

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 350c  
**SRM Name:** Benzoic Acid (Acidimetric Standard)  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) consists of highly purified benzoic acid (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOH). SRM 350c is intended for use in acidimetric standardization and is supplied in a unit of 30 g.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

<b>Physical Hazard:</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Health Hazard:</b>	Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
	Skin corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
	Eye Damage/Irritation	Category 1
	STOT – Single Exposure	Category 3

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**



**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statement(s)**

H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

P261	Avoid breathing dust.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection.

P305+P351+P338	If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a poison center or doctor.
P302+P352	If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P332-P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P301+P312+P330	If swallowed: Call a doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P304+P340	If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P362++P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** None.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** None.

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

**Substance:** Benzoic acid

**Other Designations:** Benzenecarboxylic acid; benzenemethanoic acid; benzeneformic acid; benzoate; carboxybenzene; dracylic acid; phenyl carboxylic acid; phenylformic acid; phenylcarboxylic acid; C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	200-618-2	100

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Description of First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to well-ventilated (uncontaminated) area. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may administer oxygen. If not breathing, qualified personnel should give artificial respiration. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse affected skin with water for at least 15 minutes, and then wash thoroughly with soap or mild detergent and water. If skin irritation persists, seek medical aid and bring the container or label.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, seek medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** May cause eye damage, redness, and pain; may cause irritation to the respiratory tract with sore throat and coughing; may cause skin irritation; harmful if swallowed.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek immediate medical attention.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Slight fire hazard; dust/air mixtures might ignite or explode. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

#### Extinguishing Media

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray or fog, or regular foam.

Unsuitable: Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Not applicable.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without personal risk. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 2                      Fire = 1                      Reactivity = 0

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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:** Avoid generating dust. 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:** Use in a well-ventilated area; avoid generating dust. See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Storage and Incompatible Materials:** Store in a well-ventilated area. Keep separated from incompatible substances (bases, metals, and oxidizing materials).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** No occupational exposure limits established for benzoic acid. OSHA lists the following exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated.

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA, total particulates  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA, respirable particulates

**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 Protection:** Splash resistant safety goggles and emergency eyewash are recommended.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Chemical resistant clothing and gloves are recommended.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Properties	Benzoic Acid
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol)</b>	122.12
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
<b>Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)</b>	colorless to white crystalline powder
<b>Odor</b>	faint, pleasant odor
<b>Odor threshold</b>	not available
<b>pH</b>	2.8 at 25 °C (saturated solution)
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	<1 (butyl acetate = 1)
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	122.4 °C (252.32 °F)
<b>Relative Density as Specific Gravity (water = 1)</b>	1.2659
<b>Density</b>	not available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	1 mmHg at 96 °C
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1)</b>	4.21
<b>Viscosity</b>	1.26 mPa at 130 °C
<b>Solubilities</b>	water: 3.4 % at 25 °C Solvent: acetone, alcohol, benzene, carbon disulfide, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, ethanol, ether, fixed and volatile oils, oil of turpentine. Slightly soluble: petroleum ether, hexane.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	1.9

Thermal Stability Properties		Benzoic Acid
Autoignition Temperature	570 °C (1058 °F)	
Thermal Decomposition	not available	
Initial boiling point and boiling range	249.2 °C (480.56 °F) at 101.325 k Pa	
Explosive Limits, LEL	>3 g/ft <sup>3</sup>	
Explosive Limits, UEL	35 g/ft <sup>3</sup> (optimum)	
Flash Point (Closed Cup)	121.1 °C (250.0 °F)	
Flammability (solid, gas)	not applicable	

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** This material is not reactive at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**  Stable  Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** Not applicable.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Bases, metals, and oxidizing materials.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Oxides of carbon.

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

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Route of Exposure:**  Inhalation  Skin  Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** Eye damage. May cause respiratory tract irritation.

### Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)

**Inhalation:** May cause irritation to the respiratory tract with sore throat and coughing.

**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation and redness. Repeat exposure may result in dermatitis.

**Eye Contact:** Acute: possible damage, redness and pain; chronic: conjunctivitis.

**Ingestion:** Large doses may cause sore throat, gastric pain, nausea, vomiting and possible allergic reactions.

### Numerical Measures of Toxicity

**Acute Toxicity:** Category 4, Acute Oral Toxicity

Rat, Oral, LD50: 1700 mg/kg

Rat, Inhalation, LC50: >26 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (1 h)

Rabbit, Dermal, LD50: >5000 mg/kg

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Category 2.

Human, skin: 0.76 %, mild

Human, skin: 22 mg per 3 d intermittent moderate

**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:** Category 1

Rabbit, eyes: severe.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** No data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**

Benzoic acid is not listed by IARC, NTP and OSHA as a carcinogen.

Yes

No

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified; no adverse effects reported.

**STOT, Single Exposure:** Category 3: Respiratory irritation.

**STOT, Repeated Exposure:** No data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not applicable.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity Data

Fish Toxicity: Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*) LC50: 180 mg/L (96 h)

Algae: Cyanobacteria (plankton) (*Anabaena inaequalis*) EC50: 5 mg/L (3 h)

Invertebrate: Water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50: 860 mg/L [static] (48 h)

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** Low, BCF of 10 for algae and 5 for fish.

**Mobility in Soil:** Estimated to have moderate mobility in soil based on KOC (250); see Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties".

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose 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:** Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): 5000 lbs. (2270 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): Not regulated.

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:	No
FIRE:	No
REACTIVE:	No
PRESSURE:	No

**STATE REGULATIONS:** Not listed by California Proposition 65.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Sources:** ChemADVISOR, Inc., MSDS *Benzoic Acid*, 22 September 2015.

Vendor GFS Chemicals, Safety Data Sheet, Benzoic Acid, Primary Standard, Issue date 15 January 2015.

CDC; NIOSH; *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Safety and Health; *Particulates not otherwise regulated*, 13 February 2015; available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Dec 2015).

### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
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
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified		

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