

Acetonitrile

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier	Acetonitrile
Other Means of Identification	ACN, Cyanomethane, Ethanenitrile, Methanecarbonitrile
Product Code(s)	AC4610, AC4620
Product Family	Organic solution
Recommended Use	Laboratory and industrial use.
Restrictions on Use	None known.
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SDS No.	0607

SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Classified according to Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations (WHMIS 2015) and the US Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012).

Classification

Flammable liquid - Category 2; Acute toxicity (Oral) - Category 4; Acute toxicity (Dermal) - Category 4; Acute toxicity (Inhalation) - Category 4; Skin irritation - Category 2; Eye irritation - Category 2A; Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) - Category 2

Label Elements



Signal Word:
Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
Causes serious eye irritation.
Causes mild skin irritation.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking.
Keep container tightly closed.
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
Use explosion-proof [electrical/ventilating/lighting/] equipment.
Use only non-sparking tools.
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

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Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response:

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor/ if you feel unwell.

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

Continue rinsing.

Storage:

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

Disposal:

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

Other Hazards

None known.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance:

Chemical Name	CAS No.	%	Other Identifiers
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	> 99	ACN, Cyanomethane, Ethanenitrile, Methanecarbonitrile

SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

First-aid Measures

Inhalation

Take precautions to ensure your own safety before attempting rescue (e.g. wear appropriate protective equipment). Remove source of exposure or move to fresh air. Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should administer emergency oxygen if advised to do so by Poison Centre or doctor. Avoid mouth-to-mouth contact by using a barrier device.

Skin Contact

Immediately rinse with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes. If exposed or concerned, call a Poison Centre or doctor.

Eye Contact

Immediately rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice or attention.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should administer emergency oxygen if advised to do so by the Poison Centre or doctor.

First-aid Comments

All first aid procedures should be periodically reviewed by a doctor familiar with the material and its condition of use in the workplace. If exposed or concerned, get medical advice or attention.

Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

None known.

Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment

Special Instructions

General advice

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

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SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or appropriate foam. Special "alcohol resistant fire-fighting foams".

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Water is not effective for extinguishing a fire. It may not cool product below its flash point.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Product

Flammable liquid and vapour. Can ignite at room temperature. Releases vapour that can form explosive mixture with air. Can be ignited by static discharge. May travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back to a leak or open container. Heating increases the release of toxic vapour. May accumulate in hazardous amounts in low-lying areas especially inside confined spaces, resulting in a fire and/or health hazard. Closed containers may rupture violently when heated releasing contents.

In a fire, the following hazardous materials may be generated: corrosive, oxidizing nitrogen oxides.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

Evacuate area. Approach fire from upwind to avoid hazardous vapours or gases. Stop leak before attempting to put out the fire. Product could form an explosive mixture and reignite. If the leak cannot be stopped, let the fire burn itself out. Use water spray to flush spills away from ignition sources. For a massive fire, immediately evacuate the area and use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles. Dike and recover contaminated water for appropriate disposal. Before entry, especially into confined areas, use an appropriate monitor to check for: toxic gases or vapours, flammable or explosive atmosphere.

A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit with positive pressure SCBA may be necessary.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures

Evacuate the area immediately. Isolate the hazard area. Keep out unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Evacuate downwind locations. Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Increase ventilation to area or move leaking container to a well-ventilated and secure area. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Remove or isolate incompatible materials as well as other hazardous materials. May accumulate in hazardous amounts in low-lying areas especially inside confined spaces, if ventilation is not sufficient. Distant ignition and flashback are possible.

Environmental Precautions

Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any waterway.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Small spills or leaks: stop or reduce leak if safe to do so. Contain and soak up spill with absorbent that does not react with spilled product. Place used absorbent into suitable, covered, labelled containers for disposal. Contaminated absorbent poses the same hazard as the spilled product.

Large spills or leaks: contact emergency services and manufacturer/supplier for advice.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Avoid breathing in this product. Only use where there is adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Avoid generating vapours or mists. Wear personal protective equipment to avoid direct contact with this chemical. Prevent accidental contact with incompatible chemicals. Electrically bond and ground equipment. Ground clips must contact bare metal. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use or empty. Wash hands thoroughly after handling this material.

Conditions for Safe Storage

Store in an area that is: cool, dry, well-ventilated, out of direct sunlight and away from heat and ignition sources, separate from incompatible materials (see Section 10: Stability and Reactivity), clear of combustible and flammable materials (e.g. old rags, cardboard). Protect from conditions listed in Conditions to Avoid in Section 10 (Stability and Reactivity). Store in a closed container.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV®		OSHA PEL		AIHA WEEL	
	TWA	STEL	TWA	Ceiling	8-hr TWA	TWA
Acetonitrile	20 mg/m3 A4		40 ppm			

A4 = Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

Appropriate Engineering Controls

Use local exhaust ventilation and enclosure, if necessary, to control amount in the air. Use non-sparking ventilation systems, approved explosion-proof equipment and intrinsically safe electrical systems in areas where this product is used and stored. Exhaust directly to the outside, taking any necessary precautions for environmental protection. Use leak and fire detection equipment and an automatic fire suppression system.

Individual Protection Measures

Eye/Face Protection

Wear chemical safety goggles and face shield when contact is possible.

Skin Protection

Wear chemical protective clothing e.g. gloves, aprons, boots.

Suitable materials are: butyl rubber, Barrier® (PE/PA/PE), Silver Shield/4H® (PE/EVAL/PE), Trelchem® HPS, Trelchem® VPS, Tychem® BR/LV, Tychem® Responder, Tychem® TK.

The following materials should NOT be used: natural rubber, neoprene rubber, nitrile rubber, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, Viton®, Tychem® SL (Saranex™).

Respiratory Protection

Wear a NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an organic vapour cartridge, wear a NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	Colourless liquid.
Odour	Ethereal
Odour Threshold	< 40 ppm (detection)
pH	Not available
Melting Point/Freezing Point	-45.7 °C (-50.3 °F) (melting); -45.7 °C (-50.3 °F) (freezing)
Initial Boiling Point/Range	81.6 °C (178.9 °F)
Flash Point	2.0 °C (35.6 °F) (closed cup)
Evaporation Rate	5.79 (n-butyl acetate = 1)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable
Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limit	16.0 - 17.0% (upper); 3.0 - 4.4% (lower)
Vapour Pressure	9.87 kPa (74.03 mm Hg)
Vapour Density (air = 1)	1.42 (calculated)
Relative Density (water = 1)	0.786 at 20 °C
Solubility	Soluble in all proportions in water; Soluble in all proportions in alcohols (e.g. ethanol).
Partition Coefficient, n-Octanol/Water (Log Kow)	-0.34
Auto-ignition Temperature	524 °C (975 °F)
Decomposition Temperature	Not available
Viscosity	Not available (kinematic); 0.35 mPa.s at 20 °C (dynamic)

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Physical State

Liquid

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions of use.

Chemical Stability

Normally stable.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None known.

Conditions to Avoid

Open flames, sparks, static discharge, heat and other ignition sources.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents (e.g. perchloric acid), strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid), strong bases (e.g. sodium hydroxide), strong reducing agents (e.g. hydrides).

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Corrosive acetic acid; corrosive, flammable ammonia.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Likely Routes of Exposure

Inhalation; skin contact; eye contact; ingestion.

Acute Toxicity

Chemical Name	LC50	LD50 (oral)	LD50 (dermal)
Acetonitrile	2828 ppm (male rabbit) (4-hour exposure)	617 mg/kg (mouse)	2000 mg/kg (rabbit)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Human experience shows moderate or severe irritation.

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

Animal tests show serious eye irritation.

STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single Exposure

Inhalation

May be harmful.

Ingestion

May cause irritation of the mouth, throat and stomach. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps and diarrhea.

Aspiration Hazard

No information was located.

STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure

May cause irritation of the respiratory system. Respiratory tract injury has been observed.

Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization

No information was located.

Carcinogenicity

Chemical Name	IARC	ACGIH®	NTP	OSHA
Acetonitrile	Not evaluated	A4	Not Listed	

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Reproductive Toxicity

Development of Offspring

Not known to harm the unborn child. Conclusions cannot be drawn from the limited studies available.

Sexual Function and Fertility

No information was located.

Effects on or via Lactation

No information was located.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

No information was located.

Interactive Effects

No information was located.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This section is not required by WHMIS. This section is not required by OSHA HCS 2012.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods

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

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Regulation	UN No.	Proper Shipping Name	Transport Hazard Class(es)	Packing Group
IMO (Marine)	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II
IATA (Air)	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II
US DOT	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II
Canadian TDG	UN1648	Acetonitrile	3	II

Special Precautions Not applicable

Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations

Canada

Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)

Listed on the DSL.

USA

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b)

Listed on the TSCA Inventory.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Rating	Health - 2	Flammability - 3	Instability - 0
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