

HEALTH AND SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. **PRODUCT:** JOHNSTONE'S PERFORMANCE TC1 Thinner and Cleaner **PAGE:** 1 of 5
REVISION: 3 **DATE:** 1.11.05
USE: A solvent-borne thinner and cleaner.

2. **COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substances presenting a health or environmental hazard within the meaning of the CHIP Regulations or which are assigned Exposure Limit Values: -

Name	Einecs No	Conc.Range	Symbol*	R-Phrases*
Xylene	215-535-7	100%	Xn	R10,20/21,38

*for full text see section 16.

See section 16 for information on ingredients as required by Detergents Regulation (EC) No 648/2004

3. **HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

FLAMMABLE. HARMFUL. Also refer to section 11.

4. **FIRST AID MEASURES**

General: In all cases of doubt or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air, keep patient warm and at rest. If breathing is irregular or has stopped, administer artificial respiration. Give nothing by mouth. If unconscious, place in the recovery position and seek medical advice.

Skin Contact: Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

Eye Contact: Remove contact lenses. Irrigate copiously with clean, fresh water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eyelids apart and seek medical advice.

Ingestion: If accidentally swallowed obtain immediate medical attention. Keep at rest. DO NOT induce vomiting.

5. **FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing Media:

Recommended: alcohol resistant foam, CO₂, powder, water spray/mist

Not to be used: water jet

Recommendations: Fire will produce dense black smoke containing hazardous products of combustion (see section 10). Exposure to decomposition products may be a hazard to health. Appropriate self contained breathing apparatus may be required. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Do not allow run off from fire fighting to enter drains or watercourses.

6. **ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Exclude sources of ignition and ventilate area. Exclude non-essential personnel. Avoid breathing vapours. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8. Contain and collect spillages with non-combustible absorbent materials e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, and place in a suitable container for disposal in accordance with the waste regulations (see section 13). Do not allow to enter drains or water courses. Clean preferably with a detergent; avoid the use of solvents. If the product enters drains or sewers, immediately contact the local water company; in case of contamination of streams, rivers or lakes, the relevant environment agency.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: Solvent vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors. They may form explosive mixtures with air. Prevent the creation of flammable or explosive concentrations of vapour in air and avoid vapour concentrations higher than the Workplace Exposure Limit Values. In addition, solvent-borne products should only be used in areas from which all naked lights and other sources of ignition have been excluded. Electrical equipment should be protected to the appropriate standard. Keep container tightly closed. Exclude sources of heat, sparks and open flame. Avoid skin and eye contact. Avoid inhalation of vapour. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in areas of storage and use. For Occupational Exposure Controls measures see section 8. Never use pressure to empty; the container is not a pressure vessel. Always keep in containers made of the same material as the supply container. Avoid the accumulation of contaminated rags. Good housekeeping standards and regular safe removal of waste materials will minimise the risks of fire hazards.

The Manual Handling Operations Regulations may apply to the handling of containers/packages of this product. To assist employers the following method of calculating the weight of any pack size is given. Take the pack size volume in litres and multiply this figure by the specific gravity value given in section 9. This will give the net weight of the product in kilograms. Allowance will then have to be made for the immediate packaging to give an approximate gross weight.

STORAGE:

Store separately from oxidising agents, strongly alkaline and strongly acidic materials.

Flash point above 32°C: Although the storage of these products are not subject to specific statutory requirements, the principles contained in HSE Guidance note 'Storage of Flammable Liquids in Containers', should be observed. Observe the label precautions. Store between 5°C and 25°C in a dry, well ventilated place away from sources of heat, ignition and direct sunlight. No smoking. Prevent unauthorised access. Containers which are opened should be properly resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. The principles contained in the HSE guidance note 'Storage of Packaged Dangerous Substances' should be observed when storing these products.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS: Provide adequate ventilation. Where reasonably practicable this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. If these are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and/or solvent vapours below the relevant Workplace Exposure Limit Values, suitable respiratory protection must be worn (see 'Occupational Exposure Controls' below).

EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES:

Substance	Workplace Exposure Limits				Notations
	8 hr LTEL (1)		15 min STEL (2)		
	ppm	mg m ⁻³	ppm	mg m ⁻³	
Xylene	50(W)	220(W)	100(W)	441(W)	(Sk)

(1) Long-Term Exposure Limit - 8 hour Time Weighted Average

(2) Short-Term Exposure Limit - 15 minute reference period

(W) Workplace Exposure Limit (WEL)

(SUP) Recommended by suppliers

(A) Allocated limits by analogy with similar materials

(Sk) Risk of absorption through unbroken skin

(Sen) Capable of causing sensitisation by inhalation

WEL's are taken from current version of EH40, except those marked (SUP) or (A) which are assigned by supplier of the substance

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE CONTROLS: All Personal Protective Equipment (ppe), including Respiratory Protective Equipment (rpe), used to control exposure to hazardous substances must be selected to meet the requirements of the COSHH Regulations.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: If exposure to hazardous substances identified above cannot be controlled by the provision of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction, suitable respiratory protective equipment should be worn. If exposure cannot be controlled to below the WEL and engineering controls or methods cannot be improved, suitable respiratory protective equipment should be used.

HAND PROTECTION: When skin exposure may occur, advice should be sought from glove suppliers on appropriate types and usage times for this product. The instructions and information provided by the glove supplier on use, storage, maintenance and replacement must be followed. Barrier creams may help to protect exposed areas of skin but are not substitutes for full physical protection. They should not be applied once exposure has occurred.

EYE PROTECTION: Eye protection designed to protect against liquid splashes should be worn.

SKIN PROTECTION: Cotton or cotton/synthetic overalls or coveralls are normally suitable. Grossly contaminated clothing should be removed and the skin washed with soap and water or a recognised skin cleaner. Regular skin inspection of users of this product is recommended. ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE EATING, SMOKING OR USING THE TOILET.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

physical state	liquid	
flash point	24°C	BS2000. Part 170
viscosity	5-10 secs	6 mm ISO 2431-1984(23°C)
specific gravity	0.89-0.91 @ 20°C	
vapour density	Denser than air	
lower explosive limit	1.0 %v/v @ 20°C	
solubility in water	immiscible	
boiling point	138°C (initial)	

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stable under the recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7). In a fire, hazardous decomposition products such as smoke, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen may be produced. Keep away from oxidising agents and strongly alkaline and strongly acidic materials to prevent the possibility of an exothermic reaction.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

There is no data available on the product itself. Exposure to organic solvent vapours in excess of the stated Workplace Exposure Limit may result in adverse health effects such as irritation of the mucous membrane and respiratory system and adverse effects on the kidney and liver and central nervous system. Symptoms include headache, dizziness, fatigue, muscular weakness, drowsiness and in extreme cases, loss of consciousness. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to removal of natural fats from the skin resulting in non-allergic contact dermatitis and absorption through the skin. Splashes in the eye may cause irritation and reversible local damage. Ingestion may result in the following effects: sore throat, abdominal pain, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other effects may be as described for exposure to vapours. The product has been assessed following the conventional method in CHIP and is classified for toxicological hazards accordingly. This takes into account, where known, delayed and immediate effects and chronic effects of components from short-term and long-term exposure by oral, inhalation and dermal routes of exposure and eye contact. See sections 3 and 15 for details of the resulting hazard classification.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

There is no data available on the product itself. The product should not be allowed to enter drains or water courses or be deposited where it can affect ground or surface waters. The Air Pollution Control requirements of regulations made under the Environmental Protection Act may apply to the use of this product. The product has been assessed following the conventional method in CHIP and is not classified as dangerous for the environment.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do not allow into drains or water courses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled waste and should be disposed of in accordance with regulations made under the 'Control of Pollution Act' and the 'Environmental Protection Act'. Using information provided in this safety data sheet, advice should be obtained from the relevant environment agency whether the Hazardous Waste Regulations apply.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport within users premises: - Always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

Onwards transport subsequent to purchase: - Transport to be in accordance with ADR for road, IMDG for sea and ICAO/IATA for air.

Proper shipping name:	Xylene	Technical name 1:	-
UN number:	1307	Technical name 2:	-
Hazard class:	3	Marine Pollutant:	No
Packing Group:	III	Emergency Schedule Number:	F-E, S-E
Sub-hazard class:	-	Flashpoint:	24°C

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

The product is classified and labelled for supply in accordance with the CHIP Regulations as follows: -

Classification: FLAMMABLE, HARMFUL

Symbol: Xn

Names: Xylene

R Phrases:

R10 Flammable

R20/21 Harmful by inhalation and in contact with skin

R38 Irritating to skin

S Phrases:

S2 Keep out of the reach of children

S16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking

S23/42 When spraying, do not breathe spray, wear suitable respiratory protective equipment

S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water

S29 Do not empty into drains

S37 Wear suitable gloves

S38 In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory protective equipment

S51 Use only in well ventilated areas

S62 If swallowed, do not induce vomiting, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label

The information contained in this safety data sheet does not constitute the user's own assessment of workplace risks as required by other health and safety legislation. The provisions of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations apply to the use of this product at work.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Symbols and text of the R phrases in section 2 :-

RISK PHRASES

R10 Flammable

R20/21 Harmful by inhalation and in contact with skin

R38 Irritating to skin

WARNING SYMBOLS

Xn Harmful

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

STATUTORY

Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations
Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations as amended
Chemical (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations
Consumer Protection Act 1987
Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1998
Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations
Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor Regulations
Environment Act 1995
Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations
Environmental Protection Act 1990
Factories Act 1961
Fire Precautions Act 1971
Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations
Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
International Rail/Road Transport -RID and ADR (Current editions)
List of Wastes (England) Regulations
Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
Manual Handling Regulations 1992
Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations
Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations
Waste Management Licensing Regulations

APPROVED CODES OF PRACTICE

ACOP - Control of Substances Hazardous to Health/Control of Carcinogenic Substances- HSE Books
ACOP - Waste Management - The Duty of Care

HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE

GUIDANCE NOTES

HS(G)37 An Introduction to Local Exhaust Ventilation
EH40 Workplace Exposure Limits
EH44 Dust: General Principles of Protection
HS(G)53 The Selection, Use and Maintenance of RPE
HS(G)71 Storage of Packaged Dangerous Substances
HS(G)140 Safe Use and Handling of Flammable Liquids
HS(G)193 COSHH Essentials: easy steps to control chemicals
L23 Manual Handling: Guidance on Regulations

BRITISH STANDARDS PUBLICATIONS

BS4275: Recommendations for the Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Equipment
EN166: Personal eye protection - specifications
EN420: General requirements for gloves

INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS as required by Detergents Regulation (EC) No 648/2004

Ingredient	Concentration	CAS No	INCI name	Pharmacopoeia name
Xylene	10% or more	1330-20-7	-	-

The information contained in the Health and Safety Data Sheet is provided in accordance with the requirements of the CHIP Regulations. The product should not be used for purposes other than those shown in section 1 without first referring to the supplier and obtaining written handling instructions. As the specific conditions of use of the product are outside the suppliers control, the user is responsible for ensuring that the requirements of relevant legislation are complied with. This information contained in the safety data sheet is based on present knowledge and current national legislation. It provides guidance on health, safety and environmental aspects of the product and should not be construed as any guarantee of technical performance or suitability for particular application.