

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

New Zealand

## Section 1. Identification

Product name

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

Catalogue Number

BR100557



Chemical name

L-cysteine

Other means of identification

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.

### Identified uses

Analytical chemistry.  
Laboratory chemicals  
Scientific research and development  
Consumer use

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## Section 2. Hazards identification

HSNO Classification

ACUTE TOXICITY (oral) - Category 4

This material is classified as hazardous according to criteria in the Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020.

### GHS label elements

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

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

Storage

Not applicable.

Disposal

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

Symbol



Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.



### Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

<b>Substance/mixture</b>	Substance
<b>Chemical name</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 as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

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

### Section 4. First aid measures

#### Description of necessary first aid measures

<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>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.
<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>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.

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

##### Potential acute health effects

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

##### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

<b>Inhalation</b>	No specific data.
<b>Ingestion</b>	No specific data.
<b>Skin</b>	No specific data.
<b>Eyes</b>	No specific data.

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

<b>Specific treatments</b>	Not available.
<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>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</b>	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
<b>Not suitable</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>Hazchem code</b>	Not available.
<b>Special precautions 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/personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

None.

#### Biological exposure indices

No exposure indices known.

<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants.
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<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	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.
<b>Individual protection measures</b>	
<b>Hygiene measures</b>	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.
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	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.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	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.
<b>Body protection</b>	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.
<b>Other skin protection</b>	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.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	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

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid. [Crystalline solid.]
<b>Colour</b>	White.
<b>Odour</b>	Odourless.
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	4.2
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Decomposes
<b>Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Burning time</b>	Not available.
<b>Burning rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability</b>	Not available.
<b>Lower and upper explosive (flammable) limits</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative vapour density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Density</b>	1.496 g/cm <sup>3</sup> [20°C (68°F)]
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	

Media	Result
cold water	Easily soluble
hot water	Easily soluble

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



Particle characteristics	
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 likely routes of exposure	
Inhalation	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.
Skin contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Eye contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	
Inhalation	No specific data.
Ingestion	No specific data.
Skin contact	No specific data.
Eye contact	No specific data.

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

Acute toxicity	
Product/ingredient name	Result
L-cysteine	Rat - Oral - LD50 1890 mg/kg Toxic effects: 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.	

Skin	
Conclusion/Summary[Product]	Not available.

Respiratory

Conclusion/Summary[Product] Not available.

Potential chronic health effects

General	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Inhalation	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Ingestion	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Skin contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Eye contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Carcinogenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Developmental effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Fertility effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Chronic toxicity

Not available.

Conclusion/Summary[Product] Not available.

Carcinogenicity

Not available.

Conclusion/Summary[Product] Not available.

Germ cell mutagenicity

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.

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

**Ecotoxicity** This product shows a low bioaccumulation potential.

**Aquatic and terrestrial toxicity**

Not available.

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

**Persistence/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** 11.5163 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.

Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*
New Zealand Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-
		No.		
IATA Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-
		-		
		No.		
IMDG Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-
		No.		

PG\* : Packing group

**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

**HSNO Approval Number** HSR002596

**HSNO Group Standard** Laboratory Chemicals and Reagent Kits

**HSNO Classification** ACUTE TOXICITY (oral) - Category 4

**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**

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

**Section 16. Other information**

**History**

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<b>Key to abbreviations</b>	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) RID = The Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail UN = United Nations
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<b>References</b>	Not available.
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