

Safety Data Sheet

Material Name: Methane

SDS ID: 00244226

Section 1 - PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material Name

Methane

Synonyms

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

Chemical Family

Hydrocarbons, Gas

Product Description

Classification determined in accordance with Compressed Gas Association standards.

Product Use

Industrial and Specialty Gas Applications.

Restrictions on Use

None known.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Emergency #: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)

Outside the US: 703-527-3887 (Call collect)

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification in accordance with paragraph (d) of 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Flammable Gases - Category 1

Gases 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

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Other Hazards

Rapid release of compressed gas may cause frostbite.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CAS	Component Name	Percent
74-82-8	METHANE	100

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

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Then get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion

If swallowed, get medical attention.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects

Acute

frostbite

Delayed

no information on significant adverse effects.

Note to Physicians

For inhalation, consider oxygen.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical, Large fires: Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

None known.

Special 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.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Oxides of carbon

Fire Fighting Measures

Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. Apply water from a protected location or from a safe distance. Stay away from the ends of tanks. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles

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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. Evacuation radius: 1600 meters (1 mile). For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other flammables. Stop flow of gas.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear personal protective clothing and equipment, see Section 8.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

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

Environmental Precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Store in a well-ventilated place.

Protect from sunlight.

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Grounding and bonding required. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

Incompatible Materials

combustible materials, halogens, oxidizing materials

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Component Exposure Limits

METHANE	74-82-8
ACGIH:	(See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content, explosion hazard)
Mexico:	1000 ppm TWA [VLE-PPT]

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)

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.

Individual Protection Measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face protection

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.

Skin Protection

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

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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.

Glove Recommendations

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

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	colorless gas	Physical State	gas
Odor	odorless	Color	colorless
Odor Threshold	Not available	pH	Not available
Melting Point	-183 °C (-297 °F)	Boiling Point	-162 °C (-260 °F)
Boiling Point Range	Not available	Freezing point	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not available	Flammability (solid, gas)	Flammable gas
Autoignition Temperature	537 °C (999 °F)	Flash Point	-223 °C (-369 °F)
Lower Explosive Limit	5 %	Decomposition temperature	Not available
Upper Explosive Limit	15 %	Vapor Pressure	760 mmHg @ -161 °C
Vapor Density (air=1)	0.555	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Water Solubility	3.5 % (@ 17 °C)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	724.44
Viscosity	0.01118 cp	Kinematic viscosity	Not available
Solubility (Other)	Not available	Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)	1.68
Density	0.717 g/L at 0 °C	Henry's Law Constant	0.0004583 atm-m ³ /mole
KOC	2192.8 (estimated from water solubility)	Physical Form	Compressed Gas
Taste	tasteless	Molecular Formula	C-H4

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Molecular Weight	16.04		
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Solvent Solubility

Soluble

alcohol, ether, Benzene, organic solvents

Section 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

No reactivity hazard is expected.

Chemical Stability

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will not polymerize.

Conditions to Avoid

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

Incompatible Materials

combustible materials, halogens, oxidizing materials

Hazardous decomposition products

Oxides of carbon

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on Likely Routes of Exposure

Inhalation

nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, drowsiness, dizziness, disorientation, mood swings, loss of coordination, suffocation, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma

Skin Contact

Frostbite.

Eye Contact

no information on significant adverse effects

Ingestion

ingestion of a gas is unlikely

Acute and Chronic Toxicity

Component Analysis - LD50/LC50

The components of this material have been reviewed in various sources and the following selected endpoints are published:

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Dermal LD50 Rat >2000 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50 Rat 539600 ppm 2 h

Product Toxicity Data

Acute Toxicity Estimate

Dermal	> 2000 mg/kg
Inhalation - Gas	> 20000 ppm

Immediate Effects

frostbite

Delayed Effects

no information on significant adverse effects.

Irritation/Corrosivity Data

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No animal testing data available for skin or eyes.

Respiratory Sensitization

No data available.

Dermal Sensitization

No data available.

Component Carcinogenicity

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

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

No data available.

Tumorigenic Data

No data available

Reproductive Toxicity

No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

No target organs identified.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

No target organs identified.

Aspiration hazard

Not applicable.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

None known.

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Component Analysis - Aquatic Toxicity

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

Persistence and Degradability

No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential

No data available.

Mobility

No data available.

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

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

Hazard Class: 2.1

UN/NA #: UN1971

Required Label(s): 2.1

IMDG Information:

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International Bulk Chemical Code

This material does not contain any chemicals required by the IBC Code to be identified as dangerous chemicals in bulk.

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this product's 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 Section 311/312 (40 CFR 370 Subparts B and C) reporting categories

Flammable; Gas Under Pressure

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

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)

Not listed under California Proposition 65.

Component Analysis - Inventory

METHANE (74-82-8)

US	CA	AU	CN	EU	JP - ENCS	JP - ISHL	KR KECI - Annex 1	KR KECI - Annex 2
Yes	DSL	Yes	Yes	EIN	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

KR - REACH CCA	MX	NZ	PH	TH-TECI	TW, CN	VN (Draft)
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Ratings

Health: 0 Fire: 4 Instability: 0

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

Summary of Changes

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Key / Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; ADR - European Road Transport; AU - Australia; BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand; C - Celsius; CA - Canada; CA/MA/MN/NJ/PA - California/Massachusetts/Minnesota/New Jersey/Pennsylvania*; CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CFR - Code of Federal Regulations (US); CLP - Classification, Labelling, and Packaging; CN - China; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSD - Dangerous Substance Directive; DSL - Domestic Substances List; EC - European Commission; EEC - European Economic Community; EIN - European Inventory of (Existing Commercial Chemical Substances); EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substance Inventory; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EU - European Union; F - Fahrenheit; F - Background (for Venezuela Biological Exposure Indices); IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IDL - Ingredient Disclosure List; IDLH -

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Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; ISHL - Japan Industrial Safety and Health Law; IUCLID - International Uniform Chemical Information Database; JP - Japan; Kow - Octanol/water partition coefficient; KR KECI Annex 1 - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI) / Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL); KR KECI Annex 2 - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI) / Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL) , KR - Korea; LD50/LC50 - Lethal Dose/ Lethal Concentration; KR REACH CCA - Korea Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Substances Chemical Control Act; LEL - Lower Explosive Limit; LLV - Level Limit Value; LOLI - List Of Lists™ - ChemADVISOR's Regulatory Database; MAK - Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; MEL - Maximum Exposure Limits; MX – Mexico; Ne- Non-specific; NFPA - National Fire Protection Agency; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NJTSR - New Jersey Trade Secret Registry; Nq - Non-quantitative; NSL – Non-Domestic Substance List (Canada); NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZ - New Zealand; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PEL- Permissible Exposure Limit; PH - Philippines; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH- Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and restriction of Chemicals; RID - European Rail Transport; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; Sc - Semi-quantitative; STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit; TCCA – Korea Toxic Chemicals Control Act; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TH-TECI - Thailand - FDA Existing Chemicals Inventory (TECI); TLV - Threshold Limit Value; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act; TW – Taiwan; TWA - Time Weighted Average; UEL - Upper Explosive Limit; UN/NA - United Nations /North American; US - United States; VLE - Exposure Limit Value (Mexico); VN (Draft) - Vietnam (Draft); WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada).

Other Information

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