

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** 4-Methylbenzyl cyanide

**Cat No. :** AC126440000; AC126440050; AC126440250; AC126441000

**CAS No** 2947-61-7  
**Synonyms** 4-Methylphenylacetonitrile

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Company**

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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)

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**  
Warning

**Hazard Statements**

Causes skin irritation

Causes serious eye irritation

May cause respiratory irritation

Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**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

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

**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**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

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

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

**Eyes**

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

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears)

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Do not 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. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	106 °C / 222.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>).

### 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.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
2	1	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong reducing agents.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
p-Tolylacetonitrile		(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

Legend

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.  
Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by 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**

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Light yellow
Odor	No information available
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	18 °C / 64.4 °F
Boiling Point/Range	242 - 243 °C / 467.6 - 469.4 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	106 °C / 222.8 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	4.52
Specific Gravity	0.990
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	C9 H9 N
Molecular Weight	131.18

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard**

None known, based on information available

**Stability**

Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid**

Incompatible products. Excess heat.

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

**Hazardous Polymerization** No information available.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** No information available

**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
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

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

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
p-Tolylacetonitrile	1.92

## 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.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN3276  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
 Technical Name p-Tolylacetonitrile  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group III

### TDG

UN-No UN3276  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group III

### IATA

UN-No UN3276  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group III

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN3276  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group III

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	220-963-2	X	-		-	X	-

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
p-Tolylacetonitrile	-	-	X	X

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
p-Tolylacetonitrile	X		-

**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration** Not applicable

**CERCLA** Not applicable

**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
p-Tolylacetonitrile	-	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

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

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary** This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard

replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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