

# **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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1. Identification

Product Name Acetonitrile

Cat No.: AC615140000; AC615140025

Synonyms AN; Methyl cyanide; Ethanenitrile

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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# 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids

Acute oral toxicity

Acute dermal toxicity

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

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### **Label Elements**

## Signal Word

Danger

## **Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor Harmful if swallowed Harmful in contact with skin Causes serious eye irritation Harmful if inhaled

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## **Precautionary Statements**

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking

Keep container tightly closed

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment

Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment

Use only non-sparking tools

Take precautionary measures against static discharge

#### Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Skin

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

#### **Eves**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Rinse mouth

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

# Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

## Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

## Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

# 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	>95

## 4. First-aid measures

General Advice Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in

attendance.

**Eye Contact**Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact** Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical

attention is required.

Move to fresh air. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration. Do not Inhalation

use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper

respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Ingestion

Most important symptoms/effects Breathing difficulties. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness,

> nausea and vomiting: Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea

and vomiting

Treat symptomatically Notes to Physician

# Fire-fighting measures

Water spray, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Cool closed containers **Suitable Extinguishing Media** 

exposed to fire with water spray.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Water may be ineffective, Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire

**Flash Point** 12.8 °C / 55 °F

Method -No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** 525 °C / 977 °F

**Explosion Limits** 

Upper 16 vol % Lower 3 vol % Not oxidising **Oxidizing Properties** 

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

## **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Flammable. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid) Nitrogen oxides (NOx) Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO2)

## **Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	3	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. **Personal Precautions** 

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure

adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment.

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological

information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

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Provide adequate ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal, Prevent product from entering drains.

## 7. Handling and storage

Handling

Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

Storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Flammables area.

# 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

#### **Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Acetonitrile	TWA: 20 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 40 ppm	IDLH: 500 ppm IDLH: 25	TWA: 40 ppm
	Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 70 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m³	TWA: 70 mg/m³ TWA: 5
		(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 20 ppm	mg/m³
		(Vacated) STEL: 60 ppm	TWA: 34 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 60 ppm
		(Vacated) STEL: 105 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		STEL: 105 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
		TWA: 40 ppm		-
		TWA: 70 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations

and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof

electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by **Eye/face Protection** 

OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard

EN166.

Skin and body protection Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard

> EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures** When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area

and clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Physical State** Liquid Appearance Colorless Odor aromatic **Odor Threshold** 170 ppm

No information available рH

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Melting Point/Range -46 °C / -50.8 °F

**Boiling Point/Range** 81 - 82 °C / 177.8 - 179.6 °F @ 760 mmHg

Flash Point 12.8 °C / 55 °F

Evaporation Rate 5.79

Flammability (solid,gas) Not applicable

Flammability or explosive limits

Upper 16 vol % Lower 3 vol %

Vapor Pressure97 mbar @ 20 °CVapor Density1.42Specific Gravity0.781

Solubility

Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water

0.761

miscible

No data available

Autoignition Temperature525 °C / 977 °FDecomposition TemperatureNo information availableViscosity0.36 °C at 20 °C

Molecular Formula 0.36 CF C2 H3 N

Molecular Formula C2 H3 I Molecular Weight 41.05

# 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard None known, based on information available

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Exposure to moisture.

Incompatible Materials Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Reducing agents, Bases

Hazardous Decomposition Products Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid), Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Carbon monoxide (CO),

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions**None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Acute Toxicity** 

**Product Information** 

**Component Information** 

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Acetonitrile	ATE = 617 mg/kg	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	ATE = 3587 ppm
	450-787 mg/kg (Rat)		7551 ppm (Rat) 8 h
	2460 mg/kg (Rat)		

Toxicologically Synergistic No information available

**Products** 

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes

Sensitization No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	Not listed				

Mutagenic Effects No information available

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**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

No information available. **Teratogenicity** 

STOT - single exposure None known STOT - repeated exposure None known

No information available **Aspiration hazard** 

delayed

Symptoms / effects,both acute and Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

No information available **Endocrine Disruptor Information** 

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

# 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** 

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Acetonitrile	Not listed	LC50: = 1650 mg/L, 96h	EC50 = 28000 mg/L 48 h	EC50: = 5838 mg/L, 18h
		static (Poecilia reticulata)	EC50 = 73  mg/L  24  h	(Daphnia pulex)
		LC50: = 1850 mg/L, 96h	EC50 = 7500  mg/L  15  h	
		static (Lepomis macrochirus)		
		LC50: = 1000 mg/L, 96h		
		static (Pimephales		
		promelas)		
		LC50: 1600 - 1690 mg/L,		
		96h flow-through		
		(Pimephales promelas)		

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Acetonitrile	-0.34

# 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** 

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8	U003	=

## 14. Transport information

DOT

**UN-No** UN1648 **Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE** 

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**Hazard Class** Ш **Packing Group** 

**TDG** 

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UN-No UN1648

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Hazard Class 3 Packing Group II

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UN-No UN1648

Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE

Hazard Class 3
Packing Group ||

IMDG/IMO

**UN-No** UN1648

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Hazard Class 3
Packing Group ||

# 15. Regulatory information

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

#### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Acetonitrile	Х	Χ	-	200-835-2	-		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ

### Legend:

X - Listed

- E Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- F Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- N Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- P Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- R Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- S Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
- T Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- XU Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B).
- Y1 Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- Y2 Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### **TSCA 12(b)**

#### **SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	>95	1.0

### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute Health Hazard

Chronic Health Hazard

Fire Hazard

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

No

Reactive Hazard

No

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** 

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Acetonitrile	-	-	X	X

Clean Air Act

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Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors			

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Acetonitrile	X	-

# **OSHA** Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Not applicable

#### **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Acetonitrile	5000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65** 

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

## U.S. State Right-to-Know

Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Acetonitrile	X	X	X	X	X

### **U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

## Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Serious risk, Grade 3

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Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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