin contact.
<b>Eye protection:</b>	No special eye protection is normally required. Where splashing is possible, wear safety glasses with side shields.
<b>Hygiene measures:</b>	Use mechanical ventilation equipment that is explosion-proof.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

<b>Appearance:</b>	Colorless Liquid
<b>Physical state (Solid/Liquid/Gas):</b>	Liquid
<b>Substance type (Pure/Mixture):</b>	Pure
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor:</b>	Aromatic
<b>Molecular weight:</b>	78.1
<b>pH:</b>	Neutral
<b>Boiling point/range (5-95%):</b>	176-230 F
<b>Melting point/range:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Specific gravity:</b>	0.88
<b>Density:</b>	7.32-7.40 lbs/gal
<b>Bulk density:</b>	No data available.
<b>Vapor density:</b>	2.8
<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	100 mm Hg @ 79 F

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

Evaporation rate:	No data available.
Solubility:	Negligible
Solubility in other solvents:	No data available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No data available.
VOC content(%):	No data available.
Viscosity:	No data available.

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	The material is stable at 70 F, 760 mm pressure.
Polymerization:	Will not occur.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Carbon monoxide, benzene vapor
Materials to avoid:	Strong oxidizers such as nitrates, chlorates, peroxides.
Conditions to avoid:	Sources of heat or ignition.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity:

### Product information:

Name	CAS Number	Inhalation:	Dermal:	Oral:
Marathon Benzene	71-43-2	LC50 = 13,700 ppm for 4 hrs [Rat]	LD50 > 8260 mg/kg [Rabbit]	LD50 = 810 - 10,000 mg/kg [Rat]

### Toxicology Information:

**BENZENE:** Studies of Workers Overexposed to Benzene: Studies of workers exposed to benzene show clear evidence that overexposure can cause cancer and other diseases of the blood forming organs including Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML), and Aplastic Anemia (AA), an often fatal disease. Some studies suggest overexposure to benzene may also be associated with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). Findings from a Case-Control study of workers exposed to benzene was reported during the 2009 Benzene Symposium in Munich included an increase in Acute Myeloid Leukemias and Non-Hodgkins Lymphoid Neoplasms (NHLN) of the subtype follicular lymphoma (FL) in some occupational categories. Some studies of workers exposed to benzene have shown an association with increased rates of chromosome aberrations in circulating lymphocytes. One study of women workers exposed to benzene suggested a weak association with irregular menstruation. However, other studies of workers exposed to benzene have not demonstrated clear evidence of an effect on fertility or reproductive outcome in humans. Benzene can cross the placenta and affect the developing fetus. Cases of AA have been reported in the offspring of persons severely overexposed to benzene. Studies in laboratory animals indicate that prolonged, repeated exposure to high levels of benzene vapor can cause bone marrow suppression and cancer in multiple organ systems. Studies in laboratory animals show evidence of adverse effects on male reproductive organs following high levels of exposure but no significant effects on reproduction have been observed. Embryotoxicity has been reported in studies of laboratory animals but effects were limited to reduced fetal weight and minor skeletal variations. Benzene has been classified as a proven human carcinogen by OSHA and a Group 1 (Carcinogenic to Humans) material by IARC.

The current proposed IARC classification for benzene is summarized as follows: Sufficient evidence for Acute Myeloid Leukemia; limited evidence for Acute Lymphatic Leukemia, Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia, Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, and Multiple Myeloma.

**TARGET ORGANS:** central nervous system, respiratory system, mucous membranes, blood, bone marrow, immune system, lymphatics, testes, reproductive organs, heart, liver, kidney, lungs, skin, eyes,

## 12. ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Mobility:**

May partition into air, soil and water.

**Ecotoxicity:**

Not classified in terms of aquatic toxicity.

**Bioaccumulation:**

Not expected to bioaccumulate in aquatic organisms.

**Persistence/Biodegradation:**

Readily biodegradable in the environment.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Cleanup Considerations:**

This product as produced is not specifically listed as an EPA RCRA hazardous waste according to federal regulations (40 CFR 261). However, when discarded or disposed of, it may meet the criteria of an "characteristic" hazardous waste. This product could also contain benzene at >0.5 ppm and could exhibit the characteristics of "toxicity" as determined by the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP). This material could become a hazardous waste if mixed or contaminated with a hazardous waste or other substance(s). It is the responsibility of the user to determine if disposal material is hazardous according to federal, state and local regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

49 CFR 172.101:

**DOT:**

**Transport Information:** This material when transported via US commerce would be regulated by DOT Regulations.

<b>Proper shipping name:</b>	Benzene
<b>UN/Identification No:</b>	UN 1114
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	3
<b>Packing group:</b>	II
<b>DOT reportable quantity (lbs):</b>	10 pounds.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### US Federal Regulatory Information:

US TSCA Chemical Inventory Section 8(b): This product and/or its components are listed on the TSCA Chemical Inventory.

OSHA Hazard Communication Standard: This product has been evaluated and determined to be hazardous as defined in OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard.

### EPA Superfund Amendment & Reauthorization Act (SARA):

**SARA Section 302:** This product contains the following component(s) that have been listed on EPA's Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) List:

Name	CERCLA/SARA - Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances and TPQs
Benzene	NA
Water	NA

**SARA Section 304:** This product contains the following component(s) identified either as an EHS or a CERCLA Hazardous substance which in case of a spill or release may be subject to SARA reporting requirements:

Name	CERCLA/SARA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable Quantities
Benzene	= 10 lb final RQ = 4.54 kg final RQ
Water	NA

**SARA Section 311/312** The following EPA hazard categories apply to this product:

Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard  
Fire Hazard

**SARA Section 313:** This product contains the following component(s) that may be subject to reporting on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) From R:

Name	CERCLA/SARA 313 Emission reporting:
Benzene	= 0.1 % de minimis concentration
Water	None

### State and Community Right-To-Know Regulations:

The following component(s) of this material are identified on the regulatory lists below:

Benzene

Louisiana Right-To-Know:  
California Proposition 65:

Not Listed  
carcinogen, initial date 2/27/87  
developmental toxicity, initial date 12/26/97  
male reproductive toxicity, initial date 12/26/97

New Jersey Right-To-Know:  
Pennsylvania Right-To-Know:

sn 0197  
Environmental hazard; Special hazardous substance

**Benzene**

Massachusetts Right-To Know:	Carcinogen; Extraordinarily hazardous
Florida substance List:	Not Listed.
Rhode Island Right-To-Know:	Toxic (skin); Flammable (skin); Carcinogen (skin)
Michigan critical materials register list:	= 100 lb Annual usage threshold
Massachusetts Extraordinarily Hazardous Substances:	carcinogen; extraordinarily hazardous
California - Regulated Carcinogens:	Not Listed
Pennsylvania RTK - Special Hazardous Substances:	Present
New Jersey - Special Hazardous Substances:	carcinogen; flammable - third degree; mutagen; teratogen
New Jersey - Environmental Hazardous Substances List:	SN 0197 TPQ 500 lb
Illinois - Toxic Air Contaminants	Present
New York - Reporting of Releases Part 597 - List of Hazardous Substances:	= 1 lb RQ land/water = 10 lb RQ air

**Water**

Louisiana Right-To-Know:	Not Listed
California Proposition 65:	Not Listed
New Jersey Right-To-Know:	Not Listed.
Pennsylvania Right-To-Know:	Not Listed.
Massachusetts Right-To Know:	Not Listed.
Florida substance List:	Not Listed.
Rhode Island Right-To-Know:	Not Listed
Michigan critical materials register list:	Not Listed.
Massachusetts Extraordinarily Hazardous Substances:	Not Listed
California - Regulated Carcinogens:	Not Listed
Pennsylvania RTK - Special Hazardous Substances:	Not Listed
New Jersey - Special Hazardous Substances:	Not Listed
New Jersey - Environmental Hazardous Substances List:	Not Listed
Illinois - Toxic Air Contaminants	Not Listed
New York - Reporting of Releases Part 597 - List of Hazardous Substances:	Not Listed

**Canadian Regulatory Information:**

Canada DSL/NDL Inventory: This product and/or its components are listed either on the Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are exempt.

Name	Canada - WHMIS: Classifications of Substances:	Canada - WHMIS: Ingredient Disclosure:
Benzene	B2, D2A, D2B	0.1 %

**NOTE:** Not Applicable.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Additional Information:** No data available.

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