

SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name	Sodium Thiocyanate
CAS number	540-72-7
Synonyms	Sodium rhodanate; Sodium sulfocyanate; Thiocyanic acid sodium salt; Sodiumisothiocyanate

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

Identified uses	Laboratory Chemicals
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1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Lab Alley, LLC 12501 Pauls Valley Road Austin, Texas 78737 U.S.A.
Telephone	512-668-9918
Fax	512-886-4008

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #	US & Canada: 1-800-535-5053	INFOTRAC
	International 1-352-323-3500	INFOTRAC

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Acute oral toxicity Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity Category 4
Acute inhalation toxicity - dusts and mists Category 4
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure) Category 2
Target organs - liver, blood, thyroid

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Warning

Hazard statements

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin, or inhaled.

Precautionary statements

Prevention: Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product. Wash face, hands, and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

Response: Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell.

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.

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

Storage: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

Disposal: 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. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Concentration
Sodium thiocyanate	Sodium rhodanate; Sodium sulfocyanate; Thiocyanic acid sodium salt; Sodiumisothiocyanate	540-72-7	>95%

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice	Show this sheet to a doctor if medical advice is needed.
If inhaled	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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.
In case of skin contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
In case of eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, including under eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
If swallowed	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Itching, rashes, hives, coughing and/or wheezing, difficulty in breathing.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

May cause sensitization in susceptible persons. Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting large fire may be inefficient.

Unsuitable extinguishing media Do not scatter spilled material with high-pressure water streams.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products: Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Sulfur oxides.

5.3 Special 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.

5.4 Further information

Flash Point No information available.

Autoignition Temperature No information available.

Explosion limits

Upper No data available.

Lower No data available.

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available.

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	1	1	N/A

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 2 for full list of hazard and precaution statements.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed, seek immediate medical attention. Keep away from acids.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool, and well-ventilated place. Protect from light. Keep away from acids and other incompatible materials.

Incompatibilities

Strong oxidizing agents, acids, strong bases.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Component	Type	Value
Sodium thiocyanate	PEL - TWA (Vacated)	5 mg/m3

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Component	Type	Value
Sodium thiocyanate	IDLH	25 mg/m3

Biological occupational exposure limits

No information available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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 EN 166.

Skin protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Body Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

Control of environmental exposure

No information available.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	5.5 - 7.5 5% aq.sol. 20°C
Melting Point/Range	287°C / 548.6°F

Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limit	No information available
Upper	No information available
Lower	No information available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Density	No information available
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No information available
Autoignition Temp	No information available
Decomposition Temp	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	NaSCN
Molecular Weight	81.07
VOC Content(%)	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available

9.2 Other safety information

No information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

None known, based on information available.

10.2 Chemical stability

Hygroscopic, light sensitive.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Dust formation, incompatible products, excess heat, exposure to light, exposure to moist air or water.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, acids, strong bases.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Sulfur oxides.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Product Information, Component Information

Acute toxicity

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium thiocyanate	LD50 = 764 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

Skin corrosion/irritation

No information available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No information available.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

May cause sensitization by skin contact.

Germ cell mutagenicity

No information available.

Carcinogenicity

Component	CAS	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

None known.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Liver, blood, thyroid.

Reproductive toxicity

No information available.

Chronic effects

No information available.

11.2 Additional Information

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms; may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Soluble in water. Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

12.3 Bio accumulative potential

No information available.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information available.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No information available.

12.7 Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 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.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)

UN Number	Not regulated
Proper Shipping name	Not regulated
Hazard Class	None
Packaging Group	Not regulated
Technical name	Sodium Thiocyanate

IMDG

UN Number	Not regulated
Proper Shipping name	Not regulated
Hazard Class	None
Packaging Group	Not regulated
Technical name	Sodium Thiocyanate

IATA

UN Number	Not regulated
Proper Shipping name	Not regulated
Hazard Class	None
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SECTION 15: Regulatory information

US federal regulations

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not applicable.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not applicable.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not applicable.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous

See Section 2 for more information.

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Listed, Sodium thiocyanate (CAS#: 540-72-7).

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Listed, Sodium thiocyanate (CAS#: 540-72-7).

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace

Not listed.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Not listed.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Not listed.

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Not listed.

California Proposition 65

Not listed.

SECTION 16: Other information

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SECTION 17: Disclaimer

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