

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium cyanide

Cat No. : 12137

CAS-No 143-33-9

Synonyms Hydrocyanic acid, sodium salt; Prussiate of soda; Cyanide of sodium

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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Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,
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Emergency Telephone Number

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification

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

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 1
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 1
Target Organs - Thyroid.	
Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified	Category 1
Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May be corrosive to metals

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Take any precaution to avoid mixing with acids

Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray

Wear respiratory protection

Keep only in original container

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing

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

Rinse mouth

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

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

Store locked up

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

Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner

Store in a dry place

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other Hazards

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact

In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. 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. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	None reasonably foreseeable. Systemic Toxicity: Respiratory disorders: Symptoms may include tightness in the chest, flushing, headache, nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, weakness, irregular heartbeat, abdominal pain, convulsions, and shock: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood): Exposure may result in death
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
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

Non-combustible. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x). Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid).

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.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
4	0	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
Environmental Precautions	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Provide adequate ventilation. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Avoid dust formation. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Do not expose spill to water.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
Storage.	Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep locked up. Keep away from acids. Keep away from combustible material. Do not store in aluminum containers. Incompatible Materials. Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Metals.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Sodium cyanide	Ceiling: 5 mg/m ³ Skin	Ceiling: 5 mg/m ³ Skin	CEV: 5 mg/m ³ Skin	Ceiling: 10 ppm Ceiling: 11 mg/m ³ Skin	Ceiling: 5 mg/m ³ Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³	IDLH: 25 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 4.7 ppm Ceiling: 5 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
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
Hand Protection

Goggles
Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Butyl rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm	As tested under EN374-3
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.5mm	Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

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

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

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

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	bitter almonds
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	11-12 20 g/l aq. sol
Melting Point/Range	562 °C / 1043.6 °F
Boiling Point/Range	1497 °C / 2726.6 °F
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	1 hPa @ 817 °C
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	No information available
Bulk Density	750 - 950 kg/m ³
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C N Na
Molecular Weight	49

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Stable under normal conditions. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), Metals
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Nitrogen oxides (NO _x), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity**Product Information****Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium cyanide	LD50 = 5.733 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 14.602 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 0.16 mg/L (Rat) 1 h

Toxicologically Synergistic No information available

Products

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
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects Not mutagenic in AMES Test

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure None known

STOT - repeated exposure Thyroid

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Systemic Toxicity: Respiratory disorders: Symptoms may include tightness in the chest, flushing, headache, nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, weakness, irregular heartbeat, abdominal pain, convulsions, and shock: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood): Exposure may result in death

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

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

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium cyanide	Not listed	LC50: 0.0558 - 0.0586 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 0.0391 - 0.0548 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 0.15 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 0.0712 - 0.0936 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 0.17 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 0.066 - 0.0852 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus)	Not listed	Not listed

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
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Sodium cyanide	-0.44
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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.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Sodium cyanide - 143-33-9	-	not otherwise specified

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group I

TDG

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group I

IATA

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group I

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Subsidiary Hazard Class P
 Packing Group I

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	X	-	X	ACTIVE	205-599-4	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	X	KE-31401	X	X	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)
Sodium cyanide	Part 1, Group A Substance		

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Sodium cyanide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-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)
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	Listed	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)
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y33

16. Other information

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Revision Summary

New emergency telephone response service provider.

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