

Safety Data Sheet

Product :

Methane

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MSDS Nr : 078A_AL

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1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY

MSDS Nr	078A_AL
Product name	Methane
Chemical formula	CH4
Company identification	see heading and/or footer see paragraph 16 "OTHER INFORMATION"
Emergency phone numbers	see heading and/or footer see paragraph 16 "OTHER INFORMATION"

2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Preparation	Substance.
Components/Impurities	Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.
CAS Nr	00074-82-8
EEC Nr (from EINECS)	200-812-7

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazards identification	Compressed gas Extremely flammable
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4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation	In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination. Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
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5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Specific hazards	Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
Hazardous combustion products	Incomplete combustion may form carbon monoxide.
Suitable extinguishing media	All known extinguishants can be used.
Specific methods	If possible, stop flow of product. Move away from the container and cool with water from a protected position.

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Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire.

Special protective equipment for fire fighters

In confined space use self-contained breathing apparatus.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.

Evacuate area.

Ensure adequate air ventilation.

Eliminate ignition sources.

Environmental precautions

Try to stop release.

Clean up methods

Ventilate area.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling and storage

Ensure equipment is adequately earthed.

Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

Purge air from system before introducing gas.

Do not allow backfeed into the container.

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.

Keep away from ignition sources (including static discharges).

Segregate from oxidant gases and other oxidants in store.

Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.

Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protection

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Do not smoke while handling product.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Molecular weight

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Melting point

-182 °C

Boiling point

-161 °C

Critical temperature

-82 °C

Relative density, gas

0.6 (air=1)

Relative density, liquid

0.42 (water=1)

Vapour Pressure 20°C

Not applicable.

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Solubility mg/l water	26 mg/l
Appearance/Colour	Colourless gas
Odour	None
Autoignition temperature	595 °C
Flammability range	5-15 vol% in air.

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability and reactivity

Can form explosive mixture with air.
May react violently with oxidants.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General

No known toxicological effects from this product.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General

No known ecological damage caused by this product.

Global warming factor

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13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General

Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air.
Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor.
Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
Contact supplier if guidance is required.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Proper shipping name

Methane, compressed

UN Nr

1971

Class/Div

2.1

ADR/RID Classification code

2, 1°F

ADR/RID Hazard Nr

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Labelling ADR

Label 3: flammable gas

Other transport information

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment.
Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.
Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured and:
- cylinder valve is closed and not leaking

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- valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted
- valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted
- there is adequate ventilation.
- compliance with applicable regulations.

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548	601-001-00-4.
EC Classification	F+;R12
-Symbols	F+: Extremely flammable
-Risk phrases	R12 Extremely flammable.
-Safety phrases	S9 Keep container in well ventilated place. S16 Keep away from ignition sources - No smoking. S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Ensure operators understand the flammability hazard.

The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.

Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

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