

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC.

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## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

#### Acetonitrile

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### Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Acetonitrile

Synonyms: methyl cyanide, ethyl nitrile

CAS#: 75-05-8

### Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Colorless liquid. Distinct ether odor.

Harmful if inhaled or absorbed through skin. Avoid breathing vapor. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Slightly toxic by ingestion, inhalation or skin absorption; irritant and lachrymator.

Class 1B flammable liquid, serious fire hazard.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-1

Flammability-3

Reactivity-2

Exposure-2

Storage-2

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Break amyl nitrite pearl in a cloth and hold to nose for 15 seconds. Repeat 5 times. Remove to fresh air at once.

If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Administer inhalation first aid measures first. After administering pearls, rinse out mouth, give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Class 1B flammable liquid.

Flash Point: 42 F (oc) UEL: 16.0% LEL: 3.0% Autoignition Temperature: 973 F

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode. Dangerous fire and explosive hazard; decomposes to toxic and flammable cyanides and NOx from reaction with water, steam and acids.

#### NFPA CODE

H-2

F-3

R-0

### Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand and absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

### Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #7. Store with sulfides, polysulfides, sulfoxides and nitriles. Store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag and Flinn Saf-Stor can. Store in a cool dry place. Use and dispense in a hood.

### Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 40 ppm, STEL 60 ppm (OSHA, ACGIH)

### Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless liquid; distinct ethereal odor.

Solubility: Water soluble.

Formula: CH<sub>3</sub>CN

Formula Weight: 41.05

Specific Gravity: 0.784

Melting Point: -45 C

Boiling Point: 81.1 C

Vapor Pressure: 100 mm and 27C

Vapor density: 1.42

### Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Contact with acids produces hydrogen cyanide gas. Avoid contact with acids, water, steam, oxidizers, and flame.

Shelf Life: Good, if stored properly.

### Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Toxic, lachrymator, irritant

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: CNS, liver, kidneys, blood, lungs

ORL-RAT LD50: 2730 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC50: 7551 ppm/8h

SKN-RBT LD50: 1250 mg/kg

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

### Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

### Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #18a is one option.

### Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Not regulated

Hazard Class: N/A

UN Number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

### Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-835-2), RCRA code U003.

### Section 16 — Other Information

Consult your copy of the Flinn Scientific Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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