

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Benzyl cyanide

Product Number : 12608  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

CAS-No. : 140-29-4

## 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

## 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 + H311 : Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin  
H330 : Fatal if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260 : Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P264 : Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P271 : Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 : Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.  
P284 : Wear respiratory protection.  
P301 + P310 + P330 : IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician. Rinse mouth.  
P302 + P352 + P312 : IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON

P304 + P340 + P310	CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P361	Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Phenylacetonitrile

Formula : C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N  
Molecular weight : 117.15 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 140-29-4  
EC-No. : 205-410-5

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Phenylacetonitrile</b>		
	Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 3; H301 + H311, H330	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### 5.4 Further information

No data available

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

#### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

#### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

For precautions see section 2.2.

#### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1 Control parameters

##### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Phenylacetonitrile	140-29-4	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Remarks	CAS number varies with compound Skin designation		
		C	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Headache Nausea Thyroid effects Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		C	4.7 ppm 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		10 minute ceiling value		

#### 8.2 Exposure controls

##### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## Personal protective equipment

### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: liquid Colour: colourless
b) Odour	unpleasant
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	11.0 - 12.0 at 117.2 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	231 - 233 °C (448 - 451 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg)
g) Flash point	102 °C (216 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapour pressure	0.1 hPa (0.1 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 1.1 hPa (0.8 mmHg) at 55 °C (131 °F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 81.7 °C (179.1 °F)
l) Vapour density	4.69
m) Relative density	1.015 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n) Water solubility	117.2 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.56
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available

- s) Explosive properties      No data available  
t) Oxidizing properties      No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density      4.69

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD<sub>50</sub> Oral - Rat - 270 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea. Liver:Other changes.

LC<sub>50</sub> Inhalation - Rat - 2 h - 430 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Remarks: Behavioral:Altered sleep time (including change in righting reflex). Behavioral:Muscle contraction or spasticity. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

LD<sub>50</sub> Dermal - Rabbit - 270 mg/kg

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Mild skin irritation

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC:      No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH:      No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP:      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.

OSHA:      No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a

carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: AM1400000

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Cyanosis, Mydriasis., Central nervous system depression, Coma., Seizures., Cushing's syndrome  
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC0 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 50 mg/l - 48 h

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 2470 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Phenylacetonitrile, liquid

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2470      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: PHENYLACETONITRILE, LIQUID

**IATA**

UN number: 2470      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Phenylacetonitrile, liquid

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 302:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Phenylacetonitrile	140-29-4	1993-04-24

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Phenylacetonitrile	140-29-4	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Phenylacetonitrile	140-29-4	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Phenylacetonitrile	140-29-4	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.	140-29-4	2013-07-26

Phenylacetonitrile

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H301 + H311	Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	4
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	1
Physical Hazard	0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	4
Fire Hazard:	1
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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