

**Safety Data Sheet**

**1. IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Identifier:** Potassium Thiocyanate

**Product Code(s):** P1080

**Synonyms:** Potassium Thiocyanide; Potassium Isothiocyanate; Potassium Sulfocyanate; Thiocyanic Acid, Potassium Salt.

**Recommended Use:** For manufacturing, industrial, and laboratory use only. Use as a catalyst or as a laboratory reagent.

**Uses Advised Against:** Not for food, drug, or household use.

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**Emergency Phone Number:** For health emergency, call poison control: (800) 222-1222.

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Hazard Classifications:** Acute Toxicity - Oral: Category 4

**Signal Word:** WARNING

**Hazard Statements:** Harmful if swallowed.

**Pictograms:**



**Precautionary Statements:**

**Prevention:** Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling.  
Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product.

**Response:** If swallowed: Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

**Storage:** Not applicable.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment.

**Toxicity Statement:** Not applicable.

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Common Name / Synonyms	CAS#	Chemical Formula	% by Weight
Potassium Thiocyanate	Potassium Thiocyanide	333-20-0	KSCN	≥ 98.5

**Trade Secret Statement:** Not applicable.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### First Aid Procedures:

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician if symptoms occur.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that vomit does not enter lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Call a physician if symptoms occur.

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Immediately flush eyes with gentle but large stream of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Call a physician if symptoms occur.

**General Advice:** Poison information centers in each state can provide additional assistance for scheduled poisons. Ensure that those providing first aid and medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Symptoms and Effects:** Irritation, coughing, difficulty breathing, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, skin discoloration, ulceration, blurred vision. May affect the central nervous system, cardiovascular system. Prolonged or repeated exposure may affect metabolism, thyroid, blood, urinary system, and cardiovascular system; may cause birth defects.

**Immediate Medical Care/  
Special Treatment:** Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, dry powder, alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a solid (straight) water stream, as it may scatter and spread fire.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Cyanide, sulfur compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon oxides.

**Specific Hazards:** Excessive thermal conditions may cause decomposition and yield hazardous combustion products listed above.

**Special Protective Equipment/ Precautions for Firefighters:** As in any fire, wear MSHA/NIOSH-approved (or equivalent), self-contained, positive-pressure or pressure-demand breathing apparatus and full protective gear.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions and Protective Equipment:** Isolate hazard area and keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away from the area of the leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

**Emergency Procedures:** In case of chemical emergency, or if unsure how to address an accidental release, consult a professional (see Section 1).

**Methods for Containment:** Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements, or confined areas. Product should not be released to the environment. Contain and recover crystal when possible.

**Methods for Cleanup:** Sweep or collect spill with an inert material (e.g. vermiculite, dry sand, earth, cloth, or fleece) and place in a noncombustible container for reclamation or disposal. Do not flush to sewer. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Residues from spills can be diluted with water. Never return spills in original containers for reuse. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Wear personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe product dust. Avoid exposure to moisture. Do not ingest. When using, do not eat, drink, or smoke. Keep away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash thoroughly after handling. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty, as they retain product residues. Observe all warnings and precautions listed for this product.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Store in a segregated and approved area away from heat and incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed and upright. Keep away from food, drink, and animal foodstuffs. Keep out of the reach of children. Comply with all national, state, and local codes pertaining to the storage, handling, dispensing, and disposal of this product.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Limits:** OSHA (PEL): 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
NIOSH (IDLH): 25 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Engineering Controls:** Ensure adequate ventilation. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

**Personal Protective Measures:**

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. Maintain approved eye wash station and accessible rinse facilities in work area.

**Skin Protection:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing (with long sleeves) and appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

**Respiratory Protection:** An air-purifying, NIOSH-approved respirator with an organic vapor cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Use a positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, if exposure levels are unknown, or if any other circumstances exist where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

**Specific Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment:**

Ensure that glove material is compatible with this product. This information is available from glove manufacturers.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

*Unless otherwise indicated, all properties are given at 25 °C and standard pressure.*

<b>Appearance:</b>	Colorless, deliquescent, crystalline solid.
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless.
<b>Odor Threshold:</b>	No information found.
<b>Formula Weight:</b>	97.18
<b>pH:</b>	No information found.
<b>Melting/Freezing Point:</b>	173 °C
<b>Boiling Point/Range:</b>	No information found.
<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>	No information found.
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Auto-ignition Temperature:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability:</b>	Not flammable.
<b>Flammability/Explosive Limits:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Solubility:</b>	68.4% w/w in water at 20 °C. Soluble in acetone, alcohol.
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	No information found.
<b>Vapor Density:</b>	No information found.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.89 (Water = 1)
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No information found.
<b>Viscosity:</b>	No information found.
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	No information found.

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity Data:</b>	No information found.
<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions. Sensitive to moisture.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Excessive heat, moisture, exposure to light, incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	Oxidizers, acids, strong bases.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Cyanide, sulfur compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon oxides.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** May react vigorously or violently with the incompatible materials listed above. Excessive thermal conditions may cause decomposition and yield hazardous decomposition products listed above.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact.

**Acute Effects:** May be harmful if swallowed. May cause irritation if inhaled or exposed to the eyes or skin. May affect the central nervous system, cardiovascular system.

**Chronic Effects:** Prolonged or repeated exposure may affect metabolism, thyroid, blood, urinary system, and cardiovascular system; may cause birth defects.

**Toxicological Data:** LD<sub>50</sub> Oral, Rat: 854 mg/kg

**Symptoms of Exposure:** Irritation, coughing, difficulty breathing, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, skin discoloration, ulceration, blurred vision.

**Carcinogenic Effects:** This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicological Data:** LC<sub>50</sub>, Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): > 100 mg/L 96 h  
EC<sub>50</sub>, Water Flea (*Daphnia magna*): 11 mg/L 48 h

**Persistence and Degradability:** No information found.

**Environmental Effects:** Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release of product or product wastes to the environment.

Bioconcentration Factor: 13.4

## 13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

**Disposal Instructions:** Dispose of this material and its container to an approved waste collection point. Minimize exposure to product waste (see Section 8). Do not dispose unused waste down drains or into sewers. All wastes must be handled in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging:** Because emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Offer rinsed packaging material to local recycling facilities.

**Waste Codes:** No information found.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT:** Not regulated.

**Environmental Hazard Regulations:** No information found.

**Other Transport Precautions:** No information found.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### U.S. Federal Regulations:

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

**TSCA Inventory:** All components of this product are on the U.S. TSCA Inventory.

### U.S. EPCRA (SARA Title III):

**Section 302:** No information found.

**Sections 311/312:**

Hazard Category	List (Yes/No)
Section 311 – Hazardous Chemical	Yes
Immediate Hazard	Yes
Delayed Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	No
Pressure Hazard	No
Reactivity Hazard	No

**Section 313:** No information found.

**CERCLA Reportable Quantities:** No information found.

### International Inventories:

Country or Region	Inventory Name	On Inventory (Yes/No)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that the listed component(s) of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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