

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Acetonitrile

Product Number : 34998
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 608-001-00-3
CAS-No. : 75-05-8

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]

Flammable liquids (Category 2)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
Eye irritation (Category 2)

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

Highly flammable. Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Irritating to eyes.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 : Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.
H302 : Harmful if swallowed.
H312 : Harmful in contact with skin.

H332	Harmful if inhaled.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended.

Hazard symbol(s)



R-phrases(s)

R11	Highly flammable.
R20/21/22	Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R36	Irritating to eyes.

S-phrases(s)

S16	Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
S36/37	Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

2.3 Other hazards - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Methyl cyanide
ACN

Formula : C₂H₃N
Molecular Weight : 41.05 g/mol

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

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

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.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

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

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
no data available

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

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.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)

5.3 Precautions for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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.

6.2 Environmental precautions

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

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 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.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. 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.

Handle and store under inert gas.

7.3 Specific end uses

no data available

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	TWA	40 ppm 70 mg/m ³	Europe. Indicative occupational exposure limit values
	Remarks	Identifies the possibility of significant uptake through the skin		

		Indicative		
		STEL	60 ppm 102 mg/m ³	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
		TWA	40 ppm 68 mg/m ³	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

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

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

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).

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) Appearance | Form: liquid, clear
Colour: colourless |
| b) Odour | pungent |
| c) Odour Threshold | no data available |
| d) pH | no data available |
| e) Melting/freezing point | Melting point/range: -48 °C - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 81 - 82 °C - lit. |
| g) Flash point | 2.0 °C - closed cup |
| h) Evaporation rate | no data available |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas) | no data available |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 16 %(V)
Lower explosion limit: 4.4 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure | 97.1 hPa at 20.0 °C |
| l) Vapour density | no data available |

m) Relative density	0.786 g/cm ³ at 25 °C
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.34
p) Autoignition temperature	523.0 °C
q) Decomposition temperature	no data available
r) Viscosity	no data available
s) Explosive properties	no data available
t) Oxidizing properties	no data available

9.2 Other safety information

no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

no data available

10.2 Chemical stability

no data available

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

10.5 Incompatible materials

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

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

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

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

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects**Inhalation**

Harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.

Ingestion

Harmful if swallowed.

Skin

Harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.

Eyes

Causes eye burns.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

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Additional Information

RTECS: AL7700000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**12.1 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

12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**14.1 UN-Number**

ADR/RID: 1648

IMDG: 1648

IATA: 1648

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: ACETONITRILE

IMDG: ACETONITRILE

IATA: Acetonitrile

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 3

IMDG: 3

IATA: 3

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II

IMDG: II

IATA: II

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for users

no data available

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

no data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

no data available

16. OTHER INFORMATION**Further information**

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