



SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name	Acetonitrile
CAS number	75-05-8
Synonyms	Ethanenitrile; Methyl cyanide; Cyanomethane

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses	Laboratory Chemicals
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1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Lab Alley, LLC 12501 Pauls Valley Road Austin, Texas 78737 U.S.A.
Telephone	512-668-9918
Fax	512-886-4008

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #	US & Canada: 1-800-535-5053	INFOTRAC
	International 1-352-323-3500	INFOTRAC

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Flammable Liquids	Category 2
Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Acute Dermal Toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	Category 4

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram	
Signal Word	Danger
Hazard statements	Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed. Harmful in contact with skin. Harmful if inhaled. Causes serious eye irritation.
Precautionary statements	Prevention: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surface. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Avoid breathing vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing. Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection. IF SWALLOWED: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. 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. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Fire: In case of fire, use appropriate media to extinguish. Storage: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Disposal: Dispose of contents in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

None identified.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Concentration
Acetonitrile	Ethanenitrile; Methyl cyanide; Cyanomethane	75-05-8	≤100%

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

If inhaled	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Call a poison center or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
In case of skin contact	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
In case of eye contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
If swallowed	Rinse mouth. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into lungs. Get medical attention if you feel unwell.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Convulsions, nausea, vomiting, severe eye irritation, stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, blurred vision.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Thermal burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to the affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm and under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	Water fog. Alcohol-resistant foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed. Combustion products may include: Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides, Hydrogen cyanide.

5.3 Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full-protective clothing must be worn in case of fire. In case of fire and/or explosion, do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

5.4 Further information

Flash Point 55.0 °F (12.8 °C) Closed Cup

Autoignition Temperature 975.2 °F (524 °C)

Explosion limits

Upper 16%

Lower 4%

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact

Sensitivity to Static Discharge

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	3	0	N/A

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Avoid inhalation of vapors and spray mists. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see Section 8 of the SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see Section 13 of the SDS. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses, or the ground.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools. This product is miscible in water.

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand, or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Absorb with earth, sand, or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal. Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Section 2 for full list of hazard and precaution statements.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Do not handle, store, or open near an open flame, sources of heat, or sources of ignition. Protect material from direct sunlight. Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink, or smoke. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Store away from incompatible materials.

Incompatibilities

Strong oxidizing agents.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Component	Type	Value
Acetonitrile	PEL-TWA	70 mg/m ³ 40 ppm

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Component	Type	Value
Acetonitrile	TWA	20 ppm

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Component	Type	Value
Acetonitrile	TWA	34 mg/m ³ 20 ppm

Biological occupational exposure limits

No information available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Provide eyewash station and safety shower.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Chemical goggles are recommended.

Skin protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Laminate gloves are recommended. Other suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier. Be aware that the liquid may penetrate the gloves. Frequent change is advisable.

Body Protection

Wear appropriate clothes to minimize skin exposure.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn.

Respirator type: Chemical respirator with organic vapor cartridge. In the United States of America, if respirators are used, a program should be instituted to assure compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134

Control of environmental exposure

No information available.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Clear
Odor	Ethereal
Odor Threshold	No information available.
pH	No information available.
Melting Point/Range	-50.8 °F (-46 °C)

Boiling Point/Range	178.9 °F (81.6 °C) 101.325 kPa
Evaporation Rate	Expected to be rapid
Flammability (solid)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limit	
Upper	16%
Lower	4%
Vapor Pressure	119.81 hPa (77 °F (25 °C))
Vapor Density	No information available
Density	0.786 g/mL (77 °F (25 °C))
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.54 at 25 °C (77 °F)
Autoignition Temp	975.2 °F (524 °C)
Decomposition Temp	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	C ₂ H ₃ N
Molecular Weight	41.05 g/mol
VOC Content(%)	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available

9.2 Other safety information No information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

This product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage, and transport.

10.2 Chemical stability

Material is stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No information available.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames, and other ignition sources. Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point. Contact with incompatible materials.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon oxides, Hydrogen cyanide, Nitrogen oxides.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Product Information, Component Information

Acute toxicity

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Acetonitrile	617 mg/kg	-	3587 ppm, 4h

Skin corrosion/irritation

Harmful in contact with skin.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity

Component	CAS	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

None known.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

None known.

Reproductive toxicity

Not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Chronic effects

Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

11.2 Additional Information

No information available.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Product		Species	Test Results
Acetonitrile	LC50	Pimephales promelas	1,640 mg/l, 96h flow through
	NOEC	Phaeodactylum tricornutum	400 mg/l, 72h, static
	ErC50	Phaeodactylum tricornutum	9,696 mg/l, 72h, static

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No information available.

12.3 Bio accumulative potential

No bioaccumulation is to be expected.

12.4 Mobility in soil

The product is completely soluble in water. Expected to be mobile in soil.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information available.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No information available.

12.7 Other adverse effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 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.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8	U003	-

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)

UN Number UN1648
Proper Shipping name Acetonitrile

Hazard Class 3
Packaging Group II

IMDG

UN Number UN1648
Proper Shipping name Acetonitrile
Hazard Class 3
Packaging Group II

IATA

UN Number UN1648
Proper Shipping name Acetonitrile
Hazard Class 3
Packaging Group II

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)
Not applicable.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)
Listed, Acetonitrile (CAS #75-05-8), RQ: 5000 lb.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification
Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)
Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance
Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous
See Section 2 for more information.

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)
Listed, Acetonitrile (CAS #75-05-8).

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List
Listed, Acetonitrile (CAS #75-05-8).

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace

Not listed.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Listed, Acetonitrile (CAS #75-05-8).

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Listed, Acetonitrile (CAS #75-05-8).

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Listed, Acetonitrile (CAS #75-05-8).

California Proposition 65

Not listed.

SECTION 16: Other information

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SECTION 17: Disclaimer

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