

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name 4-Methylbenzyl cyanide

Cat No. : AC126440000; AC126440050; AC126440250; AC126441000

CAS No 2947-61-7
Synonyms 4-Methylphenylacetonitrile

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Acros Organics
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word
Warning

Hazard Statements

Causes skin irritation
Causes serious eye irritation
May cause respiratory irritation
Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention
Take off contaminated clothing

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
Rinse mouth

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears)

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	No information available.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	106 °C / 222.8 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Nitrogen oxides (NO_x).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPA

Health
2

Flammability
1

Instability
0

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong reducing agents.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
p-Tolylacetonitrile		(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³	IDLH: 25 mg/m ³	

Legend

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State

Liquid

Color

Light yellow

Odor

No information available

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property

Values

Remarks

• Method

Melting Point/Range

18 °C / 64.4 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

242 - 243 °C / 467.6 - 469.4 °F

@ 760 mmHg

Flash Point

106 °C / 222.8 °F

Method - No information available

Flammability (liquid)

No data available

Flammability (solid,gas)

Not applicable

Liquid

Explosion Limits

No data available

Autoignition Temperature

No data available

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

No information available

Viscosity

No data available

Water Solubility

Insoluble

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Component

log Pow

p-Tolylacetonitrile

1.92

Vapor Pressure

No data available

Density / Specific Gravity

0.990

Bulk Density

Not applicable

Liquid

Vapor Density

4.52

(Air = 1.0)

Particle characteristics

Not applicable (liquid)

Other Information**Molecular Formula**

C9 H9 N

Molecular Weight

131.18

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information**Information on expected route of exposure**

Inhalation	Harmful by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system.
Ingestion	Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death.
Eyes	Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears). Irritating to eyes.
Skin	Harmful in contact with skin. May be metabolized to cyanide which in turn acts by inhibiting cytochrome oxidase impairing cellular respiration. Irritating to skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	Category 2
(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	Category 2
(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;	
Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available
(e) germ cell mutagenicity;	No data available
(f) carcinogenicity;	

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity;	No data available
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(h) STOT-single exposure;	Category 3
Results / Target organs	Respiratory system.
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	No information available.
(j) aspiration hazard;	No data available
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	No information available.
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Endocrine Disrupting Properties	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Persistence and Degradability	Persistence is unlikely
Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation	No information available.
Mobility	Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
p-Tolylacetonitrile	1.92

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods	Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.
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14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No	UN3276
Proper Shipping Name	NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.
Technical Shipping Name	p-Tolylacetonitrile
Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III

TDG

UN-No	UN3276
Proper Shipping Name	NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.
Technical Shipping Name	p-Tolylacetonitrile
Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III

IATA

UN-No	UN3276
Proper Shipping Name	NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.
Technical Shipping Name	p-Tolylacetonitrile

Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN3276
Proper Shipping Name	NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.
Technical Shipping Name	p-Tolylacetonitrile
Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)

Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	220-963-2	X	-		-	X	-

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	>95	1.0 %	-

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Not applicable

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
p-Tolylacetonitrile	-	-	X	X

Clean Air Act

Not applicable

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
p-Tolylacetonitrile	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and

Not applicable

Health Administration

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
p-Tolylacetonitrile	-	X	X	X	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
 DOT Marine Pollutant Y
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations**Mexico - Grade**

No information available

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	-

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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