

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium cyanide

Product Number : 60178
Brand : Sigma
Index-No. : 006-007-00-5
CAS-No. : 151-50-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Restrictions on use : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Corrosive to metals	: Category 1
Acute toxicity (Oral)	: Category 2
Acute toxicity (Inhalation)	: Category 2
Acute toxicity (Dermal)	: Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	: Category 1 (Thyroid)
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard	: Category 1
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard	: Category 1

Other hazards

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H300 + H310 + H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H372 Causes damage to organs (Thyroid) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P234 Keep only in original packaging.
P260 Do not breathe dust.
P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.
P284 Wear respiratory protection.
Response:
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call

a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352 + P310 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P314 Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.
P361 + P364 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P391 Collect spillage.

Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.
P406 Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 151-50-8

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Potassium cyanide	151-50-8*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician.
If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all

contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
Call a physician immediately.

- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water.
Call in ophthalmologist.
Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
- Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.
- Notes to physician : No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Water
Foam
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)

Potassium oxides

Specific extinguishing : No data available

methods

Further information : Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet.
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).
Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.
Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

Conditions for safe storage : No metal containers.

Further information on storage conditions : hygroscopic

Tightly closed.
Dry.

Keep in a well-ventilated place.
Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to
qualified or authorised persons.

- Materials to avoid : Do not store near acids.
- Storage class : 6.1A, Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very
toxic hazardous materials
- Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.
- Further information on storage stability : Light sensitive.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	C	4.7 ppm 5 mg/m ³ (Cyanide)	NIOSH REL
		TWA	5 mg/m ³ (Cyanide)	OSHA Z-1
		C	5 mg/m ³ (Cyanide)	ACGIH

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.
Our recommendations on filtering respiratory
protection are based on the following standards: DIN
EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying
standards relating to the used respiratory protection
system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter B-(P3)

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and
testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to
the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be
properly documented.

Hand protection	
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Full contact
Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Splash contact
Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Remarks	: This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Eye protection	: Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses
Skin and body protection	: protective clothing
Hygiene measures	: Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: solid (68 °F / 20 °C, 1,013 hPa)
Colour	: white
Odour	: No data available
Odour Threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point/ range	: 1173 °F / 634 °C
Boiling point/boiling range	: 2,957 °F / 1,625 °C (1,013 hPa)

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Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.55 g/cm ³ (68 °F / 20 °C)
Water solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 65.12 g/mol
Metal corrosion rate	: May be corrosive to metals.
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: No data available
Reactivity	: Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Exothermic reaction with: Fluorine magnesium sodium hypochlorite Risk of explosion with: chlorates nitrites nitrates Strong oxidizing agents permanganates anhydrides mercury(II) nitrate nitrogen trichloride Peroxides perchloryl fluoride A risk of explosion and/or of toxic gas formation exists with the following substances: Water Hydrogen fluoride Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with: Acids
Conditions to avoid	: Avoid moisture. no information available
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

LD₅₀ Oral - Rat - female - 7.49 mg/kg

(Expert judgement)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 0.051 mg/l - dust/mist

(Expert judgement)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - female - 14.29 mg/kg

(Expert judgement)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.17

Result: negative

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.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Thyroid

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Lung irritation, Cyanosis, Central nervous system depression, May cause argyria (a slate-gray or bluish discoloration of the skin and deep tissues due to the deposit of insoluble albuminate of silver)., Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms:, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., pulmonary edema, Lungs, CNS depression with hypertension or circulatory failure, and respiratory depression
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Potassium cyanide:

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia pulex (Water flea)): 0.11 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: static test
Remarks: (ECHA)

M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity) : 10

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 0.01 mg/l
End point: Growth inhibition
Exposure time: 20 d
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: hydrogen cyanide

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity) : 1

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (activated sludge): 2.3 mg/l
Exposure time: 30 min
Test Type: static test
Remarks: (IUCLID)

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Acute aquatic toxicity : Very toxic to aquatic life.

Chronic aquatic toxicity : Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Potassium cyanide:

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Product:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

Components:

Potassium cyanide:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1680
Proper shipping name : Potassium cyanide, solid
Class : 6.1
Packing group : I
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 673
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 666

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IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 1680
Proper shipping name : POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

Class : 6.1
Packing group : I
Labels : 6.1
EmS Code : F-A, S-A
Marine pollutant : yes

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations**49 CFR**

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1680
Proper shipping name : Potassium cyanide, solid

Class : 6.1

Packing group : I
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances
ERG Code : 157
Marine pollutant : yes
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	10	10

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	10	10

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component TPQ (lbs)
Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	100

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313

: The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

The following chemical(s) are listed as HAP under the U.S. Clean Air Act, Section 112 (40 CFR 61):

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Substances are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A:

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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The following Hazardous Chemicals are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3:

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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This product contains the following toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations**Massachusetts Right To Know**

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8
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Pennsylvania Right To Know

Potassium cyanide	151-50-8
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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Potassium cyanide, which is/are known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. **The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	:	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / C	:	Ceiling limit
NIOSH REL / C	:	Ceiling value not be exceeded at any time.
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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