



**Pyrocatechol**  
**CAS No 120-80-9**

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
**SDS/MSDS**

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

**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : **Pyrocatechol**

CAS-No. : 120-80-9

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Industrial & for professional use only.

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

**Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**

Xn	Harmful	R20/21/22
Xi	Irritant	R38, R41
		R43, R68

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 Label elements**

**Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

## Pictogram



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement(s)	
H301 + H311	Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P280	Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ 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.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

### 2.3 Other hazards

Rapidly absorbed through skin.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	1,2-Benzenediol Catechol 1,2-Dihydroxybenzene
Formula	:	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular Weight	:	110,11 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	120-80-9
EC-No.	:	204-427-5
Index-No.	:	604-016-00-4

#### Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Pyrocatechol</b>		
CAS-No.	120-80-9	Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 4;
EC-No.	204-427-5	Acute Tox. 3; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye
Index-No.	604-016-00-4	Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2;
		H301 + H311, H315, H317,
		H318, H332, H341

#### Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Pyrocatechol</b>		
CAS-No.	120-80-9	Xn, R20/21/22 - R38 - R41R43
EC-No.	204-427-5	- R68
Index-No.	604-016-00-4	

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### **4.1 Description of first aid measures**

#### **General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### **If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### **In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### **In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### **If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

no data available

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

no data available

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### **5.4 Further information**

no data available

## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Store under inert gas. Air and light sensitive.

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

##### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

##### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: powder                             |
| b) Odour  | no data available                        |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available                        |
| d) pH   | no data available                        |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 100 - 103 °C - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 245 °C - lit.                            |
| g) Flash point                                  | 127 °C - closed cup                      |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available                        |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available                        |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Lower explosion limit: 1,97 %(V)         |

k)	Vapour pressure	13 hPa at 118,3 °C 1 hPa at 75 °C
l)	Vapour density	no data available
m)	Relative density	no data available
n)	Water solubility	no data available
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0,88
p)	Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
q)	Decomposition temperature	no data available
r)	Viscosity	no data available
s)	Explosive properties	no data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	no data available

**9.2 Other safety information**  
no data available

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

**10.1 Reactivity**

no data available

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

no data available

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

no data available

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Oxidizing agents

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - rat - male - 300 mg/kg

Inhalation: no data available

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - male - 800 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - rabbit

Result: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

- guinea pig

Result: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

In vitro tests showed mutagenic effects

mouse  
lymphocyte  
Result: positive

rat - male  
Result: positive

### **Carcinogenicity**

This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be possibly carcinogenic based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Pyrocatechol)

### **Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

no data available

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

no data available

#### **Aspiration hazard**

no data available

#### **Additional Information**

RTECS: UX1050000

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 3,5 mg/l - 96 h

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d  
Result: 62 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301B)

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

no data available

### **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### **12.6 Other adverse effects**

Toxic to aquatic life.

no data available

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

#### **Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 2811

IMDG: 2811

IATA: 2811

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Pyrocatechol)

IMDG: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Pyrocatechol)

IATA: Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol)

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 6.1

IMDG: 6.1

IATA: 6.1

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA: III

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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

no data available

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

## SECTION 16: Other information

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

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Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
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H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Muta.	Germ cell mutagenicity

### Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

Xn	Harmful
R20/21/22	Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R38	Irritating to skin.
R41	Risk of serious damage to eyes.
R43	May cause sensitisation by skin contact.
R68	Possible risk of irreversible effects.

### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Central Drug House (P) Ltd and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.cdhfinechemical.com](http://www.cdhfinechemical.com) for additional terms and conditions of sale.