

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sodium cyanide

**Cat No. :** AC370310000; AC370310010; AC370310050

**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**  
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One Reagent Lane  
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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

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

<b>Corrosive to metals</b>	Category 1
<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 1
<b>Acute dermal toxicity</b>	Category 1
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Category 1
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)</b>	Category 1
Target Organs - Thyroid.	
<b>Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified</b>	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  
 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

#### 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.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move 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.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	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
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	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 (NOx) 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.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b> 4	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	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.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Do not ingest.
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**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.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

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

**Legend**

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or 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**

Goggles

**Hand Protection**

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 compatibility, 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 before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	bitter almond
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 <sup>3</sup>
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	
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 <sub>2</sub> ), Metals
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ), 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 = 10.4 mg/kg ( Rabbit ) LD50 = 14.602 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 0.16 mg/L ( Rat ) 1 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### 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

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	Not mutagenic in AMES Test
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	None known
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Thyroid
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	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
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	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: 0.0712 - 0.0936 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) 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: 0.066 - 0.0852 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 0.17 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas)	Not listed	EC50: = 0.17 mg/L, 96h (Gammarus pseudolimnaeus)

**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
Sodium cyanide	-0.44

## 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	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium cyanide	X	-	X	205-599-4	-		X	X	X	X	KE-3140 1

### 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		

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary** This document has been updated to comply with the requirements of WHMIS 2015 to align with the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

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