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n-Hexyl Lithium 33% in Hexane

INTRODUCTION

n-Hexyllithium in hexane solution (HxLi) is an organolithium compound primarily used in organic synthesis as a strong base, alkylating agent, and lithiation reagent. It is particularly effective in the deprotonation of weakly acidic compounds.

Handling n-Hexyllithium requires strict safety precautions due to its highly reactive nature, particularly due to its sensitivity to moisture, air, and heat.

MANUFACTURE

The manufacturing process typically involves the reaction of n-hexyl chloride ($C_6H_{13}CI$) with a lithium metal in a hydrocarbon solvent, like hexane.

Synonym	n-Hexyllithium, Hexane - lithium complex; 1-Lithiohexane	
CAS no.	21369-64-2	
EINECS no.	404-950-0	
Molecular formula	CH ₃ (CH ₂)5Li	
Molecular weight	92.11	
Structure	Li	

APPLICATIONS

Due to its high reactivity, n-Hexyllithium is crucial in synthetic chemistry and helps in creating compounds used across various industries, including pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, materials science, and polymer production. Some of the key applications for n-Hexyllithium are as follows;

- Grignard-like reactions with carbonyl compounds
- Formation of organometallic intermediates for further synthesis
- Lithiation of aromatic compounds for selective substitution
- Synthesis of conjugated dienes and other specialized organic molecules
- Polymerization initiation for synthetic rubbers or specialty plastics
- Preparation of lithium enolates for carbonyl chemistry
- Synthesis of organosilicon compounds
- Regioselective lithiation for complex molecule synthesis
- Reduction reactions involving electrophilic groups



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SPECIFICATIONS

Test	Unit	Specifications
Appearance	-	Pale yellow to dark yellow color liquid
Solubility	-	Soluble in Hexane and Tetrahydrofuran
Weight /mL (at 20°C)	gm /mL	0.700 – 0.720
Molarity	M	NLT 2.55
Assay (Chemical Analysis)	%	NLT 33.0

STORAGE

Recommended storage temperature 2° to 8°C under inert gas.

Air & moisture sensitive, hence store in airtight, moisture-resistant sealed containers.

Shipped in reefer container.

PACKING

500 Ltrs. UN-approved cylinder.

REACH Status

Not registered.

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