



SAFETY DATA SHEET

HARDENER 008 7596

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Product name : HARDENER 008 7596
Product description : Hardener.

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended use: Painting
Only for industrial and professional use. The product is not intended for consumer use.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer or Distributor

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Product Safety,
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Telephone number : 112
(24h)

Supplier or Manufacturer

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Product definition : Mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

Flam. Liq. 2, H225
Acute Tox. 4, H332
Eye Irrit. 2, H319
Resp. Sens. 1, H334
Skin Sens. 1, H317
STOT SE 3, H335
STOT SE 3, H336

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

2.2 Label elements

Hazard pictograms :   

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements	: H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapour. H332 - Harmful if inhaled. H319 - Causes serious eye irritation. H334 - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction. H335 - May cause respiratory irritation. H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
Precautionary statements	
General	: Not applicable.
Prevention	: P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. P260 - Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray. P280 - Wear protective gloves. P284 - In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
Response	: P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. P342 + P311 - If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Storage	: Not applicable.
Disposal	: Not applicable.
Hazardous ingredients	: toluene diisocyanate, trimethylolpropane, diethylene glycol polymer hexamethylene diisocyanate, oligomers ethyl acetate n-butyl acetate toluene diisocyanate
Supplemental label elements	: Contains isocyanates. May produce an allergic reaction.

2.3 Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in classification : None known.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2 Mixtures : Mixture

Product/ingredient name	Identifiers	%	Classification Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Notes
toluene diisocyanate, trimethylolpropane, diethylene glycol polymer	EC: 500-120-8 CAS: 53317-61-6	≥25 - ≤50	Eye Irrit. 2, H319 Skin Sens. 1, H317	-
hexamethylene diisocyanate, oligomers	REACH #: 01-2119485796-17 EC: 500-060-2 CAS: 28182-81-2	≥25 - ≤47	Acute Tox. 4, H332 Skin Sens. 1, H317 STOT SE 3, H335	-
ethyl acetate	REACH #: 01-2119475103-46 EC: 205-500-4 CAS: 141-78-6 Index: 607-022-00-5	≥10 - ≤25	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 STOT SE 3, H336 EUH066	-
n-butyl acetate	REACH #: 01-2119485493-29 EC: 204-658-1 CAS: 123-86-4 Index: 607-025-00-1	≤10	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 STOT SE 3, H336 EUH066	-
2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate	REACH #: 01-2119475791-29 EC: 203-603-9 CAS: 108-65-6 Index: 607-195-00-7	≤10	Flam. Liq. 3, H226	-
Reaction mass of m-xylene, o-xylene, p-xylene and ethylbenzene	REACH #: 01-2119488216-32, 01-2119555267-33 EC: 215-535-7	≤5	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 Acute Tox. 4, H312 Acute Tox. 4, H332	C

toluene diisocyanate	CAS: 1330-20-7 Index: 601-022-00-9 REACH #: 01-2119454791-34 EC: 247-722-4 CAS: 26471-62-5 Index: 615-006-00-4	≤0.3	Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 STOT SE 3, H335 STOT RE 2, H373 Asp. Tox. 1, H304 Acute Tox. 1, H330 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 Resp. Sens. 1, H334 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Carc. 2, H351 STOT SE 3, H335 Aquatic Chronic 3, H412 See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.	C-2
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There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment, are PBTs or vPvBs or have been assigned a workplace exposure limit and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Notes, if applicable, refer to Notes given in Annex VI of 1272/2008/EC.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

- General** : In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Show this safety data sheet or label to the doctor if possible.
- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of lukewarm water, keeping eyelids open. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Inhalation** : Remove to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Get medical attention.
- Skin contact** : Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or use recognised skin cleanser. Do NOT use solvents or thinners. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Ingestion** : If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious) and obtain immediate medical attention. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Do NOT induce vomiting.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Harmful if inhaled.

Causes serious eye irritation.

May cause respiratory irritation.

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

None.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire. Recommended: Alcohol resistant foam, CO₂, powders or water spray/mist.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use a direct water jet that could spread the fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Hazards from the substance or mixture** : Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Fire will produce dense black smoke. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. The vapour/gas is heavier than air and will spread along the ground. Vapours may accumulate in low or confined areas or travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.
- Hazardous combustion products** : When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

- Special protective actions for fire-fighters** : Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Do not release runoff from fire to drains or watercourses.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** : Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapour or mist. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions** : Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.
- 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up** : Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations. Preferably clean with a detergent. Avoid using solvents.
- 6.4 Reference to other sections** : See Section 1 for emergency contact information.
See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling** : Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors. Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air. Prevent the creation of flammable or explosive concentrations of vapors in air and avoid vapor concentrations higher than the occupational exposure limits. Isolate from sources of heat, sparks and open flame. In addition, the product should only be used in areas from which all naked lights and other sources of ignition have been excluded. Electrical equipment should be protected to the appropriate standard. Mixture may charge electrostatically: always use earthing leads when transferring from one container to another. No sparking tools should be used.
Skin contact with the product and exposure to spray mist and vapor should be avoided. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of dust from sanding. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment. Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled and stored. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : Store away from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabelled containers. Recommended storage temperature is +5°C ...+25°C. Store in accordance with local regulations.
- 7.3 Specific end use(s)** : None.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Product/ingredient name	Exposure limit values
hexamethylene diisocyanate, oligomers	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2018). Inhalation sensitiser. STEL: 0.07 mg/m ³ , (as NCO) 15 minutes. TWA: 0.02 mg/m ³ , (as NCO) 8 hours.
ethyl acetate	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2018). STEL: 400 ppm 15 minutes. TWA: 200 ppm 8 hours. STEL: 1468 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. TWA: 734 mg/m ³ 8 hours.
n-butyl acetate	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2018). STEL: 966 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. STEL: 200 ppm 15 minutes. TWA: 724 mg/m ³ 8 hours. TWA: 150 ppm 8 hours.
2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2018). Absorbed through skin. STEL: 548 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. TWA: 50 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 274 mg/m ³ 8 hours. STEL: 100 ppm 15 minutes.
Reaction mass of m-xylene, o-xylene, p-xylene and ethylbenzene	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2018). Absorbed through skin. STEL: 441 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. TWA: 50 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 220 mg/m ³ 8 hours. STEL: 100 ppm 15 minutes.
toluene diisocyanate	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2018). Inhalation sensitiser. STEL: 0.07 mg/m ³ , (as NCO) 15 minutes. TWA: 0.02 mg/m ³ , (as NCO) 8 hours.

Additional information

Ethylbenzene

EU OEL (Europe, 12/2009). Absorbed through skin.

TWA: 100 ppm 8 hours.

TWA: 442 mg/m³ 8 hours.

STEL: 200 ppm 15 minutes.

STEL: 884 mg/m³ 15 minutes.

Please check your local legislation for national OEL value for ethylbenzene.

Recommended monitoring procedures : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.

DNELs/DMELs

No DNELs/DMELs available.

PNECs

No PNECs available

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate ventilation. Where reasonably practicable, this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. If these are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and solvent vapours below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn (see Personal protection). Comply with the health and safety at work laws.

Individual protection measures

- Eye/face protection** : Use safety eyewear designed to protect against splash of liquids (EN166).
- Hand protection** : Always wear approved protective gloves against chemicals. Gloves should be replaced regularly and if there is any sign of damage to the glove material. The instructions and information provided by the glove manufacturer on use, storage, maintenance and replacement must be followed.
Recommended glove material (EN374):
< 1 hour (breakthrough time): nitrile rubber, fluor rubber
> 8 hours (breakthrough time): laminated foil
Not recommended: PVC or natural rubber (latex) gloves
- Skin protection** : Wear suitable protective clothing. This product is classified as flammable. If necessary, personnel should wear antistatic clothing made of natural fibres or of high-temperature-resistant synthetic fibres.
- Respiratory protection** : If ventilation is inadequate, use respirator that will protect against organic vapour and dust/mist. During spray-application use respirators with combination filter A/P3. Wear a half mask or full face respirator with gas and vapour filter A and with dust filter P2 during sanding (EN140:1998, EN405:2001). During continuous and long-term work the use of motor-driven or air-fed respirators is recommended (EN12941:1998). Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Check that mask fits tightly and change filter regularly.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

- Physical state** : Liquid.
- Colour** : Clear.
- Odour** : Strong.
- Odour threshold** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- pH** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Melting point/freezing point** : -83.97°C (ethyl acetate)
- Initial boiling point and boiling range** : 77.1°C (ethyl acetate)
- Flash point** : -3 °C (ethyl acetate)
- Evaporation rate** : 4.94 (butyl acetate = 1) (ethyl acetate)
- Flammability (solid, gas)** : Not applicable. Product is a liquid.
- Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits** : Lower: 2.2% (ethyl acetate)
Upper: 11.5% (ethyl acetate)
- Vapour pressure** : 10.9 kPa [room temperature] (ethyl acetate)
- Vapour density** : 3 (ethyl acetate)
- Density** : 1.11 g/cm³
- Solubility(ies)** : insoluble in water.
- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/ water** : Not available.
- Auto-ignition temperature** : 426.67°C (ethyl acetate)
- Decomposition temperature** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Viscosity** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Explosive properties** : No explosive ingredients present.
- Oxidising properties** : No oxidising ingredients present.

9.2 Other information

No additional information.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

- 10.1 Reactivity** : See Section 10.5.
- 10.2 Chemical stability** : Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions (see Section 7).
- 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** : May present an explosion hazard when material is suspended in air in confined areas or equipment and subjected to spark, heat or flame.
- 10.4 Conditions to avoid** : Avoid extreme heat and freezing. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).
- 10.5 Incompatible materials** : Keep away from the following materials to prevent strong exothermic reactions:
oxidising agents
strong acids
strong alkalis
- 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products** : When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

There is no testdata available on the product itself.

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

Exposure to component solvent vapor concentrations in excess of the stated occupational exposure limit may result in adverse health effects such as mucous membrane and respiratory system irritation and adverse effects on the kidneys, liver and central nervous system. Symptoms and signs include headache, dizziness, fatigue, muscular weakness, drowsiness and, in extreme cases, loss of consciousness. Repeated or prolonged contact with the mixture may cause removal of natural fat from the skin, resulting in non-allergic contact dermatitis and absorption through the skin. If splashed in the eyes, the liquid may cause irritation and reversible damage. Ingestion may cause nausea, diarrhea and vomiting.

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
hexamethylene diisocyanate, oligomers	LC50 Inhalation Dusts and mists	Rat	18500 mg/m ³	1 hours

Harmful if inhaled.

Irritation/Corrosion

Causes serious eye irritation.

Sensitisation

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

Mutagenicity

Not classified.

Carcinogenicity

Not classified.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified.

Teratogenicity

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

May cause respiratory irritation. May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not classified.

Aspiration hazard

Not classified.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Ecological testing has not been conducted on this product.
Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.

The product is not classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

12.1 Toxicity : No specific data.

Not available.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability
hexamethylene diisocyanate, oligomers	-	50%; 10.3 day(s)	Not readily

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP _{ow}	Bioconcentration factor [BCF]	Potential
toluene diisocyanate	3.43	-	low
Reaction mass of m-xylene, o-xylene, p-xylene and ethylbenzene	3.12	8.1 to 25.9	low
2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate	1.2	-	low
n-butyl acetate	2.3	-	low
ethyl acetate	0.68	30	low
hexamethylene diisocyanate, oligomers	5.54	367.7	low

12.4 Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K_{oc}) : Not available.

Mobility : Not available.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This mixture does not contain any substances that are assessed to be a PBT or a vPvB.

12.6 Other adverse effects : Not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Methods of disposal : Gather residues into waste containers. Liquid residue and cleaning liquids are hazardous waste and must not be emptied into drains or sewage system, but handled in accordance with national regulations. Product residues should be left at special companies which have permission for gathering this kind of wastes.

European waste catalogue (EWC)

Waste code	Waste designation
08 01 11*	waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other hazardous substances

If this product is mixed with other wastes, the original waste product code may no longer apply and the appropriate code should be assigned. For further information, contact your local waste authority.

Packaging

Methods of disposal : Empty packaging should be recycled or disposed of in accordance with national regulations.

Special precautions : None.

SECTION 14: Transport information

	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA
14.1 UN number	UN1263	UN1263	UN1263
14.2 UN proper shipping name	PAINT RELATED MATERIAL	PAINT RELATED MATERIAL	PAINT RELATED MATERIAL
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	3	3	3
14.4 Packing group	II	II	II
14.5 Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.

Additional information

ADR/RID : **Special provisions** 640 (C)
Tunnel code (D/E)

IMDG : **Emergency schedules** F-E,S-E

14.6 Special precautions for user : **Transport within user's premises:** always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments : Not available.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

EU Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

Other EU regulations

Europe inventory : All components are listed or exempted.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment : This product contains substances for which Chemical Safety Assessments are still required.

SECTION 16: Other information

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

Abbreviations and acronyms

: ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate
 CLP = Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation [Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008]
 DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level
 DNEL = Derived No Effect Level
 EUH statement = CLP-specific Hazard statement
 PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
 PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration
 RRN = REACH Registration Number
 vPvB = Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Procedure used to derive the classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

	Classification	Justification
Flam. Liq. 2, H225		On basis of test data
Acute Tox. 4, H332		Calculation method
Eye Irrit. 2, H319		Calculation method
Resp. Sens. 1, H334		Calculation method
Skin Sens. 1, H317		Calculation method
STOT SE 3, H335		Calculation method
STOT SE 3, H336		Calculation method
Full text of abbreviated H statements	: H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour. H226 Flammable liquid and vapour. H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. H312 Harmful in contact with skin. H315 Causes skin irritation. H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction. H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H330 Fatal if inhaled. H332 Harmful if inhaled. H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. H335 May cause respiratory irritation. H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness. H351 Suspected of causing cancer. H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.	
Full text of classifications [CLP/GHS]	: Acute Tox. 1, H330 Acute Tox. 4, H312 Acute Tox. 4, H332 Aquatic Chronic 3, H412 Asp. Tox. 1, H304 Carc. 2, H351 EUH066 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Flam. Liq. 3, H226 Resp. Sens. 1, H334 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Skin Sens. 1, H317 STOT RE 2, H373 STOT SE 3, H335 STOT SE 3, H336	ACUTE TOXICITY (inhalation) - Category 1 ACUTE TOXICITY (dermal) - Category 4 ACUTE TOXICITY (inhalation) - Category 4 LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) AQUATIC HAZARD - Category 3 ASPIRATION HAZARD - Category 1 CARCINOGENICITY - Category 2 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking. SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/EYE IRRITATION - Category 2 FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS - Category 2 FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS - Category 3 RESPIRATORY SENSITISATION - Category 1 SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 2 SKIN SENSITISATION - Category 1 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY - REPEATED EXPOSURE - Category 2 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY - SINGLE EXPOSURE (Respiratory tract irritation) - Category 3 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY - SINGLE EXPOSURE (Narcotic effects) - Category 3
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