

Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
  	Flammable material; avoid heat and sources of ignition. Highly toxic; do not ingest or inhale. Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system.	   

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	Propionitrile		
Catalog Number	P0514	Supplier	TCl America 9211 N. Harborgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Ethyl Cyanide		
Chemical Formula	CH ₃ CH ₂ CN		
CAS Number	107-12-0	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
Propionitrile	107-12-0	Min. 99.0 (GC)	Not available.	Rat LD ₅₀ (oral) 39 mg/kg Rat LD ₅₀ (intraperitoneal) 25 mg/kg Rabbit LD ₅₀ (dermal) 210 mg/kg

Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	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 and lower eyelids. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Skin Contact	If the chemical gets spilled on a clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical touches the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands: Gently and thoroughly 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	Flammable.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	6°C (42.8°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂), nitrogen oxides (NO _x). 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.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	Flammable liquid, soluble or dispersed in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemicals, CO ₂ , 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. Toxic liquid. Irritating liquid. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. 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.
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Section VII. Handling and Storage

Handling and Storage Information	FLAMMABLE. TOXIC. IRRITANT. 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. Handle with caution and minimize exposure. 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).
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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	Soluble in cold water, hot water.
Specific Gravity	0.78		
Molecular Weight	55.08	Partition Coefficient	Not available.
Boiling Point	97°C (206.6°F)	Vapor Pressure	Not available.
Melting Point	-93°C (-135.4°F)	Vapor Density	1.9 (Air = 1)
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	UF9625000
Routes of Exposure	Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion. Skin contact.
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Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Propionitrile may be released to the environment as fugitive emissions or in wastewater during its by-product formation during the electro-reduction of acrylonitrile to form adiponitrile. It will be persistent in the atmosphere (degradation half-life 83 days). Its only effective removal mechanism from the air is washout by rain. If released into water it will volatilize only very slowly and may biodegrade. Adsorption to sediment and bioconcentration in aquatic organisms will not be significant. If spilled on land, propionitrile will readily evaporate and leach into the ground where its fate is unknown. Human exposure will most likely be via inhalation in occupational settings. (HSDB)

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. DOT CLASS 6.1: Toxic material.
PIN Number	UN2404
Proper Shipping Name	Propionitrile
Packing Group (PG)	II
DOT Pictograms	 

Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This product is ON the EPA Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) inventory.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	WHMIS CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F). WHMIS CLASS D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (VERY TOXIC). WHMIS CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).
EINECS Number (EEC)	203-464-4
EEC Risk Statements	R11- Highly flammable. R18- In use, may form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture. R28- Very toxic if swallowed. R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.
Japanese Regulatory Data	Not available.

Section XVI. Other Information**Version 1.0****Validated on 6/17/1997.****Printed 3/18/2005.****Notice to Reader**

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