

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium thiocyanate

Product Number : P3011

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Harmful by ingestion.

Target Organs

Central nervous system, Cardiovascular system., Thyroid

GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word : Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H302 + H312 : Harmful if swallowed or in contact with skin
H332 : Harmful if inhaled.
H402 : Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P280 : Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

Other hazards

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 1
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 1
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin Harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion Harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Potassium rhodanide

Formula : CKNS
Molecular Weight : 97.18 g/mol

Component	Concentration
Potassium thiocyanate	
CAS-No.	333-20-0
EC-No.	206-370-1
Index-No.	615-030-00-5

4. FIRST AID MEASURES**General advice**

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

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**Conditions of flammability**

Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulphur oxides, Potassium oxides

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal precautions**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.
Product is sensitive to light and moisture.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	TWA	5 mg/m ³	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
Remarks	Skin contact does contribute to exposure.			
		TWA	5 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
	Skin contact does contribute to exposure.			

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Eye protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form solid
Colour no data available

Safety data

pH 5.3 - 8.7 at 97.2 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)

Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 173 °C (343 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	no data available
Flash point	not applicable
Ignition temperature	no data available
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	no data available
Density	1.890 g/cm ³
Water solubility	ca.97.2 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.

Materials to avoid

acids, Strong bases

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Sulphur oxides, Potassium oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 854 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

Inhalation LC50

Dermal LD50

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Genotoxicity in vitro - Equivocal evidence.
Histidine reversion (Ames)

Carcinogenicity

- IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
- ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
- NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
- OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

Developmental Toxicity - Domestic Animals - Oral
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Endocrine system.

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.
Skin	Harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes	May cause eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Nausea, Headache, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: XL1925000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 100 mg/l - 96.0 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 11 mg/l - 48 h

Persistence and degradability

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation	Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 16 Weeks Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 13.4
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Mobility in soil
no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available

Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

IMDG

Not dangerous goods

IATA

Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Harmful by ingestion.

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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