

Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS		RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
		Highly toxic; do not ingest or inhale. Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system.	   

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	Malononitrile		
Catalog Number	M0033	Supplier	TCI America 9211 N. Harbortgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Cyanoacetonitrile		
Chemical Formula	CH ₂ (CN) ₂		
CAS Number	109-77-3	In case of Emergency Call	Chemtrec® (800) 424-9300 (U.S.) (703) 527-3887 (International)

Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
Malononitrile	109-77-3	Min. 98.0 (GC,T)	Not available.	Rat LD ₅₀ (dermal) 350mg/kg Mouse LD ₅₀ (oral) 19mg/kg

Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	Highly toxic if ingested or inhaled. Avoid prolonged contact with this material. Overexposure may result in serious illness or death. Irritating to eyes and skin on contact. Inhalation causes irritation of the lungs and respiratory system. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY : Not available. Repeated exposure to an highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.

Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes. keeping eyelids open. COLD water may be used. DO NOT use an eye ointment. Flush eyes with running water for a minimum of 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper eyelids. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Skin Contact	After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thorough wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. COLD water may be used. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Wash any contaminated clothing before reusing.
Inhalation	Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform artificial respiration. WARNING: It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention and, if possible, show the chemical label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Ingestion	INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt, or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, administer artificial respiration. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Seek immediate medical attention and, if possible, show the chemical label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	May be combustible at high temperature.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	112°C (233.6°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO ₂). WARNING: Very toxic cyanide gas may be produced in a fire. Do not inhale.		
Fire Hazards	No specific information is available regarding the flammability of this compound in the presence of various materials.		
Explosion Hazards	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. No additional information is available regarding the risks of explosion.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemicals, CO ₂ , water spray or foam. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. DO NOT use water jet.		

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Emergency phone number (800) 424-9300

Section VI. Accidental Release Measures**Spill Cleanup Instructions**

Highly toxic material. Irritating material.
In case of a spill and/or a leak, always shut off any sources of ignition, ventilate the area, and exercise caution. If the product is in its solid form: Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. If the product is in its liquid form: Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

Section VII. Handling and Storage**Handling and Storage Information**

HIGHLY TOXIC. IRRITANT. Handle with caution and minimize exposure. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. When not in use, tightly seal the container and store in a dry, cool place. Avoid excessive heat and light. DO NOT ingest. DO NOT breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis (bases).

Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**Engineering Controls**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator must be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits**

Not available.

Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state @ 20°C	White to light-yellow crystalline solid.	Solubility	Soluble in alcohol, ether, acetone, benzene, water, acetic acid, and chloroform.
Specific Gravity	1.049		
Molecular Weight	66.06	Partition Coefficient	Not available.
Boiling Point	220°C (428°F)	Vapor Pressure	Not available.
Melting Point	32 to 34°C	Vapor Density	Not available.
Refractive Index	1.4146 @ 34°C	Volatility	Not available.
Critical Temperature	Not available.	Odor	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.	Taste	Not available.

Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data**Stability**

This material is stable if stored under proper conditions. (See Section VII for instructions)

Conditions of Instability

Avoid excessive heat and light.

Incompatibilities

Reactive with strong oxidizing agents, strong reducing agents, strong acids, strong alkalis (bases).

Section XI. Toxicological Information**RTECS Number**

OO3150000

Routes of Exposure

Eye contact. Ingestion. Inhalation. Skin contact.

Toxicity Data

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Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Malononitrile may be released to the environment in wastewater effluents associated with its use in gold ore leaching and as a chemical intermediate. If released to the atmosphere, malononitrile will exist primarily in the vapor phase. Atmospheric degradation via photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals is slow (estimated half-life of 2.67 yr). Removal from the atmosphere can occur through wet deposition and hydrolysis in cloud water. If released to water or moist soil, malononitrile will degrade through hydrolysis. At 25°C, the aqueous hydrolysis half-life has been experimentally determined to vary from 21.4 days at pH 5 to 3.1 days at pH 9. Insufficient data are available to predict the importance of biodegradation in soil or water. Occupational exposure to malononitrile can occur through inhalation of vapor and dermal contact. There are no data available to suggest that the general population is exposed to malononitrile.

Section XIII. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. Observe all federal, state, and local regulations when disposing of the substance.
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Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification	DOT CLASS 6.1: Toxic material.
PIN Number	UN2647
Proper Shipping Name	Malonitrile
Packing Group (PG)	II
DOT Pictograms	

Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is ON the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	Not available.
EINECS Number (EEC)	203-703-2
EEC Risk Statements	R23/24/25- Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. R36/37/38- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
Japanese Regulatory Data	Not available.

Section XVI. Other Information

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Notice to Reader

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