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SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Acetonitrile

MSDS Number : 000000011710

Product Use Description : Solvent

Manufactured for : VWR International LLC
Radnor Corporate Center
Building One
Suite 200
100 Matsonford Road
Radnor PA 19087

For more information call : (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm)
1-800-932-5000

In case of emergency call : (24 hours/day, 7 days/week)
1-800-424-9300(USA Only)
For Transportation Emergencies:
1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC - Domestic)
1-613-996-6666 (CANUTEC - Canada)

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**Emergency Overview**

Form : liquid

Color : colourless

Odor : sweet ether-like

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Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification of the substance or mixture : Flammable liquids, Category 2
Eye irritation, Category 2A
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Category 1, Central nervous system, Respiratory system
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Category 2, Central nervous system, Respiratory system, Kidney, Blood, Liver

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Symbol(s)



Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
Causes serious eye irritation.
Causes damage to organs.
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Precautionary statements

: **Prevention:**
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - 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.
Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.**Response:**

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

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IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.

Storage:

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
Store locked up.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, state & federal regulations.

Carcinogenicity

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : C₂H₃N

Chemical nature : Substance

Chemical Name	CAS-No.	Concentration
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	100.00 %

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation : Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Use oxygen as required, provided a qualified operator is present. Call a physician.

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- Skin contact : Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Call a physician.
- Eye contact : Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician.
- Ingestion : Call a physician. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Notes to physician

- Treatment : Treat as cyanide poisoning. Symptoms of poisoning may not appear for several hours. Keep under medical supervision for at least 48 hours.

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Dry chemical
Alcohol-resistant foam
Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.
- Specific hazards during firefighting : Flammable.
Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air.
Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.
Vapors may travel to areas away from work site before igniting/flashing back to vapor source.
In case of fire hazardous decomposition products may be produced such as:
Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)
Carbon dioxide (CO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), dense black smoke.
- Special protective equipment : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.

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for firefighters

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions : Wear personal protective equipment.
Immediately evacuate personnel to safe areas.
Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Remove all sources of ignition.
Do not swallow.
Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas.
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.
- Environmental precautions : Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Prevent product from entering drains.
Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.
- Methods for cleaning up : Ventilate the area.
No sparking tools should be used.
Use explosion-proof equipment.
Contain spillage, soak up with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and transfer to a container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Handling**

- Handling : Wear personal protective equipment.
Use only in well-ventilated areas.
Keep container tightly closed.
Do not smoke.
Do not swallow.
Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas.



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Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from fire, sparks and heated surfaces.
 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
 Ensure all equipment is electrically grounded before beginning transfer operations.
 Use explosion-proof equipment.
 Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.
 No sparking tools should be used.
 No smoking.

Storage

Requirements for storage areas and containers : Store in area designed for storage of flammable liquids. Protect from physical damage.
 Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.
 Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.
 Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
 Keep away from direct sunlight.
 Store away from incompatible substances.
 Container hazardous when empty.
 Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose containers to heat or sources of ignition.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Protective measures : Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Engineering measures : Use with local exhaust ventilation.
 Prevent vapour buildup by providing adequate ventilation during and after use.

Eye protection : Do not wear contact lenses.
 Wear as appropriate:
 Safety glasses with side-shields

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- If splashes are likely to occur, wear:
Goggles or face shield, giving complete protection to eyes
- Hand protection : Solvent-resistant gloves
Gloves must be inspected prior to use.
Replace when worn.
- Skin and body protection : Wear as appropriate:
Solvent-resistant apron
Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.
If splashes are likely to occur, wear:
Protective suit
- Respiratory protection : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.
For rescue and maintenance work in storage tanks use self-contained breathing apparatus.
Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.
- Hygiene measures : When using do not eat, drink or smoke.
Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.
Keep working clothes separately.
Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
Do not swallow.
Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas.
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Exposure Guidelines

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	TWA : time weighted average	(20 ppm)	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	SKIN_DES : Skin designation:	Can be absorbed through the skin.	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

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Acetonitrile	75-05-8	PEL : Permissi ble exposure limit	70 mg/m ³ (40 ppm)	02 2006	OSHA_TRANS:US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	TWA : time weighted average	70 mg/m ³ (40 ppm)	1989	Z1A:US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000)
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	STEL : Short term exposure limit	105 mg/m ³ (60 ppm)	1989	Z1A:US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000)

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	: liquid
Color	: colourless
Odor	: sweet ether-like
pH	: Note: Not applicable
Melting point/freezing point	: -46 °C
Boiling point/boiling range	: 82 °C at 1,013 hPa

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Flash point	: 43 °F (6 °C) Method: open cup
Evaporation rate	: 5 Method: Compared to Butyl acetate.
Lower explosion limit	: 3 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	: 16 %(V)
Vapor pressure	: 97.3 hPa at 20 °C(68 °F)
Vapor density	: 1.42 Note: (Air = 1.0)
Density	: 0.7822 g/cm ³ at 20 °C
Water solubility	: Note: completely soluble
Ignition temperature	: 524 °C
Molecular weight	: 41.0 g/mol

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	: Heat, flames and sparks. Keep away from direct sunlight.
Incompatible materials to avoid	: Acids Bases Oxidizing agents Reducing agents Sulfites Perchlorates May attack many plastics, rubbers and coatings.
Hazardous decomposition products	: In case of fire hazardous decomposition products may be produced such as: Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid) Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NO _x), dense black smoke.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute oral toxicity	: LD50: 2,460 mg/kg Species: Rat
Acute inhalation toxicity	: LC50: 7551 ppm Exposure time: 8 h Species: Rat
Acute dermal toxicity	: LD50: > 2,000 mg/kg Species: Rabbit
Eye irritation	: Species: Rabbit Result: Irritating to eyes.

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity effects**

Toxicity to fish : flow-through test
LC50: 1,640 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h
Species: Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)

Further information on ecology**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Disposal methods : Dispose of contents/ container in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT UN/ID No. : UN 1648
Proper shipping name : ACETONITRILE
Class : 3
Packing group : II
Hazard Labels : 3

IATA UN/ID No. : UN 1648
Description of the goods : ACETONITRILE
Class : 3
Packaging group : II
Hazard Labels : 3

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Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 364
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 353
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Y341

IMDG UN/ID No. : UN 1648
Description of the goods : ACETONITRILE
Class : 3
Packaging group : II
Hazard Labels : 3
EmS Number : F-E, S-D
Marine pollutant : no

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Inventories

US. Toxic Substances Control Act : On TSCA Inventory

Australia. Industrial Chemical (Notification and Assessment) Act : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). Domestic Substances List (DSL) : All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL.

Japan. Kashin-Hou Law List : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Korea. Toxic Chemical Control Law (TCCL) List : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Philippines. The Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Control Act : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory



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China. Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

New Zealand. Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC), as published by ERMA New Zealand : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

National regulatory information

US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302) : The following component(s) of this product is/are subject to release reporting under 40 CFR 302 when release exceeds the Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Reportable quantity: 5000 lbs
: Acetonitrile 75-05-8

SARA 302 Components : No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components : The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:
: Acetonitrile 75-05-8

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Fire Hazard
Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

CERCLA Reportable Quantity : 5000 lbs

California Prop. 65 : WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
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Massachusetts RTK	: Acetonitrile	75-05-8
New Jersey RTK	: Acetonitrile	75-05-8
Pennsylvania RTK	: Acetonitrile	75-05-8
WHMIS Classification	: B2: Flammable liquid D1A: Very Toxic Material Causing Immediate and Serious Toxic Effects D2B: Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.	

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

	HMIS III	NFPA
Health hazard	: 2*	2
Flammability	: 3	3
Physical Hazard	: 0	
Instability	:	0

* - Chronic health hazard

Hazard rating and rating systems (e.g. HMIS® III, NFPA): This information is intended solely for the use of individuals trained in the particular system.

Further information

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