
1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Mercury(II) thiocyanate

Product Number : 83374
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 080-002-00-6

CAS-No. : 592-85-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheetCompany : Sigma-Aldrich
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SAINT LOUIS MO 63103
USATelephone : +1 800-325-5832
Fax : +1 800-325-5052**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

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

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 2), H300
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2), H373
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

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)

H300 + H310 + H330
H373
H410Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260
P262
P264
P270Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P350 + P310	IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P314	Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.
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

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Mercuric thiocyanate
Formula	: $C_2HgN_2S_2$
Molecular weight	: 316.75 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 592-85-8
EC-No.	: 209-773-0
Index-No.	: 080-002-00-6

Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
Mercury dithiocyanate		
	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 1; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H300 + H310 + H330, H373, H410	90 - 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
Dry powder
- 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 dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.
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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
- 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Do not flush with water. 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 formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
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.
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.

Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive.
Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1B: 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
Mercury dithiocyanate	592-85-8	TWA	0.025000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices		

		(see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	0.050000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		C	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		See Table Z-2		
		See Table Z-2		
		TWA	0.025 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		Skin notation		
		TWA	0.05 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		PEL	0.025 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

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.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

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 particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) Appearance | Form: solid |
| b) Odour | No data available |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | No data available |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | Melting point/range: 165 °C (329 °F) - dec. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available |
| g) Flash point | 120 °C (248 °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 | No data available |
| l) Vapour density | No data available |
| m) Relative density | 3.71 g/cm ³ at 25 °C (77 °F) |
| n) Water solubility | No data available |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | No data available |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature | No data available |
| q) Decomposition temperature | > 110 °C (> 230 °F) - |
| r) Viscosity | No data available |
| s) Explosive properties | No data available |
| t) Oxidizing properties | No data available |

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture. Light.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Nitric acid, Peroxides, Chlorates

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Sulphur oxides, Mercury/mercury oxides.

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 46 mg/kg

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

Dermal: No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Mercury dithiocyanate)

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.

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.

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.

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

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

May cause nervous system disturbances., Exposure to mercury compounds can cause:, Irritation, Abdominal pain, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea, cardiovascular collapse with hypotension, renal failure

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 0.15 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.0052 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae IC50 - Ankistrodesmus falcatus - 0.162 mg/l - 96 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

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN number: 1646 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Mercury thiocyanate
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbsMarine pollutant:yes
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 1646 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-A
Proper shipping name: MERCURY THIOCYANATE

Marine pollutant:yes

Marine pollutant: yes

IATA

UN number: 1646

Class: 6.1

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Mercury thiocyanate

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

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.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Mercury dithiocyanate	592-85-8	1993-04-24

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Mercury dithiocyanate	592-85-8	1993-04-24

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Mercury dithiocyanate	592-85-8	1993-04-24

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Mercury dithiocyanate	592-85-8	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.	592-85-8	2013-12-20

Mercury dithiocyanate

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.	592-85-8	2013-12-20

Mercury dithiocyanate

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H300 + H310 + H330	Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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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