

Balsam Canada Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Balsam Canada

Signal Word
WARNING

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Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Flammable liquids (Category 3). Flammable liquid and vapor (H226). Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. No smoking (P210).



Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral (Category 5). May be harmful if swallowed (H303).



Hazard class: Acute toxicity, dermal and inhalation (Category 4). Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled (H312+H332). Avoid breathing vapors (P261).

Hazard class: Skin and serious eye damage, corrosion or irritation (Category 2, 2B). Causes skin and eye irritation (H315+H320).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Canada balsam (from Abies balsamea)	None established	Unspecified	Unspecified	50 - 70%
Xylenes	1330-20-7	C ₆ H ₄ (CH ₃) ₂	106.17	30 - 50%
Synonyms: Canada balsam mounting medium				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell (P312).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340).

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338). **If eye irritation persists eyes:** Get medical advice or attention (P337+P313).

If on skin or hair: Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water (P303+P361+P353).

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Class II combustible liquid.

Flash point: 48 °C (OC)

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher (P370+P378).

NFPA Code
None established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain the spill with sand or other inert absorbent material and deposit in a sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #3. Store with hydrocarbons, oils, esters and aldehydes. Store in a dedicated flammables cabinet. If a flammables cabinet is not available, store in Flinn Saf-Stor™ can. Keep container tightly closed (P233). Keep cool (P235). Use explosion-proof electrical and ventilating equipment (P241). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash hands thoroughly after handling (P264). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

Exposure guidelines: (as xylenes) PEL/TLV 100 ppm (OSHA, ACGIH), STEL 150 ppm (ACGIH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Yellow liquid. Cedar-like odor.

Melting point: 93-98 °C

A saturated solution containing a resinous mixture of oleoresins, terpenes, and usually cinnamic and benzoic acid in xylene.

Specific gravity: 0.95

Used to prepare permanent mount microscope preparations.

Soluble: Insoluble in water.

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Material is combustible/flammable. Avoid contact with heat, open flame, or any sources of ignition. Sensitive to moisture and evaporation of xylene. Avoid contact with oxidizing agents.

Shelf life: Good, if kept tightly closed.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Irritant, lung irritation, chest pain and edema which may be fatal, GI disturbances

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 4300 mg/kg (as xylenes)

Chronic effects: CNS depression, dermatitis, reproductive hazard

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: 5000 ppm/4H (as xylenes)

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

Target organs: CNS, eyes, GI tract, blood, liver, kidneys, skin

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #18b is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

Not listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

N/A = Not applicable

Consult your copy of the Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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