

# Methane (5.0%-75.0%) in Nitrogen

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# **Safety Data Sheet**

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## **Section 1. IDENTIFICATION**

## 1.1. Product identifier

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Product form : Mixture

Product name : Methane (5.0%-75.0%) in Nitrogen

## 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Product use : Calibration gas/Bumptest gas/Function test gas

## 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Intermountain Specialty Gases** 

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## 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

## Section 2. HAZARDS INDENTIFICATION

## 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification FLAMMABLE GASES - Category 1

GASES UNDER PRESSURE - Compressed gas

SIMPLE ASPHYXIANTS - YES

## 2.2. Label elements

## **Hazard pictograms**





Signal word : DANGER

Hazard statements : H220 - EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE GAS

: H280 - CONTAINS GAS UNDER PRESSURE; MAY EXPLODE IF HEATED : OSHA-H01 - MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION.

: CGA-HG04 - MAY FORM EXPLOSIVE MIXTURES WITH AIR : OSHA - PG01 - DO NOT REMOVE THIS PRODUCT LABEL

#### **Precautionary statements**

[General] : Read and follow all Safety Data Sheets (SDS's) before use. Read label before use. Keep

out of reach of children. If medical advice is needed, have a product container or label at

hand. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure.

[Prevention] : P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

: P210 - Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces - No smoking.

: P271+P403- Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

: CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping.

: CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.

: CGA-PG12 - Do not open valve until connected to equipment prepared for use.

: CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty.

: CGA-PG27 - Read and follow the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use.

[Response] : P377 - Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.

: P381 - Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

: P304+P340+P313 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for

breathing. Get medical advice/attention.

: P302+P336 - IF ON SKIN: Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected

areas.

[Storage] : CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F)

[Disposal] : Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or

international regulations.

#### 2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

## 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity

No data available

## Section 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

## 3.1. Substance

Not applicable

#### 3.2. Mixture

Name	Product Identifier	%
Methane	(CAS No) 74-82-8	5-75
Nitrogen	(CAS No) 7727-37-9	95-25

## **Section 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

General : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Inhalation : Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If

breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. If

victim feels unwell, seek medical advice.

Skin contact : Immediately flush with copious amount of water for at least 15 minutes.

Eye contact : Immediately flush with copious amount of water for at least 15 minutes.

Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure, refer to the inhalation

section.

## 4.2. Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

**Acute** 

Inhalation : May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Skin contact : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite. Eye contact : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.

Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure, refer to the inhalation

section.

Frostbite : Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected areas. Get immediate

medical advice/attention.

Self-protection of the first aider RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING

APPARATUS. Remove all sources of ignition.

Symptoms : Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air.

Exposure to oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<=18%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness,

nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of

consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen may cause serious injury

Chronic symptoms : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Delayed : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

## 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

If victim feels unwell, seek medical advice. If breathing is difficult, give artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel.

## Section 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

## 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Dry chemical or CO2. Water spray (fog). DO NOT EXTINGUISH A LEAKING GAS FIRE

UNLESS LEAK CAN BE STOPPED.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

## 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard : This product is flammable.

Explosion hazard : Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire and increasing

risk of burns and injuries.

Reactivity : None known.

## 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate all personnel from the danger area. Stop the leak and flow

of gas before extinguishing fire, if safe to do so. If this is not possible, withdraw from area and allow fire to burn. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Let the fire burn. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Exercise

caution when fighting any chemical fire.

Protection during firefighting : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing

Apparatus, SCBA) for fire fighters. Do not enter fire area without proper protective

equipment, including respiratory protection.

## Section 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## **6.1.** Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation.

6.1.1. For non -emergency personnel

Protective equipment : Wear protective equipment consistent with the site emergency plan.

Emergency procedures : ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate

area). Escape the danger area by the closest safe route. Close doors and windows of adjacent premises. Keep containers closed. Mark the danger area. Seal off low-lying areas. Keep upwind.

## 6.1.12. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing

Apparatus) for fire fighters. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

: Evacuate and limit access. Ventilate area. See information above "For non-**Emergency procedures** 

emergency personnel".

## 6.2. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Try to stop gas leak if safe to do so.

:Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, Methods for cleaning up

and/or international regulations.

### Section 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

## 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safety handling : Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Use equipment rated

> for cylinder pressure. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing gas. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do

not drag, roll, slide, or drop.

Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

## 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures : None known.

Storage conditions : Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 52°C (125°F). Store locked up. Keep

> containers closed when not in use. Protect cylinder from physical damage. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Store in well

ventilated area.

Incompatible products : None known. Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents.

## Section 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Methane (74-82-8)				
OSHA PEL		Cal/OSHA PEL	NIOSH REL	ACGIH 2015 TLV
ppm		(as of 4/26/13)	(as of 4/26/13)	
	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	8-hour TWA	up to 10-hour TWA	8-hour TWA
	mg/m	(ST) STEL	(ST) STEL	(ST) STEL
		( C ) Ceiling	(C) Ceiling	(C) Ceiling
				1,000 ppm

Nitrogen (7727-37-9)				
OSH	A PEL	Cal/OSHA PEL	NIOSH REL	ACGIH 2015 TLV
ppm mg/m³		(as of 4/26/13)	(as of 4/26/13)	
	3	8-hour TWA	up to 10-hour TWA	8-hour TWA
	(ST) STEL	(ST) STEL	(ST) STEL	
		( C ) Ceiling	( C ) Ceiling	(C) Ceiling
There are no specific exposure linmits for Nitrogen. Nitrogen is a simple asphixiant (SA). Oxygen levels			Simple asphyxiant	

should be maintained above 19.5%.

## 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering measures/controls

: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly check for leakages. Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may me released. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

#### 8.3. Individual protection measures

Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers. 29CFR 1910.138: Hand Protection. Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection. Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing, e.g.-Lab coats, coveralls or flame resistant clothing.

Respiratory protection : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved

standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Thermal hazard protection : None necessary during normal and routine operations.

Environmental exposure controls : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section

13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

Other information : Wear safety shoes while handling containers. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection

## Section 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### 9.1. Exposure controls

Appearance : Clear, colorless gas.

Physical state : Gas
Color : Colorless

Odor : No data available Odor threshold : No data available На : No data available : No data available Melting point Freezing point : No data available Flash point : No data available Evaporation rate : No data available Flammability (solid, gas) : Extremely flammable

Upper flammability : 15% (Methane) Lower flammability : 5% (Methane) Relative density : No data available Solubility : No data available Partition coefficient : No data available Auto-ignition temperature : No data available Decomposition temperature : No data available Viscosity : Not applicable

Molecular weight (grams)

**Boiling point** 

Vapor pressure

Vapor density at 20°C

Relative gas density

**Critical Temperature** 

Methane	Nitrogen		
16.04	28.013		
-161.49 °C	-196 °C		
Above critical	Above critical		
temperature	temperature		
0.56	0.97		
0.6784 kg/m <sup>3</sup> @ 20 °C	1.153		
-82.1 °C	-146.9 °C		

## Section 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

#### 10.1. Reactivity

No reactivity hazard other than the effects described below.

## 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

#### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

May form explosive mixtures wit air. May react violently with oxidizers.

## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Flammable or explosive when mixed with chlorine or other oxidizing materials. Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose container to heat or sources of ignition. Storage in poorly ventilated areas.

#### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents.

## **10.6.** Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO2)

## Section 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Acute toxicity**

## Nitrogen (7727-37-9)

LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)

410,000 ppm/4h

## 11.1. Information on routes of exposure

Inhalation

High concentrations of aliphatic hydrocarbon gases may cause CNS depression. Recent information suggest that C1-C4 aliphatic (alkane) hydrocarbon gases can cause potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmias. Cardiac sensitization to adrenalin in dogs has been noted following inhalation. In dogs, the heart is more sensitive to epinephrine induced ventricular fibrillations following exposure to 15-90% propane for 10 minutes. Ventricular fibrillations have been reported in humans following inhalation of n-butane.

Skin contact
Eye contact
Ingestion

: Contact with liquid may cuase cold burns/frostbite: Contact with liquid may cuase cold burns/frostbite: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure

## 11.2. Symptoms related to physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms

Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<=18%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen may cause serious injury or death. Depending on concentration and duration of exposure to carbon dioxide may cause increased respirations, headache, mild narcotic effects, increased blood pressure and pulse, and asphyxiation. Symptoms of overexposure become more apparent when atmospheric oxygen is decreased to 15-17%.

## 11.3. Delayed and immediate effects

Skin corrosion/irritation

: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.

Serious eye damage/irritation : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.

Respiratory or skin sensitization : Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified
Carcinogenicity : Not classified
Reproductive toxicity : Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single : Not classified

exposure)

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated: Respiratory system, Central vascular system (CVS)

exposure)

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

Not applicable for gases and gas-mixtures

## 11.4. Carcinogenic effects

The components of this material are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP AND IARC; therefore, they are not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

## Section 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## 12.1. Aquatic Toxicity

Ecology - general : No ecological damage caused by this product

## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No information available for the product

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

## Propane (74-98-6)

Partition coefficient 2.3

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

No information available for the product

## **12.5.** Other

No information available for the product

## Section 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

## 13.1. Disposal methods

Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

## Section 14. TRANSPORATION INFORMATION

	US DOT	TDG	IMDG	IATA
UN#	UN 1954	UN 1954	UN 1954	UN 1954
Proper shipping name	Compressed gas, flammable, n.o.s., (Methane, Nitrogen)			
Transport hazard class(es)	2.1	2.1 FLANMABLE GAS	2.1 FLAMMABLE GAS	2.1
Packing group	-	-	-	-

Environment	No.	No.	No.	No.

## Section 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

## 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### SARA 311/312 hazard categories

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

This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

#### 15.2. US State regulations

## Methane (74-82-8)

- U.S. Massachusetts Right To Know List
- U.S. New Jersey Right To Know Hazardous Substance List
- U.S. Pennsylvania RTK (Right To Know) List

## Nitrogen (007727-37-9)

- U.S. Massachusetts Right To Know List
- U.S. Minnesota Right To Know Hazardous Substance List
- U.S. New Jersey Right To Know Hazardous Substance List
- U.S. Pennsylvania RTK (Right To Know) List

## Section 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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## **Hazardous Material Information System (USA)**

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

Health : 1
Fire : 4
Physical hazards : 3

## Key/Legend

SARA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

DOT Department of Transportation
TSCA Toxic Substance Control Act
NTP National Toxicology Program

ACGIH American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

PEL Permissible Exposure Limit
STEL Short Term Exposure Limit
TLV Threshold Limit Value

TDG Transportation of Dangerous Goods

CAS Chemical Abstracts Service

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

IATA International Air Transport Association
IMDG International Maritime Dangerous Goods

TWA Time Weighted Average
Prop Proposition
ATE Acute Toxicity Estimate

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