

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	Sodium thiocyanate
Cat No. :	S441-500
CAS No	540-72-7
Synonyms	Sodium rhodanate; Sodium sulfocyanate; Thiocyanic acid sodium salt; Sodium isothiocyanate
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

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTRIC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTRIC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

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 - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Liver, Blood, Thyroid.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
Take off contaminated clothing

Ingestion

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)

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200**Hazards resulting from a reaction with other chemicals under normal conditions of use**

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

Other hazards

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
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 Method -	No information available
	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

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Sulfur oxides.

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	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. 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. Avoid dust formation.
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7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from acids.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from light. Keep away from acids. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Strong bases.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

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

Legend

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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.

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

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

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

287 °C / 548.6 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

No information available

Flash Point

No information available

Method - No information available

Flammability (liquid)

Not applicable

Solid

Flammability (solid,gas)

No information available

Explosion Limits

No data available

Autoignition Temperature

No data available

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

5.5-7.5

5% aq.sol. 20°C

Viscosity

Not applicable

Solid

Water Solubility

1390 g/L (21°C)

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

No data available

Vapor Pressure

> 1.0

Density / Specific Gravity

No data available

Bulk Density

No data available

Solid

Vapor Density

Not applicable

Particle characteristics No data available

Other Information

Molecular Formula NaSCN

Molecular Weight 81.07

Evaporation Rate Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard No

Stability Hygroscopic. Light sensitive.

Conditions to Avoid Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to light. Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Strong bases

Hazardous Decomposition Products Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Sulfur oxides

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation Harmful by inhalation. May cause pulmonary edema. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

Ingestion Harmful if swallowed. May cause central nervous system effects. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Eyes Avoid contact with eyes.

Skin Harmful in contact with skin. May cause irritation. Avoid contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium thiocyanate	LD50 = 764 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

(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
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	Not listed				

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information

Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed No information available.

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Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

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

DOT Not regulated
TDG Not regulated
IATA Not regulated
IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	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
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	X	-	208-754-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-31631

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
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	>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)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Sodium thiocyanate	-	-	X	X

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Sodium thiocyanate	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

Sodium thiocyanate	-	X	X	X	X
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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)
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	-	-	-

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)
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	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)
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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