

Benzyl Alcohol

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier used on the label

: **Benzyl Alcohol**

Other means of identification : None assigned.

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

: Alcohol; Solvent  
Use pattern: Professional use only  
Recommended restrictions: None known.

Chemical family : Pure substance

Name, address, and telephone number  
of the supplier:

**Comet Chemical Company Ltd.**

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Supplier's Telephone # : 705-436-5580

**24 Hr. Emergency Tel #** : GFL Environmental - 1-888-772-2543

Name, address, and telephone number of  
the manufacturer:

Refer to supplier

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the chemical

Clear, colorless liquid. Sweet, floral (rose-like) odor.

Most important hazards: Harmful if swallowed.

This material is classified as hazardous under U.S. OSHA regulations (29CFR 1910.1200) (Hazcom 2012) and Canadian WHMIS regulations (Hazardous Products Regulations) (WHMIS 2015).

Hazard classification:

Flammable Liquid - Category 4

Acute toxicity, oral - Category 4

Eye Irritant - Category 2

Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure - Category 3 (narcotic effects)

Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)



Signal Word

WARNING!

Hazard statement(s)

Combustible liquid.

Harmful if swallowed.

Causes serious eye irritation.

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

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### Precautionary statement(s)

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No Smoking  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
Avoid breathing mist or vapor.  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection.

If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.  
Rinse mouth.  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.  
Continue rinsing.  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
In case of fire: Use water fog, dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub> or 'alcohol' foam to extinguish.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
Store locked up.

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in classification: :  
Burning produces obnoxious and toxic fumes. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Direct skin contact may cause slight or mild, transient irritation.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Pure substance

<u>Chemical name</u>	<u>Common name and synonyms</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Concentration (% by weight)</u>
Benzyl alcohol	Benzoyl alcohol Phenylcarbinol alpha-Hydroxytoluene	100-51-6	100.00

### SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

#### Description of first aid measures

- Ingestion* : Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms persist. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep victim's head lowered (forward) to reduce the risk of aspiration.
- Inhalation* : If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen by qualified medical personnel only. Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
- Skin contact* : Immediately flush with plenty of water, while removing contaminated clothing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- Eye contact* : For eye contact, flush with running water for at least 15 minutes. If eye irritation persists: get medical advice/attention.

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

- : Causes serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness, pain, tearing and conjunctivitis. May cause central nervous system effects. Symptoms may include pain, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and other central nervous system effects. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May cause respiratory irritation. Direct skin contact may cause slight or mild, transient irritation.

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

- : Could result in poisoning, with symptoms of cyanosis, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, vomiting, collapse, coma, convulsions and death. Symptoms may be delayed.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing media

#### *Suitable extinguishing media*

- : Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>); Dry chemical; Alcohol resistant foam; Water fog

#### *Unsuitable extinguishing media*

- : Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture / Conditions of flammability

- : Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

### Flammability classification (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106)

- : Not flammable.

### Hazardous combustion products

- : Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

#### *Protective equipment for fire-fighters*

- : Firefighters should wear proper protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece operated in positive pressure mode. Do not enter without wearing specialized protective equipment suitable for the situation. Firefighter's normal protective clothing (Bunker Gear) will not provide adequate protection. A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit with positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (NIOSH approved or equivalent) may be necessary.

#### *Special fire-fighting procedures*

- : Do not breathe fumes or vapours. Move containers from fire area if safe to do so. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses. Dike for water control.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- : All persons dealing with the clean-up should wear the appropriate chemically protective equipment. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Restrict access to area until completion of clean-up. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

**Environmental precautions** : Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. If necessary, dike well ahead of the spill to prevent runoff into drains, sewers, or any natural waterway or drinking supply.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- : Ventilate the area. Remove all sources of ignition. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Use only non-sparking tools and equipment in the clean-up process. Avoid breathing mist or vapours. Contain and absorb spilled liquid with non-combustible, inert absorbent material (e.g. sand), then place absorbent material into a container for later disposal (see Section 13). Contact the proper local authorities. Refer to Section 13 for disposal of contaminated material.

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### Special spill response procedures

- : In Canada: For 24-hour emergency assistance, call: 1-613-996-6666 (CANUTEC).  
EPA/CERCLA Reportable quantity (RQ): None.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

- : Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid breathing vapour or mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep away from flames and hot surfaces. - No smoking. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ground all equipment during handling.

- Conditions for safe storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Store in cool/well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Keep cool. Storage area should be clearly identified, clear of obstruction and accessible only to trained and authorized personnel. Inspect periodically for damage or leaks. No smoking. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues.

- Incompatible materials** : Strong oxidizers (e.g. Chlorine, Peroxides, etc.). Reducing agents.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<u>Exposure Limits:</u>				
<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL</u>	<u>PEL</u>	<u>STEL</u>
Benzyl alcohol	10 ppm (AIHA WEEL)	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av

#### Exposure controls

##### Ventilation and engineering measures

- : Use only in well-ventilated areas. Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits. Where reasonably practicable this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. Use explosion-proof equipment. In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.

- Respiratory protection** : If airborne concentrations are above the permissible exposure limit or are not known, use NIOSH-approved respirators. Respirators should be selected based on the form and concentration of contaminants in air, and in accordance with OSHA (29 CFR 1910.134) or CSA Z94.4-02. Advice should be sought from respiratory protection specialists.

- Skin protection** : Wear protective gloves/clothing. Where extensive exposure to product is possible, use resistant coveralls, apron and boots to prevent contact. The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.

- Eye / face protection** : Wear eye/face protection. Wear chemical goggles.

- Other protective equipment** : Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Other equipment may be required depending on workplace standards.

##### General hygiene considerations

- : Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Do not take contaminated clothing home. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Physical State** : Liquid

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**Colour** : Clear, colorless.  
**Odour** : Sweet, floral (rose-like) odor.  
**Odour threshold** : 5.5 ppm  
**pH** : Not available.  
**Melting Point/Freezing point** : -15.2°C

**Initial boiling point and boiling range**

: 206°C

**Flash point** : 93°C  
**Flashpoint (Method)** : Cleveland closed cup

**Evaporation rate (BuAe = 1)** : Not available.

**Flammability** : Not applicable.

**Lower explosion or flammability limit (% by vol.)**

: 1.3%

**Upper explosion or flammability limit (% by vol.)**

: 13%

**Oxidizing properties** : None known.

**Explosive properties** : Not explosive

**Vapour pressure** : Not available.

**Relative vapour density** : 3.72

**Relative density / Specific gravity**

: 1.04

**Solubility in water** : Soluble

**Other solubility(ies)** : Not available.

**Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water or Coefficient of water/oil distribution**

: 1.1

**Auto-ignition temperature** : 436°C

**Decomposition temperature** : No information available.

**Viscosity** : 1.013 mm<sup>2</sup>/s

**Particle characteristics** : Not applicable.

**Volatiles (% by weight)** : No information available.

**Volatile organic Compounds (VOC's)**

: No information available.

**Absolute pressure of container**

: Not applicable.

**Flame projection length** : Not applicable.

**Other physical/chemical comments**

: Molecular formula: C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O

### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity** : Not normally reactive.

**Chemical stability** : Stable under normal conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

: Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Conditions to avoid** : Open flames, sparks, high heat, direct sunlight, and close proximity to incompatible substances. Do not use in areas without adequate ventilation.

**Incompatible materials** : Incompatible materials (see Section 7).

**Hazardous decomposition products**

: None known, refer to hazardous combustion products in Section 5.

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure:

Routes of entry inhalation : YES

Routes of entry skin &amp; eye : YES

Routes of entry Ingestion : YES

 Routes of exposure skin absorption  
 : NO

#### Potential Health Effects:

##### Signs and symptoms of short-term (acute) exposure

###### *Sign and symptoms Inhalation*

: May cause central nervous system effects. Symptoms may include pain, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and other central nervous system effects.

###### *Sign and symptoms ingestion*

: Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

###### *Sign and symptoms skin*

: Direct skin contact may cause slight or mild, transient irritation.

###### *Sign and symptoms eyes*

: Causes serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness, pain, tearing and conjunctivitis.

##### Potential Chronic Health Effects

: Frequent or prolonged contact may dry the skin, leading to discomfort and dermatitis.

**Mutagenicity** : Not expected to be mutagenic in humans.

**Carcinogenicity** : No components are listed as carcinogens by ACGIH, IARC, OSHA or NTP.

##### Reproductive effects & Teratogenicity

: Not expected to cause reproductive effects.

**Sensitization to material** : Not expected to be a skin or respiratory sensitizer.

**Specific target organ effects** : Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure - Category 3 (narcotic effects)  
 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Not classified as specific target organ toxicity-repeated exposure.

##### Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure

: Pre-existing skin, eye, respiratory and central nervous system disorders.

**Synergistic materials** : No information available.

**Toxicological data** : See below for toxicological data on the substance.

<u>Chemical name</u>	<u>LC<sub>50</sub>(4hr)</u>	<u>LD<sub>50</sub></u>	
	<u>inh, rat</u>	<u>(Oral, rat)</u>	<u>(Rabbit, dermal)</u>
Benzyl alcohol	> 4.178 mg/L (mist) (No mortality)	1230 mg/kg	2000 mg/kg

##### Other important toxicological hazards

: None reported by the manufacturer.

### SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** : Not expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. See the following tables for the substance's ecotoxicity data.

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**Ecotoxicity data:**

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	Toxicity to Fish		
		LC50 / 96h	NOEC / 21 day	M Factor
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	460 mg/L (Fathead minnow)	N/Av	None.

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	Toxicity to Daphnia		
		EC50 / 48h	NOEC / 21 day	M Factor
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	360 mg/L (Daphnia magna)	51 mg/L	None.

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	Toxicity to Algae		
		EC50 / 96h or 72h	NOEC / 96h or 72h	M Factor
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	500 mg/L/72hr (Green algae)	310 mg/L/72hr (Green algae)	None.

**Persistence and degradability**

: Readily biodegradable

**Bioaccumulation potential**

: No information available.

<u>Components</u>	<u>Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log Kow)</u>	<u>Bioconcentration factor (BCF)</u>
Benzyl alcohol (CAS 100-51-6)	1.1	0.31

**Mobility in soil** : The product itself has not been tested.

**Other Adverse Environmental effects**

: None known.

### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Handling for Disposal**

: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

**Methods of Disposal**

: Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local regulations.

**RCRA**

: If this product, as supplied, becomes a waste in the United States, it may meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under RCRA, Title 40 CFR 261. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the proper waste identification and disposal method. For disposal of unused or waste material, check with local, state and federal environmental agencies.





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### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Regulatory Information	UN Number	UN proper shipping name	Transport hazard class(es)	Packing Group	Label
49CFR/DOT	NA1993	Combustible liquid, n.o.s. (Benzyl alcohol)	Combustible.	III	
<b>49CFR/DOT Additional information</b>	Not regulated for road or rail shipment if packaged in non-bulk containers (450 Litres or less each).				
TDG	None.	Not regulated.	not regulated	none	
<b>TDG Additional information</b>	None.				
IMDG	None.	Not regulated.	not regulated	none	
<b>IMDG Additional information</b>	None.				
ICAO/IATA	None.	Not regulated.	not regulated	none	
<b>ICAO/IATA Additional information</b>	None.				

**Special precautions for user** : Appropriate advice on safety must accompany the package. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame - No smoking.

**Environmental hazards** : This product does not meet the criteria for an environmentally hazardous mixture, according to the IMDG Code. See ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION, Section 12.

### SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### US Federal Information:

Components listed below are present on the following U.S. Federal chemical lists:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	TSCA Inventory	CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ) (40 CFR 117.302):	SARA TITLE III: Sec. 302, Extremely Hazardous Substance, 40 CFR 355:	SARA TITLE III: Sec. 313, 40 CFR 372, Specific Toxic Chemical	
					Toxic Chemical	de Minimis Concentration
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	Yes	None.	None.	No	No

SARA TITLE III: Sec. 311 and 312, SDS Requirements, 40 CFR 370 Hazard Classes: Fire Hazard; Immediate (Acute) health hazard

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### US State Right to Know Laws:

The following chemicals are specifically listed by individual States:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	California Proposition 65		State "Right to Know" Lists					
		Listed	Type of Toxicity	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA	RI
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	No	N/Ap	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

### Canadian Information:

All ingredients are present on the DSL.

### International Information:

Components listed below are present on the following International Inventory list:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	European EINECS	Australia AICS	Philippines PICCS	Japan ENCS	Korea KECI/KECL	China IECSC	NewZealand IOC
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	202-859-9	Present	Present	(3)-1011	KE-02570	Present	HSR001039

### SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Legend

: ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
 AICS: Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
 ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate  
 CAS: Chemical Abstract Services  
 CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980  
 CFR: Code of Federal Regulations  
 CSA: Canadian Standards Association  
 DOT: Department of Transportation  
 ECHA: European Chemicals Agency  
 ECOTOX: U.S. EPA Ecotoxicology Database  
 EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances  
 ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances  
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency  
 HSDB: Hazardous Substances Data Bank  
 IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
 IBC: Intermediate Bulk Container  
 IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
 IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods  
 IOC: Inventory of Chemicals  
 IUCLID: International Uniform Chemical Information Database  
 KECI: Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory  
 KECL: Korean Existing Chemicals List  
 LC: Lethal Concentration  
 LD: Lethal Dose  
 N/Ap: Not Applicable  
 N/Av: Not Available  
 NIOSH: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
 NOEC: No observable effect concentration  
 NTP: National Toxicology Program  
 OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 PEL: Permissible exposure limit  
 PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
 RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
 RTECS: Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances  
 SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act  
 SDS: Safety Data Sheet / Material Safety Data Sheet  
 STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
 TDG: Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act & Regulations  
 TLV: Threshold Limit Values  
 TSCA: Toxic Substance Control Act  
 TWA: Time Weighted Average  
 WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Identification System

- References** :
1. ACGIH, Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents & Biological Exposure Indices
  2. ECHA - European Chemical Agency
  3. Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, CCIInfoWeb databases
  4. Safety Data Sheets from manufacturer.
  5. US EPA Title III List of Lists
  6. California Proposition 65 List
  7. OECD - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances - eChemPortal

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**Other special considerations for handling**

: Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

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