Material Safety Data Sheet

Ethylene

Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

Product name : Ethylene

Supplier : AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries
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Product use : Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.

Synonym : ACETENE ;ATHYLEN (GERMAN) ; BICARBURRETTED HYDROGEN ; ELAYL ; ETHENE ; ETHYLENE (ACGIH, DOT, OSHA) ; ETHYLENE, REFRIGERATED LIQUID (CRYOGENIC LIQUID) (UN1038) (DOT) ; LIQUID ETHYLENE ; OLEFIANT GAS UN1038 (DOT) ; UN1962 (DOT)

MSDS # : 001022

Date of Preparation/Revision : **5/11/2011.**

In case of emergency : 1-866-734-3438

Section 2. Hazards identification

Physical state : Gas or Liquid.

Emergency overview : WARNING!

GAS:
CONTENTS UNDER PRESURE.
Extremely flammable
Do not puncture or incinerate container.
Can cause rapid suffocation.
May cause severe frostbite.
LIQUID:
Extremely flammable
Extremely cold liquid and gas under pressure.
Can cause rapid suffocation.
May cause severe frostbite.

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not puncture or incinerate container. May cause target organ damage, based on animal data. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container closed.

Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.

Target organs : May cause damage to the following organs: lungs, heart, muscle tissue.

Routes of entry : Inhalation

Potential acute health effects

Eyes : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.Contact with cryogenic liquid can cause frostbite and cryogenic burns.

Skin : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.Contact with cryogenic liquid can cause frostbite and cryogenic burns.

Inhalation : Acts as a simple asphyxiant.

Ingestion : Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases.Contact with cryogenic liquid can cause frostbite and cryogenic burns.

Potential chronic health effects

Chronic effects : May cause target organ damage, based on animal data.

Target organs : May cause damage to the following organs: lungs, heart, muscle tissue.

Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure : Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

Name	CAS number	% Volume	Exposure limits
Ethylene	74-85-1	100	**ACGIH TLV (United States, 2/2010).** TWA: 200 ppm 8 hour(s).

Section 4. First aid measures

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus.It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Eye contact : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. To avoid the risk of static discharges and gas ignition, soak contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

Frostbite : Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.

Inhalation : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

Ingestion : As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.

Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Flammability of the product : Flammable.

Auto-ignition temperature : 490°C (914°F)

Flash point : Closed cup: -135.85°C (-212.5°F).

Flammable limits : Lower: 2.7% Upper: 36%

Products of combustion : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
carbon dioxide
carbon monoxide

Fire hazards in the presence of various substances : Extremely flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: oxidizing materials.

Fire-fighting media and instructions : In case of fire, use water spray (fog), foam or dry chemical.

In case of fire, allow gas to burn if flow cannot be shut off immediately. Apply water from a safe distance to cool container and protect surrounding area. If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk.

Contains gas under pressure. Flammable gas. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst, with the risk of a subsequent explosion.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Section 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (section 8). Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

Environmental precautions : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Methods for cleaning up : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Stop leak if without risk. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

Section 7. Handling and storage

Handling : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. High pressure gas. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Keep container closed. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. To avoid fire, eliminate ignition sources. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

Storage : Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Segregate from oxidizing materials. Cylinders should be stored upright, with valve protection cap in place, and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Cylinder temperatures should not exceed 52 °C (125 °F).

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Engineering controls : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

Personal protection

Eyes : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.

Skin : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Respiratory : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

The applicable standards are (US) 29 CFR 1910.134 and (Canada) Z94.4-93

Hands : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Personal protection in case of a large spill : Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) should be used to avoid inhalation of the product.

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ACGIH TLV (United States, 2/2010).
TWA: 200 ppm 8 hour(s).

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Molecular weight : 28.06 g/mole

Molecular formula : C2-H4

Boiling/condensation point : -104°C (-155.2°F)

Melting/freezing point : -169.2°C (-272.6°F)

Critical temperature : 10°C (50°F)

Vapor density : 1 (Air = 1) Liquid Density@BP: 35.3 lb/ft3 (566 kg/m3)

Specific Volume (ft ^{3}/lb) : 13.8007

Gas Density (lb/ft ^{3}) : 0.07246

Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Stability and reactivity : The product is stable.

Incompatibility with various substances : Extremely reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials.

Hazardous decomposition products : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Hazardous polymerization : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Toxicity data

Chronic effects on humans : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS**: A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for humans.) by IARC.
May cause damage to the following organs: lungs, heart, muscle tissue.

Other toxic effects on humans : No specific information is available in our database regarding the other toxic effects of this material to humans.

Specific effects

Carcinogenic effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenic effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Reproduction toxicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 12. Ecological information

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Not available.

Products of degradation : Products of degradation: carbon oxides (CO, CO_2) and water.

Environmental fate : Not available.

Environmental hazards : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Toxicity to the environment : Not available.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation.Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc.Do not dispose of locally.

Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN1962	ETHYLENE, COMPRESSED	2.1	Not applicable (gas).		**Limited quantity** Yes. **Packaging instruction** **Passenger aircraft** Quantity limitation: Forbidden. **Cargo aircraft** Quantity limitation: Forbidden. **Special provisions**
	UN1038	ETHYLENE, REFRIGERATED LIQUID	2.1			

						T75, TP5
TDG Classification	UN1962 UN1038	ETHYLENE, COMPRESSED ETHYLENE, REFRIGERATED LIQUID	2.1 2.1	Not applicable (gas).		**Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index** 0.125 **ERAP Index** 3000 **Passenger Carrying Ship Index** Forbidden **Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index** Forbidden
Mexico Classification	UN1962 UN1038	ETHYLENE, COMPRESSED ETHYLENE, REFRIGERATED LIQUID	2.1 2.1	Not applicable (gas).		-

"Refer to CFR 49 (or authority having jurisdiction) to determine the information required for shipment of the product."

Section 15. Regulatory information

United States

U.S. Federal regulations : **TSCA 8(a) IUR**: Partial exemption
United States inventory (TSCA 8b): This material is listed or exempted.

SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Ethylene
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Ethylene: Fire hazard, reactive, Sudden release of pressure, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention - Flammable Substances: Ethylene

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: Ethylene

SARA 313

		Product name	CAS number	Concentration
Form R - Reporting requirements	:	Ethylene	74-85-1	100
Supplier notification	:	Ethylene	74-85-1	100

SARA 313 notifications must not be detached from the MSDS and any copying and redistribution of the MSDS shall include copying and redistribution of the notice attached to copies of the MSDS subsequently redistributed.

State regulations : **Connecticut Carcinogen Reporting**: This material is not listed.
Connecticut Hazardous Material Survey: This material is not listed.
Florida substances: This material is not listed.
Illinois Chemical Safety Act: This material is not listed.
Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employee Act: This material is not listed.
Louisiana Reporting: This material is not listed.
Louisiana Spill: This material is not listed.
Massachusetts Spill: This material is not listed.
Massachusetts Substances: This material is listed.
Michigan Critical Material: This material is not listed.
Minnesota Hazardous Substances: This material is not listed.
New Jersey Hazardous Substances: This material is listed.
New Jersey Spill: This material is not listed.
New Jersey Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act: This material is not listed.
New York Acutely Hazardous Substances: This material is not listed.
New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting: This material is not listed.
Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances: This material is listed.
Rhode Island Hazardous Substances: This material is not listed.

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class A: Compressed gas.
Class B-1: Flammable gas.
Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).

CEPA Toxic substances: This material is not listed.
Canadian ARET: This material is not listed.
Canadian NPRI: This material is listed.
Alberta Designated Substances: This material is not listed.
Ontario Designated Substances: This material is not listed.
Quebec Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

Section 16. Other information

United States

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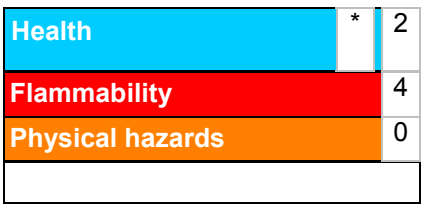
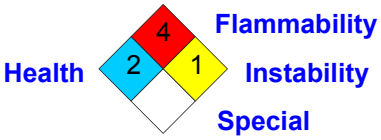
Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.) :



liquid:

Fire hazard	4
Reactivity	1
Personal protection	

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.) :



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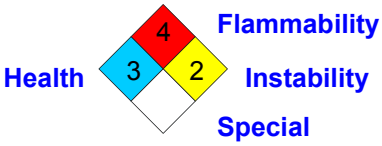

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Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.