

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT NAME: METHANE

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

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PRODUCT NAME: METHANE
CHEMICAL NAME: CH₄
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Methyl Hydride
TDG (Canada) CLASSIFICATION: 2.1
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A, B1

PREPARED BY: Loss Control (908)464-8100/(905)501-1700
PREPARATION DATE: 6/1/95
REVIEW DATES: 6/7/96

2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL-DSD/A	PHYSICAL	HEALTH HAZARD Route Specific
Methane FORMULA: CH ₄ CAS: 74-82-8 RTECS #: PA1480000	100	Simple Asphyxiant	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

¹ As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1993)

² As stated in the ACGIH 1994-95 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:
Simple asphyxiant - extremely flammable, above 12.5% Extremely Irritable.

ROUTE OF ENTRY:

Skin Contact	Skin Absorption	Eye Contact	Inhalation	Ingestion
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

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HEALTH EFFECTS:

Exposure Limits No	Irritant No	Sensitization No
Teratogen No	Reproductive Hazard No	Mutagen No
Synergistic Effects None reported		

Carcinogenicity: -- NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

EYE EFFECTS:
None anticipated as product is a gas at room temperature.

SKIN EFFECTS:
None anticipated as product is a gas at room temperature.

INGESTION EFFECTS:
None known. Ingestion is unlikely.

INHALATION EFFECTS:
Methane and nitrogen are simple asphyxiants. Exposure to high concentrations of this gas mixture may exclude an adequate supply of oxygen. Oxygen levels should be maintained at greater than 19.5% at normal atmospheric pressure.

Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from simple asphyxiants may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgement, depression of all sensations, emotional instability, and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration, and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma, and death.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

NEPA HAZARD CODES	HMS HAZARD CODES	RATINGS SYSTEM
Health: 0	Health: 0	0 = No Hazard
Flammability: 4	Flammability: 4	1 = Slight Hazard
Reactivity: 0	Reactivity: 0	2 = Moderate Hazard
		3 = Serious Hazard
		4 = Severe Hazard

4. First Aid Measures

EYES:
Never introduce ointment or oil into the eyes without medical advice! If pain is present, refer the victim to an ophthalmologist for treatment and follow up.

SKIN:
None needed as product is a gas at room temperature.

INGESTION:
Not normally required.

MSDS: G-56
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PRODUCT NAME: METHANE**INHALATION:**

PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO THIS PRODUCT. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Victims should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. If breathing has stopped administer artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. Keep victim warm and quiet.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Flammable gas		
Flash point: -306°F (-188°C)	Method: Closed cup	Autoignition Temperature: 1076°F (580°C)
LEL(%): 5	UEL(%): 15	
Hazardous combustion products: Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: Not Available		

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

Methane is slightly heavier than air and may travel a considerable distance to an ignition source. Should flame be extinguished and flow of gas continue, increase ventilation to prevent flammable mixture formation in low areas or pockets.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical or water spray.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:

If possible stop the flow of gas supply. Use water spray to cool adjacent areas. Be cautious of a Boiling Liquid Evaporating Vapor Explosion, BLEVE, if flame is impinging on surrounding containers. Direct 500 GPM water stream onto containers above liquid level with remote monitors. Limit the number of personnel in proximity to the fire. Evacuate surrounding areas to at least 3000 feet in all directions.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest BOC location.

7. Handling and Storage**Electrical Classification:**

Class 1, Group D.

Earth ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with the ethylene system. Electrical equipment should be non-sparking or explosion-proof.

Methane is non-corrosive and may be used with any common structural material.

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure (<3000 psig) piping or

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systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 130°F (54°C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Post "NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAMBS" signs in the storage or use area.

For additional storage recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlets P-1, P-9, P-14, and Safety Bulletin SB-2.

8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

EXPOSURE LIMITS¹:

INGREDIENT	CONCENTRATION	PEL-COSHA	TLV-ACGIH	Personal Protective Equipment
Methane FORMULA: CH ₄ CAS: 74-82-8 RTECS #: PA1490000	100	Simple Asphyxiant	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

¹ Refer to individual state of provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits which may be more stringent than those listed here.

² As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1995)

³ As stated in the ACGIH 1994-1995 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Hood with forced ventilation. Local exhaust to prevent dilution of oxygen levels below 19.5%. Mechanical in accordance with electrical codes.

EYE/FACE PROTECTION:

Safety goggles or glasses.

SKIN PROTECTION:

Plastic or rubber gloves. Protective gloves made of any suitable material.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

Positive pressure air line with mask and escape bottle or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.

OTHER/GENERAL PROTECTION:

Safety shoes, safety shower, eyewash "fountain."

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNITS
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Not Available	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: Not Available	
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: -285.7	°F
	: -161.5	°C
Freezing point	: -296.5	°F
	: -182.5	°C
pH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: 0.55	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H2O)	: Negligible	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Odorless, colorless gas	

10. Stability and Reactivity**STABILITY:**

Stable

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:

Oxidizers

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:

Will not occur.

11. Toxicological Information

No data given in the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) or Sax, Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7th ed.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

12. Ecological Information

No data given.

13. Disposal Considerations

Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to BOC Gases or authorized distributor for proper disposal.

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14. Transport Information

PARAMETER	United States DOT	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Methane, compressed	Methane, compressed
HAZARD CLASS:	2.1	2.1
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1971	UN 1971
SHIPPING LABEL:	FLAMMABLE GAS	FLAMMABLE GAS

15. Regulatory Information

Methane is listed under the accident prevention provisions of section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) with a threshold quantity (TQ) of 10,000 pounds.

SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES:

- Acute Health Hazard
- Fire Hazard
- Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

16. Other Information

Compressed gas cylinders shall not be refilled without the express written permission of the owner. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his/her (written) consent is a violation of transportation regulations.

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BOC GASES

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN NO: 2-0101

PRODUCT NAME: AIR, COMPRESSED; COMPRESSED OXYGEN AND NITROGEN MIXTURE
CHEMICAL NAME: Oxygen (19.5-23.5%) in Nitrogen
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Air, Compressed
TDG (Canada) CLASSIFICATION: 2.2
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A

PREPARED BY: Loss Control (908)464-8100/(905)501-1700.
PREPARATION DATE: 6/1/95
REVIEW DATES: 06/18/04

2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

EXPOSURE LIMITS¹:

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL-OSHA ²	TLV-ACGIH ³	LD ₅₀ or EC ₅₀ Route/Species
Oxygen FORMULA: O ₂ CAS: 7782-44-7 RTECS #: RS2080000	19.5-23.5	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Nitrogen FORMULA: N ₂ CAS: 7727-37-9 RTECS #: QW8700000	76.5-80.5	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

¹ Refer to individual state or provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits which may be more stringent than those listed here.

² As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1993)

³ As stated in the ACGIH 2004 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents.

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Colorless, odorless nonflammable compressed gas. This product contains sufficient oxygen to support combustion and respiration. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125 °F.

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ROUTE OF ENTRY:

Skin Contact No	Skin Absorption No	Eye Contact No	Inhalation No	Ingestion No
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HEALTH EFFECTS:

Exposure Limits No	Irritant No	Sensitization No
Teratogen No	Reproductive Hazard No	Mutagen No
Synergistic Effects None reported		

Carcinogenicity: -- NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

EYE EFFECTS: None known for gas. Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

SKIN EFFECTS: None known for gas. Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite with redness, skin color change to gray or white, and blistering.

INGESTION EFFECTS: None known. Ingestion is unlikely as product is gas at room temperature.

ACUTE INHALATION EFFECTS: None expected. This product contains sufficient oxygen to sustain life.

This product is not intended for use as breathing air.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: None known.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Not toxic to fish and wildlife.

4. First Aid Measures

EYES:

None required for gas. If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and obtain immediate medical attention.

SKIN:

None required for gas. For frostbite, immerse skin in lukewarm water. **DO NOT USE HOT WATER.** Obtain medical attention.

INGESTION:

None required.

INHALATION:

None required.

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5. Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Nonflammable		
Flash point: None	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition Temperature: None
LEL(%): None		UEL(%): None
Hazardous combustion products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Nonflammable, non-combustible. Cylinder may vent rapidly or rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: None required. Use as appropriate for surrounding materials.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Firefighters should wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved full-facepiece self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode and full turnout or bunker gear.

6. Accidental Release Measures

No hazard expected. Contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest BOC location if safety problems arise.

7. Handling and Storage

Electrical classification:
Non-hazardous.

This gas mixture is non-corrosive and may be used with all common structural materials.

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container is secured with valve protection outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure-reducing regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure piping or systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Do not insert any object (i.e.: screwdriver) into valve cap openings as this can damage the valve causing leakage.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 125 °F (52 °C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders being stored for excessive periods of time.

For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association Pamphlets P-1.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid form in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

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8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

General ventilation.

EYE/FACE PROTECTION:

Safety goggles or glasses

SKIN PROTECTION:

Protective gloves of material appropriate for the job.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

None normally required. Use as appropriate for the job.

OTHER/GENERAL PROTECTION:

Safety shoes, eyewash station.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNITS
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Above critical temp.	
Vapor density at STP (Air = 1)	: 1.0	
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: -317.8	°F
	: -194	°C
Freezing point	: Not Available	
pH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: Not Available	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H ₂ O)	: Slightly soluble	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Colorless, odorless gas	

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY:

Stable

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS/CONDITIONS:

None

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

None

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:

Does not occur

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11. Toxicological Information

Product is non-toxic.

12. Ecological Information

Product does not contain Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances. Not toxic. Will not bioconcentrate.

13. Disposal Considerations

Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to BOC Gases or authorized distributor for proper disposal.

14. Transport Information

PARAMETER	United States DOT	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Air, Compressed	Air, Compressed
HAZARD CLASS:	2.2	2.2
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1002	UN 1002
SHIPPING LABEL:	NONFLAMMABLE GAS	NONFLAMMABLE GAS

15. Regulatory Information

SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

SARA TITLE III - SECTION 313 SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION:

This product does not contain toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 and 40 CFR 372.

SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES:

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

U.S. TSCA/Canadian DSL: All ingredients are listed on the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory or exempt from listing and on the Canadian Domestic Substance List (DSL).

California Proposition 65: This product does not contain ingredient(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Canadian Controlled Products Regulations (CPR): This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

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16. Other Information

NFPA HAZARD CODES	HMIS HAZARD CODES	RATINGS SYSTEM
Health: 0	Health: 0	0 = No Hazard
Flammability: 0	Flammability: 0	1 = Slight Hazard
Instability: 0	Physical Hazard: 3	2 = Moderate Hazard
		3 = Serious Hazard
		4 = Severe Hazard

Note: Ratings were assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in CGA Pamphlet P-19-2004, *CGA Recommended Hazard Ratings for Compressed Gases, 2nd Edition*.

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT	Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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