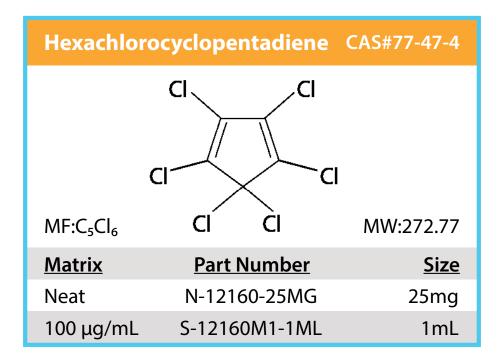




Hexachlorocyclopentadiene

Hexachlocyclopentadiene is a precursor for several pesticides and flame retardants. This material is used in many Diels-Alder reactions for the synthesis of pesticides such as Aldrin, Chlordane, Endrin, Heptachlor, Isobenzan and Endosulfan. These cyclodiene pesticides were widely used to treat seeds and soil, to protect homes from termites, as a rodenticide, etc. Studies have shown these cyclodiene pesticides to have carcinogenic or toxic properties and to be persistent organic pollutants. For these reasons, most cyclodiene pesticides are banned or discontinued in many countries.



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