

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sodium thiocyanate

**Cat No. :** 33388

**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**

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#### **Emergency Telephone Number**

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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 victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

**Skin**

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

**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)**

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**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**

None reasonably foreseeable.

**effects**

**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****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.

## 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.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

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

Legend

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 NIOSH IDLH: 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.

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	5.5-7.5 5% aq.sol. 20°C
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	287 °C / 548.6 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	> 1.0
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C N Na S
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	81.07

## 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 (NOx), Sulfur oxides

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium thiocyanate	LD50 = 764 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**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	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known  
**STOT - repeated exposure** Liver Blood Thyroid

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

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

## 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.



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

## 16. Other information

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