

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** POTASSIUM SILVER CYANIDE

**Recommended use:** Electroplating bath component; for industrial use only.

**Supplier:**

Reliable Silver Corporation  
302 Platts Mill Rd  
Naugatuck, CT 06770 USA

**Current SDS Preparation date:** August 14, 2017

**Original SDS Preparation date:** October 23, 2012

**Telephone no:** 203-574-7732

**Emergency no:** ChemTrec 800-424-9300, Outside the USA and Canada: 703-527-3887

### SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Classification:**

Acute Toxicity – Oral, Category 2  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation, Category 2  
Eye Damage/Irritation, Category 1  
Acute Aquatic Toxicity, Category 1  
Chronic Aquatic Toxicity, Category 1

**Label elements and precautionary statements:**

Signal word: Danger

Pictogram(s):



**Hazards not otherwise classified:** None

**Hazard statement(s):**

Fatal if swallowed  
Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye damage  
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary statement(s):**

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

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If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center or doctor\physician

Rinse mouth; do not swallow

Wear protective gloves, clothing and eye and face protection.

If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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.

Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS Number	EINECS Number	Concentration
Potassium Silver Cyanide	506-61-6	208-047-0	<99%

### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation:** Have someone contact a physician or poison control center immediately. If conscious but symptoms (nausea, difficult breathing, dizziness, etc.) are evident, first responders may give oxygen. If consciousness is impaired or patient is unconscious, oxygen and amyl nitrite should be administered by trained qualified medical squads. Amyl nitrite is given by breaking an ampoule in a gauze pad and inserting into the lip of the oxygen resuscitator mask for 15 seconds, and then taking it away for 15 seconds. Repeat this 5 or 6 times. If necessary, use a fresh ampoule every 3 minutes until the patient regains consciousness (usually 1-4 ampoules). Administer oxygen continuously. Guard against the ampoule entering the patient's mouth. Move the patient to an uncontaminated area. Keep the patient warm and calm.

**Skin Contact:** Have someone contact a physician or poison control center immediately. Immediately flush with large quantities of water for up to 5 minutes after contact and completely remove all contaminated clothing including shoes and boots. Flushing with water

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for up to 5 minutes is generally sufficient to effectively remove cyanide from the patient's skin. Rescue workers should protect themselves against exposure.

**Eye Contact:** Have someone contact a physician or poison control center immediately. Immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of water for up to 5 minutes while holding the eyelids apart. Eye contact will require further evaluation and possibly treatment. Continue rinsing the eyes during transport to the hospital.

**Ingestion:** Have someone call a physician or poison control center immediately. If conscious but symptoms (nausea, difficult breathing, dizziness, etc.) are evident, first responders may give oxygen. If consciousness is impaired, administer oxygen and amyl nitrite as directed under Inhalation section. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting as this could interfere with resuscitator use. If the patient is conscious, trained, qualified medical squads may give activated charcoal slurry. (50 grams of activated carbon slurried in 400 mL of water). Give 5 ML/1kg. of wt. – about 350 mL for an average adult.

### SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Use media appropriate for surrounding fire such as foam, extinguishing powder, carbon dioxide, or water fog. In case of fire, cool endangered containers with water spray.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** High pressure water jet. Do not use carbon dioxide or other acidic type extinguisher.

**Specific hazards in case of fire:** May release toxic hydrogen cyanide fumes upon heating to dryness.

**Special protective equipment and precaution for fire fighters:** For fires enclosed areas, wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Do not inhale combustion gases.

### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** Wear appropriate skin, eye and respiratory protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning up. Ensure adequate ventilation.

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**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:** Wear appropriate personal protective gear including eye, skin and respiratory protection. Collect material for recovery by sweeping or other method without raising dust. Flush spill area with water. Do not allow this material or its rinsing to enter storm or sanitary sewers or other waterways. (See also Section 13).

**Environmental precautions:** Prevent spills and rinsings from entering storm or sanitary sewers or other waterways and contact with soil.

### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling:** Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid prolonged repeated skin contact and breathing mists or vapors. Use in well-ventilated area. Do not empty waste into sanitary drains.

**Conditions for safe storage, including incompatibilities:** Store in a cool, dry area. Use with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Store only in the original container.

### SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits:

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>Other Limits</u>
Potassium Silver	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (CN) STEL/C	5mg/m <sup>3</sup> (CN)	5mg/m <sup>3</sup> (CN) NIOSH REL
Cyanide	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (AG) TWA	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (AG)	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (AG) NIOSH REL

**Appropriate engineering controls:** Use in well-ventilated area with local exhaust.

**Respiratory protection:** Wear appropriate respirator in a major spill, or when ventilation is inadequate to meet exposure limits.

**Eye protection:** Chemical splash goggles or safety glasses with side shields must be worn.

**Skin Protection:** Wear rubber or neoprene gloves. Wear rubber apron and long sleeves to prevent skin contact. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating or smoking.

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### SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical state:** Solid, powder

**Color:** White

**Odor:** Slight cyanide odor

**Odor threshold:** Not available

**pH:** Not applicable

**Melting/freezing point:** Not determined

**Initial boiling point:** Not determined

**Flash point:** Not applicable

**Evaporation rate:** Not applicable

**Flammability (solid, gas):** Not applicable

**Upper/lower explosion limits:** Non-explosive

**Vapor pressure:** Not determined

**Vapor density:** Not determined

**Relative density (H<sub>2</sub>O=1) @ 25 °C:** Not applicable

**Solubility:** Readily soluble in water at 20 °C

**Partition coefficient octanol/water:** Not determined

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not applicable

**Decomposition temperature:** Not available

**Viscosity:** Not applicable

### SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** Reacts with acids to release toxic hydrogen cyanide gas.

**Chemical stability:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** None are known.

**Conditions to avoid:** None reported.

**Incompatible materials:** Acids and oxidizers.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** May release toxic hydrogen cyanide fumes upon heating to dryness.

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### SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Routes of Exposure and Symptoms:

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of cyanide may cause weakness, dizziness, headache, vomiting, unconsciousness and death.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause death or permanent injury from small quantities. Ingestion may cause an increase in the depth and rate of respiration. Cardiac irregularities often occur.

**Skin Contact:** Contact with the skin may cause “cyanide rash” with itching and macular, papular and vesicular eruptions. There is often secondary infection.

**Eye Contact:** Contact with the eyes may cause itching and macular, papular and vesicular eruptions. There is often secondary infection.

#### Acute and Chronic Effects from Short and Long-Term Exposure:

Cyanide components are very poisonous. Ingestion may cause death or permanent injury from small quantities. Ingestion may cause an increase in the depth and rate of respiration. Cardiac irregularities often occur. Death is due to respiratory arrest of central origin. Signs are blue lips, lowered blood pressure, unconsciousness, and convulsions. Other

signs may include salivation, nausea without vomiting, anxiety, confusion, vertigo, giddiness, lower-jaw stiffness, opisthotonos, paralysis, coma, and bradycardia. Inhalation of cyanide may cause weakness, dizziness, headache, vomiting, unconsciousness and death. Contact with the skin and eyes may cause “cyanide rash” with itching and macular, papular and vesicular eruptions. There is often secondary infection. Cyanide salts and solutions are also readily absorbed through the skin in toxic amounts.

**Acute Oral Toxicity:** LD50: 20.9 mg/kg (rat, potassium silver cyanide)

**Acute Dermal Toxicity:** No applicable information available.

**Acute Inhalation Toxicity:** No applicable information available.

**Acute Eye Irritation:** Severe irritation – 0.25 mg/24 hours (rabbit)

**Dermal Irritation:** Severe irritation – 50 mg/24 hours (rabbit). Contact with skin may cause “cyanide rash” with itching and macular, papular and vesicular eruption. There is often secondary infection.

#### Carcinogen Listings:

**IARC:** No      **NTP:** No      **OSHA:** No

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**Reproductive Effects:** No applicable information available.

**Target Organs Effects:** No applicable information available.

### SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Aquatic Toxicity:** This product is toxic to aquatic life.

**Persistence and degradability:** No applicable information available.

**Bio-accumulative potential:** There is evidence to suggest bioaccumulation, particularly of silver, will occur.

**Mobility in soil:** Accidental spillage may lead to penetration in the soil and groundwater. Improper handling and disposal of this material may cause environmental damage.

### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste disposal:** Disposal of this material is subject to user compliance with applicable laws and regulations and consideration of product characteristics at time of disposal.

### SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**Classification for shipment by road or rail, sea (IMDG) and air (IATA/ICAO):**

**UN proper shipping name:** RQ, Toxic Solid, Inorganic, N.O.S. (Potassium Metallic Cyanide Mixture)

**UN number:** UN3288

**Transport hazard class:** 6.1

**Packing group:** II

**Marine Pollutant:** Yes (Cyanides, Inorganic, N.O.S.)

### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Inventory Status:** All components are on TSCA, EINECS/ELINCS, AICS, and DSL.

**U.S. Regulations:**

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U.S. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III:

### SARA (311/312) HAZARD CATEGORIES:

None  Immediate  Delayed  Fire  Reactive  Pressure generating

**SARA 313:** This product contains the following SARA 313 Toxic Release Chemicals.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Concentration
Potassium Silver Cyanide	506-61-6	>99%

The following product components are cited on the lists below:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List Citations
None		California Proposition 65 List

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

**VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds):** None

**HMIS Ratings:**

**Health:** 3      **Flammability:** 0      **Reactivity:** 0      **Personal Protection:** C

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