

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

#### Product Identifier

**SRM Number:** 3080  
**SRM Name:** Aroclor 1260 in Transformer Oil  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not Applicable.

#### Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is a solution of Aroclor 1260 in transformer oil. This SRM is intended primarily for calibrating chromatographic instrumentation and methods of analysis used for the determination of Aroclor 1260 and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in transformer oil. A unit of SRM 3080 consists of five 2 mL ampoules, each containing approximately 1.2 mL of transformer oil.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Carcinogenicity Category 1B  
Reproductive Toxicity Category 2  
Aspiration Hazard Category 1

#### Label Elements

##### Symbol



##### Signal Word

DANGER

##### Hazard Statement(s)

H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H350 May cause cancer <inhalation, ingestion>.  
H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

##### Precautionary Statement(s):

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection.  
  
P308+P313 If exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.  
P301+P310 If swallowed: Immediately call a doctor.  
P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Aroclor 1260 in transformer oil.

**Other Designations:**

Transformer oil (hydrotreated light naphthenic distillate (petroleum), hydraulic petroleum oil, distillates, petroleum).

Aroclor 1260 (PCB 1260; chlorodiphenyl (60% Cl); polychlorinated biphenyl; chlorobiphenyls; PCB; PCBs)

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Transformer oil	64742-53-6	265-156-6	>99
Aroclor 1260	11096-82-5	215-648-1 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.3

<sup>(a)</sup> EC Number as PCB, polychlorinated biphenyl

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**Description of First Aid Measures:**

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash exposed skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if needed.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Aspiration hazard. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to prevent aspiration. If not breathing, give artificial respiration by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Irritation, dizziness, nausea, coughing, and aspiration.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** Not applicable.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Slight fire hazard. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, regular foam.

Unsuitable: Straight streams of water.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** None listed.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Absorb spilled material with sand or non-combustible material and collect in appropriate container for disposal. Keep out of water supplies and sewers.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. The storage floor must be impermeable and form a collecting basin so that, in the event of an accident spillage, the liquid cannot spread beyond the storage area.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Exposure Limits:

Transformer oil: No occupational exposure limits established.

Aroclor 1260: NIOSH (TWA): 0.001 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (related to 1,1'-Biphenyl, chloro derivatives)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection Measures:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### Descriptive Properties

**Appearance (physical state, color, etc.):**

**Molecular Formula:**

**Molar Mass (g/mol):**

**Odor:**

**Odor threshold:**

**pH:**

**Evaporation rate:**

**Melting point/freezing point:**

**Pour point:**

**Density:**

**Vapor Pressure:**

**Vapor Density (air = 1):**

**Kinematic Viscosity:**

**Solubility(ies):**

**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):**

### Transformer oil (>99 %)

clear, yellow liquid

not applicable

not applicable

not available

not available

not available

not available

-55 °C (-67 °F)

-40 °C (-40 °F)

0.8912 g/mL at 22 °C<sup>(b)</sup>

0.1 mmHg 20 °C<sup>(a)</sup>

>5 at 101 kPa<sup>(a)</sup>

12 cSt (12 mm<sup>2</sup>/s) at 40 °C

insoluble in water

>6.5<sup>(a)</sup>

### Thermal Stability Properties

**Autoignition Temperature:** >315 °C (599 °F)<sup>(a)</sup>

**Thermal Decomposition:** not available

**Initial boiling point and boiling range:** 260 °C to 371 °C (500 °F to 700 °F)

**Explosive Limits, LEL:** not available

**Explosive Limits, UEL:** not available

**Flash Point:** >145 °C (293 °F)<sup>(a)</sup>

**Flammability (solid, gas):** not applicable

<sup>(a)</sup> Physical property listed in the NIST Certificate of Analysis. Values are not certified.

<sup>(b)</sup> Vendor supplied health and safety information.

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**  X  Stable   Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid excessive heat; high energy ignition sources.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizers.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Oxides of carbon, sulfur oxides, aldehydes.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**   Will Occur  X  Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**  X  Inhalation  X  Skin  X  Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** Dizziness, nausea, coughing.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** Acute exposure to high levels of vapor from transformer oil may cause central nervous system depression, headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, anorexia, incoordination and unconsciousness. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause irritation. Short term exposure to Aroclor 1260 may cause irritation or liver damage; long term exposure may cause rash, itching, hair loss, digestive issues, headache, dizziness, impotence, coma, and cancer.

**Skin Contact:** Short term and long term contact with transformer oil may cause skin irritation and dermatitis. Short-term exposure to Aroclor 1260 may cause skin irritation or liver damage; long term exposure to Aroclor 1260 may cause same effects as for inhalation, plus hair loss and reproductive effects.

**Eye Contact:** Acute exposure of liquid or vapor may cause irritation.

**Ingestion:** Acute ingestion of transformer oil may cause abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. Small amounts of oil aspirated during ingestion or vomiting may cause lung damage; no information available for long-term exposure to transformer oil. Short term exposure to Aroclor 1260 may cause liver damage; long term exposure to Aroclor 1260 may cause same effects as for inhalation, plus hyperactivity, menstrual disorders, reproductive effects.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

**Component:** Transformer oil

Rat, Oral LD50: >5000 mg/kg

Rat, Inhalation LC50: 2180 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (4 h)

Rabbit, Skin LD50: >2000 mg/kg

**Component:** Aroclor 1260

Rat, Oral LD50: 1315 mg/kg

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified.

Transformer oil, Rabbit, skin: 0.5 mL/24 h, moderate

**Serious Eye Damage/ Eye Irritation:** Not classified.

Transformer oil, Rabbit, eye: 0.1 mL, mild

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available; not classified.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available; not classified.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** No data available; not classified.

**Carcinogenicity:** Category 1B

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**   X   Yes        No

Transformer oil is not listed by NTP, IARC, or OSHA as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

Aroclor 1260 is listed by NTP as *reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen* (as PCB, polychlorinated biphenyl, CAS number 1336-36-3) and by IARC as Group 1, *carcinogenic to humans* (related to Polychlorinated biphenyls).

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Category 2

Aroclor 1260: Overexposure has resulted in decreased birth weight in offspring of exposed mothers. Significant exposure to PCBs that reach the fetus can cause teratogenic effects.

Oral Rat TDLo: 210 mg/kg, pregnant 14-20 days

**STOT, Single Exposure:** No data available; not classified.

**STOT, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; this SRM contains less than 1 % of Archlor 1260, a Category 2 target organ toxicant.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Category 1

Transformer oil is a human aspiration toxicity hazard.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity Data:

Transformer oil: Fish, Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) LC50: >5000 mg/L (96 h)

Invertebrate, Water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50: >1000 mg/L (48 h)

Aroclor 1260: No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** Has the potential to biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available

**Mobility in Soil:** Expected to migrate from land to water and vice versa.

**Other Adverse effects:** Keep out of water supplies.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** This material is not regulated by IATA or DOT.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations:

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Aroclor 1260, 1 lb. (0.454 kg) final RQ.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Aroclor 1260, 0.1 % supplier notification limit (related or polychlorinated biphenyls).

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH:	Yes.
CHRONIC HEALTH:	Yes.
FIRE:	No.
REACTIVE:	No.
PRESSURE:	No.

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65:

WARNING! This product contains a chemical (Aroclor 1260, related to PCBs) known to the state of California to cause cancer, reproductive, and/or developmental effects.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Transformer oil is listed.**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Aroclor 1260 is listed in Section 6, 50 ppm de minimus concentration (see 40 CFR 761, related to polychlorinated biphenyls).**Canadian Regulations:**

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Issue Date:** 21 January 2026**Sources:** ChemADVISOR, Inc., SDS, *Aroclor 1260*, 09 December 2015.ChemADVISOR, Inc., SDS, *Transformer Oil*, 09 December 2015.

Vendor MSDS, Exxon Mobile Corporation, UNIVOLT N 61 B, 30 May 2014.

**Key of Acronyms:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
DOT	Department of Transportation	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	RM	Reference Material
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LC50	Lethal Concentration	STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
LD50	Median Lethal Dose or Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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