



MATHESON

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Safety Data Sheet

Material Name: Methane

SDS ID: 00244226

Section 1 - IDENTIFICATION

Manufacturer Information

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General Information: 1-800-416-2505
Emergency #: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)
Outside the US: 703-527-3887 (Call collect)

Product Identifier: Methane

Trade Names/Synonyms

FIRE DAMP; MARSH GAS; METHYL HYDRIDE; NATURAL GAS; R50

Chemical Family

hydrocarbons, gas

Product Use

industrial

Restrictions on Use

None known.

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Flammable gas, Category 1
Gas under pressure, Compressed gas

GHS LABEL ELEMENTS

Symbol(s)



Signal Word

DANGER

Hazard Statement(s)

Extremely flammable gas
Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

Precautionary Statement(s)

Prevention

Keep away from heat, sparks, open flame, and hot surfaces - No smoking.

Response

Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Protect from sunlight.

Other Hazards which do not Result in Classification

May cause asphyxia. May cause frostbite upon sudden release of compressed gas.

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Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CAS#	Component	Percent
74-82-8	METHANE	100

Component Related Regulatory Information

This product may be regulated, have exposure limits or other information identified as the following: Aliphatic hydrocarbon gases (Alkane [C1-C4]).

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation

If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

Skin

If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115 F; 41-46 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

Eyes

Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion

If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

Note to Physicians

For inhalation, consider oxygen.

Symptoms: Immediate

frostbite, suffocation

Symptoms: Delayed

No information on significant adverse effects.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

See Section 9 for Flammability Properties

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Severe fire hazard. Severe explosion hazard. Pressurized containers may rupture or explode if exposed to sufficient heat. Vapor/air mixtures are explosive above flash point. Electrostatic discharges may be generated by flow or agitation resulting in ignition or explosion.

Extinguishing Media

carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

Large fires: Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

None known.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear full protective fire fighting gear including self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for protection against possible exposure.

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Fire Fighting Measures

Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other flammables. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Stop flow of gas.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions

Wear personal protective clothing and equipment, see Section 8.

Environmental Precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

Methods for Containment

Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Remove sources of ignition. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.

Cleanup Methods

Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Procedures

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Storage Procedures

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Grounding and bonding required. Store in a well-ventilated place. Protect from sunlight. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

Incompatibilities combustible materials, halogens, oxidizing materials

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Component Exposure Limits

METHANE (74-82-8)

ACGIH: 1000 ppm TWA

Component Biological Limit Values

There are no biological limit values for any of this product's components.

Engineering Controls

Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant if explosive concentrations of material are present. Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Eyes/Face

For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

Protective Clothing

For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.

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Glove Recommendations

For the gas: Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. For the liquid: Wear insulated gloves.

Respiratory Protection

Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed.

Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum.

Consider warning properties before use.

For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Gas	Appearance: Colorless gas
Color: colorless	Physical Form: gas
Odor: odorless	Odor Threshold: Not available
Taste: tasteless	pH: Not available
Melting/Freezing Point: -183 °C	Boiling Point: -162 °C
Flash Point: -223 °C	Decomposition: Not available
Evaporation Rate: Not available	LEL: 5.0 %
UEL: 15 %	Vapor Pressure: 760 mmHg @ -161 °C
Henry's Law Constant: 0.00045830 atm-m ³ /mol	Vapor Density (air = 1): 0.555
Density: 0.717 g/L @ 0 °C	Water Solubility: 3.5 % @ 17 °C
KOW: 724.44 estimated from water solubility	Log KOW: Not available
Coeff. Water/Oil Dist: Not available	KOC: 2192.80 estimated from water solubility
Auto Ignition: 537 °C	Viscosity: 0.01118 cP @27 °C
Molecular Weight: 16.04	Molecular Formula: C-H ₄

Solvent Solubility

Soluble: alcohol, ether, benzene, organic solvents

Section 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Conditions to Avoid

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will not polymerize.

Incompatible Materials

combustible materials, halogens, oxidizing materials

Decomposition Products

oxides of carbon

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Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute and Chronic Toxicity

Component Analysis - LD50/LC50

The components of this material have been reviewed in various sources and no selected endpoints have been identified.

RTECS Acute Toxicity (selected)

The components of this material have been reviewed, and RTECS publishes the following endpoints:

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Inhalation: 500000 ppm/2 hour Inhalation Mouse LC50; 326 gm/m³/2 hour Inhalation Mouse LC50

Acute Toxicity Level

METHANE (74-82-8)

Slightly Toxic: inhalation

Immediate Effects

frostbite, suffocation

Delayed Effects

No information on significant adverse effects.

Irritation/Corrosivity Data

No animal testing data available for skin or eyes.

RTECS Irritation

The components of this material have been reviewed and RTECS publishes no data as of the date on this document.

Respiratory Sensitizer

No data available.

Dermal Sensitizer

No data available.

Carcinogenicity

Component Carcinogenicity

None of this product's components are listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, OSHA or DFG.

Mutagenic Data

No data available.

RTECS Mutagenic

The components of this material have been reviewed, and RTECS publishes data for one or more components.

Reproductive Effects Data

No data available.

Tumorigenic Data

No data available.

RTECS Tumorigenic

The components of this material have been reviewed, and RTECS publishes data for one or more components.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

No data available.

Aspiration Hazard

Not applicable.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

None known.

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Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Component Analysis - Aquatic Toxicity

No LOLI ecotoxicity data are available for this product's components.

Persistence and Degradability

No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential

No data available.

Mobility in Environmental Media

No data available.

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D001.

Component Waste Numbers

The U.S. EPA has not published waste numbers for this product's components.

Section 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT Information

Shipping Name: Methane, compressed

UN/NA #: UN1971 **Hazard Class:** 2.1

Required Label(s): 2.1

IMDG Information

Shipping Name: Methane, compressed

UN #: UN1971 **Hazard Class:** 2.1

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

Component Analysis

U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this products components are listed under SARA Sections 302/304 (40 CFR 355 Appendix A), SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65), CERCLA (40 CFR 302.4), TSCA 12(b), or require an OSHA process safety plan.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categories

Acute Health: Yes **Chronic Health:** No **Fire:** Yes **Pressure:** Yes **Reactive:** No

U.S. State Regulations

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances lists:

Component	CAS	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA
METHANE	74-82-8	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Not regulated under California Proposition 65

Component Analysis - Inventory

Component	CAS	US	CA	EU	AU	PH	JP	KR	CN	NZ
METHANE	74-82-8	Yes	DSL	EIN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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NFPA Ratings: Health: 2 Fire: 4 Reactivity: 0

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

Key / Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; ADR - European Road Transport; AU - Australia; BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand; C - Celsius; CA - Canada; CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CN - China; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List; EEC - European Economic Community; EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EU - European Union; F - Fahrenheit; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IDL - Ingredient Disclosure List; IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; JP - Japan; Kow - Octanol/water partition coefficient; KR - Korea; LEL - Lower Explosive Limit; LOLI - List Of Lists™ - ChemADVISOR's Regulatory Database; MAK - Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; MEL - Maximum Exposure Limits; NFPA - National Fire Protection Agency; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NJTSR - New Jersey Trade Secret Registry; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZ - New Zealand; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PH - Philippines; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; RID - European Rail Transport; RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances®; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act; TWA - Time Weighted Average; UEL - Upper Explosive Limit; US - United States

Other Information

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