1 Identification

Product identifier

Product name: **Cobalt (II) cyanide**

Stock number: 39201
CAS Number:
20427-11-6
Index number:
006-007-00-5
Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.
Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
Manufacturer/Supplier:
Alfa Aesar
Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
Tel: 800-343-0660
Fax: 800-322-4757
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Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department
Emergency telephone number:
During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660. After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2 Hazard(s) identification

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)


GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.
Acute Tox. 1 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.
Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.
Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.

Label elements
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Hazard pictograms


GHS06

Signal word Danger
Hazard statements
H300+H310+H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
Precautionary statements
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor/…
P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).
P361 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
WHMIS classification
D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects
D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

Classification system
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 2
Flammability = 0
Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization: Substances
CAS# Description:
20427-11-6 Cobalt (II) cyanide
Identification number(s):
Index number: 006-007-00-5

4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures
General information
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.
After inhalation
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

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Seek immediate medical advice.
After skin contact
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.
After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
After swallowing Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.
Information for doctor
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed No further relevant information available.
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing agents Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:
Hydrogen cyanide (HCN)
Toxic metal oxide fume
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment:
Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Mount respiratory protective device.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Ensure adequate ventilation
Environmental precautions: Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.
Reference to other sections
See Section 7 for information on safe handling
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling
Precautions for safe handling
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
Open and handle container with care.
Information about protection against explosions and fires: No information known.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Storage
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility: Do not store together with acids.
Further information about storage conditions:
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.
Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Cyanides (as CN)

	mg/m3
Austria MAK	5 (skin)
Denmark TWA	5 (skin)
Finland TWA	5; 10-STEL
France VME	5 (skin)
Germany MAK	5 (skin)
Hungary TWA	0.3; 0.6-STEL (skin)
Netherlands MAC-TGG	5 (skin)
Poland TWA	0.3; 10-Ceiling
Sweden	5-Ceiling (skin)
Switzerland MAK-W	5; 10-STEL (skin)
United Kingdom	5-LTEL (skin)
OSHA PEL	5 (skin)

Cobalt, elemental & inorganic compounds, as Co

	mg/m3
ACGIH TLV	0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen
Austria	Carcinogen
Belgium TWA	0.05
Denmark TWA	0.05
Finland TWA	0.05 (skin)
Germany	Carcinogen
Hungary TWA	0.1; 0.2-STEL
Japan OEL	0.05; 2B-Carcinogen
Korea TLV	0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen
Netherlands MAC-TGG	0.05
Norway TWA	0.05
Poland TWA	0.05; 0.2-STEL
Russia	0.5-STEL

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Sweden NGV 0.05
Switzerland MAK-W 0.1; Carcinogen
United Kingdom TWA 0.1
USA PEL 0.1 (dust and fume)
Additional information: No data

Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
General protective and hygienic measures
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Store protective clothing separately.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment: Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.
Protection of hands:
Impervious gloves
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
Eye protection: Safety glasses
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
General Information
Appearance:

Form:	Powder
Color:	Blue
Odor:	Not determined
Odor threshold:	Not determined.
pH-value:	Not applicable.
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	280 °C (536 °F) ((-2H2O))
Boiling point/Boiling range:	300 °C (572 °F) ((dec))
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Not determined.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable.
Density:	Not determined
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with	
Water at 18 °C (64 °F):	0.04 g/l
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not applicable.
kinematic:	Not applicable.
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials: Acids
Hazardous decomposition products:
Hydrogen cyanide
Toxic metal oxide fume

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Fatal if inhaled.
Fatal in contact with skin.
Fatal if swallowed.
Danger through skin absorption.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data
Skin irritation or corrosion: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
Eye irritation or corrosion: Irritating effect.
Sensitization: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity: Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Carcinogenicity:
IARC-2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans: limited evidence in humans in the absence of sufficient evidence in experimental animals.
ACGIH A3: Animal carcinogen: Agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at a relatively high dose, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) not considered relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemologic studies do not confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans. Available evidence suggests that the agent is not likely to cause cancer in humans except under uncommon or unlikely routes or levels of exposure.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.

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Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity:
Cobalt is an experimental neoplastigen and tumorigen. It is an experimental carcinogen of the connective tissue and lungs. Cobalt metal and inorganic compounds are classified as an animal carcinogen by the ACGIH. Ingestion may cause burning in the mouth, esophagus, and stomach. Inhalation of dusts and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory tract and labored breathing and coughing. Sensitization, nausea, flushing of the face and ringing in the ears is also possible. Chronic ingestion may result in pericardial effusion, polycardial effusion, polycythemia, cardiac failure, vomiting, convulsions and thyroid enlargement. Cyanides may cause symptoms of salivation, nausea without vomiting, anxiety, confusion, vertigo, giddiness, lower jaw stiffness, convulsions, opisthotonos, paralysis, coma, cardiac arrhythmias and respiratory failure. They typically cause death through asphyxia. Skin contact may cause itching, macular, papular and vesicular eruptions.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.
Ecotoxical effects:
Remark: Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.
Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.
May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.
Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

UN-Number **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	UN1588
UN proper shipping name **DOT** **IMDG, IATA**	Cyanides, inorganic, solid, n.o.s. (Cobalt (II) cyanide) CYANIDES, INORGANIC, SOLID, N.O.S. (Cobalt (II) cyanide)
Transport hazard class(es) **DOT**	
	
Class **Label** **Class** **Label** **IMDG, IATA**	6.1 Toxic substances. 6.1 6.1 (T5) Toxic substances 6.1
	
Class **Label**	6.1 Toxic substances. 6.1
Packing group **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	II
Environmental hazards:	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid
Special precautions for user **Segregation groups**	Warning: Toxic substances Cyanides
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
Transport/Additional information: **DOT** **Marine Pollutant (DOT):** **Item:**	No
UN "Model Regulation":	UN1588, Cyanides, inorganic, solid, n.o.s. (Cobalt (II) cyanide), 6.1, II

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

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Hazard pictograms

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Signal word Danger
Hazard statements
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Precautionary statements
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National regulations
All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)	
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California Proposition 65
Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male	
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Information about limitation of use:
For use only by technically qualified individuals.
This product contains cobalt and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.
This product contains a cyanide compound and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.
Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations
Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.
The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.
Substance is not listed.
Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.
Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

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Abbreviations and acronyms:
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)