

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Trinitrotoluene (TNT) MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Trinitrotoluene (TNT)

**CAS#:** 118-96-7

**Synonym:** Benzene, 2-methyl-1,3,5-trinitro-;  
Entsufon; 1-Methyl-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene;

NCI-C56155, alpha-TNT; 2,4,6-trinitrotoluen; TNT-tolite; Tolit; Tolite; Trilit

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Trinitrotoluene (TNT)	118-96-7	Not available

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

TNT is a Division 1.1 explosive, and detonation may cause severe physical injury, including death. All explosives are dangerous and must be handled carefully and used following approved safety procedures under the direction of competent, experienced persons in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.

Inhalation of explosives powders may cause nervous system irregularities including headaches and dizziness. Nitrogen oxides generated during use are skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritants.

The prevention of accidents in the use of explosives is a result of careful planning and observance of the best known practices. The explosives user must remember that he is dealing with a powerful force and that various devices and methods have been developed to assist him in directing this force. He should realize that this force, if misdirected, may either kill or injure both him and his fellow workers.

All explosives are dangerous and must be carefully handled and used following approved safety procedures either by or under the direction of competent, experienced persons in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, or ordinances. If you have any questions or doubts as to how to use any explosive product, DO NOT USE IT before consulting with your supervisor, or the manufacturer, if you do not have a supervisor. If your supervisor has any questions or doubts, he should consult the manufacturer before use.

**Carcinogenicity:** None of the components of TNT are listed as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA.

#### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water.

**Inhalation:** If detonation fumes are inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration, preferably mouth to mouth. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen and call a physician.

**Ingestion:** Induce vomiting immediately by giving two glasses of water and sticking finger down throat.

**Injury from detonation:** Seek prompt medical attention.

#### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Explosive.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Explodes at 240°C

**Flash Points:** 290°C

**Flammable Limits:** LOWER: 70 g/m<sup>3</sup>

**Products of Combustion:** Oxides of nitrogen and carbon.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Spray water, CO<sub>2</sub>, soil, sand

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** ALL EXPLOSIVES: DO NOT FIGHT EXPLOSIVES FIRES. Try to keep fire from reaching explosives. Isolate area. Guard against intruders.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Division 1.1 Explosives: Evacuate the area for 5000 feet (1 mile). Consult the 2000 Emergency Response Guidebook, Guide 112 for further details.

#### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Spill/leak response:** Review fire and explosion hazards before proceeding with clean up. Remove all ignition

#### Section 7: Handling and Storage

Store in a cool room, equipped with ventilation system, away from heat, flames and incompatible substances. Avoid heat, sudden jolts and bumps, electrical discharges. If possible, keep the product moist. Comply with the rules and regulations for the transportation and storage of explosives. Package - polypropylene bags, with polyethylene liners (max 40 kg)

#### Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Ventilation:** General ventilation with local exhaust in operation area.

**Respiratory:** Wear fitted NIOSH approved respirator, avoid dusting by keeping wet when possible

**Eye:** Chemical goggles.

**Gloves:** Cotton or leather gloves

**Other:** Flame proof coveralls and conductive boots.

### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical Description (physical state at room temperature)** yellow, odorless solid

**Molecular weight (g/mol)** 227,13

**Water solubility (% at 20 °C)** 0,013

**Octanol-water partition coefficient (K<sub>ow</sub>)** 1.6

**Boiling point (°C)** 240 (Explodes)

**Melting point (°C)** 80.8

**Vapor pressure at 20 °C (mm Hg)** 1.99 x10<sup>-4</sup>

**Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup> at 20 °C)** 1.654

### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Oxidized, reacts with alkalis, reacts with varnishes and lacquers containing amine and amide groups

**Polymerization:** Polymerization will not occur

### Section 11: Toxicological Information

The product is harmful if inhaled, swallowed, in contact with skin and mucous membranes. With prolonged exposure may develop dermatitis, toxic hepatitis, nephritis, peripheral neuropathy, anemia, cataracts.

**Acute toxicity:** LD 50 (oral, mouse) 660 mg/kg; LD 50 (oral, rat) 795 mg/kg.

**Minimal toxicity:** LDLo = 28 g/kg (oral, human).

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Environmental fate:** Yes, azo- and azoxy compounds

**Acute toxicity (Fishes):** LC50=0,46 mg/l (Pimephales promelas, 96 hours). LC50=2,7 mg/l (Lepomis macrochirus, 96 hours).

**Acute toxicity (Daphnia magna):** LC50>4,4 mg/l (48 hours)

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste disposal:** Dispose of in compliance with federal regulations under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (40 CFR Parts 260-271).

#### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** EXPLOSIVE 1.1D

**Identification:** : TRINITROTOLUENE FLAKED (TNT) : UN0209 (1.1D)

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

#### Section 15: Other Information

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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