

# Material Safety Data Sheet



Acetonitrile

## Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

<b>Product name</b>	: Acetonitrile
<b>Supplier</b>	: AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries 259 North Radnor-Chester Road Suite 100 Radnor, PA 19087-5283 1-610-687-5253
<b>Synonym</b>	: cyanomethane; Methylcyanide
<b>Material uses</b>	: Other non-specified industry: SOLVENT IN HYDROCARBON EXTRACTION PROCESSES, ESPECIALLY FOR BUTADIENE; SPECIALTY SOLVENT; INTERMEDIATE; CATALYST; SEPARATION OF FATTY ACIDS FROM VEGETABLE OILS; MANUFACTURE OF SYNTHETIC PHARMACEUTICALS.
<b>MSDS #</b>	: 001102
<b>Date of Preparation/Revision</b>	: <b>6/16/2010.</b>
<b>In case of emergency</b>	: 1-866-734-3438

## Section 2. Hazards identification

<b>Physical state</b>	: Liquid. [COLORLESS LIQUID WITH A SWEET, ETHER-LIKE ODOR [NOTE:FORMS CYANIDE IN THE BODY]]
<b>Emergency overview</b>	: <b>WARNING!</b>  FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.  Flammable liquid. Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. May cause target organ damage, based on animal data. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Wash thoroughly after handling.
<b>Target organs</b>	: May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS).
<b>Routes of entry</b>	: Dermal contact. Inhalation.
<b>Potential acute health effects</b>	
<b>Eyes</b>	: Irritating to eyes.
<b>Skin</b>	: Irritating to skin.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: Harmful by inhalation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: Harmful if swallowed.
<b>Potential chronic health effects</b>	: <b>CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:</b> A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH. <b>MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:</b> Not available. <b>TERATOGENIC EFFECTS:</b> Not available.
<b>Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure</b>	: Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.

See toxicological information (section 11)

## Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

[United States](#)

[Exposure limits](#)

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100

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## Section 4. First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

## Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Flammable.
- Auto-ignition temperature** : 524°C (975.2°F)
- Flash point** : Closed cup: 5.85°C (42.5°F).
- Flammable limits** : Lower: 3% Upper: 16%
- Products of combustion** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
carbon dioxide  
carbon monoxide  
nitrogen oxides

### Extinguishing media

- Suitable** : Use dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray (fog) or foam.
- Not suitable** : Do not use water jet.
- Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.
- Flammable liquid. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst, with the risk of a subsequent explosion. The vapor/gas is heavier than air and will spread along the ground. Vapors may accumulate in low or confined areas or travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Methods for cleaning up** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilled product. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Do not enter storage areas and confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Use non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Eliminate all ignition sources. Separate from oxidizing materials. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

## Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

- Recommended monitoring procedures** : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.
- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.
- Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.
- Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
- Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
- Personal protection in case of a large spill** : Full chemical-resistant suit and self-contained breathing apparatus should be worn only by trained and authorized persons.

### Product name

### Exposure limits

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## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

- Physical state** : Liquid. [COLORLESS LIQUID WITH A SWEET, ETHER-LIKE ODOR [NOTE:FORMS CYANIDE IN THE BODY]]
- Odor** : SWEET; ETHEREAL
- Molecular weight** : 41.06 g/mole
- Molecular formula** : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N
- Boiling/condensation point** : 81.7°C (179.1°F)
- Melting/freezing point** : -41.9°C (-43.4°F)
- Critical temperature** : 274.8°C (526.6°F)
- Specific gravity** : 0.787 (Water = 1)
- Vapor pressure** : 9.7 kPa (72.8 mm Hg) (at 20°C)
- Vapor density** : 1.42 (Air = 1)
- Evaporation rate** : 2.33 compared with butyl acetate
- VOC** : 100 % (w/w)

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

- Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.
- Incompatibility with various substances** : Highly reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials.
- Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
- Hazardous polymerization** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

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# Section 11. Toxicological information

### Toxicity data

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Acetonitrile	LD50 Dermal	Rabbit	980 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Intraperitoneal	Rat	850 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Intravenous	Rat	1680 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	2460 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Parenteral	Rat	1100 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Subcutaneous	Rat	1900 mg/kg	-
	TDL <sub>o</sub> Subcutaneous	Rat	1520 mg/kg	-
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	21354 ppm	1 hours
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	17100 ppm	4 hours
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	7551 ppm	8 hours

**IDLH** : 500 ppm

**Chronic effects on humans** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH. May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other toxic effects on humans** : Hazardous by the following route of exposure: of eye contact (irritant).

### Specific effects

**Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Reproduction toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

# Section 12. Ecological information

### Aquatic ecotoxicity

Acetonitrile	-	Acute LC50 3600000 ug/L Fresh water	Daphnia - Water flea - Daphnia magna - <24 hours	48 hours
	-	Acute LC50 1850000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Bluegill - Lepomis macrochirus - 3.8 to 5.1 cm - 2 g	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 1650000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Guppy - Poecilia reticulata - 2.5 cm - 0.1 g	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 1640000 to 1690000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow - Pimephales promelas - 26 to 31 days - 21.1 mm - 0.165 g	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 1000000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow - Pimephales promelas - 5.1 to 6.4 cm - 1.5 g	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 >100000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow - Pimephales promelas - Juvenile (Fledgling, Hatchling, Weanling) - 0.2 to 0.5 g	96 hours

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**Products of degradation** : Products of degradation: carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>) and water, nitrogen oxides (NO, NO<sub>2</sub> etc.).


**Section 13. Disposal considerations**

**Waste disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

**Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.**

**Section 14. Transport information**

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	UN1648	ACETONITRILE	3	II		<p><b>Reportable quantity</b> 5000 lbs. (2270 kg)</p> <p><b>Limited quantity</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Packaging instruction</b> <b>Passenger aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 5 L</p> <p><b>Cargo aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 60 L</p> <p><b>Special provisions</b> IB2, T7, TP2</p>
<b>TDG Classification</b>	UN1648	ACETONITRILE	3	II		<p><b>Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index</b> 1</p> <p><b>Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index</b> 5</p>

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“Refer to CFR 49 (or authority having jurisdiction) to determine the information required for shipment of the product.”

## Section 15. Regulatory information

### United States

**HCS Classification** : Flammable liquid  
 Toxic material  
 Target organ effects

**U.S. Federal regulations** : TSCA 4(a) final test rules: Acetonitrile  
 TSCA 8(a) PAIR: Acetonitrile  
**United States inventory (TSCA 8b)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
 TSCA 12(b) one-time export: Acetonitrile

**SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances**: No products were found.

**SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification**: No products were found.

**SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals**: Acetonitrile

**SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification**:  
 Acetonitrile: Fire hazard, Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 307**: Acetonitrile

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 311**: No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention**: No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances**: No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances**: No products were found.

### SARA 313

	<u>Product name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
<b>Form R - Reporting requirements</b>	: Acetonitrile	75-05-8	100
<b>Supplier notification</b>	: Acetonitrile	75-05-8	100

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SARA 313 notifications must not be detached from the MSDS and any copying and redistribution of the MSDS shall include copying and redistribution of the notice attached to copies of the MSDS subsequently redistributed.

- State regulations**
- Connecticut Carcinogen Reporting:** This material is not listed.
  - Connecticut Hazardous Material Survey:** This material is not listed.
  - Florida substances:** This material is not listed.
  - Illinois Chemical Safety Act:** This material is not listed.
  - Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employee Act:** This material is not listed.
  - Louisiana Reporting:** This material is not listed.
  - Louisiana Spill:** This material is not listed.
  - Massachusetts Spill:** This material is not listed.
  - Massachusetts Substances:** This material is listed.
  - Michigan Critical Material:** This material is not listed.
  - Minnesota Hazardous Substances:** This material is not listed.
  - New Jersey Hazardous Substances:** This material is listed.
  - New Jersey Spill:** This material is not listed.
  - New Jersey Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act:** This material is not listed.
  - New York Acutely Hazardous Substances:** This material is listed.
  - New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting:** This material is not listed.
  - Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances:** This material is listed.
  - Rhode Island Hazardous Substances:** This material is not listed.

## Canada

- WHMIS (Canada)**
- Class B-2: Flammable liquid
  - Class D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (Very toxic).
  - Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).
  - CEPA Toxic substances:** This material is not listed.
  - Canadian ARET:** This material is not listed.
  - Canadian NPRI:** This material is listed.
  - Alberta Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.
  - Ontario Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.
  - Quebec Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.

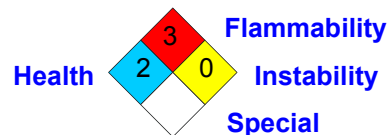
## Section 16. Other information

- Label requirements** : FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.

**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)**

Health	*	2
Flammability		3
Physical hazards		0

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)**



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Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.