



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Product and Company Identification

**Material name** Methane  
**Version #** 01  
**Revision date** 06-02-2010  
**CAS #** 74-82-8  
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## 2. Hazards Identification

**Physical state** Gas.  
**Emergency overview** DANGER

Extremely flammable gas - may cause flash fire. Contents under pressure. Gas reduces oxygen available for breathing. Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness. Vapors may cause flash fire or explosion. Will be easily ignited by heat, spark or flames. Containers may explode when heated.

**OSHA regulatory status** This preparation is classified as dangerous according to Directive 1999/45/EC and its amendments. This product is hazardous according to OSHA 29CFR 1910.1200.

### Potential health effects

**Routes of exposure** Inhalation.

**Eyes** Direct contact with concentrated gas may cause minor irritation. Pressurized gas can cause mechanical injury to the eye.

**Skin** Not likely to cause a problem due to high volatility of the product. Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.

**Inhalation** This product is an asphyxiant gas which can cause unconsciousness/death if OXYGEN levels are sufficiently reduced. In high concentrations, vapors are narcotic and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea.

**Ingestion** This material is a gas under normal atmospheric conditions and ingestion is unlikely.

**Target organs** Central nervous system.

**Chronic effects** May cause central nervous system disorder (e.g., narcosis involving a loss of coordination, weakness, fatigue, mental confusion, and blurred vision) and/or damage.

**Signs and symptoms** Narcosis. Decrease in motor functions.

**Potential environmental effects** The product components are not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

## 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Components	CAS #	Percent
Methane	74-82-8	100%

**Composition comments** All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

## 4. First Aid Measures

### First aid procedures

#### Eye contact

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with fresh water for at least 15 minutes while holding the eyelids open. Remove contact lenses if worn. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

#### Skin contact

Not expected to be absorbed through the skin but may cause slight irritation. High pressure injection through the skin requires immediate medical attention. Treat frostbite area of skin by immersing the affected area in warm water (between 100F/38C and 110F/43C, not exceeding 112F/44C). Keep immersed for 20 to 40 minutes. Seek medical assistance.

#### Inhalation

Move injured person into fresh air and keep person calm under observation. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if any discomfort occurs.

#### Ingestion

This material is a gas under normal atmospheric conditions and ingestion is unlikely.

### Notes to physician

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

### General advice

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

### Flammable properties

Extremely flammable gas. Gas forms mixtures with air which can catch fire and burn with explosive violence. Vapors are heavier than air and invisible mixture spreads easily and may accumulate in low or confined areas, travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.

### Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Extinguish with carbon dioxide, dry powder or water fog.

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

Not applicable.

### Protection of firefighters

#### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire may produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.

#### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Do not extinguish fires unless gas flow can be stopped safely; explosive re-ignition may occur. Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. For fires involving this material, do not enter any enclosed or confined fire space without proper protective equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus. Stop flow of material. Use water to keep fire exposed containers cool and to protect personnel effecting shutoff. If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors and to protect personnel attempting to stop leak. Prevent runoff from fire control or dilution from entering streams, sewers or drinking water supply.

### Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode. Use approved gas detectors in confined spaces.

### Specific methods

In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Evacuate area. Check oxygen content before entering area. Water spray should be used to cool containers. Remove pressurized gas cylinders from the immediate vicinity. Turn leaking cylinder with the leak up to prevent escape of gas in liquid state. Containers can burst violently when heated, due to excess pressure build-up.

### Hazardous combustion products

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### Personal precautions

Eliminate all sources of ignition in vicinity of released vapors. Evacuate all non-essential personnel to an area upwind. Stop leak if possible without any risk. Ventilate enclosed areas to prevent formation of toxic, flammable or oxygen deficient atmospheres. Water spray may be used to reduce vapors. Avoid vapor cloud even with proper respiratory protective equipment. Use suitable protective equipment (section 8). Follow all fire-fighting procedures (section 5).

### Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent material from entering drains, sewers or low lying areas. See section 13 for waste disposal information.

### Methods for containment

Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Prevent entry into waterway, sewers or confined areas.

### Methods for cleaning up

Stop the flow of gas. Allow to dissipate with adequate ventilation.

### Other information

These gases may be used as an auxiliary fuel or disposed of by burning in a properly designed flare or incinerator in accordance with federal or local requirements.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Special precautions should be taken when entering or handling equipment in this type of gas service because of possible radioactive contamination. All equipment should be checked for radioactivity or opened to the atmosphere and have forced ventilation applied for at least 4 hours prior to entry or handling. Avoid direct skin contact with any surface. Avoid generation of dust, smoke, fumes, etc. in the work area, or if they cannot be avoided, a tested and certified radionuclide dust respirator should be worn. Smoking, eating, or drinking should be prohibited when working with the equipment. Employees should wash thoroughly with soap and water and discard contaminated clothing after entering or handling the equipment. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Do not breathe gas it contains hydrogen sulfide, benzene and n-hexane. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Do not enter enclosed areas and confined space unless adequately ventilated. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Pumping and transferring operations must be electrically grounded and bonded to dissipate static build up.

### Storage

Keep away from heat, spark, and open flame. Store storage containers in cool, well-ventilated areas away from direct sunlight, heat or flame. Thoroughly test gas lines for leakage before use, especially in confined spaces. Store away from strong oxidizing materials. Gas containing hydrogen sulfide may accumulate during storage and transport. Vapors containing benzene may accumulate during storage or transport.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### ACGIH

#### Components

Methane (74-82-8)

#### Type

TWA

#### Value

1000 ppm

#### Canada - British Columbia

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### Engineering controls

Explosion proof exhaust ventilation should be used. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. Provide adequate ventilation and minimize the risk of inhalation of gas.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye / face protection

If eye contact is likely, safety glasses with side shields or chemical type goggles should be worn.

#### Skin protection

No special requirements under ordinary conditions of use.

#### Respiratory protection

Wear approved respiratory protection when working with this material unless ventilation is adequate to keep airborne concentrations below recommended exposure standards.

#### General hygiene considerations

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Observe any medical surveillance requirements.

## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

### Color

Colorless.

### Odor

Odorless.

### Odor threshold

Not available.

### Physical state

Gas.

### Form

Liquefied gas.

### pH

Not available.

### Melting point

Not available.

### Freezing point

Not available.

### Boiling point

Not available.

### Flash point

Not available.

### Evaporation rate

Not available.

### Flammability

Not available.

**Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume** Not available.

<b>Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor density</b>	0.6 Air = 1
<b>Specific gravity</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Slight
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	No data available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.

## 10. Chemical Stability & Reactivity Information

<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under normal temperature conditions.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Heat, flames and sparks.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Carbon Dioxide. Carbon monoxide.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## 11. Toxicological Information

<b>Toxicological information</b>	This product may contain detectable but varying quantities of the naturally occurring radioactive substance radon 222. The amount in the gas itself is not hazardous, but since radon rapidly decays ( $t_{1/2} = 3.82$ days) to form other radioactive elements including lead 210, polonium 210, and bismuth 210, equipment may be radioactive. The radon daughters are solids and therefore may attach to dust particles or form films and sludges in equipment. Inhalation, ingestion or skin contact with radon daughters can lead to the deposition of radioactive material in the lungs, bone, blood forming organs, intestinal tract, kidney and colon. Occupational exposure to radon and radon daughters has been associated with an increased risk of lung cancer in underground uranium miners. Follow the special precautions listed in handling and storage section of this document (see section 7).
<b>Acute effects</b>	This product is an asphyxiant gas which can cause unconsciousness/death if OXYGEN levels are sufficiently reduced. Contact with liquefied gas can cause damage (frostbite) due to rapid evaporative cooling.
<b>Local effects</b>	May cause central nervous system effects.
<b>Sensitization</b>	Not a skin sensitizer.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	No data available.
<b>Epidemiology</b>	No data available.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	No data available.
<b>Neurological effects</b>	Central and/or peripheral nervous system damage.
<b>Reproductive effects</b>	No data available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No data available.

## 12. Ecological Information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product components are not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment. The product contains volatile organic compounds which have a photochemical ozone creation potential.
<b>Environmental effects</b>	Ecological injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data available.
<b>Bioaccumulation / Accumulation</b>	No data available.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	No data available.
<b>Mobility in environmental media</b>	The product is a volatile substance, which may spread in the atmosphere.

### 13. Disposal Considerations

**Waste codes** D001: Waste Flammable material with a flash point <140 °F  
**Disposal instructions** Dispose of this material and its container at hazardous or special waste collection point. Must be incinerated in a suitable incineration plant holding a permit delivered by the competent authorities. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies.

### 14. Transport Information

#### DOT

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**UN number** UN1971  
**Proper shipping name** Methane, compressed  
**Hazard class** 2.1  
**Labels required** 2.1  
**Additional information:**  
**Packaging exceptions** 306  
**Packaging non bulk** 302  
**Packaging bulk** 302  
**ERG number** 115

#### IATA

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**UN number** 1971  
**Proper shipping name** Methane, compressed  
**Hazard class** 2.1

#### IMDG

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**UN number** 1971  
**Proper shipping name** METHANE, COMPRESSED  
**Hazard class** 2.1  
**EmS No.** F-D, S-U

#### TDG

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**Proper shipping name** METHANE, COMPRESSED  
**Hazard class** 2.1  
**UN number** UN1971



DOT



IATA



IMDG



TDG

## 15. Regulatory Information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.  
All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

### CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity (lbs)

Methane 100

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

**Hazard categories** Immediate Hazard - No  
Delayed Hazard - No  
Fire Hazard - Yes  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**Section 302 extremely hazardous substance** No

**Section 311 hazardous chemical** No

**Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)** Not controlled

**Canadian regulations** 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.

**WHMIS status** Controlled

**WHMIS classification** A - Compressed Gas  
B1 - Flammable/Combustible

### WHMIS labeling



**State regulations** This product does not contain a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

#### US - Massachusetts RTK - Substance: Listed substance

Methane (CAS 74-82-8) Listed.

#### US - New Jersey Community RTK (EHS Survey): Reportable threshold

Methane (CAS 74-82-8) 500 LBS

#### US - New Jersey RTK - Substances: Listed substance

Methane (CAS 74-82-8) Listed.

#### US - Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances: Listed substance

Methane (CAS 74-82-8) Listed.

## 16. Other Information

**Further information** HMIS® is a registered trade and service mark of the NPCA.

**HMIS® ratings** Health: 1\*  
Flammability: 4  
Physical hazard: 0

**NFPA ratings** Health: 1  
Flammability: 4  
Instability: 0

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