

## 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

**Importer/Distributor**  
Fisher Scientific  
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Canada  
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Acros Organics  
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**Manufacturer**  
Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Acute dermal toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
<b>Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified</b>	Category 1
Lachrymator	

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Warning

**Hazard Statements**

Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

Causes skin irritation

Causes serious eye irritation

May cause respiratory irritation

Harmful if inhaled

Lachrymator

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

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

**Response**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

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

Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell

Rinse mouth

Take off contaminated clothing

**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

### 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.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**Most important symptoms/effects** No information available.  
**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** No information available

**Flash Point** 106 °C / 222.8 °F

**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** No information available

**Explosion Limits**

**Upper** No data available

**Lower** No data available

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** 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**

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
1

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** 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.

**Storage.** 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	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWA/EV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
p-Tolylacetoneitrile				Ceiling: 10 ppm Ceiling: 11 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin		(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.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	See manufacturers	-	Splash protection only
Neoprene	recommendations		
Natural rubber			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Environmental exposure controls**

No information available.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	18 °C / 64.4 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	242 - 243 °C / 467.6 - 469.4 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	106 °C / 222.8 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	4.52
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	0.990
<b>Solubility</b>	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
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#### 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** consumer commodity 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

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	-	-	220-963-2	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X

### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
 ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  
 AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
 PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

#### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	Part 1, Group A Substance		

#### Other International Regulations

#### 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 requirements of WHMIS 2015 to align with the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

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