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Hazard statement(s)
H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H302 + H312 + H332 Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233 Keep container tightly closed.
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
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.
P280 Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances
Synonyms : Methyl cyanide
ACN

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<th>Component</th>
<th>Classification</th>
<th>Concentration</th>
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<td>Acetonitrile</td>
<td>Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 4; Eye Irrit. 2A; H225, H302,</td>
<td>&lt;= 100 %</td>
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For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 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. 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.

4.2 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

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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, 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. For personal protection see section 8.

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.

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### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist. Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. For precautions see section 2.2.

#### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
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. Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1 Control parameters

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<td>Acetonitrile</td>
<td>75-05-8</td>
<td>TWA</td>
<td>20 ppm</td>
<td>USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)</td>
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**Remarks**
- Lower Respiratory Tract irritation
- Not classifiable as a human carcinogen
- Danger of cutaneous absorption

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<th>Value</th>
<th>USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits</th>
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<td>20 ppm</td>
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Forms cyanide in the body.

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<th>USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants</th>
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<td>40 ppm</td>
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The value in mg/m3 is approximate.
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**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)**

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**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

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<td>Soil</td>
<td>2.41 mg/kg</td>
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<td>Marine water</td>
<td>1 mg/l</td>
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<td>Fresh water</td>
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<td>Fresh water sediment</td>
<td>7.53 mg/kg</td>
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<td>Onsite sewage treatment plant</td>
<td>32 mg/l</td>
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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**

Face shield and safety glasses 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.

Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)
Splash contact
Material: butyl-rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)
data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

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).

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

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance
   Form: clear, liquid
   Colour: colourless

b) Odour
   ether-like

c) Odour Threshold
   No data available

d) pH
   No data available

e) Melting point/freezing point
   Melting point/range: -48 °C (-54 °F) - lit.

f) Initial boiling point and boiling range
   81 - 82 °C 178 - 180 °F - lit.

g) Flash point
   6.0 °C (42.8 °F) - closed cup

h) Evaporation rate
   5.8

i) Flammability (solid, gas)
   No data available

j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
   Upper explosion limit: 16 % (V)
   Lower explosion limit: 3 % (V)
k) Vapour pressure 98.64 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F)
l) Vapour density 1.42 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density 0.786 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility 1,000 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F) completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: log Pow: -0.54 at 25 °C (77 °F) - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Auto-ignition temperature 524.0 °C (975.2 °F)
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

Surface tension 29.0 mN/m at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)
Relative vapour density 1.42 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

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 Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
Other decomposition products - No data available
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOx)
In the event of fire: see section 5
SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD₅₀ Oral - Mouse - male and female - 617 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
LC₅₀ Inhalation - Mouse - male and female - 4 h - 6.022 mg/l
(OECD Test Guideline 403)
Inhalation: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)
LD₅₀ Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 402)
Dermal: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: No skin irritation - 4 h
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Eye irritation
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
Buehler Test - Guinea pig
Result: negative
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity
Ames test
S. typhimurium
Result: negative
In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Chinese hamster ovary cells
Result: negative
Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.
Chinese hamster ovary cells
Result: Positive results were obtained in some in vitro tests.
(National Toxicology Program)
sister chromatid exchange assay
Chinese hamster ovary cells
Result: negative
Sister chromatid exchange
Saccharomyces cerevisiae
Result: positive
Cytogenetic analysis (ECHA)
In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Mouse lymphoma test
Result: negative
OECD Test Guideline 474
Mouse - male and female
Result: negative

Carcinogenicity
No evidence of carcinogenicity in animal studies.
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
Animal testing did not show any effects on fertility.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard
No aspiration toxicity classification

Additional Information
RTECS: AL7700000

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. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Lungs - Lung oedema - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish
flow-through test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 1,640 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
static test LC50 - Artemia salina (Brine shrimp) - 400 mg/l - 24 h
Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to algae
static test NOEC - Phaeodactylum tricornutum - 400 mg/l - 72 h (ISO 10253)
static test ErC50 - Phaeodactylum tricornutum - 9,696 mg/l - 72 h (ISO 10253)

Toxicity to bacteria
static test EC50 - activated sludge - > 1,000 mg/l - 30 min (OECD Test Guideline 209)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability
Result: 70% - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 310)
12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No bioaccumulation is to be expected (log Pow <= 4).

12.4 Mobility in soil
Not expected to adsorb on soil.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
Avoid release to the environment.
Stability in water DT50 - > 9,999 d pH 7 at 25 °C
Remarks: (calculated)Hydrolyses slowly.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
UN number: 1648 Class: 3
Proper shipping name: Acetonitrile
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

Packing group: II

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

IATA
UN number: 1648 Class: 3
Proper shipping name: Acetonitrile
Packing group: II

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:
Acetonitrile  
CAS-No. 75-05-8  
Revision Date 2007-07-01

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**  
Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**  
Acetonitrile  
CAS-No. 75-05-8  
Revision Date 2007-07-01

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**  
Acetonitrile  
CAS-No. 75-05-8  
Revision Date 2007-07-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**  
Acetonitrile  
CAS-No. 75-05-8  
Revision Date 2007-07-01

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

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