

## SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Mercuric cyanide 99%

Product Code: M04240

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## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Statement of Hazard: Contact with acids liberates toxic gas, Environmentally hazardous, Irritant, Respiratory irritant, Toxic

Acute Health Hazard: Irritant to eyes, skin, mucous membranes and respiratory system. May be fatal by ingestion, skin absorption and inhalation.

Chronic Health Hazard: Target organ effect

HMIS Rating: H: 4 F: 0 P: 1

NFPA Rating: H: 4 F: 0 R: 1

To the best of our knowledge, the toxicological properties of this chemical have not been thoroughly investigated. Use appropriate procedures and precautions to prevent or minimize exposure.

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS):

GHS Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008:

Acute toxicity, dermal (Category 1), H310  
Acute toxicity, inhalation (Category 1), H330  
Acute toxicity, oral (Category 1), H300  
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, chronic toxicity (Category 1), H410  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Skin corrosion/irritation (Category 2), H315  
Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure (Category 2), H373  
Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation (Category 3), H335

Pictogram:



Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

H300 Fatal if swallowed.  
H310 Fatal in contact with skin.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H330 Fatal if inhaled.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H373 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.  
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects.

Precautionary Statement(s):

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.  
P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P284 Wear respiratory protection.  
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P332+P313 IF SKIN irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P406 Store in corrosive resistant/ [ ] container with a resistant inner liner.

Supplemental Statement(s):

EUH031 Contact with acids liberates toxic gas

### **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION on INGREDIENTS**

Chemical Name:

Mercuric cyanide 99%

Synonyms:

Mercury(II) cyanide

CAS Number:

592-04-1

MDL Number: MFCD00011037  
EINECS Number: 209-741-6  
Beilstein Registry Number: 4652800  
Molecular Formula: C<sub>2</sub>HgN<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular Weight: 252.62  
Content: As specified in product name.

#### **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

Eye Contact: Flush eyes with large amounts of water for fifteen minutes. Separate eyelids with fingers. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with soap and water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention.

Inhalation: Move to a fresh air environment. Contact a physician if breathing becomes difficult.

#### **SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flash Point (°C): Not Available

Explosion Limits: Not Available

Auto Ignition Temperature (°C): Not Available

Extinguishing Media: Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, alcohol-resistant foam, or water spray

Protective Equipment: Wear self-contained respirator and fully protective impervious suit.

Specific Hazards: May emit hazardous fumes under fire conditions.

#### **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal Protection: Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots and gloves, and disposable coveralls. Dispose of coveralls after use. Remove from ignition sources if safe to do so. Follow emergency response plan and contact proper authorities if needed. Keep unprotected persons away.

Environmental Protection: Keep spills out of sewers and bodies of water. Dike and contain the spill with inert material. Absorb on sand, vermiculite or diatomite. Transfer material to a container for disposal or recovery. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING and STORAGE**

Handling and Storage: Avoid breathing dust, vapor, mist or gas. Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Use only in a chemical fume hood. Open and handle container with care. Keep ignition sources away. Store in a tightly closed container in a dry, well-ventilated place.

Sensitivities: Hygroscopic, Light, Moisture

Storage Temperature (°C): 15 to 30

## **SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Engineering Controls: Use product in a well ventilated area or under a fume hood. Use proper lab equipment while handling this product. Keep away from incompatible materials for possible risk of hazardous reaction.

Eye Protection: Wear appropriate protective eyeglass or chemical safety goggles. Make sure that there is an eyewash station in your vicinity.

Skin Protection: Wear impervious gloves and protective clothing.

Respiratory Protection: Use a NIOSH approved respirator when exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

<u>Exposure Limits:</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Value</u>
	USA	ACGIH	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	USA	OSHA	STEL	Not Available
	USA	OSHA	PEL	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## **SECTION 9: PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance: White crystalline powder

Odor: Odorless

Odor Threshold: Not Available

Flash Point (°C): Not Available

Auto Ignition Temperature (°C): Not Available

<u>UEL % by Volume:</u>	Not Available
<u>LEL % by Volume:</u>	Not Available
<u>Melting Point (°C):</u>	Not Available
<u>Boiling Point (°C):</u>	Not Available
<u>Evaporation Rate:</u>	Not Available
<u>pH Value:</u>	Not Available
<u>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>):</u>	3.996
<u>Refractive Index (n<sup>20D</sup>):</u>	Not Available
<u>Viscosity:</u>	Not Available
<u>Solubility in Water:</u>	Soluble
<u>Solubility in Other:</u>	Not Available
<u>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</u>	Not Available
<u>Vapor Density (Air=1):</u>	8.7

## **SECTION 10: STABILITY and REACTIVITY**

<u>Stability:</u>	Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.
<u>Incompatibility:</u>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Fluorine, Magnesium, Sodium nitrite
<u>Reactivity:</u>	Product may react with incompatible materials to release other hazardous substances.
<u>Conditions to Avoid:</u>	Heat, flame, sparks, other ignition sources.
<u>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</u>	Carbon oxides, Mercury oxides, Nitrogen oxides

## **SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<u>RTECS Reference:</u>	OW1515000
<u>Target Organs:</u>	Kidney, Gastrointestinal tract, Nerves

Toxicity Data: Oral Rat LD<sub>50</sub> mg/kg: 26.00  
Oral Mouse LD<sub>50</sub> mg/kg: 33.00

Carcinogenicity: National Toxicology Program (NTP) listed:  
Not Available  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) listed: Not Available

Potential Symptoms: Not Available

## **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity: Not Available

## **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service. Dispose in a manner consistent with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

## **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT Shipping Name: Mercury Cyanide

DOT UN Number: UN1636

DOT Hazard Class: Class 6.1

DOT Packing Group: PGII

Reportable Quantity: 1 lbs

IMDG Shipping Name: Mercury Cyanide

IMDG UN Number: UN1636

IMDG Hazard Class: Class 6.1

IMDG Packing Group: PG II

Marine Pollutant: Yes

IATA Shipping Name: Mercury Cyanide

IATA UN Number: UN1636

IATA Hazard Class: Class 6.1

IATA Packing Group: PG II

## **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### United States

Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) listed: Yes

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA 302) listed: No

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA 311/312) listed: No

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA 313) listed: Yes

### European Union

European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (EINECS): 209-741-6

GHS Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Yes

### Canada

Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) listed: No

Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL) listed: Yes

## **SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

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