

## 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 : Tetracyanoethylene

Product Number : T8809  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 670-54-2

**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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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)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 1), H300

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)  
H300 : Fatal if swallowed.

Precautionary statement(s)  
P264 : Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

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P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
Rinse mouth.  
P405 Store locked up.  
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

Synonyms : TCNE  
Ethylenetetracarbonitrile  
Percyanoethylene

Formula : C<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>  
Molecular weight : 128.09 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 670-54-2  
EC-No. : 211-578-0

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>tetracyanoethylene</b>		
	Acute Tox. 1; Acute Tox. 4; H300, H332, H312	<= 100 %

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

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Move out of dangerous area. Consult a physician. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 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

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### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

##### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

#### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

#### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### **5.4 Further information**

No data available

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### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust. For personal protection see section 8.

#### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

#### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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### **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

##### **Advice on safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. **Advice on safe handling**

Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

##### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

##### **Hygiene measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

For precautions see section 2.2.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### Storage conditions

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

### Storage stability

Recommended storage temperature

2 - 8 °C

Moisture 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

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Hazardous components without workplace control parameters

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: solid   |
| b) Odor   | No data available                                       |
| c) Odor Threshold                               | No data available                                       |
| d) pH   | No data available                                       |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 197 - 199 °C (387 - 390 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                                       |
| g) Flash point                                  | ( )No data available                                    |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                                       |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                                       |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                                       |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | No data available                                       |
| l) Vapor density                                | No data available                                       |
| m) Density                                      | No data available                                       |
| Relative density                                | No data available                                       |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available                                       |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                                       |

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|----|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 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      | No data available |

## **9.2 Other safety information**

No data available

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## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

No data available

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

No data available

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

No data available

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 5 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 1.6 mg/l  
(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 1,100.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)

#### **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**

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- 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**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: KM7300000

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, May cause cyanosis.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

The following applies to cyanogen compounds/ nitriles in general: utmost caution! Release of hydrocyanic acid is possible - blockade of cellular respiration. Cardiovascular disorders, dyspnoea, unconsciousness.

No description of any further symptoms is available.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**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 Other adverse effects**

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 3439    Class: 6.1    Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Nitriles, solid, toxic, n.o.s. (tetracyanoethylene)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 3439    Class: 6.1    Packing group: I    EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: NITRILES, SOLID, TOXIC, N.O.S. (tetracyanoethylene)

### IATA

UN number: 3439    Class: 6.1    Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Nitriles, solid, toxic, n.o.s. (tetracyanoethylene)

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

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**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

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