







# Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
 	<b>Flammable material; avoid heat and sources of ignition.</b> <b>Harmful compound, minimize exposure.</b> <b>Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system.</b> <b>Lachrymator.</b>	   

## Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	<b>Pivalonitrile</b>		
Catalog Number	P0463	Supplier	TCI America 9211 N. Harborside St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	alpha, alpha-Dimethylpropionitrile		
Chemical Formula	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CCN		
CAS Number	630-18-2	In case of Emergency Call	<b>Chemtec®</b> <b>(800) 424-9300 (U.S.)</b> <b>(703) 527-3887 (International)</b>

## Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
Pivalonitrile	630-18-2	Min. 98.0 (GC)	Not available.	Not available.

## Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	Harmful if ingested or inhaled. Minimize exposure to this material. Severe overexposure can result in injury or death. Severely irritating to the lungs, mucous membranes, and respiratory tract. Always wear an OSHA/MSHA approved respirator when working with this material. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	<b>CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>MUTAGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>TERATOGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY</b> Not available. There is no known effect from chronic exposure to this product. Repeated or prolonged exposure to this compound is not known to aggravate existing medical conditions.

## Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. DO NOT use an eye ointment. Flush eyes with running water for a minimum of 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Skin Contact	After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, creases, and groins. 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 medical attention. 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	Flammable.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	4°C (39.2°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> ), nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ). WARNING: Very toxic cyanide gas may be produced in a fire. Do not inhale.		
Fire Hazards	Reactive with strong oxidizers. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Closed containers may explode from the heat of a fire. Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of shocks, of heat.		
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.		

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Emergency phone number (800) 424-9300

Fire Fighting Media  
and Instructions

Flammable liquid.  
**SMALL FIRE:** Use DRY chemicals, CO<sub>2</sub>, alcohol foam or water spray.  
**LARGE FIRE:** Use alcohol foam, water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, autoignition or explosion. Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire-fighting operations.

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

Flammable liquid. Harmful liquid. Irritating liquid.  
 Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. Stop leak if without risk. 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 DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal. DO NOT touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

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

FLAMMABLE. HARMFUL. IRRITANT. LACHRYMATOR. Reactive with strong oxidizers; may be ignited by heat, sparks, or flames. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Tightly seal container and store in a cool place. Closed containers may explode from heat of a fire. Empty containers may pose a fire risk. Evaporate residue under a fume hood if possible. Ground all equipment containing material. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. Avoid excessive heat and light. DO NOT ingest. Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapor or spray. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
 Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis (bases).

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

## Engineering Controls

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash station and safety shower is proximal to the work-station location.

## Personal Protection

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapor 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

Colorless liquid.

## Solubility

Not available.

## Specific Gravity

0.75

## Molecular Weight

83.13

## Partition Coefficient

Not available.

## Boiling Point

105 to 106°C

## Vapor Pressure

Not available.

## Melting Point

15 to 16°C (59 to 60.8°F)

## Vapor Density

Not available.

## Refractive Index

Not available.

## 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 oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis (bases).

**Section XI. Toxicological Information**

## RTECS Number

Not available.

## Routes of Exposure

Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion. Skin contact.

## Toxicity Data

Not available.

## Chronic Toxic Effects

**CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available.  
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## Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Not available.

## 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 this substance.
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## Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification	DOT CLASS 3: Flammable liquid.
PIN Number	UN1993
Proper Shipping Name	Flammable liquids n.o.s.
Packing Group (PG)	II
DOT Pictograms	

## Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is <b>ON</b> the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	WHMIS CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F). WHMIS CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).
EINECS Number (EEC)	211-133-0
EEC Risk Statements	R11- Highly flammable. R18- In use, may form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture. R36/37/38- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. R20/21/22- Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
Japanese Regulatory Data	Not available.

## Section XVI. Other Information

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### Notice to Reader

TCI laboratory chemicals are for research purposes only and are NOT intended for use as drugs, food additives, households, or pesticides. The information herein is believed to be correct, but does not claim to be all inclusive and should be used only as a guide. Neither the above named supplier nor any of its subsidiaries assumes any liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein. Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All chemical reagents must be handled with the recognition that their chemical, physiological, toxicological, and hazardous properties have not been fully investigated or determined. All chemical reagents should be handled only by individuals who are familiar with their potential hazards and who have been fully trained in proper safety, laboratory, and chemical handling procedures. Although certain hazards are described herein, we can not guarantee that these are the only hazards which exist. Our MSDS sheets are based only on data available at the time of shipping and are subject to change without notice as new information is obtained. Avoid long storage periods since the product is subject to degradation with age and may become more dangerous or hazardous. It is the responsibility of the user to request updated MSDS sheets for products that are stored for extended periods. Disposal of unused product must be undertaken by qualified personnel who are knowledgeable in all applicable regulations and follow all pertinent safety precautions including the use of appropriate protective equipment (e.g. protective goggles, protective clothing, breathing equipment, facial mask, fume hood). For proper handling and disposal, always comply with federal, state, and local regulations.