

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Potassium thiocyanate

Cat No. : AC448000000; AC448000010; AC448002500

CAS-No 333-20-0
Synonyms Potassium rhodanide

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	Category 4
Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified	Category 1
Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas (HCN)	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
Harmful if inhaled

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Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Take any precaution to avoid mixing with acids
 Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray
 Wear respiratory protection
 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 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

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
 Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell
 Rinse mouth
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other Hazards

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects
 Light sensitive

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. 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. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	. Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood)

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point No information available
Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature No information available

Explosion Limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Oxidizing Properties Not oxidising

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Sulfur oxides. Potassium oxides.

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.

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Health
2

Flammability
1

Instability
1

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

Environmental Precautions Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from acids. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Strong bases.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium thiocyanate				Ceiling: 10 ppm Ceiling: 11 mg/m ³ Skin		(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³	IDLH: 25 mg/m ³

Legend

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

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**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Hand Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	> 480 minutes	0.6 mm	As tested under EN374-3 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.

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 and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Crystalline Solid
Appearance	Colorless - White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	5.3-8.7 5% aq.solution
Melting Point/Range	170 - 179 °C / 338 - 354.2 °F
Boiling Point/Range	Decomposes
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 @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	1.886
Bulk Density	750 - 1000 kg/m ³
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	500 °C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C K N S
Molecular Weight	97.18

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation. Exposure to light. Exposure to moist air or water. Exposure to air.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Strong bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulfur oxides, Potassium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium thiocyanate	LD50 = 854 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed

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
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure None known

STOT - repeated exposure None known

Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood)
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Harmful 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
Potassium thiocyanate	Not listed	Oncorhynchus mykiss: LC50: 11 mg/l/96h	Not listed	Daphnia Magna: EC50: 2.8 mg/l/96h

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.

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.

14. Transport information

DOT	Not regulated
TDG	Not regulated
IATA	Not regulated
IMDG/IMO	Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	X	-	X	ACTIVE	206-370-1	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	X	KE-29216	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

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)
Potassium thiocyanate	Part 1, Group A Substance		

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other information

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