

# Safety Data Sheet

Australia

## Section 1. Identification

**Product name** L-cysteine; part of 'Thiol Coupling Kit'

**Catalogue Number** BR100557



**Chemical product name** L-cysteine

**Synonyms** 2-Cysteine; Cysteine; E 920; Cysteine, L-; ALPHA-AMINO-BETA-THIOLPROPIONIC ACID, L-; ALPHA-AMINO-BETA-MERCAPTOPROPANOIC ACID, L-; ALPHA-AMINO-BETA-MERCAPTOPROPIONIC ACID, L-; BETA-MERCAPTOALANINE, L-; 2-AMINO-3-MERCAPTOPROPANOIC ACID, (R)-; beta-Mercaptoalanine; alpha-Amino-beta-mercaptopropanoic acid

**Product type** Solid.

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

#### Identified uses

Analytical chemistry.  
Laboratory chemicals  
Scientific research and development

### Company details

#### Manufacturer

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## Section 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture** ACUTE TOXICITY (oral) - Category 4

### GHS label elements

#### Hazard pictograms



#### Signal word

**WARNING**

#### Hazard statements

**Harmful if swallowed.**

### Precautionary statements

#### Prevention

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling.

#### Response

Not applicable.

#### Storage

Not applicable.



<b>Disposal</b>	Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.
<b>Supplemental label elements</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Other hazards which do not result in classification</b>	None known.

### Section 3. Composition and ingredient information

<b>Substance/mixture</b>	Substance
<b>Chemical identity</b>	L-cysteine
<b>Other means of identification</b>	2-Cysteine; Cysteine; E 920; Cysteine, L-; ALPHA-AMINO-BETA-THIOLPROPIONIC ACID, L-; ALPHA-AMINO-BETA-MERCAPTOPROPANOIC ACID, L-; ALPHA-AMINO-BETA-MERCAPTOPROPIONIC ACID, L-; BETA-MERCAPTOALANINE, L-; 2-AMINO-3-MERCAPTOPROPANOIC ACID, (R)-; beta-Mercaptoalanine; alpha-Amino-beta-mercaptopropanoic acid

<b>Ingredient name</b>	<b>% (w/w)</b>	<b>Identifiers</b>
L-cysteine	100	CAS: 52-90-4 EC: 200-158-2

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified and hence require reporting in this section.

The total concentration of ingredients in this product, reported or not in this section, is 100%.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

### Section 4. First aid measures

#### Description of necessary first aid measures

<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Get medical attention if adverse health effects persist or are severe. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Get medical attention. If necessary, call a poison center or physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

#### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

##### Potential acute health effects

<b>Eye contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Inhalation</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed.

##### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

<b>Eye contact</b>	No specific data.
<b>Inhalation</b>	No specific data.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No specific data.
<b>Ingestion</b>	No specific data.

#### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary



<b>Notes to physician</b>	In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.
<b>Specific treatments</b>	No specific treatment.
<b>Protection of first-aiders</b>	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

## Section 5. Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	None known.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	No specific fire or explosion hazard.
<b>Hazardous thermal decomposition products</b>	Decomposition products may include the following materials: carbon dioxide carbon monoxide nitrogen oxides sulfur oxides
<b>Special protective actions for fire-fighters</b>	Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>For non-emergency personnel</b>	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilt material. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.
<b>For emergency responders</b>	If specialised clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

<b>Small spill</b>	Move containers from spill area. Avoid dust generation. Using a vacuum with HEPA filter will reduce dust dispersal. Place spilled material in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.
<b>Large spill</b>	Move containers from spill area. Approach the release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Avoid dust generation. Do not dry sweep. Vacuum dust with equipment fitted with a HEPA filter and place in a closed, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

<b>Protective measures</b>	Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
<b>Advice on general occupational hygiene</b>	Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabelled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.



Section 8. Exposure controls and personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

None.

Biological exposure indices

No exposure indices known.

Appropriate engineering controls	Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants.
Environmental exposure controls	Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

Individual protection measures

Hygiene measures	Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
Eye/face protection	Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Considering the parameters specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are still retaining their protective properties. It should be noted that the time to breakthrough for any glove material may be different for different glove manufacturers. In the case of mixtures, consisting of several substances, the protection time of the gloves cannot be accurately estimated.
Body protection	Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Other skin protection	Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Respiratory protection	Based on the hazard and potential for exposure, select a respirator that meets the appropriate standard or certification. Respirators must be used according to a respiratory protection program to ensure proper fitting, training, and other important aspects of use.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

The conditions of measurement of all properties are at standard temperature and pressure unless otherwise indicated.

Appearance

Physical state	Solid. [Crystalline solid.]
Colour	White.
Odour	Odourless.
Odour threshold	Not available.
pH	4.2
Melting point/freezing point	Decomposes
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Not applicable.
Burning time	Not available.
Burning rate	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability	Not available.
Lower and upper explosive (flammable) limits	Not applicable.
Vapour pressure	Not available.
Relative vapour density	Not applicable.
Relative density	Not available.
Density	1.496 g/cm³ [20°C (68°F)]
Solubility(ies)	

Media	Result
cold water	Easily soluble
hot water	Easily soluble



Solubility in water	Not available.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/ water	2.49 [Calculated]
Auto-ignition temperature	292°C (557.6°F) [EU A.16]
Decomposition temperature	220°C (428°F)
SADT	Not available.
Viscosity	Dynamic (room temperature): Not available. Kinematic (room temperature): Not available. Kinematic (40°C (104°F)): Not available.
Flow time (ISO 2431)	Not available.
Molecular weight	121.17 g/mole
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	
Median particle size	Not available.

Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.
Chemical stability	The product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	No specific data.
Incompatible materials	No specific data.
Hazardous decomposition products	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result
L-cysteine	<b>Rat - Oral - LD50</b> 1890 mg/kg <u>Toxic effects:</u> Behavioral - Somnolence (general depressed activity) Lung, Thorax, or Respiration - Dyspnea Kidney, Ureter, and Bladder - Other changes in urine composition
Conclusion/Summary [Product]	Not available.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Not available.	
Conclusion/Summary [Product]	Not available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not available.	
Conclusion/Summary [Product]	Not available.

Respiratory corrosion/irritation

Not available.	
Conclusion/Summary [Product]	Not available.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Not available.	
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Skin

Conclusion/Summary [Product]	Not available.
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Respiratory

Conclusion/Summary [Product]	Not available.
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**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary  
[Product]**

Not available.

**Carcinogenicity**

Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary  
[Product]**

Not available.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary  
[Product]**

Not available.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)**

Not available.

**Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)**

Not available.

**Aspiration hazard**

Not available.

**Information on likely routes of exposure**

Routes of entry anticipated: Oral, Dermal, Inhalation, Eyes.

**Potential acute health effects**

<b>Eye contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Inhalation</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

<b>Eye contact</b>	No specific data.
<b>Inhalation</b>	No specific data.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No specific data.
<b>Ingestion</b>	No specific data.

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

<b>Potential immediate effects</b>	Not available.
<b>Potential delayed effects</b>	Not available.

**Long term exposure**

<b>Potential immediate effects</b>	Not available.
<b>Potential delayed effects</b>	Not available.

**Potential chronic health effects**

Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary  
[Product]**

Not available.

**General**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Carcinogenicity**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.



Mutagenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Reproductive toxicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Numerical measures of toxicity

Acute toxicity estimates					
Product/ingredient name	Oral (mg/kg)	Dermal (mg/kg)	Inhalation (gases) (ppm)	Inhalation (vapours) (mg/l)	Inhalation (dusts and mists) (mg/l)
L-cysteine	1890	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 12. Ecological information

Toxicity

Not available.

Conclusion/Summary[Product] Not available.

Persistence and degradability

Not available.

Conclusion/Summary[Product] Not available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP <sub>ow</sub>	BCF	Potential
L-cysteine	-2.49	-	Low

Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient	1.5163 Koc
Other adverse effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods	The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
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Section 14. Transport information

	ADG	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA
UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
Proper shipping name	-	-	-	-
Class	-	-	-	-
Label				
PG	-	-	-	-
Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.
Additional information	-	-	-	-
Special precautions for user	Transport within user's premises: always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.			
Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments	Not available.			

Section 15. Regulatory information

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

Not regulated.

Model Work Health and Safety Regulations - Scheduled Substances

No listed substance

International regulations

Chemical Weapon Convention List Schedules I, II & III Chemicals

Not listed.

Montreal Protocol

Not listed.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not listed.

Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC)

Not listed.

UNECE Aarhus Protocol on POPs and Heavy Metals

Not listed.

Inventory list

Australia	This material is listed or exempted.
United States	This material is active or exempted.
Canada inventory	This material is listed or exempted.
China	This material is listed or exempted.
Japan	Japan inventory (CSCL): This material is listed or exempted. Japan inventory (ISHL): This material is listed or exempted.
New Zealand	This material is listed or exempted.

Section 16. Any other relevant information

History

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ADG = Australian Dangerous Goods			
ADR = The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road			
ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate			
BCF = Bioconcentration Factor			
GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals			
IATA = International Air Transport Association			
IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container			
IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods			
LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient			
MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)			
N/A = Not available			
SUSMP = Standard Uniform Schedule of Medicine and Poisons			
UN = United Nations			

Procedure used to derive the classification

Classification	Justification
ACUTE TOXICITY (oral) - Category 4	On basis of test data
<div><div></div>Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.</div>	

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