

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	Potassium cyanate
Cat No. :	AC201110000; AC201110010; AC201110050; AC201111000; AC201115000
CAS No	590-28-3
Synonyms	Cyanic acid, potassium salt; Potassium isocyanate
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	Acros Organics
One Reagent Lane	One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
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Emergency Telephone Number

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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
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2

Label Elements

Signal Word
Warning

Hazard Statements
Harmful if swallowed
Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Wear eye/face protection

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

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

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	<=100

4. First-aid measures**General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Ingestion

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms and effects

None reasonably foreseeable.

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

No information available

Flash Point	No information available
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

Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid).

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.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	1	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
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7. Handling and Storage

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

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Potassium cyanate		(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	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
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Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection	Tight sealing safety goggles.
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	Solid		
Color	White		
Odor	Odorless		
Odor Threshold	No information available		
Property	Values	Remarks	• Method

Melting Point/Range

315 °C / 599 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

No information available

Flash Point

No information available

Flammability (liquid)

Not applicable

Flammability (solid,gas)

No information available

Explosion Limits

No data available

Autoignition Temperature

No data available

Decomposition Temperature

700 °C

pH

approx . 10

Viscosity

Not applicable

Water Solubility

750 g/L (20°C)

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

No data available

Vapor Pressure

No data available

Density / Specific Gravity

No data available

Bulk Density

No data available

Vapor Density

Not applicable

Particle characteristics

No data available

Remarks

• Method

Method - No information available

Solid

Other Information

Molecular Formula

C K N O

Molecular Weight

81.12

Evaporation Rate

Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard

None known, based on information available

Stability

Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous Decomposition Products Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)

Hazardous Polymerization

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Irritating to eyes.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. May cause irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium cyanate	LD50 = 567 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 >= 2000 mg/kg (Rat)	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Test method OECD 404
Test species rabbit
Observational endpoint Erythema/Eschar = 0
 Oedema = 0
 No skin irritation

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

Test method OECD 405
Test species rabbit eye
Observation end point Cornea opacity; fully reversible 48h
 Redness of the conjunctivae; reversible 72h
 Iris lesion; 2-5 days

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	Not listed				

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard: Not applicable
Solid

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

This product contains a chemical which is listed as a marine pollutant according to DOT



Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium cyanate	Not listed	Onchorhynchus mykiss: LC50: 24.3 mg/L/96h	Not listed	EC50: = 18 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

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.

14. Transport information

<u>DOT</u>	Not regulated
<u>TDG</u>	Not regulated
<u>IATA</u>	Not regulated
<u>IMDG/IMO</u>	Not regulated

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	X	ACTIVE	-

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	X	-	209-676-3	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29091

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

U.S. Federal Regulations**SARA 313**

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	<=100	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)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Potassium cyanate	-	-	X	X

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Potassium cyanate	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

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
Potassium cyanate	-	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)
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	-	-	-

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)
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	Listed	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)
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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