

SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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L01387

Product Name: Benzoyl cyanide, 98+%
Synonyms: Phenylglyoxylonitrile

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SECTION 2 : COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Chemical Name Benzoyl cyanide
CAS# 613-90-1
% Weight (Typical) 98+

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SECTION 3 : HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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Emergency Overview: Highly toxic. Combustible. Environmental Hazard.

Benzoyl cyanide:

Route of Exposure: Inhalation. Ingestion.

Potential Health Effects:

Eye Contact: Causes eye irritation.

Skin Contact: Causes skin irritation.

Inhalation: Very toxic by inhalation. Readily generates hydrogen cyanide gas, exposure to which at 20 ppm for a few hours has caused headache, dizziness, gastro-intestinal upset, palpitations, and difficulty in breathing; at 90 ppm for 30 minutes can be life-threatening

Ingestion: Highly toxic by ingestion.

Target Organs: Respiratory system. G.I. Tract. Central Nervous System.

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SECTION 4 : FIRST AID MEASURES**Catalog No. L01387**

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| Eye Contact: | Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Assure adequate flushing of the eyes by separating the eyelids with fingers. Get immediate medical attention if irritation persists, or symptoms of overexposure become apparent. |
| Skin Contact: | Immediately wash skin with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes, while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention especially, if irritation develops, persists, or symptoms of overexposure become apparent. |
| Inhalation: | Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or give oxygen by trained personnel. Keep warm. Get immediate medical attention. |
| Ingestion: | If swallowed, call a physician or poison control center immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless instructed by medical personnel. Get medical attention. |
| Other First Aid: | If symptoms of overexposure to product vapors or dusts are suspected, SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION. Exposures require specialized first aid with contact and medical follow-up. Symptoms of overexposure include: headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, palpitations, and pink skin color. |

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SECTION 5 : FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**Catalog No. L01387**

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| Fire: | Combustible. |
| Flash Point: | 84°C (183.2°F) |
| Extinguishing Media: | Use dry powder or carbon dioxide when fighting a fire involving this material. |
| Unsuitable Media: | Water extinguishers are not recommended. |
| Protective Equipment: | As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. |

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SECTION 6 : ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Catalog No. L01387**

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| Personal Precautions: | Approved protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection must be worn (see section 8). If exposure to HCN gas or the vapor of the product is possible in dealing with the spillage, an approved positive pressure respirator and full body protection must be worn. |
| Spill Cleanup Measures: | Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools. Provide ventilation. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways. Refer to section 13 for disposal and reporting information. |
| Environmental Precautions: | Do not allow material to enter drains or streams. |

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SECTION 7 : HANDLING and STORAGE

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| Handling: | This product should be handled only by, or under the close supervision of, those properly qualified in the handling and use of potentially hazardous chemicals, who should take into account the fire, health and chemical hazard data. It should always be handled in an efficient fume hood or equivalent system. The user should consider that the toxicological and physiological properties of many compounds are not yet well determined and that new hazardous products may arise from reactions between chemicals. Care should be taken to prevent any chemical from coming into contact with the skin or eyes and from contaminating personal clothing. |
| Storage: | Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area away from sources of heat, combustible materials, and incompatible substances. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Product is moisture sensitive. |
| Hygiene Practices: | Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid inhaling dust, vapor, or mist. |

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SECTION 8 : EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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| Engineering Controls: | Use appropriate engineering control such as process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. Where such systems are not effective wear suitable personal protective equipment, which performs satisfactorily and meets OSHA or other recognized standards. Consult with local procedures for selection, training, inspection and maintenance of the personal protective equipment. |
| Skin Protection Description: | Wear suitable protective clothing to prevent contact with skin. |
| Hand Protection Description: | Wear appropriate protective gloves. Consult glove manufacturers for glove permeability data. |
| Eye/Face Protection: | Wear appropriate protective glasses or splash goggles as described by 29 CFR 1910.133, OSHA eye and face protection regulation, or the European standard EN 166. |
| Respiratory Protection: | A NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Protection provided by air purifying respirators is limited to airborne concentrations that are typically within 10 times the exposure limit. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, or any other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection. A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirators use. |
| Other Protective: | Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. |

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SECTION 9 : PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| Physical State/Appearance: | Solid or melt |
| Color: | Colorless to yellow |
| Flash Point: | 84°C (183.2°F) |
| Boiling Point: | 205-207°C (401-404.6°F) |
| Melting Point: | 30-32°C (86-89.6°F) |
| Solubility in Water: | Hydrolyses |
| Density: | 1.106 |
| Molecular Formula: | C ₈ H ₅ NO |
| Molecular Weight: | 131.13 |

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SECTION 10 : STABILITY and REACTIVITY**Catalog No. L01387**

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| Conditions to Avoid: | High temperatures, flames and sparks. Humidity. |
| Incompatibilities with Other Materials: | Likely to generate highly toxic hydrogen cyanide gas in the presence of water, or more readily, acids. Also incompatible with polar solvents, strong oxidizing agents. |
| Possible Decomposition Product: | Carbon monoxide. Hydrogen cyanide, oxides of nitrogen. |

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SECTION 11 : TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Catalog No. L01387****Benzoyl cyanide :**

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| Eye Effect: | No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date. |
| Skin Effects: | Skin - rat LD50: 309 mg/kg (Supplier data) |
| Ingestion Effects: | Oral - rat LD50: 37.6 mg/kg (Supplier data) |
| Inhalation Effects: | Inhalation - rat LC50: 4.16 mg/m ³ /1H, 2.86 mg/m ³ /4H (Supplier data) |

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SECTION 12 : ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Catalog No. L01387**

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| Ecotoxicity: | Cyanide is very toxic to all aquatic organisms. |
| Bioaccumulation: | Not expected to bioaccumulate and/or bioconcentrate in aquatic organisms. |
| Biodegradation: | Expected to hydrolyse in soil and water to benzoic acid and hydrogen cyanide. Cyanide is readily biodegradable in water at low concentrations. |
| Environmental Stability: | May be persistent in the environment. |

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SECTION 13 : DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Catalog No. L01387**

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| Waste Disposal: | Consult with the US EPA Guidelines listed in 40 CFR Part 261.3 for the classifications of hazardous waste prior to disposal. Furthermore, consult with your state and local waste requirements or guidelines, if applicable, to ensure compliance. Arrange disposal in accordance to the EPA and/or state and local guidelines, by a licensed disposal company. |
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SECTION 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION**Catalog No. L01387**

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| DOT Shipping Name: | Nitriles, toxic, n.o.s. (Benzoyl cyanide) |
| DOT Hazard Class: | 6.1 |
| DOT Identification Number: | UN3276 |
| DOT Packing Group: | I |
| DOT Subpart E Labeling Requirement: | 6.1 |

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SECTION 15 : REGULATORY INFORMATIONCatalog No. L01387

Benzoyl cyanide :**TSCA 8(b): Inventory Status:** Listed on the TSCA inventory.**TSCA 12(b): Export Notification** None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.**Section 112(r): Clean Air Act** CAS# 613-90-1 listed as ** no name ** is listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP). This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters. This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.**Section 116.4 part 117: Clean Water Act** None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA. CAS# 613-90-1 is listed as a Priority Pollutant under the Clean Water Act. CAS# 613-90-1 is listed as a Toxic Pollutant under the Clean Water Act.**State:** Benzoyl cyanide can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, (listed as ** no name **), New Jersey, (listed as ** no name **), Pennsylvania, (listed as ** no name **), Massachusetts, (listed as ** no name **). California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.**Risk Phrases:** R24/25 Toxic in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R26 Very toxic by inhalation.
R32 Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
R50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long term adverse effects in the environment.**Safety Phrase:** S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water
S36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately
S60 This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
S61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheets.[To Top of page](#)

SECTION 16 : ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONCatalog No. L01387

MSDS Preparation Date: January 1, 2002, Version 1**MSDS Revision Date:** April 14, 2003.**MSDS Author:** Actio Corporation.**Disclaimer:**

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