

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification of substance:**Product details:****Product name:** Potassium thiocyanate**Stock number:**

A13731

L10686

Manufacturer/Supplier:

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company

Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.

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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099

Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300

CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300

Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency information:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

2 Composition/Data on components:**Chemical characterization:****Description: (CAS#)**

Potassium thiocyanate (CAS# 333-20-0): 100%

Identification number(s):**EINECS Number:** 206-370-1**EU Number:** 615-004-00-3**3 Hazards identification****Hazard description:**

Xn Harmful

N Dangerous for the environment

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

R 32 Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

R 50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment

Classification system**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH	2
FIRE	1
REACTIVITY	1

Health (acute effects) = 2

Flammability = 1

Reactivity = 1

4 First aid measures**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

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After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek immediate medical advice.

5 Fire fighting measures**Suitable extinguishing agents**

Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or resulting gases:

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Sulfur oxides (SO_x)

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures**Person-related safety precautions:**

Mount respiratory protective device.

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Additional information:

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage**Handling****Information for safe handling:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

Keep ignition sources away.

Storage**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Do not store together with acids.

Store away from water/moisture.

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Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

8 Exposure controls and personal protection**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Not required.

Additional information: No data**Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Breathing equipment:

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

Material of gloves

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Eye protection: Safety glasses**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.**9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

Form:	Crystalline
Color:	White
Odor:	Odorless

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range:	172.3°C (342°F)
Boiling point/Boiling range:	500°C (932°F) (dec)
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined

Flash point:	Not applicable
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Ignition temperature:	Not determined
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Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
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Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
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Explosion limits:

Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined

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Vapor pressure:	Not determined
Density at 20°C (68°F):	1.886 g/cm ³
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Soluble

10 Stability and reactivity**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Materials to be avoided:

Acids

Water/moisture

Oxidizing agents

Dangerous reactions

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

Many isocyanates and thiocyanates react with water or acids to produce very toxic hydrogen cyanide gas.

Dangerous products of decomposition:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Sulfur oxides (SO_x)

Nitrogen oxides

11 Toxicological information**Acute toxicity:****LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

Oral	LD50	594 mg/kg (mus)
		854 mg/kg (rat)
	LDLo	80 mg/kg (hmn)

Primary irritant effect:

on the skin: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

on the eye: Irritating effect.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Other information (about experimental toxicology):

Reproductive effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) reports the following effects in laboratory animals:

Behavioral - hallucinations, distorted perceptions.

Behavioral - convulsions or effect on seizure threshold.

Behavioral - muscle weakness.

Behavioral - toxic psychosis.

Behavioral - tetany.

Gastrointestinal - ulceration or bleeding from stomach.

Gastrointestinal - gastritis.

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration - dyspnea.

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration - acute pulmonary edema.

Liver - other changes.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder - other changes in urine composition.

Endocrine - changes in thyroid weight.

Blood - other changes.

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Nutritional and Gross Metabolic - weight loss or decreased weight gain.
Related to Chronic Data - death.

Reproductive - Specific Developmental Abnormalities - endocrine system

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Thiocyanates have variable toxicity. They are not normally dissociated into cyanide. Prolonged absorption may produce skin eruptions, running nose, and occasionally dizziness, cramps, nausea, vomiting and mild or severe disturbances of the nervous system. Thiocyanates emit cyanide on contact with acids.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

Danger through skin absorption.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

12 Ecological information:**Ecotoxicological effects:**

Remark: Very toxic for fish

General notes:

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

13 Disposal considerations**Product:****Recommendation**

Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

DOT regulations:

Hazard class: None

Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)

ADR/RID class: None

Maritime transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: None

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:

ICAO/IATA Class: None

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Transport/Additional information:

Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

15 Regulations**Product related hazard informations:****Hazard symbols:**

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Risk phrases:

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Safety phrases:

13 Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs.

61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheets

National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

16 Other information:

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.**Contact:** Paul V. Connolly