

PG-AR-AC Paving Grade Asphalt

SECTION 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: PG-AR-AC Paving Grade Asphalt	Formula: Mixture
Synonyms/Common Names: Asphalt cement, paving asphalt, petroleum asphalt, petroleum-derived asphalt concrete	
Manufacturer/Contact Info: CalMat Co., d.b.a. Vulcan Materials Company, Western Division Safety and Health Department 3200 San Fernando Road Los Angeles, California 90065-1415	General Phone Number: 323-258-2777 (8-5,PST, M-F) Emergency Phone Number: 1.866.401.5424 (3E Company, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week)

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Components	CAS No.	% by Weight
Asphalt	8052-42-4	0-100
May contain:		
Vacuum tower bottoms	64741-56-6	0-100
Heavy naph. petroleum distillates	64741-53-3	4-60
Aromatic extract oil	64742-11-6	<30
Hydrogen sulfide	7783-06-4	<0.1

SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

WARNING

Do not let hot material contact skin or eyes. Contact with hot asphalt can cause severe burns to eyes and skin. Fumes, mists or vapors may cause eye, skin or respiratory irritation. Contains or may release hydrogen sulfide gas (H₂S), which may accumulate in confined spaces. H₂S fumes and vapors may be harmful or fatal if inhaled.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Note: The major hazard associated with asphalt mixes is their ability, when heated, to cause severe thermal burns. Avoid contact with eyes and skin.

Primary Routes of Exposure:

Eyes, skin, inhalation.

Eye Contact:

Direct contact with hot material can cause severe thermal burns. May scratch the eye causing tearing, redness and a stinging sensation. Fumes, vapors or mists may be irritating.

Skin Contact:

Direct contact with hot material can cause severe thermal burns. There may be an increased sensitivity to the sun (photosensitization) when the skin is exposed to petroleum asphalt emissions (fumes, vapors or mists). May scratch the skin causing irritation. See Section 11 for additional information.

Skin Absorption:

Repeated or prolonged exposure may result in absorption of component petroleum distillates. See Section 11 for additional information.

Inhalation:

Emissions from the heated material may have an unpleasant odor and may cause moderate to severe irritation of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, headaches, nausea and dizziness. Toxic hydrogen sulfide gas may be released. Do not depend upon sense of smell for warning of overexposure, since the gas causes rapid olfactory fatigue which deadens the sense of smell at levels as low as 50 ppm. Unconsciousness and asphyxiation may occur in poorly ventilated or confined spaces. See Section 11 for additional information.

Ingestion:

Direct contact with heated material can cause severe thermal burns. Asphalt has a low toxicity when ingested, however, chewing and swallowing asphalt may cause gastrointestinal effects. Gastric masses (Bezoars) and stomach (pyloric) obstructions have been reported in individuals who have chewed and swallowed asphalt. Aspiration of product into lungs may occur when vomiting, and may result in pulmonary edema and/or chemical pneumonia.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Effects Following Prolonged or Repeated Exposure:

Prolonged and repeated exposure may cause skin disorders and/or effects on the lung. See Section 11 for additional information.

Carcinogenicity:

The following components of this product have been listed as carcinogens by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): some petroleum asphalts and heavy naphthenic distillates/aromatic extract oils. See Section 11 for additional information.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:

Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause skin disorders such as dermatitis (reddening, itching, cracking, inflammation), folliculitis, acne-like lesions, bronchitis, pneumonitis (inflammation of the lungs), reduced appetite, abnormal fatigue.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:

Pre-existing medical conditions that may be aggravated by exposure include disorders of the eye, skin and/or lung (including asthma and/or other breathing disorders).

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eyes:

Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of clean water for at least 15 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Occasionally lift the eyelid(s) to ensure thorough rinsing. Beyond flushing, do not attempt to remove material from the eye(s). Contact a physician if irritation persists or later develops. Thermal burns require immediate medical attention.

Skin:

Hot Material: Remove contaminated clothing, if possible, and immediately flush skin in cool water for at least 15 minutes. Iced water or cold packs may be applied to burned area. Do not attempt to remove material from a burn. Get immediate medical attention. **Cold Material:** Clean exposed skin with soap or mild detergent and large amounts of water until all material is removed from the skin. Do not use solvents or thinners to remove material from skin.

Inhalation:

Remove person to fresh air. If lung irritation persists or later develops, contact a physician. If not breathing, initiate rescue breathing, give oxygen by trained personnel and get immediate medical attention. Do not attempt to rescue victim from confined spaces without adequate protective equipment.

Ingestion:

If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Drink a large volume of water and get immediate medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to prevent aspiration.

Notes to Physician:

In general, emesis induction is unnecessary in high viscosity, low volatility products. Inhalation exposure of hydrogen sulfide may result in pulmonary congestion. Patients may be predisposed to pneumonia during convalescence, and should be kept under observation. Contact a Poison Center for additional treatment information.

For emergencies, contact 3E Company at 1-866-401-5424 (24 hours/day, 7 days/week).

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point (Method Used):

Product: >500°F (min). COC

Flammable Limits:

LEL: Not applicable

UEL: Not applicable

Autoignition Temperature:

Not available

Extinguishing Media:

Agents approved for Class B hazards (e.g., dry chemical, carbon dioxide, halogenated agents, foam, and steam) and water fog. Avoid use of straight-stream water. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Adding water to hot asphalt presents an explosion hazard.

Special Firefighting Procedures:

Avoid breathing irritating and potentially toxic fumes, including hydrogen sulfide gas. Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved positive pressure breathing apparatus (SCBA) with full face mask and full protective equipment.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

Do not heat above flash point. Fumes/vapors can explode when concentrated in an enclosed environment and supplied with an ignition source. Never weld or use a cutting torch or open flame on a full, partially full or empty bin, hopper, or other container that holds or has held asphaltic material unless precautions are taken to prevent explosion. Adding water to hot asphalt presents an explosion hazard.

WARNING: Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and other hazardous gases/vapors may evolve and collect in the headspace of storage tanks or other enclosed vessels, and can create an explosive, toxic, or oxygen deficient atmosphere. H₂S gas is extremely flammable and can explode if an ignition source is provided. See Sections 3 and 11 for health effects of H₂S gas.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Precautions if Material is Spilled or Released:

Ventilate area and avoid emission inhalation or skin contact by using appropriate precautions outlined in this MSDS (see Section 8). Keep all sources of ignition at least 50 feet away. Prevent materials from entering streams, drainages, or sewers. Spills entering surface waters or sewers entering/leading to surface waters must be reported to the National Response Center 1-800-424-8802. Based on volume and use, components of this product may be subject to reporting requirements of Title III of SARA, 1986, and 40 CFR 372.

For emergencies, contact 3E Company at 1-866-401-5424 (24 hours/day, 7 days/week).

Waste Disposal Methods:

Contact the asphalt plant to determine feasibility of recycling material. Dispose of waste materials in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Environmental Precautions:

Stop leak and contain spilled material with sand, aggregate fines, or other inert adsorbent. Collect adsorbed product and clean up materials in appropriate container for proper disposal. Notify proper authorities.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Storage:**

Store away from all ignition sources and open flames in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Vapors containing hydrogen sulfide may accumulate during storage or transport of asphaltic materials. When petroleum asphalt products are heated, potentially irritating emissions (fumes, mists, vapors) may be released.

Handling:

Follow personal protection and protective controls set forth in Section 8 of this MSDS when handling this product. If personnel must enter a tank or other confined space that contained this material, follow the OSHA Confined Space Entry Program as specified in 29 CFR 1910.146. Do not store near food, beverages or smoking materials. Avoid personal contact with heated material. Respirable crystalline silica-containing dust may be generated when hardened asphalt concrete is subjected to mechanical forces, such as demolition work, surface treatment (sanding, grooving, chiseling, etc.), and/or recycling of pavement.

Do not attempt to clean empty containers since residue is difficult to remove. Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, flame, sparks, static electricity, or other sources of ignition as they may explode and cause injury or death.

Tripping accidents have occurred because of asphalt buildup on bottoms of shoes and boots; buildup should be removed regularly to prevent such accidents. Do not use solvents or thinners to clean footwear.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION**Legend:**

NE = Not Established; PEL = Permissible Exposure Limit; TLV = Threshold Limit Value; REL = Recommended Exposure Limit; OSHA = Occupational Safety and Health Administration; MSHA = Mine Safety and Health Administration; NIOSH = National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Component	OSHA/MSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	NIOSH REL
Asphalt Fumes	NE	0.5 mg/m ³ (as benzene-soluble aerosol)	REL-Ceiling 5 ppm
Particulates not otherwise classified	15 mg/m ³ (total dust) 5 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)	10 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction) 3 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)	NE
Ammonia (NH ₃)	PEL 50 ppm	TLV 25 ppm TLV-STEL 35 ppm	REL 25 ppm REL-Ceiling 35 ppm
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	PEL 50 ppm	25 ppm	REL 35 ppm REL-Ceiling 200 ppm
Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S)	PEL-Ceiling 20 ppm	TLV 10 ppm TLV-STEL 15 ppm	REL-Ceiling 10 ppm
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	PEL-Ceiling 5 ppm	TLV 3 ppm TLV-STEL 5 ppm	REL-STEL 1 ppm
Ozone (O ₃)	PEL 0.1 ppm	0.05 ppm	REL-Ceiling 0.1 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	PEL 5 ppm	TLV-STEL 0.25 ppm	REL 2 ppm REL-STEL 5 ppm

Eye Protection:

Use a full-face shield and chemical safety goggles if handling heated material. Safety glasses with side shields should be worn as minimum protection at ambient temperatures. Contact lens should not be worn when eye contact with product is possible.

Effects Following Prolonged or Repeated Exposure:

Prolonged and repeated exposure to asphalt may cause skin disorders such as dermatitis, folliculitis, and acne-like lesions, or more rarely, pigmentation of the skin. Chronic inhalation of high concentrations of asphalt emissions may cause chronic bronchitis and pneumonitis (inflammation of the lungs). In mice, there was damage to the lungs, including bronchitis, pneumonitis, and abscess formation. Guinea pigs and rats showed pneumonitis, peribronchial adenomatosis, and some squamous cell metaplasia.

This material contains heavy vacuum distillates/aromatic extract oils. Repeated dermal application of these oils to experimental animals has been reported to cause skin disorders, effects on the liver, thymus and blood forming organs, as well as fetal death and birth defects.

Repeated exposure to low levels of H₂S may cause eye effects including conjunctivitis and corneal injury. There is no evidence that H₂S will accumulate in the body tissue.

Skin Protection (Protective Gloves/Clothing):

Avoid skin contact with material by wearing impervious gloves and protective clothing. With product at ambient temperatures, use disposable nitrile, neoprene or butyl rubber material. When handling hot material, use heat-resistant gloves. Use insulated, heat-resistant clothing as necessary.

Respiratory Protection:

Not expected to be necessary under normal use and working conditions. All respirators must be NIOSH-approved for the exposure levels present. (See NIOSH Respirator Selection Guide). The need for respiratory protection should be evaluated by a qualified safety and health professional. For air-contaminant concentrations which exceed or are likely to exceed applicable exposure limits, use a NIOSH-approved, contaminant-specific, air-purifying respirator. If such conditions are sufficiently high that the air-purifying respirator is inadequate, or if oxygen adequate to sustain life is not present, use a positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus. Respirator use must comply with applicable MSHA (42 CFR 84) or OSHA (29 CFR 1910.134) standards, which include provisions for a user training program, respirator inspection, repair and cleaning, respirator fit testing, medical surveillance and other requirements.

Engineering Controls:

General dilution or local exhaust ventilation as required to maintain exposures below appropriate exposure limits. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Activities with dried/hardened product that generate dust require the use of general ventilation, local exhaust and/or wet suppression methods to maintain exposures below appropriate exposure limits.

Other:

Workers should station themselves on the upwind side of asphalt emissions when possible. It is recommended that asphalt emissions be monitored regularly to determine exposure levels. Respirable dust and quartz levels should be monitored regularly to determine worker exposure levels. Exposure levels in excess of appropriate exposure limits must be reduced by all feasible engineering controls, including (but not limited to), ventilation, process enclosure, and/or enclosed employee workstations.

Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking, and/or using toilet facilities. A clean water supply for emergency first aid and washing facilities should be readily available. Do not use solvents or thinners to remove material from skin. Laundering clothing between uses is recommended.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point: 316-204°C	pH: Not applicable	Specific Gravity (H₂O = 1): 0.99 - 1.04
Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1): Not available	Melting Point: 38-57°C	Vapor Pressure (mm Hg.): >1
Solubility in Water: Negligible	Vapor Density (Air = 1): >1	% Volatile: >1
Appearance and Odor: Black, viscous. Petroleum odor.		

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.
Conditions to Avoid: Keep away from direct flame/ignition sources. Contact with incompatible materials should be avoided (see below). See Sections 5, 6 and 7 for additional information.
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Strong oxidizers may react with hydrocarbons. Contact with fluorine may cause burning or explosion. Adding water to hot asphalt presents an explosion hazard.
Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts: Carbon monoxide and other compounds (such as amines, ammonia, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone, hydrogen sulfide, and various hydrocarbons) may be released by thermal decomposition. Hazardous vapors can collect in enclosed vessels or areas if not properly ventilated. If hydrogen sulfide is present, the flammable limits range from 4.3 to 45.5% by volume and its presence may promote the formation of pyrophoric (spontaneously igniting) iron compounds (See 29 CFR 1910.146). Silica-containing respirable dust particles can be generated. When heated, quartz is slowly transformed into tridymite (above 860°C/1580°F) and cristobalite (above 1470°C/2678°F). Both tridymite and cristobalite are other forms of crystalline silica and are considered more fibrogenic to the lungs than quartz.
Hazardous Polymerization: Not known to occur.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Effects: Asphalt has oral LD50 (rats) >5g/kg. Petroleum-derived asphalt products should not be confused with "tar" products, which are produced from the destructive distillation of coal. The hydrocarbons in petroleum asphalt are a complex mixture of paraffinic, naphthenic, and aromatic hydrocarbons, including polycyclic aromatic compounds. Contains or may release hydrogen sulfide (H ₂ S) gas. Exposure to H ₂ S concentrations above the permissible exposure limit causes irritation of the mucous membranes, headache, dizziness, vomiting, coughing, nasal discharge and pulmonary edema. At levels between 500 and 700 ppm, respiratory paralysis, loss of consciousness and possibly death can occur within 30 to 60 minutes. Exposure to higher concentrations can result in immediate death. Repeated exposure to low levels may also cause eye effects including conjunctivitis and corneal injury. There is no evidence that H ₂ S will accumulate in the body tissue after repeated overexposure.
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Carcinogenicity:

Skin application of asphalt fume condensate fractions caused skin tumors in laboratory mice. When asphalt was dissolved or mixed with a solvent prior to exposing laboratory animals, the carcinogenicity results were weakly positive. The causal agent is thought to be 4 to 6 ring polycyclic aromatic compounds (PAH). Trace amounts of these materials may be present in asphalts and can be generated upon excessive heating. Some PAHs have been identified as causing carcinogenic and reproductive effects. Currently, epidemiological evidence does not support a link between asphalt exposure and human skin cancer.

Repeated breathing of asphalt emissions has not resulted in a carcinogenic response in laboratory animal testing. Although epidemiological studies on asphalt workers have suggested a possible link between asphalt fumes and certain types of cancer, confounding factors such as smoking and concomitant exposure to other agents in the workplace may have influenced the results of these studies. Asphalt is not listed as a carcinogen by the National Toxicology Program (NTP) or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). In 1985, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) determined that there is inadequate evidence that asphalt alone is carcinogenic to humans. However, IARC states that there is sufficient evidence that extracts (asphalts dissolved in hydrocarbon solvents) are carcinogenic to laboratory animals. Although epidemiological studies on some petroleum products containing polycyclic aromatics suggest the possibility of skin cancer induction in humans, a link between petroleum asphalt exposure and human skin cancer has not been established.

This material contains heavy vacuum distillates/aromatic extract oils. IARC has determined that there is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for their carcinogenicity, and has classified these oils as Group 1, or human carcinogens.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Aquatic Ecotoxicological Data:**

No specific data on this product. The asphalt component may cause damage to aquatic organisms.

Environmental Fate Data:

Significant migration into the environment and bioaccumulation are unlikely. Expected to be resistant to biodegradation.

Other:

No specific data on this product.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Place contaminated materials in appropriate containers and dispose of in a manner consistent with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Prevent from entering drainage, sewer systems, and unintended bodies of water. It is the responsibility of the user to determine, at the time of disposal, whether product meets criteria for hazardous waste. Product uses, transformations, mixture and processes, may render the resulting material hazardous.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION [Note: Not intended to be all-inclusive.]

DOT Proper Shipping Name: Not regulated.	DOT Hazard Classification: Not applicable.
UN/NA Number: Not regulated.	DOT Packing Group: Not applicable.
Labeling Requirements: If the shipping temperature of a solid equals or exceeds 464°F, DOT regulation classifies the solid as an "Elevated Temperature Material", and a "HOT" label is required. Label as required by the OSHA Hazard Communication standard [29 CFR 1910.1200(f)], and applicable state and local regulations.	

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION [Note: Not intended to be all-inclusive.]

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA): The components in this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt.
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA): Releases of this material to water may be reportable to the National Response Center under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) or to state and local emergency planning committees under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. It is recommended that you contact state and local authorities to determine if there are any local reporting requirements in the event of a spill.
Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Title III:
Section 302 extremely hazardous substances: None
Section 311/312 hazard categories: Immediate Health Delayed Health
Section 313 reportable ingredients at or above de minimus concentrations: None