

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier:** SODIUM THIOCYANATE

**Other means of identification**

**Product No.:** 3938, 13105

**Recommended use and restriction on use**

**Recommended use:** Not available.

**Restrictions on use:** Not known.

**Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information**

**Manufacturer**

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24 Hour Emergency: 908-859-2151

Chemtrec: 800-424-9300

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Hazard classification**

**Health hazards**

Acute toxicity (Oral)	Category 4
Acute toxicity (Dermal)	Category 4
Acute toxicity (Inhalation - vapor)	Category 4
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A

**Environmental hazards**

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment	Category 2
Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment	Category 2

**Label elements**

**Hazard symbol:**



**Signal word:**

Warning

**Hazard statement:** Harmful if swallowed.  
Harmful in contact with skin.  
Harmful if inhaled.  
Causes serious eye irritation.  
Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary statement**

**Prevention:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid release to the environment.

**Response:** IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. 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. Collect spillage.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

**Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification:** None.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients**

**Substances**

Chemical identity	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
SODIUM THIOCYANATE		540-72-7	98 - 100%

\* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

**4. First-aid measures**

**General information:** Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth thoroughly. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.

**Skin contact:** Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists after washing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Eye contact:** Flush thoroughly with water. If irritation occurs, get medical assistance.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

**Symptoms:** Harmful if inhaled. Harmful if swallowed. Causes serious eye irritation.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Treatment:** Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**General fire hazards:** The product is non-combustible.

### Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** None.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:** During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

**Special fire fighting procedures:** Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:** Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** Keep unauthorized personnel away. Keep upwind. Use personal protective equipment. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:** Absorb spill with vermiculite or other inert material, then place in a container for chemical waste. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

**Notification Procedures:** Inform authorities if large amounts are involved. Prevent runoff from entering drains, sewers, or streams.

**Environmental precautions:** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling:** Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid breathing mist or vapor. Do not taste or swallow. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Use only with adequate ventilation.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** Keep container tightly closed. Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a well-ventilated place.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

None of the components have assigned exposure limits.

#### Appropriate engineering controls

No data available.

## Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

<b>General information:</b>	Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) 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. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area.
<b>Eye/face protection:</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection:</b>	Wear protective gloves.
<b>Other:</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing.
<b>Respiratory protection:</b>	In case of inadequate ventilation use suitable respirator.
<b>Hygiene measures:</b>	Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated footwear that cannot be cleaned.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

<b>Physical state:</b>	Solid
<b>Form:</b>	Crystals
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	No data available.
<b>pH:</b>	No data available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>	287 °C
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range:</b>	No data available.
<b>Flash Point:</b>	No data available.
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	No data available.
<b>Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	< 0.10 kPa
<b>Vapor density:</b>	No data available.
<b>Relative density:</b>	1.73 (20 °C)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility in water:</b>	1,250 g/l (20 °C)
<b>Solubility (other):</b>	No data available.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	No data available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Viscosity:</b>	No data available.

### Other information

**Bulk density:** 750 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
**Molecular weight:** 81.07 g/mol (CHNS)

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity:** No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

**Chemical stability:** Material is stable under normal conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Contact with incompatible materials. Excessive heat. Sunlight.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Nitrates. Contact with peroxides.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Thermal decomposition may produce oxides of nitrogen. Cyanides.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed.

**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled.

**Skin contact:** Harmful in contact with skin.

**Eye contact:** Causes serious eye irritation.

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

**Oral Product:** LD 50 (Rat): 764 mg/kg

**Dermal Product:** No data available.

**Inhalation Product:** No data available.

**Repeated dose toxicity Product:** No data available.

**Skin corrosion/irritation Product:** May cause skin irritation.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation Product:** Causes serious eye irritation.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization Product:** Not a skin sensitizer.

**Carcinogenicity Product:** This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.

**IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:**

No carcinogenic components identified

**US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:**

No carcinogenic components identified

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):**

No carcinogenic components identified

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

**In vitro**

**Product:** No mutagenic components identified

**In vivo**

**Product:** No mutagenic components identified

**Reproductive toxicity**

**Product:** No components toxic to reproduction

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

**Product:** No data available.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

**Product:** No data available.

**Aspiration hazard**

**Product:** Not classified

**Other effects:** None known.

**12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity:**

**Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:**

**Fish**

**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**

SODIUM THIOCYANATE LC 50 (Rainbow trout,donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss), 96 h): 72 - 97 mg/l Mortality

**Aquatic invertebrates**

**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**

SODIUM THIOCYANATE LC 50 (Cockle (Cerastoderma edule), 48 h): > 500 mg/l Mortality  
LC 50 (Aesop shrimp (Pandalus montagui), 48 h): > 6.2 mg/l Mortality

**Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:**

**Fish**

**Product:** No data available.

**Aquatic invertebrates**

**Product:** No data available.

**Toxicity to Aquatic Plants**

**Product:** No data available.

**Persistence and degradability**

**Biodegradation**

**Product:** There are no data on the degradability of this product.

**BOD/COD ratio**

**Product:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

**Bioconcentration factor (BCF)**

**Product:** No data available on bioaccumulation.

**Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)**

**Product:** No data available.

**Mobility in soil:** No data available.

**Known or predicted distribution to environmental compartments**

**SODIUM THIOCYANATE** No data available.

**Other adverse effects:** Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**13. Disposal considerations**

**Disposal instructions:** Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

**Contaminated packaging:** Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

**14. Transport information**

**DOT**

Not regulated.

**IMDG**

Not regulated.

**IATA**

Not regulated.

**15. Regulatory information**

**US federal regulations**

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**Superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**

Acute (Immediate)  Chronic (Delayed)  Fire  Reactive  Pressure Generating

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical**

Chemical identity	Threshold Planning Quantity
SODIUM THIOCYANATE	500 lbs

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

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

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**US state regulations**

**US. California Proposition 65**

No ingredient regulated by CA Prop 65 present.

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

No ingredient regulated by NJ Right-to-Know Law present.

**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

No ingredient regulated by MA Right-to-Know Law present.

**US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances**

No ingredient regulated by PA Right-to-Know Law present.

**US. Rhode Island RTK**

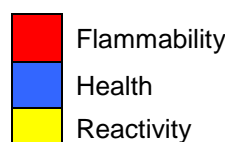
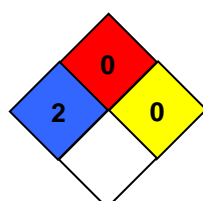
No ingredient regulated by RI Right-to-Know Law present.

**Inventory Status:**

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan (ENCS) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada NDSL Inventory:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ISHL Listing:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan Pharmacopoeia Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**

**NFPA Hazard ID**





Special hazard.

Hazard rating: 0 - Minimal; 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Serious; 4 - Severe

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