

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Acetonitrile

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

Target Organs

Lungs, Blood, Kidney, Liver, Central nervous system

WHMIS Classification

B2 Flammable liquid
D2B

Flammable liquid
Moderate eye irritant

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H302 + H312 Harmful if swallowed or in contact with skin.
H316 Causes mild skin irritation.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
H332 Harmful if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P280 Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 3
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 2
Fire: 3
Reactivity Hazard: 0

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Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion Harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Methyl cyanide
ACN

Formula : C_2H_3N
Molecular Weight : 41.05 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Acetonitrile			
75-05-8	200-835-2	608-001-00-3	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

For small (incipient) fires, use media such as "alcohol" foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide. For large fires, apply water from as far as possible. Use very large quantities (flooding) of water applied as a mist or spray; solid streams of water may be ineffective. Cool all affected containers with flooding quantities of water.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and place in container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Store in cool place.

Handle and store under inert gas.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	TWA	20 ppm	2006-11-29	Canada. British Columbia OEL
Remarks	Contributes significantly to the overall exposure by the skin route.				
		TWAE V	20 ppm	2005-12-17	Canada. Ontario OELs
	Skin				
		TWA	40 ppm 67 mg/m3	2007-01-01	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
		STEL	60 ppm 101 mg/m3	2007-01-01	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
		TWAE V	40 ppm 67 mg/m3	2006-12-29	Canada. Quebec OELs
		STEV	60 ppm 101 mg/m3	2006-12-29	Canada. Quebec OELs

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves.

Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses

Skin and body protection

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form liquid, clear

Colour colourless

Odour pungent

Safety data

pH no data available

Melting point -48 °C (-54 °F)

Boiling point 81 - 82 °C (178 - 180 °F)

Flash point 2.0 °C (35.6 °F) - closed cup

Ignition temperature 523 °C (973 °F)

Lower explosion limit 4.4 %(V)

Upper explosion limit 16 %(V)

Vapour pressure 97.1 hPa (72.8 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)

Density 0.786 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)

Water solubility soluble

Partition coefficient:
n-octanol/water log Pow: -0.34

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

Materials to avoid

acids, Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Alkali metals

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,460 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 8 h - 7551 ppm

Remarks: Behavioral: Altered sleep time (including change in righting reflex). Behavioral: Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold. Blood: Hemorrhage.

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 2,000 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Mild skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Did not cause sensitization on laboratory animals.

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (GHS)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (GHS)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Treat as cyanide poisoning., Always have on hand a cyanide first-aid kit, together with proper instructions., The onset of symptoms is generally delayed pending conversion to cyanide., Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Headache, Dizziness, Rash, Cyanosis, excitement, depression, Drowsiness, impaired judgment, Lack of coordination, stupor, death

Additional Information

RTECS: AL7700000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 1,640.00 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates.	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 3,600.00 mg/l - 48 h
	NOEC - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 640 mg/l - 14 d

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN-Number: 1648 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Acetonitrile
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN-Number: 1648 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D
Proper shipping name: ACETONITRILE
Marine pollutant: No

IATA

UN-Number: 1648 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Acetonitrile

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**DSL Status**

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

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16. OTHER INFORMATION**Further information**

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