

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name	Acetonitrile
Cat No. :	A21-1; A21-4; A21-20; A21-200; A21-200LC; A21FB-19; A21FB-50; A21FB-115; A21FB-200; A21RB-115; A21RS-19; A21RS-28; A21RS-50; A21RS-115; A21RS-200; A21RS-1350; A21FB-445; XXA21PD200LI; A993-1; A993RS-19; A996-1; A996-4; A996-4LC; A996N2-19; A996RS-28; A996RS-50; A996RS-115; A996RS-200; A996SK-4; A996SS-19; A996SS-28; A996SS-50; A996SS-115; A996SS-200; A997-1; A997-4; A997-212; A997SK1; A997SK4; A998-1; A998-4; A998-4LC; A998-18; A998-212; A998N1-19; A998N2-19; A998POP-50; A998RS-19; A998RS-28; A998RS-50; A998RS-115; A998RS-200; A998SK-1; A998SK-4; A998SS-28; A998SS-50; A998SS-115; A998SS-200; A999-4; BP1165-50; BP2405-1; BP2405SK-1; BP2405SK-4; BP2600-100; LCMSKIT; OPTIMAKIT; XXA21ETNP200LI; NC1225777; NC0511676; XXACHPLCTF18LI; NC0650799; NC9736285; NC0320219; A998SS1350; NC1501026; XXA21ETNP4LI; NC1310377; NC2271158
CAS No	75-05-8
Synonyms	Methyl cyanide; Ethanenitrile (Anhydrous/Certified ACS/HPLC/Pesticide/Septum-Sealed/DNA Synthesis/OPTIMA LC/MS)
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

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

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapor

Causes serious eye irritation

Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

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

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

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

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

Eyes

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

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Rinse mouth

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
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 irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration. 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	Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray. CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Water may be ineffective, Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire
Flash Point	12.8 °C / 55 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	525 °C / 977 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	16 vol %
Lower	3 vol %
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid). Nitrogen oxides (NO_x). Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPA

Health 2	Flammability 3	Instability 0	Physical hazards N/A
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6. Accidental release measures**Personal Precautions**

Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Provide adequate ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Prevent product from entering drains.

7. Handling and storage**Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

Storage.

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Reducing Agent. Bases.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Acetonitrile	TWA: 20 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 40 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 70 mg/m ³ (Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 60 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 105 mg/m ³ TWA: 40 ppm TWA: 70 mg/m ³	IDLH: 137 ppm IDLH: 25 mg/m ³ TWA: 20 ppm TWA: 34 mg/m ³	TWA: 20 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations

and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

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:	low boiling organic solvent. Type AX. Brown. conforming to EN371.
Hygiene Measures	When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	aromatic
Odor Threshold	170 ppm
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-46 °C / -50.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	81 - 82 °C / 177.8 - 179.6 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	12.8 °C / 55 °F
Evaporation Rate	5.79
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	16 vol %
Lower	3 vol %
Vapor Pressure	97 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	1.42
Specific Gravity	0.781
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	525 °C / 977 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.36 cP at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C ₂ H ₃ N
Molecular Weight	41.05

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Reducing Agent, Bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid), Nitrogen oxides (NO _x), Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Acetonitrile	450-787 mg/kg (Rat) 2460 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 3587 ppm (6.022 mg/l) (Mouse) 4h LC50 = 16,000 ppm (26.8 mg/l) (Rat) 4h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

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

Irritation Irritating to eyes

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
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	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 None known

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Acetonitrile	Not listed	LC50: = 1850 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 1000 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 1600 - 1690 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 28000 mg/L 48 h EC50 = 73 mg/L 24 h EC50 = 7500 mg/L 15 h	Not listed

		LC50: = 1650 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata)		
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Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Acetonitrile	-0.34

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.

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

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1648
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1648
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1648
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1648
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	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
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	X	-	200-835-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-00067

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations**SARA 313**

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	>95	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Acetonitrile	-	-	X	X

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Acetonitrile	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Acetonitrile	5000 lb	-

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
Acetonitrile	X	X	X	X	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
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**

Serious risk, Grade 3

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

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)
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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)
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	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)
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other information

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Revision Summary

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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