



# Safety Data Sheet

## Section 1: IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** Asphalt Cement (Asphalt)

**Other Identifiers:** Asphalt Cement, Petroleum Asphalt, Unmodified Asphalt Cement, Polymer Modified Asphalt Cement, Neat Asphalt Cement, Bitumen, 40-50, 60-70, 85-100, 120-150, 150-200, 160-180, 200-300, 300-400, 155-165 Pen LA, AC-10, AC-20, PG 46-34, PG 52-28, PG 52-34, PG 52-40, PG 58-22, PG 58-28, PG 58-34, PG 58-40, PG 64-22, PG 64-25, PG 64-28, PG 64-34, PG 64-40, PG 70-22, PG 70-28, PG 70-34, PG 76-22, PG 76-28, PG 82-28, (E)(V)(H)(S)(X)(J)(U)

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**Recommended Use:** Asphalt is used as a binder in asphalt paving applications such as paving roads, driveways, parking lots and other surface, base, or sub-base applications.

**Restrictions on Use:** None Known

**Note:** This SDS describes the health hazards of Asphalt Cements. It applies to Paving Grade Asphalt Cement products including: Penetration Grades, AC (Asphalt Cement graded by original viscosity at 140°F), AR (Asphalt Cement graded by viscosity of residue from Rolling Thin Film Oven Test), PG (Performance Graded), PBA (Performance Based Asphalts), and PMA (Polymer Modified Asphalt Cement) products. Individual composition of hazardous constituents will vary between types of asphalt. This SDS does not apply to Industrial Asphalts (roofing grades), Emulsified Asphalts, or Cutback Asphalts.

## Section 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Classified according to Canada’s Hazardous Products Regulations (WHMIS 2015).

**Classification:**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Acute toxicity (Inhalation) | Category 4  |
| Skin Irritation             | Category 3  |
| Eye Irritation              | Category 2B |
| Carcinogenicity             | Category 2  |

**Label Elements:**

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|  | <b>WARNING</b>  |  |
|  | <p>Hot product can cause burns.</p> <p>Harmful if swallowed<br/>Harmful in contact with skin<br/>Harmful if inhaled<br/>Causes mild skin irritation<br/>Causes eye irritation</p> <p>Product may release Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas.</p> <p>Use proper engineering controls, work practices, and personal protective equipment.</p> <p>Read SDS for details.</p> |  |

**Other Hazards:**

Asphalt is a dark brown to black colored liquid that has a petroleum odor. Hot product will cause severe thermal burns. If burned by hot product, cool affected area immediately with flowing cool water. Seek medical attention. This product may release toxic hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), particularly if heated. Skin contact on repeated or prolonged basis can cause drying of the skin which may result in irritation or dermatitis.

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**Section 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

| Component      | Percent (By Weight) | CAS Number |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| Asphalt Cement | 80-100              | 8052-42-4  |
| Process Oil    | 0-20                | 64742-04-7 |
| Polymer        | 0-12                | 9003-55-8  |
| Sulfur         | 0-7                 | 7704-34-9  |

**Note:**

Asphalt is produced from high temperature vacuum distillation of crude oil. Composition varies depending on source of crude and specifications of final product. It can contain trace amounts of sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen compounds as well as trace amounts of heavy metals. Different asphalt grades may contain an anti-stripping additive.

Asphalt products can contain hydrogen sulfide, because it is naturally occurring in crude oil from which asphalt is derived. Hydrogen sulfide can also be present as a by-product of asphalt processing.

**Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Potential Health Effects:** Risk of injury depends on duration and level of exposure.

**First Aid Measures:****Eye Contact**

For contact with product, flush with large amounts of cool flowing water for at least 15 minutes, including under lids. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact**

Wash with cool flowing water and a pH neutral soap or a mild skin detergent. Do not use solvents or thinners to remove product from skin. Seek medical attention for burns, rash, irritation, and dermatitis.

For contact with hot product, immerse or flush skin with cold water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention. If asphalt cement has circumferentially coated a limb or body, then split the asphalt cement longitudinally to avoid a tourniquet effect. Asphalt cement will naturally detach itself over time. Do not attempt to remove asphalt cement that has adhered to skin as this may pull skin away and cause further harm. If no burn has occurred then mineral oil or olive oil



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may be used to gently dissolve the asphalt cement and then wash gently with soap and water.

**Inhalation**

Move person to fresh air. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion**

Do not induce vomiting unless medical personnel provide instructions to do so. Never provide anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical attention or contact poison control center immediately.

**Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed:**

**Eye Contact**

Hot product will cause severe thermal burns. Eye contact with asphalt and asphalt fumes can cause moderate eye irritation, redness, chemical burns and itching. Eye exposures require immediate first aid to prevent damage to the eye.

**Skin Contact**

Direct contact with hot asphalt will cause severe thermal burns. Repeated or prolonged contact to asphalt may cause dry skin, discomfort, irritation, chemical burns and dermatitis.

**Inhalation**

Hot asphalt releases irritating fumes or vapors such as smoke, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and unburned hydrocarbons. Exposure to fumes or vapors may cause irritation of the nose and throat, and symptoms such as headache, dizziness, loss of coordination, and drowsiness.

Hydrogen sulfide and other sulfur-containing gases can evolve from this product, particularly at elevated temperatures. Hydrogen sulfide can cause respiratory paralysis and death, depending on concentrations and duration of exposure. Hydrogen sulfide may have a characteristic "rotten egg" odour. Do not rely on ability to smell vapors, since odour fatigue rapidly occurs. Effects of overexposure include irritation of the nose and throat, nausea, vomiting dizziness, signs of nervous system depression, and loss of consciousness.

**Ingestion**

Do not ingest asphalt. Hot product will cause thermal burns. Ingestion may result in poisoning, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and restlessness. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment:**

Do not attempt to remove firmly adhering asphalt from the skin. Once the asphalt has cooled, it will not cause further harm and will provide a sterile covering over the burned area. If asphalt cement has circumferentially coated a limb or body, then split the asphalt cement longitudinally to avoid a tourniquet effect. As healing takes place, the asphalt will detach itself, usually over the course of several days.

**Section 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

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**Extinguishing Media:**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Small Fire- Carbon Dioxide, dry chemical powder, appropriate foam, water spray or fog, non-combustible material such as dry sand or earth.  
Large Fire –Fire Fighting foam suitable for the situation.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

Do not spray water onto tanks or vessels containing hot asphalt as water reacts violently with asphalt at elevated temperatures and may result in a steam explosion.

**Combustion Products:**

Toxic gases are produced in fire, such as smoke, fume, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S.

**Specific Hazards:**

Fire may release toxic combustion products such as smoke, fume, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S.  
If tank, rail car or tanker truck is involved in fire, isolate for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.



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Shut off fuel to fire if possible to do so without hazard. Avoid flushing spilled product into sewers, streams or other bodies of water.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:**

A SCBA is recommended to limit exposures to combustion products when fighting fires.

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## **Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:**

Take proper precautions to ensure your own health and safety before attempting spill control or clean-up. Remove all potential ignition sources. Isolate the area of the spill and restrict access. For small spills, soak up released asphalt with inert absorbent material, remove with shovels and place spilled material into a container. Contain large spills with inert materials. Avoid using combustible absorbers such as sawdust. Transfer liquids and solid material to suitable containers for recovery or disposal. Do not allow spills and cleaning runoff to enter drains, sewers, groundwater, drainage ditches or surface waters. Wear appropriate protective equipment as described in Section 8.

**Containment and Clean up:**

Methods for containment can be to stop or reduce leak if safe to do so. Ventilate area to prevent the gas from accumulating, especially in confined spaces

Methods for cleanup/disposal of asphalt should be according Federal, State, Provincial and Local regulations. Protect bodies of water by diking to prevent run off, absorbents or absorbent boom that does not react with spilled product. Place used absorbent into suitable, covered, labeled containers for disposal. Remove or recover liquid using pumps or vacuum equipment.

Inform relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution. Contact emergency services and manufacturer/supplier for advice.

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## **Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for Safe Handling:**

Handle with care and use appropriate control measures. Use appropriate grounding and bonding practices. Store in properly closed containers that are appropriately labeled and in a cool well-ventilated area. Do not expose to heat, open flames, strong oxidizers or other source of ignition. Do not cut, drill, grind or weld on empty containers since they may contain flammable residues.

Significant concentrations of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas can be generated and accumulate in storage tanks and bulk transport compartments which may require additional precautions and procedures during loading and unloading. When opening covers and outlet caps on storage tanks, use face shield and gloves to avoid possible injury from pressurized product. Stay upwind and vent open hatches before unloading. Keep heating coils and flues in storage tanks, trucks and kettles covered with product. Do not overheat.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Use additional precautions when handling hot material. Maintain employee exposure levels below established regulatory limits. Do not allow hot product to contact skin. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use all appropriate engineering controls and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) described in Section 8 below.



**Conditions for Safe Storage:**

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Store away from all ignition sources and open flames. Avoid freezing. This product is a mixture of water and asphalt. Do not store above 190°F or below 40°F. Heating product above 190°F may cause water portion to boil which may result in an overflow of hot product from storage container.

Do not expose to open flames, strong oxidizers or other source of ignition. Store in dry, cool and well ventilated conditions. Keep away from food and drink. Consult appropriate Federal, State, and Provincial and Local authorities before reusing, recycling or disposing of empty containers or waste residues of this product.

**Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Control Parameters:**

| Component                | ACGIH TLV® TWA (mg/m³) | ACGIH TLV® STEL (mg/m³) | OSHA PEL TWA (mg/m³) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Asphalt Cement (as Fume) | 0.5                    |                         | Not Established      |
| Process Oil              | 0.2                    |                         | 0.2                  |
| Polymer                  | 3 mg/kg                |                         |                      |
| Sulfur                   | 1 ppm                  | 5 ppm                   |                      |

**Appropriate Engineering Controls:**

Use local exhaust or general dilution ventilation to maintain levels below exposure limits. Ensure that an emergency eye wash station and safety shower is located near the work area.

**Individual Protection Measures:**

**Respiratory Protection**

Under ordinary conditions no respiratory protection is required. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator that is properly fitted and is in good condition when exposed to vapors above exposure limits.

**Eye Protection**

Wear CSA/ANSI approved safety goggles when handling asphalt to prevent contact with eyes. A face shield may also be required to prevent contact with eyes and face.

**Skin Protection**

Wear chemical resistant gloves (e.g. neoprene or butyl rubber) to prevent skin contact and thermally insulated gloves when handling hot product. Do not rely on barrier creams, in place of impervious gloves. Additional protection may be necessary to prevent skin contact including use of apron, arm covers, face shield or boots. Remove and launder clothing that is soiled with asphalt. Thoroughly wash hands and other exposed skin after exposure to asphalt.

**Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

|                         |                        |  |                |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Appearance:</b>      | Solid or semi-solid    | <b>Flammability (solid/gas):</b>                     | Not applicable |
| <b>Odour:</b>           | Slight petroleum odour | <b>Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limits:</b> | Not applicable |
| <b>Odour Threshold:</b> | N/A                    | <b>Vapour Pressure:</b>                              | N/A            |
| <b>pH:</b>              | N/A                    | <b>Vapour Density (air = 1):</b>                     | N/A            |



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| <b>Melting Point:</b>         | N/A                                     | <b>Relative Density (Water=1):</b>                       |                               |
| <b>Freezing Point:</b>        | N/A                                     | <b>Solubility:</b>                                       | Insoluble                     |
| <b>Initial Boiling Point:</b> | > 400°C                                 | <b>Partition Coefficient: n-octonal/water (Log Kow):</b> | Not applicable                |
| <b>Boiling Point Range:</b>   | > 400°C                                 | <b>Auto-ignition Temperature</b>                         | > 370°C (> 698°F)             |
| <b>Flash Point:</b>           | > 230°C (> 446°F)<br>Cleveland Open Cup | <b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>                        | Not applicable                |
| <b>Evaporation Rate:</b>      | Not applicable                          | <b>Viscosity:</b>  | 139-3000 cP at 135°C (275°F). |

### Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| <b>Reactivity:</b>                         | Non-reactive under normal conditions of use   |
| <b>Chemical Stability:</b>                 | Stable under recommended storage conditions.  |
| <b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b> | None.   |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>                | High temperatures, sources of heat, ignition, or open flame.  |
| <b>Stability:</b>                          | Stable. Avoid contact with incompatible materials, excessive heat, sources of ignition and open flame.  |
| <b>Incompatible Materials:</b>             | Acids, bases, oxidizing agents such as nitrates, chlorates, peroxides.  |
| <b>Incompatibility:</b>                    | Asphalt is incompatible with strong acids or bases, and oxidizing agents such as nitrates, chlorates and peroxides.   |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>   | When heated may liberate carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, trace oxides of sulfur and nitrogen, various hydrocarbons, smoke, vapours, fumes. |

### Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Likely Routes of Exposure

Inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact.

#### Acute Toxicity

| Component                | CAS Number | LD <sub>50</sub><br>(rat, oral) | LC <sub>50</sub><br>(rat, inhalation) | LD <sub>50</sub><br>(rabbit, dermal) |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Asphalt Cement (as Fume) | 8052-42-4  | >5000 mg/kg                     |                                       | >2000 mg/kg                          |
| Process Oil              | 64742-04-7 | >5000 mg/kg                     | > 5mg/L, 4 hours                      | > 3000 mg/kg                         |
| Polymer                  | 9003-55-8  | 71.3 mg/kg                      |                                       |                                      |
| Sulfur                   | 7704-34-9  | >2000 mg/kg                     | >9.23 mg/l                            | >2000 mg/kg                          |

#### Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Irritating to skin. Signs and symptoms may include redness, itching, swelling, pain. Prolonged or repeated contact may cause severe burns. Contact with hot product will cause thermal burns



**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation**

Irritating to eyes. Signs and symptoms may include redness, itching, swelling, pain, blurred vision, tears, blindness. Contact with hot liquid may cause severe burns. Vapors may cause redness, itching, swelling, pain, blurred vision, tears or blindness. Product may release hydrogen sulfide gas which may irritate eyes. Signs and symptoms may include redness, itching, swelling, pain, light sensitivity, appearance of 'halos' around lights, and loss of consciousness.

**STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) – Effects from Short Term Exposure**

**Single Exposure**

Throat and nose irritation. Hot vapors may contain hydrogen sulfide. Fume inhalation may cause headache, nausea, nervousness, eye irritation, respiratory tract irritation.

**Ingestion**

Not a relevant route of exposure (gas). May cause burns to mouth, tongue, lips, throat, nasal passage, stomach.

May result in headache, vomiting, nausea, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat, dizziness, confusion, fatigue.

**Aspiration Hazard**

Not known to be aspiration hazard.

**STOT (Specific Organ Toxicity) – Repeated Effects From Long-Term Exposure**

Not available.

**Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization**

Skin irritation symptoms may include itchiness, redness, swelling, and irritation of the respiratory system.

**Carcinogenicity**

| Chemical Name     | IARC     | ACGIH® | NTP | OSHA |
|-------------------|----------|--------|-----|------|
| Asphalt (Bitumen) | Group 2B | A4     |     |      |

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**Reproductive Toxicity**

**Development of Offspring**

Not available.

**Sexual Function and Fertility**

Not available. None known.

**Effects on or via Lactation**

None known.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

Not available.

**Interactive Effects**

Not available.

**Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**Disposal Methods:** Contact local environmental authorities for approved disposal or recycling methods in your jurisdiction. Recycle and reuse product, if possible. The required hazard evaluation of the waste and compliance with the applicable hazardous waste laws are the responsibility of the user. Dispose of or empty recycle containers through an approved waste management facility.

**Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**TDG (Canada) and U.S. DOT**  
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| Regulation   | UN No.                  | Shipping Name   | Class | Packing Group |
|--------------|-------------------------|---|-------|---------------|
| TDG (Canada) | Not Regulated under TDG |   |       |               |
| US DOT       | 3257                    | Performance Graded Liquid Asphalt (Elevated Temperature Liquid, Flammable, N.O.S. with flashpoint above 100C, at or below its flashpoint) | 3     | III           |

**Special Precautions:** Please note: For US Shipments Only; ELEVATED TEMPERATURE LQUID, N.O.S., at or above 100 C and below its flash point, 9, UN3257, PGIII

**Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of Marpol 73/78 and the IBC Code**  
Not applicable.

**Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations**

**Canada – Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)**

All ingredients listed on DSL/NDSL. Components of this product are in compliance with the chemical notification requirements of the NSN Regulation under CEPA, 1999.

This product is not listed as a CERCLA hazardous substance.

**USA – Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b)**

Components are in compliance with the chemical notification requirements of TSCA.

**Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

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