

# Safety Data Sheet

## Sodium Thiocyanate

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### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Sodium Thiocyanate  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Sodium Rhodanide; Sodium Sulfocyanate  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**DANGER**



Toxic if swallowed. Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled.

**GHS Classification:**

Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Dust / Mist Category 4, Acute Toxicity - Dermal Category 4

**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Gas Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Vapor Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Sodium Thiocyanate	540-72-7	100

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
**Eyes:** In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use media suitable to extinguish surrounding fire.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Hydrogen cyanide

### Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

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## Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:

Exposure to the spilled material may be irritating or harmful. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Additional precautions may be necessary based on special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred. Also consider the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Ventilate the contaminated area. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Avoid contact with material. Avoid creating and inhaling dust. Avoid creating and inhaling spray or mist. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a disposal container After removal, flush contaminated area thoroughly with water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place in a disposable container. Do not allow the spilled product to enter public drainage system or open waterways.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.

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

**Storage Code:** Green - general chemical storage

## Section 8 Protection Information

Chemical Name	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
	(TWA)	(STEL)	(TWA)	(STEL)
Sodium Thiocyanate	N/A	N/A	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (as CN)	N/A

### Control Parameters

**Engineering Measures:** Local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls are normally required when handling or using this product to avoid overexposure. Good general room ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne contaminants to safe levels.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

**Respiratory Protection:** No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator if levels above the exposure limits are possible.

**Respirator Type(s):** NIOSH approved air purifying respirator with dust/mist filter.

**Eye Protection:** Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

**Skin Protection:** Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

**Gloves:** Nitrile

## Section 9 Physical Data

<b>Formula:</b> NaSCN	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b> N/A
<b>Molecular Weight:</b> 81.07	<b>Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):</b> N/A
<b>Appearance:</b> White Crystals	<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b> N/A
<b>Odor:</b> No data available	<b>Specific Gravity:</b> N/A
<b>Odor Threshold:</b> No data available	<b>Solubility in Water:</b> Slightly Soluble
<b>pH:</b> No data available	<b>Log Pow (calculated):</b> No data available
<b>Melting Point:</b> No data available 300 C	<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Boiling Point:</b> No data available	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Flash Point:</b> No data available	<b>Viscosity:</b> No data available
<b>Flammable Limits in Air:</b> No data available	<b>Percent Volatile by Volume:</b> 0 @ 21 °C

## Section 10 Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Elevated temperatures Exposure to light. Exposure to moisture

**Incompatible Materials:** Acids, Alcohols, Amines, Caustics (bases), Ammonia

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Hydrogen cyanide

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

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## Section 11 Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Ingestion, skin and eye contact.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** N/A  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

### Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Sodium Thiocyanate	540-72-7	Oral LD50 Rat 764 mg/kg Oral LD50 Rat 837 mg/kg Oral LD50 Mouse 809 mg/kg Oral LD50 Mouse 360 mg/kg Oral LD50 Rat 232 mg/kg	Not determined	Not determined

### Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Sodium Thiocyanate	540-72-7	Listed	Not listed	Not listed

### Chronic Effects:

**Mutagenicity:** No evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** No evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** No evidence of negative reproductive effects.  
**Target Organ Effects:**  
**Acute:** See Section 2, N/A  
**Chronic:** Not listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or OSHA.

## Section 12 Ecological Data

**Overview:** This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology. Keep out of waterways.  
**Mobility:** No data  
**Persistence:** No data  
**Bioaccumulation:** No data  
**Degradability:** No data  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
N/A	540-72-7	

## Section 13 Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** Not Determined

## Section 14 Transport Information

**Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:** N/A  
**Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:** Not regulated for air transport by IATA.

## Section 15 Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:** All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
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## Additional Information

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### Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health