

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium cyanide

Product Number : 60178
Brand : Sigma
Index-No. : 006-007-00-5
CAS-No. : 151-50-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
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ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765
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1.4 Emergency telephone

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527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24
Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 1), H300
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2), H310
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 1), Thyroid, H372
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H290

May be corrosive to metals.

H300 + H310 + H330

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H372

Causes damage to organs (Thyroid) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P234

Keep only in original container.

P260

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.

P262

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

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

P284

Wear respiratory protection.

P301 + P310 + P330

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.

P302 + P350 + P310

IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P304 + P340 + P310

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P314

Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

P362

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P390

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

P391

Collect spillage.

P403 + P233

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

P405

Store locked up.

P406

Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula : KCN
Molecular weight : 65.12 g/mol
CAS-No. : 151-50-8
EC-No. : 205-792-3
Index-No. : 006-007-00-5

Component	Classification	Concentration
Potassium cyanide		
	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 1; Acute Tox. 2; STOT RE 1;	<= 100 %

	Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H290, H300, H330, H310, H372, H400, H410 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 10 - Aquatic Chronic: 1	
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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

No data available

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides
 Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
 Potassium oxides
 Not combustible.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

No data available

5.4 Further information

No data available

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

No data available

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

No data available

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

hygroscopic

Light sensitive.

Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1B: Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Potassium cyanide	151-50-8	C	4.7 ppm 5 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	5 mg/m ³	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Remarks	Skin designation		
		C	5 mg/m ³	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		PEL	5 mg/m ³	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

8.2 Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent product from entering drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: solid Color: white
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 634 °C (1173 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	1,625 °C 2,957 °F
g) Flash point	()Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable.
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	1.55 g/cm ³ at 20 °C (68 °F)
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available

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| o) Partition coefficient:
n-octanol/water | Not applicable for inorganic substances |
| p) Autoignition
temperature | No data available |
| q) Decomposition
temperature | No data available |
| r) Viscosity | No data available |
| s) Explosive properties | No data available |
| t) Oxidizing properties | none |

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

10.2 Chemical stability

No data available

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with:

Fluorine

magnesium

sodium hypochlorite

Risk of explosion with:

chlorates

nitrites

nitrates

Strong oxidizing agents

permanganates

anhydrides

mercury(II) nitrate

nitrogen trichloride

Peroxides

perchloryl fluoride

A risk of explosion and/or of toxic gas formation exists with the following substances:

Water

Hydrogen fluoride

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Aluminum, Zinc, Tin

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 0.51 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Thyroid

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Lung irritation, Cyanosis, Central nervous system depression, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated., May cause argyria (a slate-gray or bluish discoloration of the skin and deep tissues due to the deposit of insoluble albuminate of silver)., Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms:, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., pulmonary edema, Lungs, CNS depression with hypertension or circulatory failure, and respiratory depression To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

No data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates flow-through test LC50 - Crustacea - 0.0709 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (ECHA)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)

UN number: 1680 Class: 6.1 Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Potassium cyanide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 1680 Class: 6.1 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-A, S-A
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
Marine pollutant : yes

IATA

UN number: 1680 Class: 6.1 Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Potassium cyanide, solid

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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SARA 302 Components

Potassium cyanide

CAS-No.
151-50-8Revision Date
1993-02-16**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

Potassium cyanide

CAS-No.
151-50-8Revision Date
1993-02-16**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

SECTION 16: Other information

The branding on the header and/or footer of this document may temporarily not visually match the product purchased as we transition our branding. However, all of the information in the document regarding the product remains unchanged and matches the product ordered. For further information please contact mlsbranding@sial.com.

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