

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

[Required under safety and health regulations for shipping and handling]

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## SECTION 1. - - - - - PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION - - - - - - -

Product Name Acetonitrile
Product Code(s) AC1400

Recommended Use For Laboratory Research Use Only

Not for Human or Animal Drug Use

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#### SECTION 2. ----- HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION -----

#### Classification

Flammable liquid - Category 2; Acute toxicity (Oral) - Category 4; Acute toxicity (Dermal) - Category 4; Acute toxicity (Inhalation) - Category 4; Eye irritation - Category 2A

## **Label Elements**





# Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary Statement(s): Prevention:

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

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

Response:

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

Continue rinsing.

In case of fire: Use appropriate foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder to extinguish. Storage:

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Disposal:

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

## Other Hazards

May be a health and fire hazard in a confined space.

# SECTION 3. ---- COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS -----

Chemical Name	EC No.	CAS-No	Weight %
Acetonitrile	200-835-2	75-05-8	<100

# SECTION 4. - - - - - FIRST-AID MEASURES- - - - - First-aid Measures

#### Inhalation

Take precautions to prevent a fire (e.g. remove sources of ignition). Take precautions to ensure your own safety before attempting rescue (e.g. wear appropriate protective equipment). Remove source of exposure or move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should administer emergency oxygen if advised to do so by Poison Centre or doctor. If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should begin rescue breathing. Get medical advice or attention if you feel unwell or are concerned. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor.

#### **Skin Contact**

Avoid direct contact. Wear chemical protective clothing if necessary. Take off contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). Immediately wash gently and thoroughly with lukewarm, gently flowing water and mild soap for 15-20 minutes. Thoroughly clean clothing, shoes and leather goods before reuse or dispose of safely.

# **Eye Contact**

Immediately rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face.

### Ingestion

Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth if person is rapidly losing consciousness, or is unconscious or convulsing. Do not induce vomiting. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should administer emergency oxygen if advised to do so by the Poison Centre or doctor. If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should immediately begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped, trained personnel should start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or automated external defibrillation (AED). Avoid mouth-to-mouth contact by using a barrier device. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor.

#### **First-aid Comments**

Get medical advice or attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

# Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

If inhaled and/or on skin: can irritate the nose and throat. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath, difficult breathing and tightness in the chest. Can harm the nervous system. Symptoms may include headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion. A severe exposure can cause unconsciousness. In severe cases, symptoms may include fatigue, shortness of breath, bluish lips and skin, headache, nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, dizziness and confusion. In severe cases, death can result.

#### **Immediate Medical Attention and Special**

#### **Treatment Target Organs**

Nervous system, respiratory system.

## **Special Instructions**

Treat as cyanide poisoning.

## **Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure**

Nervous system conditions, respiratory conditions, kidney conditions, liver conditions.

# SECTION 5. ----- FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES -----

# **Extinguishing Media**

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or appropriate foam. Special "alcohol resistant fire-fighting foams". Use water to keep non-leaking, fire-exposed containers cool.

# **Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

Water is not effective for extinguishing a fire. It may not cool product below its flash point.

## Specific Hazards Arising from the Product

Flammable liquid and vapour. Can ignite at room temperature. Releases vapour that can form explosive mixture with air. May accumulate in hazardous amounts in low-lying areas especially inside confined spaces, resulting in

a fire and/or health hazard. Closed containers may rupture violently when heated releasing contents. See Section 9 (Physical and Chemical Properties) for flash point and explosive limits.

# Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

Use extreme caution. Evacuate area. Approach fire from upwind to avoid hazardous vapours or gases. Stop leak before attempting to put out the fire. Product could form an explosive mixture and reignite. If the leak cannot be stopped, let the fire burn itself out. Before entry, especially into confined areas, use an appropriate monitor to check for: toxic gases or vapours, flammable or explosive atmosphere. For a massive fire, immediately evacuate the area and use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles.

A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit with positive pressure SCBA may be necessary.

# SECTION 6. ----- ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES-----

# Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures

Evacuate the area immediately. Isolate the hazard area. Keep out unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Eliminate all ignition sources. Use grounded, explosion-proof equipment. Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any waterway. If the spill is inside a building, prevent product from entering drains, ventilation systems and confined areas.

# Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Small spills or leaks: contain and soak up spill with absorbent that does not react with spilled product. Place used absorbent into suitable, covered, labelled containers for disposal. Large spills or leaks: dike spilled product to prevent runoff. Collect using shovel/scoop or approved HEPA vacuum and place in a suitable container for disposal. Store recovered product in suitable containers that are: covered.

## SECTION 7. ----- HANDLING AND STORAGE-----

# **Precautions for Safe Handling**

Do not breathe in this product. Prevent all skin contact. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Do not swallow. Only use where there is adequate ventilation. Electrically bond and ground equipment. Ground clips must contact bare metal. Wash hands thoroughly after handling this product and before eating, using the washroom or leaving work area. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

#### **Conditions for Safe Storage**

Store in an area that is: cool, well-ventilated, out of direct sunlight and away from heat and ignition sources, secure and separate from work areas. Store in a closed container.

## SECTION 8. - - - - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION - - - -

#### **Control Parameters**

	ACGIH TLV®		OSHA PEL		AIHA WEEL	
Chemical Name	TWA	STEL	TWA	Ceiling	8-hr TWA	TWA
Acetonitrile	20 ppm	20 ppm	40 ppm			

#### **Appropriate Engineering Controls**

Exhaust directly to the outside, taking any necessary precautions for environmental protection. Use non-sparking ventilation systems, approved explosion-proof equipment and intrinsically safe electrical systems in areas where this

product is used and stored.

#### **Individual Protection Measures**

#### **Eye/Face Protection**

Wear chemical safety goggles and face shield when contact is possible.

#### Skin Protection

Wear chemical protective clothing e.g. gloves, aprons, boots.

# **Respiratory Protection**

For non-routine or emergency situations: wear a NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or supplied air respirator.

## SECTION 9. ----- PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES -----

# **Basic Physical and Chemical Properties**

Appearance Clear colourless.

Odour Pungent
Odour Threshold Not available
pH Not available

Melting Point/Freezing Point -45.7 °C (-50.3 °F) (melting); Not available (freezing)

Initial Boiling Point/Range 81.60 °C (178.88 °F)

Flash Point 2 °C (36 °F)

Evaporation Rate 5.79 (n-butyl acetate = 1)
Flammability (solid, gas) Not applicable (liquid).
Upper/Lower Flammability or 16% (upper); 3% (lower)

**Explosive Limit** 

Vapour Pressure 9.87 kPa at 20 °C

Vapour Density (air = 1) 1.43

Relative Density (water = 1) 0.786 at 20 °C

**Solubility** Soluble in all proportions in water; Soluble in all proportions in alcohols (e.g.

ethanol).

Partition Coefficient, -0.34

n-Octanol/Water (Log Kow)

**Auto-ignition Temperature** 523 °C (973 °F) **Decomposition Temperature** Not available

Viscosity 0.35 centipoises at 20 °C (dynamic)

Other Information

Physical State Liquid
Molecular Formula CH3CN
Molecular Weight 41.05

#### SECTION 10. - - - - - - Reactivity AND REACTIVITY - - - - - Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions of use.

# **Chemical Stability**

Normally stable.

# **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

None expected under normal conditions of storage and use.

#### **Conditions to Avoid**

Open flames, sparks, static discharge, heat and other ignition sources.

# **Incompatible Materials**

Incompatible with acids, bases, nitrating agents, nitrogen-fluorine compounds, oxidizers, perchlorates, sulfites.

# **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Very toxic carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide; corrosive, oxidizing nitrogen oxides; extremely hazardous hydrogen cyanide.

# SECTION 11. ----- TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION -----

# **Likely Routes of Exposure**

Inhalation; skin contact; eye contact; ingestion.

# **Acute Toxicity**

Chemical Name	LC50	LD50 (oral)	LD50 (dermal)
Acetonitrile	1347 ppm (mouse) (4-hour exposure)	617 mg/kg (mouse)	> 980 mg/kg (rabbit)

#### Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Not a skin irritant.

# Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

Causes serious eye irritation based on skin irritation information. The vapour also irritates or burns the eyes. Permanent damage including blindness can result.

# STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single

# **Exposure Inhalation**

May cause depression of the central nervous system, decreased ability of the blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms may develop hours after exposure and are made worse by physical effort. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath, difficult breathing and tightness in the chest.

# **Skin Absorption**

Can cause effects as described for inhalation.

# Ingestion

Symptoms may include headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion. A severe exposure can cause unconsciousness.

# **Aspiration Hazard**

No information was located.

#### STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure

In severe cases, symptoms may include paleness, abdominal pain, weakness, fever, shortness of breath, rapid heart rate, dark urine and yellowish eyes and skin. Permanent organ damage may occur. The brain and the heart are the most sensitive. In severe cases, symptoms may include fatigue, increased or decreased urination, nausea, and vomiting.

# Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization

Not known to be a skin sensitizer.

# Carcinogenicity

Not a carcinogen.

# **Reproductive Toxicity**

#### **Development of**

#### Offspring

May cause effects on the unborn child based on information for closely related chemicals. However, these effects are only seen with significant toxicity in the mothers.

## **Sexual Function and Fertility**

Not known to cause effects on sexual function or fertility.

#### **Effects on or via Lactation**

No information was located.

#### Germ Cell Mutagenicity

Not mutagenic.

#### **Interactive Effects**

No information was located.

#### SECTION 12. ----- ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION -----

#### **Bioaccumulative Potential**

This product and its degradation products are not expected to bioaccumulate.

# **Mobility in Soil**

If released into the environment, this product can move rapidly through the soil. Contamination of groundwater could occur.

# SECTION 13. ----- DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS -----

#### **Disposal Methods**

Recycle and reuse product, if possible. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

# SECTION 14. ----- TRANSPORT INFORMATION -----

Regulation	UN No.	Proper Shipping Name	Transport Hazard Class(es)	Packing Group
Canadian TDG	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II
US DOT	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II
IATA (Air)	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II
IMO (Marine)	Un1648	Acetonitrile	3	II

**Special Precautions** Not applicable

#### Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

## SECTION 15. ----- REGULATORY INFORMATION -----

# Safety, Health and Environmental

# **Regulations Canada**

Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)

Listed on the DSL.

**CEPA - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)** 

Part 1A.

## **USA**

## **Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b)**

Listed on the TSCA Inventory.

# **Additional USA Regulatory Lists**

This material does not contain any chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of SARA 302 and 40 CFR 372. SARA Title III - Section 311/312: Fire hazard Immediate (acute) health hazard Delayed (chronic) health hazard.

# SECTION 16. ----- OTHER INFORMATION-----

NFPA Rating Health - 2 Flammability - 3 Instability - 0

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