# **Guaiacol**

# sc-205337

Material Safety Data Sheet



LOW Hazard Alert Code Key: **EXTREME** HIGH MODERATE

#### Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### **PRODUCT NAME**

Guaiacol

#### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

# **NFPA**



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#### **SYNONYMS**

C7-H8-O2, "phenol, o-methoxy", guajacol, guaicol, o-hydroxyanisole, 2-hydroxyanisole, 1-hydroxy-2-methoxybenzene, o-methoxyphenol, 2-methoxyphenol, methylcatechol, "pyroguaiac acid", hydroxyanisole, methoxyphenol, expectorant, "creosote derived", "pyrogallic acid"

#### Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### **CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS**

Max Flammability: 1 Toxicity: 2 **Body Contact:** 2 Low=1 Moderate=2 Reactivity: 1 High=3 Chronic: Extreme=4

#### **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS**



# EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes and skin.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### **ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS**

#### **SWALLOWED**

- Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
- Some phenol derivatives can cause damage to the digestive system. If absorbed, profuse sweating, thirst, nausea, vomiting diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, low blood pressure, gasping, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma and lung swelling can happen followed by pneumonia.

#### **EYE**

- Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals. Prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterized by a temporary redness of the conjunctiva (similar to windburn).
- Some phenol derivatives may produce mild to severe eye irritation with redness, pain and blurred vision. Permanent eye injury may occur; recovery may also be complete or partial.

#### SKIN

- The material may cause moderate inflammation of the skin either following direct contact or after a delay of some time. Repeated exposure can cause contact dermatitis which is characterized by redness, swelling and blistering.
- Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- Phenol and its derivatives can cause severe skin irritation if contact is maintained, and can be absorbed to the skin affecting the cardiovascular and central nervous system. Effects include sweating, intense thirst, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, low blood pressure, hyperventilation, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma, lung swelling followed by pneumonia.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

#### INHALED

- Inhalation of aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- There is some evidence to suggest that the material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.
- If phenols are absorbed via the lungs, systemic effects may occur affecting the cardiovascular and nervous systems. Inhalation can result in profuse perspiration, intense thirst, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, falling blood pressure, hyperventilation, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma, swelling and inflammation of the lung.

#### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

■ Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

There is limited evidence that, skin contact with this product is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Long-term exposure to phenol derivatives can cause skin inflammation, loss of appetite and weight, weakness, muscle aches and pain, liver damage, dark urine, loss of nails, skin eruptions, diarrhea, nervous disorders with headache, salivation, fainting, discoloration of the skin and eyes, vertigo and mental disorders, and damage to the liver and kidneys.

Some phenol-based naturally occurring substances, (e.g. phenol, guaiacol, tannic acid, eugenol) undergo conversion to produce derivatives which produce skin (and possibly respiratory) sensitisation. Each of these compounds has phenolic hydroxyl groups which are readily oxidized to produce reactive quinone-like compounds. Phenol is converted in the body to quinone whilst guaiacol (ortho-methoxyphenol) and eugenol (2-allylguaiacol) are converted to the ortho-quinone. Both eugenol and isoeugenol (4-propenylguaiacol) are pro-haptens that require biotransformation to become protein-reactive haptens. Although they are close structural isomers they show markedly different levels of sensitisation and are weakly cross-reactive in in vivo tests. Isoeugenol is a strong sensitiser and eugenol is moderate. It appears that neither share a common mechanism for sensitisation although structural similarities exist. This relates to different mechanisms of biotransformation. Cinnamaldehyde and cinnamic acid are structurally related to eugenol and isoeugenol; they seen to generate a common hapten and appear to produce simultaneous sensitisation to eugenol and isoeugenol despite being metabolised via different pathways. Buckley et al British Jnl of Dermatology 2006 Vol 154 pp 885-884

The phenolics and related substances permeate the dermis where they undergo bio-distribution. Phenolic permeation is related to liphophilicity and molecular volume. Phenols are metabolised by cutaneous enzymes or other processes to form reactive metabolites or may be chemically modified through the reaction of UV light. The skin has a wide-ranging metabolic capability which can perform essentially all the metabolic transformation which are know to be carried out in the liver. Metabolic by- products may be haptens and produce sensitisation. Eugenol although a weak sensitiser, in its own right, is oxidised to the highly reactive ortho-quinone. The sensitising principal in poison ivy, a catechol know as urishiol, appears to undergo similar oxidation to produce a reactive hapten. These reactive haptens bind to dermal proteins

(haptens are often electrophilic and bind covalently with -NH2 and -SH groups on proteins, modifying the protein which when exposed to the immune system, will react with antigen-presenting cells in the dermis.

Axillary dermatitis is common and over represented in people with contact allergy to fragrances. Many people suspect their deodorants to be the incriminating products. In order to investigate the significance of isoeugenol in deodorants for the development of axillary dermatitis when used by people with and without contact allergy to isoeugenol, patch tests with deodorants and ethanol solutions with isoeugenol), as well as repeated open application tests (ROAT) with roll-on deodorants with and without isoeugenol at various concentrations, were performed in 35 dermatitis patients, 10 without and 25 with contact allergy to isoeugenol. A positive ROAT was observed only in patients hypersensitive to isoeugenol and only in the axilla to which the deodorants containing isoeugenol had been applied. Deodorants containing isoeugenol in the concentration range of 0.0063-0.2% used 2 times daily on healthy skin can thus elicit axillary dermatitis within a few weeks in people with contact allergy to isoeugenol. Bruze et al; Contact Dermatitis Vol 52, May 2005 pp 7.

#### Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
guaiacol	90-05-1	>98

#### **Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### **SWALLOWED**

· IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY. · Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:

#### **EYE**

■ If this product comes in contact with the eyes: · Wash out immediately with fresh running water. · Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.

#### SKIN

■ If skin contact occurs: · Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear · Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

#### **INHALED**

If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN**

- For acute or short term repeated exposures to phenols/ cresols:
- · Phenol is absorbed rapidly through lungs and skin. [Massive skin contact may result in collapse and death]\*
- · [Ingestion may result in ulceration of upper respiratory tract; perforation of esophagus and/or stomach, with attendant complications, may occur. Esophageal stricture may occur.]\*.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES				
Vapor Pressure (mmHg):	0.11 @ 25 C			
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available			
Specific Gravity (water=1):	1.129			
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available			

#### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

- · Foam
- · Dry chemical powder.

#### **FIRE FIGHTING**

- · Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- · Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.

## GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- · Combustible.
- · Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.

Combustion products include: carbon dioxide (CO2), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes.

May emit corrosive fumes.

#### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids,chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

#### **PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Glasses:

Safety Glasses.

Chemical goggles.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Type A-P Filter of sufficient capacity

#### Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### MINOR SPILLS

- · Remove all ignition sources.
- · Clean up all spills immediately.

#### MAJOR SPILLS

- Moderate hazard.
- · Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- · Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

#### Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- $\cdot$  DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin.
- · Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- · Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

#### RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- Glass container.
- · Metal can or drum
- · Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

#### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- · Store in an upright position.
- · Store in original containers.
- · Keep containers securely sealed.
- · No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- · Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- · Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- · Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- · Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

#### Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

The following materials had no OELs on our records

• guaiacol: CAS:90-05-1

# PERSONAL PROTECTION







#### **RESPIRATOR**

Type A-P Filter of sufficient capacity
Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

#### EYE

- · Safety glasses with side shields.
- · Chemical goggles.

#### HANDS/FEET

 $\blacksquare$  Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.

NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- · frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- · glove thickness and
- · dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- · When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- · When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- · Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed

moisturiser is recommended.

#### **OTHER**

- · Overalls.
- · P.V.C. apron.
- · Barrier cream.
- · Skin cleansing cream.
- · Eye wash unit.

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

■ Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear an approved respirator. <\p>.

#### **Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Liquid.

Does not mix with water.

Sinks in water.

State	Liquid	Molecular Weight	124.14
Melting Range (°F)	80.6- 84.2	Viscosity	Not Available
Boiling Range (°F)	401	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	179.996	pH (1% solution)	Not available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available.	Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	0.11 @ 25 C
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.129
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	4.27
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not available.	Evaporation Rate	Not available

#### **APPEARANCE**

Clear colourless oily liquid or crystals with penetrating aromatic odour; does not mix well with water (1:60). Solidifies at 28 deg C but remains in liquid state for a long time even at much lower temperatures. Darkens on exposure to light and air.

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Material Value

#### **Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY**

#### **CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY**

- · Presence of incompatible materials.
- · Product is considered stable.

#### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- $\cdot \ \text{Phenols are incompatible with strong reducing substances such as hydrides, nitrides, alkali metals, and sulfides.}$
- · Avoid use of aluminium, copper and brass alloys in storage and process equipment.
- $\cdot$  Heat is generated by the acid-base reaction between phenols and bases.
- $\cdot \ \text{Phenols are sulfonated very readily (for example, by concentrated sulfuric acid at room temperature), these reactions generate heat.}$
- $\cdot$  Phenols are nitrated very rapidly, even by dilute nitric acid.
- · Nitrated phenols often explode when heated. Many of them form metal salts that tend toward detonation by rather mild shock. Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

Incompatible with ferric salts, camphor, menthol, chloral hydrate, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, caustics, aliphatic amines, amides.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

#### Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**GUAIACOL** 

#### **TOXICITY AND IRRITATION**

GUAIACOL:

■ unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY	IRRITATION
Oral (rabbit) LD50: 725 mg/kg	Skin (rabbit):500 mg/24h-SEVERE
Dermal (rabbit) LD50: 4600 mg/kg	Eye (rabbit): 5 mg - Mild

Oral (human) LDLo: 43 mg/kg

■ The material may be irritating to the eye, with prolonged contact causing inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

The material may cause severe skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin. Repeated exposures may produce severe ulceration.

#### Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

**Ecotoxicity** 

Ingredient Persistence: Persistence: Air Bioaccumulation Mobility

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#### **GESAMP/EHS COMPOSITE LIST - GESAMP Hazard Profiles**

Legend: EHS=EHS Number (EHS=GESAMP Working Group on the Evaluation of the Hazards of Harmful Substances Carried by Ships) NRT=Net Register Tonnage, A1a=Bioaccumulation log Pow, A1b=Bioaccumulation BCF, A1=Bioaccumulation, A2=Biodegradation, B1=Acuteaquatic toxicity LC/ECIC50 (mg/l), B2=Chronic aquatic toxicity NOEC (mg/l), C1=Acute mammalian oral toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C2=Acutemammalian dermal toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C3=Acute mammalian inhalation toxicity LC50 (mg/kg), D1=Skin irritation & corrosion, D2=Eye irritation & corrosion, D3=Long-term health effects, E1=Tainting, E2=Physical effects on wildlife & benthic habitats, E3=Interference with coastal amenities, For column A2: R=Readily biodegradable, NR=Not readily biodegradable. For column D3: C=Carcinogen, M=Mutagenic, R=Reprotoxic, S=Sensitising, A=Aspiration hazard, T=Target organ systemic toxicity, L=Lunginjury, N=Neurotoxic, l=Immunotoxic. For column E1: NT=Not tainting (tested), T=Tainting test positive. For column E2: Fp=Persistent floater, F=Floater, S=Sinking substances. The numerical scales start from 0 (no hazard), while higher numbers reflect increasing hazard. (GESAMP/EHS Composite List of Hazard Profiles - Hazard evaluation of substances transported by ships)

#### **Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Disposal Instructions**

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- · Reduction
- · Reuse
- · Recycling
- · Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- · Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult Waste Management Authority for disposal.

## **Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

#### **Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**

## guaiacol (CAS: 90-05-1) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)", "International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List", "International Fragrance Association (IFRA) Survey: Transparency List", "OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US EPA High Production Volume Chemicals 1994 List of Additions", "US Food Additive Database", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

#### **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### LIMITED EVIDENCE

■ Inhalation and/or skin contact may produce health damage\*.

- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.
- May produce discomfort of the respiratory system\*.
- Possible skin sensitiser\*.
- \* (limited evidence).

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  A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at: www.chemwatch.net/references.
- The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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