

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Acetonitrile

**Cat No. :** A955-1, A955-4, A955-212, A955-500; A955RS-200; XXA955RS50;  
XXA955100ML; XXA955RS200ASME; NC1440565; NC1615283;  
NC1725002; NC1766658

**CAS-No** 75-05-8  
**Synonyms** AN; Methyl cyanide; Ethanenitrile

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**  
Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number**  
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA:  
800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA:  
001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**  
Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

Causes serious eye irritation



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Keep container tightly closed  
 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
 Use only non-sparking tools  
 Take precautionary measures against static discharge

#### Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Skin

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 Rinse mouth

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

#### General Advice

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Breathing difficulties. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting; Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray. CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water may be ineffective, Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire
<b>Flash Point</b>	12.8 °C / 55 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	525 °C / 977 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	16 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	3 vol %
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Not oxidising
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid). Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
3

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure
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**Environmental Precautions** adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Provide adequate ventilation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Prevent product from entering drains.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

**Storage** Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Acetonitrile	TWA: 20 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 40 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 70 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 60 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 105 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 40 ppm TWA: 70 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 137 ppm IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 20 ppm TWA: 34 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 20 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye/face Protection** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures** When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	aromatic
Odor Threshold	170 ppm
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-46 °C / -50.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	81 - 82 °C / 177.8 - 179.6 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	12.8 °C / 55 °F
Evaporation Rate	5.79
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	16 vol %
Lower	3 vol %
Vapor Pressure	97 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	1.42
Specific Gravity	0.781
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	525 °C / 977 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.36 cP at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N
Molecular Weight	41.05

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Reducing Agent, Bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid), Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ), Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Acetonitrile	ATE = 617 mg/kg 450-787 mg/kg (Rat) 2460 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	ATE = 3587 ppm 7551 ppm ( Rat ) 8 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Irritating to eyes
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	No information available
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	None known
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death: Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Acetonitrile	Not listed	LC50: 1600 - 1690 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 1000 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 1850 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 1650 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata)	EC50 = 28000 mg/L 48 h EC50 = 73 mg/L 24 h EC50 = 7500 mg/L 15 h	EC50: = 5838 mg/L, 18h (Daphnia pulex)

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Acetonitrile	-0.34

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8	U003	-

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN1648  
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1648  
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1648  
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1648  
 Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

## 15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	X	-	200-835-2	X	X	X	X	KE-00067

U.S. Federal Regulations**SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	>95	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Acetonitrile	-	-	X	X

**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Acetonitrile	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Not applicable

Health Administration

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Acetonitrile	5000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Acetonitrile	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
 DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations****Mexico - Grade**

Serious risk, Grade 3

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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