

# **ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)**

A-Gas

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS and ADG requirements

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## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

### **Product Identifier**

Product name	ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)	
Chemical Name	acetylene	
Synonyms	C2H2; acetylene dissolved; ethine; ethyne; acetylen	
Proper shipping name	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED	
Chemical formula	nula C2H2	
Other means of identification	Not Available	
CAS number	74-86-2	

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

Relevant identified uses

Fuel gas for oxy-acetylene welding, flame cutting, gouging, metal scale removal, brazing, flame hardening and general localised heating. Burnt with oxygen as illuminant in navigational beacons. Used as a source of carbon black and as reactant in manufacture of vinyl chloride, acrylates etc.

## Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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## **Emergency telephone number**

Association / Organisation	Not Available
Emergency telephone numbers	Not Available
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available

### **SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

### Classification of the substance or mixture

Poisons Schedule Not Applicable	
Classification [1] Flammable Gas Category 1, Flammable Liquid Category 1, Gas under Pressure (Compressed gas), Self Reactive Type A	
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

## **Label elements**

Hazard pictogram(s)







SIGNAL WORD

### Hazard statement(s)

H220	Extremely flammable gas.	
AUH006	Explosive with or without contact with air.	

H224	Extremely flammable liquid and vapour.	
AUH019	May form explosive peroxides.	
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.	
H240	Heating may cause an explosion.	
AUH001	Explosive when dry.	
AUH044	Risk of explosion if heated under confinement.	

## Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces No smoking.	
P233	P233 Keep container tightly closed.	
P234	Keep only in original container.	
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.	

### Precautionary statement(s) Response

P370+P378	D+P378 In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam or fine spray/water fog for extinction.	
P370+P380+P375	In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.	
P377	P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.	
P381 Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.		

## Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.	
P410+P403	Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.	
P411	P411 Store at temperatures not exceeding 30°C/86°F (see storage requirements on SDS).	
P420	Store away from other materials.	

### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

## **SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

## Substances

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
74-86-2	98-99	Acetylene (Dissolved)
Not Available		dissolved in
67-64-1		acetone
Not Available		* instrument grade acetylene is specially
Not Available		purified.

### Mixtures

See section above for composition of Substances

### **SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES**

## Description of first aid measures

- If product comes in contact with eyes remove the patient from gas source or contaminated area. ► Take the patient to the nearest eye wash, shower or other source of clean water. ▶ Open the eyelid(s) wide to allow the material to evaporate. ▶ Gently rinse the affected eye(s) with clean, cool water for at least 15 minutes. Have the patient lie or sit down and tilt the head back. Hold the eyelid(s) open and pour water slowly over the eyeball(s) at the inner corners, letting the water run out of the outer corners. ▶ The patient may be in great pain and wish to keep the eyes closed. It is important that the material is rinsed from the eyes to prevent further damage. ► Ensure that the patient looks up, and side to side as the eye is rinsed in order to better reach all parts of the eye(s) **Eye Contact** Transport to hospital or doctor. ▶ Even when no pain persists and vision is good, a doctor should examine the eye as delayed damage may occur. • If the patient cannot tolerate light, protect the eyes with a clean, loosely tied bandage.

▶ Ensure verbal communication and physical contact with the patient.

DO NOT allow the patient to rub the eyes

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{DO}}\ \boldsymbol{\mathsf{NOT}}$  allow the patient to tightly shut the eyes

DO NOT introduce oil or ointment into the eye(s) without medical advice

DO NOT use hot or tepid water.

If skin or hair contact occurs:  ► Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).  ► Seek medical attention in event of irritation.		
Inhalation	<ul> <li>Following exposure to gas, remove the patient from the gas source or contaminated area.</li> <li>NOTE: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus may be required to assure the safety of the rescuer.</li> <li>Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block the airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>If the patient is not breathing spontaneously, administer rescue breathing.</li> <li>If the patient does not have a pulse, administer CPR.</li> <li>If medical oxygen and appropriately trained personnel are available, administer 100% oxygen.</li> <li>Summon an emergency ambulance. If an ambulance is not available, contact a physician, hospital, or Poison Control Centre for further instruction.</li> <li>Keep the patient warm, comfortable and at rest while awaiting medical care.</li> <li>MONITOR THE BREATHING AND PULSE, CONTINUOUSLY.</li> <li>Administer rescue breathing (preferably with a demand-valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask-device, or pocket mask as trained) or CPR if necessary.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Avoid giving milk or oils.</li> <li>Avoid giving alcohol.</li> <li>Not considered a normal route of entry.</li> <li>If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible vomitus.</li> </ul>		

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

If acetylene from a calcium carbide generator is involved, it may contain phosphine and other impurities and their acute health effects should be considered.

For acute or short term repeated exposures to petroleum distillates or related hydrocarbons:

- ▶ Primary threat to life, from pure petroleum distillate ingestion and/or inhalation, is respiratory failure.
- Patients should be quickly evaluated for signs of respiratory distress (e.g. cyanosis, tachypnoea, intercostal retraction, obtundation) and given oxygen. Patients with inadequate tidal volumes or poor arterial blood gases (pO2 50 mm Hg) should be intubated.
- Arrhythmias complicate some hydrocarbon ingestion and/or inhalation and electrocardiographic evidence of myocardial injury has been reported; intravenous lines and cardiac monitors should be established in obviously symptomatic patients. The lungs excrete inhaled solvents, so that hyperventilation improves clearance.
- A chest x-ray should be taken immediately after stabilisation of breathing and circulation to document aspiration and detect the presence of pneumothorax.
- Epinephrine (adrenalin) is not recommended for treatment of bronchospasm because of potential myocardial sensitisation to catecholamines. Inhaled cardioselective bronchodilators (e.g. Alupent, Salbutamol) are the preferred agents, with aminophylline a second choice.
- Lavage is indicated in patients who require decontamination; ensure use of cuffed endotracheal tube in adult patients. [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology] For gas exposures:

# BASIC TREATMENT

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- Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- ▶ Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- ▶ Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for pulmonary oedema .
- ► Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- Anticipate seizures.

## ADVANCED TREATMENT

- Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- ▶ Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- ▶ Start an IV D5W TKO. If signs of hypovolaemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary oedema.
- Hypotension with signs of hypovolaemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- ► Treat seizures with diazepam.
- Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.

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## **SECTION 5 FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

## **Extinguishing media**

DO NOT EXTINGUISH BURNING GAS UNLESS LEAK CAN BE STOPPED SAFELY:

**OTHERWISE: LEAVE GAS TO BURN** 

### FOR SMALL FIRE:

- ▶ Dry chemical, CO2 or water spray to extinguish gas (only if absolutely necessary and safe to do so).
- ► **DO NOT** use water jets.

## FOR LARGE FIRE:

• Cool cylinder by direct flooding quantities of water onto upper surface until well after fire is out.

## Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility

▶ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

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Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul> <li>HIGHLY FLAMMABLE: will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames.</li> <li>Will form explosive mixtures with air</li> <li>Fire exposed containers may vent contents through pressure relief valves thereby increasing fire intensity and/or vapour concentration.</li> <li>Vapours may travel to source of ignition and flash back.</li> <li>Containers may explode when heated - Ruptured cylinders may rocket</li> <li>Fire may produce irritating, poisonous or corrosive gases.</li> <li>Combustion products include:</li> <li>carbon monoxide (CO)</li> <li>carbon dioxide (CO2)</li> <li>mercury vapour / mercury metal</li> <li>other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.</li> </ul>
Fire Fighting	Leaking gas may readily ignite / explode.  FOR FIRES INVOLVING MANY GAS CYLINDERS:  To stop the flow of gas, specifically trained personnel may inert the atmosphere to reduce oxygen levels thus allowing the capping of leaking container(s).  Reduce the rate of flow and inject an inert gas, if possible, before completely stopping the flow to prevent flashback.  DO NOT extinguish the fire until the supply is shut off otherwise an explosive re-ignition may occur.  If the fire is extinguished and the flow of gas continues, used increased ventilation to prevent build-up, of explosive atmosphere.  GENERAL  Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.  May be violently or explosively reactive.  Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.  Consider evacuation  Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.

## **SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

## Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

## **Environmental precautions**

See section 12

## Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	<ul> <li>Avoid breathing vapour and any contact with liquid or gas. Protective equipment including respirator should be used.</li> <li>DO NOT enter confined spaces where gas may have accumulated.</li> <li>Shut off all sources of possible ignition and increase ventilation.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<ul> <li>Clear area of all unprotected personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>Alert Emergency Authority and advise them of the location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>May be violently or explosively reactive.</li> <li>Wear full body clothing with breathing apparatus.</li> <li>Remove leaking cylinders to a safe place.</li> <li>Fit vent pipes. Release pressure under safe, controlled conditions</li> <li>Burn issuing gas at vent pipes.</li> <li>DO NOT exert excessive pressure on valve; DO NOT attempt to operate damaged valve.</li> </ul>

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

## **SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling	
Safe handling	<ul> <li>Ensure that any lines, piping are engineered to prevent backflow of oxygen gas to acetylene cylinders.</li> <li>Do not store undissolved acetylene gas or reticulate gas at pressures above 100 kPa as fire / explosion may result.</li> <li>Ensure hoses are not attacked by acetone.</li> <li>Steel, stainless steel, aluminium and wrought iron are recommended for use with acetylene</li> <li>Open cylinder valve the minimum amount required - no more than 1 -1.5 turns - to deliver acceptable flow.</li> <li>Containers, even those that have been emptied, may contain explosive vapours.</li> <li>Do NOT cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.</li> <li>Electrostatic discharge may be generated during pumping - this may result in fire.</li> <li>Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment.</li> <li>Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge (&lt;=1 m/sec until fill pipe submerged to twice its diameter, then &lt;= 7 m/sec).</li> <li>Avoid splash filling.         <ul> <li>Consider use in closed pressurised systems, fitted with temperature, pressure and safety relief valves which are vented for safe dispersal. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature             <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
	•Consider use in closed pressurised systems, fitted with temperature, pressure and safety relief valves which are vented for safe dispersal. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature •The tubing network design connecting gas cylinders to the delivery system should include appropriate pressure indicators and vacuum or suction lines.

 $\cdot \text{Before connecting gas cylinders, ensure manifold is mechanically secure and does not containing another gas.}\\$ 

Avoid generation of static electricity. Earth all lines and equipment.

DO NOT transfer gas from one cylinder to another.

Store in an upright position.

Outside or detached storage is preferred.

Rotate all stock to prevent ageing. Use on FIFO (First In-First Out) basis

Cylinders should be stored in a purpose-built compound with good ventilation, preferably in the open.

Such compounds should be sited and built in accordance with statutory requirements.

The storage compound should be kept clear and access restricted to authorised personnel only.

• Cylinders stored in the open should be protected against rust and extremes of weather.

## Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

## Suitable container

- ▶ Cylinder:
- Ensure the use of equipment rated for cylinder pressure.
- ► Ensure the use of compatible materials of construction.
- Valve protection cap to be in place until cylinder is secured, connected.
- Cylinder must be properly secured either in use or in storage.

### Acetylene:

- is unstable and shock sensitive in the liquid state
- decomposes violently following cylinder failure
- ► may polymerise due to heating
- may explode due to heating with or without contact with air
- ▶ may decompose in air due to heating and elevated pressures, causing powerful detonation
- is a strong reducing agent that reacts with oxidisers (i.e. chlorine, fluorine), especially under the influence of light
- forms shock-sensitive acetylide compounds with powdered active metals, copper, copper salts, mercury, mercury salts, silver, silver salt; moisture, certain acids and alkaline materials may enhance the formation of copper acetylides
- reacts with chlorine to form acetylene chloride
- reacts with bromine, caesium hydride, cobalt, halogens, iodine, mercuric nitrate, nitric acid, potassium, rubidium hydride, trifluoromethyl hypofluorite, sodium hydride, ferrosilicon, ozone

## Storage incompatibility

- The various oxides of nitrogen and peroxyacids may be dangerously reactive in the presence of alkenes. BRETHERICK L.: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards
- Avoid reaction with strong Lewis or mineral acids.
- Reaction with halogens requires carefully controlled conditions.
- ▶ Free radical initiators should be avoided.

•The interaction of alkenes and alkynes with nitrogen oxides and oxygen may produce explosive addition products; these may form at very low temperatures and explode on heating to higher temperatures (the addition products from 1,3-butadiene and cyclopentadiene form rapidly at -150 C and ignite or explode on warming to -35 to -15 C). These derivatives ("pseudo- nitrosites") were formerly used to characterise terpene hydrocarbons.

•Exposure to air must be kept to a minimum so as to limit the build-up of peroxides which will concentrate in bottoms if the product is distilled. The product must not be distilled to dryness if the peroxide concentration is substantially above 10 ppm (as active oxygen) since explosive decomposition may occur.

Avoid reaction with oxidising agents

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

## **Control parameters**

## OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS (OEL)

## INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure Standards	acetone	Acetone	500 ppm / 1185 mg/m3	2375 mg/m3 / 1000 ppm	Not Available	Not Available

## EMERGENCY LIMITS

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
Acetylene (Dissolved)	Acetylene	65000 ppm	230000 ppm	400000 ppm
acetone	Acetone	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
Acetylene (Dissolved)	Not Available	Not Available
acetone	2,500 ppm	Not Available

### MATERIAL DATA

for acetylene:

NIOSH REL C: 2500 ppm

Odour Threshold Value: 1222-2584 ppm

Based on the animal and human toxicity (see below) data pure acetylene a TLV is not recommended because the available oxygen is the limiting factor. Minimal oxygen content should be 18% by volume under normal atmospheric pressure and account should be taken of the explosion hazard introduced in limiting the concentration of acetylene. It is important to recognise that contaminants in the gas present other hazards.

Phosphine, for example, may occur in some grades of industrial gas at concentrations of 95~ppm.

May act as a simple asphyxiants; these are gases which, when present in high concentrations, reduce the oxygen content in air below that required to support breathing, consciousness and life; loss of consciousness, with death by suffocation may rapidly occur in an oxygen deficient atmosphere.

CARE: Most simple asphyxiants are odourless or possess low odour and there is no warning on entry into an oxygen deficient atmosphere. If there is any doubt, oxygen content

can be checked simply and quickly. It may not be appropriate to only recommend an exposure standard for simple asphyxiants rather it is essential that sufficient oxygen be maintained.

Odour Threshold Value: 3.6 ppm (detection), 699 ppm (recognition)

NOTE: Detector tubes measuring in excess of 40 ppm, are available.

Exposure at or below the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to protect the worker against mild irritation associated with brief exposures and the bioaccumulation, chronic irritation of the respiratory tract and headaches associated with long-term acetone exposures. The NIOSH REL-TWA is substantially lower and has taken into account slight irritation experienced by volunteer subjects at 300 ppm. Mild irritation to acclimatised workers begins at about 750 ppm - unacclimatised subjects will experience irritation at about 350-500 ppm but acclimatisation can occur rapidly.

Exposed individuals are reasonably expected to be warned, by smell, that the Exposure Standard is being exceeded.

Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is determined to fall into either Class A or B.

The Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is defined as:

OSF= Exposure Standard (TWA) ppm/ Odour Threshold Value (OTV) ppm

Classification into classes follows:

ClassOSF Description

- A 550 Over 90% of exposed individuals are aware by smell that the Exposure Standard (TLV-TWA for example) is being reached, even when distracted by working activities
- B 26-550As "A" for 50-90% of persons being distracted
  - 1-26 As "A" for less than 50% of persons being distracted
- D 0.18-1 10-50% of persons aware of being tested perceive by smell that the Exposure Standard is being reached
- E <0.18 As "D" for less than 10% of persons aware of being tested

### **Exposure controls**

# Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment.

## Personal protection









Eye and face protection

Protection required is determined by associated process.

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task.

### Skin protection

See Hand protection below

### Hands/feet protection

Protection required is determined by associated process.

- ▶ When handling hot materials wear heat resistant, elbow length gloves.
- Rubber gloves are not recommended when handling hot objects, materials
- ▶ When handling sealed and suitably insulated cylinders wear cloth or leather gloves.

### **Body protection**

See Other protection below

 $\label{protection} \mbox{Protection required is determined by associated process.}$ 

- The clothing worn by process operators insulated from earth may develop static charges far higher (up to 100 times) than the minimum ignition energies for various flammable gas-air mixtures. This holds true for a wide range of clothing materials including cotton.
- ▶ Avoid dangerous levels of charge by ensuring a low resistivity of the surface material worn outermost.

BRETHERICK: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards.

- Protective overalls, closely fitted at neck and wrist.
- ► Eye-wash unit.

## Other protection

## IN CONFINED SPACES:

- Non-sparking protective boots
- ► Static-free clothing.
- ► Ensure availability of lifeline.
- Some plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity.
- For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets).
- Non sparking safety or conductive footwear should be considered. Conductive footwear describes a boot or shoe with a sole made from a conductive compound chemically bound to the bottom components, for permanent control to electrically ground the foot an shall dissipate static electricity from the body to reduce the possibility of ignition of volatile compounds.

## Recommended material(s)

## GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

### "Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the *computer-generated* selection:

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Material	СРІ
BUTYL	Α
BUTYL/NEOPRENE	А
PE/EVAL/PE	A

## **Respiratory protection**

Type AX Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Selection of the Class and Type of respirator will depend upon the level of breathing zone contaminant and the chemical nature of the contaminant. Protection Factors (defined as the ratio of contaminant outside and inside the mask) may also be important.

Required	Maximum gas/vapour	Half-face	Full-Face
minimum	concentration present in air	Respirator	Respirator
protection factor	p.p.m. (by volume)	Respirator	Respirator

PVDC/PE/PVDC	A
SARANEX-23 2-PLY	В
TEFLON	В
CPE	С
HYPALON	С
NATURAL RUBBER	С
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE	С
NITRILE	С
NITRILE+PVC	С
PVA	С
PVC	С
SARANEX-23	С
VITON/NEOPRENE	С

<sup>\*</sup> CPI - Chemwatch Performance Index

A: Best Selection

- B: Satisfactory: may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion
- C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

**NOTE**: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

\* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

up to 10	1000	AX-AUS / Class1	-
up to 50	1000	-	AX-AUS / Class 1
up to 50	5000	Airline *	-
up to 100	5000	-	AX-2
up to 100	10000	-	AX-3
100+			Airline**

\* - Continuous Flow \*\* - Continuous-flow or positive pressure demand
A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen
cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G =
Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen,
MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Cartridge respirators should never be used for emergency ingress or in areas of unknown vapour concentrations or oxygen content.
- The wearer must be warned to leave the contaminated area immediately on detecting any odours through the respirator. The odour may indicate that the mask is not functioning properly, that the vapour concentration is too high, or that the mask is not properly fitted. Because of these limitations, only restricted use of cartridge respirators is considered appropriate.
- Cartridge performance is affected by humidity. Cartridges should be changed after 2 hr of continuous use unless it is determined that the humidity is less than 75%, in which case, cartridges can be used for 4 hr. Used cartridges should be discarded daily, regardless of the length of time used
- Positive pressure, full face, air-supplied breathing apparatus should be used for work in enclosed spaces if a leak is suspected or the primary containment is to be opened (e.g. for a cylinder change)
- Air-supplied breathing apparatus is required where release of gas from primary containment is either suspected or demonstrated.

### **SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

# Appearance

Colourless, extremely flammable gas with an ethereal or garlic-like odour; insoluble in water, very soluble in acetone and alcohol. Gas is supplied under pressure dissolved in acetone and supported on a porous medium in cylinders. It is important that cylinders are stored and used in vertical position; if inverted, cylinder may issue uncontrolled acetone / acetylene solution with large volume of hazardous acetylene gas escaping. Acetylene gas is very reactive at room temperature, combining with many metals forming unstable acetylides. WARNING:

Silver, copper, and mercury acetylides may detonate spontaneously - observe all warnings. With oxygen, burns with intense heat; in air, burns with very sooty flame. Available as commercial grade and as highly purified instrument grade.

Physical state	Dissolved Gas	Relative density (Water = 1)	Not Available
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	305
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature	Not Applicable
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	-84	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	-75	Molecular weight (g/mol)	26.04
Flash point (°C)	-17.8	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Fast	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	80-85	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	2.5	Volatile Component (%vol)	100
Vapour pressure (kPa)	4700 @ 25 C	Gas group	IIC
Solubility in water	Immiscible	pH as a solution (1%)	Not Applicable
Vapour density (Air = 1)	0.906	VOC g/L	Not Available

## **SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> <li>Agitation or physical shock may cause violent rupture of containers</li> </ul>

Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

### SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on toxicological effects

Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo. Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual. Limited evidence or practical experience suggests that the material may produce irritation of the respiratory system, in a significant number of individuals, following inhalation. In contrast to most organs, the lung is able to respond to a chemical insult by first removing or neutralising the irritant and then repairing the damage. The repair process, which initially evolved to protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens, may however, produce further lung damage resulting in the impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Respiratory tract irritation often results in an inflammatory response involving the recruitment and activation of many cell types, mainly derived from the vascular system. No symptoms occur from the presence of 2.5% acetylene in air (the LEL); at 10-20% a reversible narcosis can occur. Exposure to higher Inhaled concentrations (eg. 5 minute exposure at 35%) causes anesthesia (loss of sensation), then asphyxia. Common, generalised symptoms associated with non-toxic gas inhalation include : • central nervous system effects such as headache, confusion, dizziness, progressive stupor, coma and seizures; respiratory system complications may include tachypnoea and dyspnoea; • cardiovascular effects may include circulatory collapse and arrhythmias; • gastrointestinal effects may also be present and may include mucous membrane irritation and nausea and vomiting. Acute effects from inhalation of high concentrations of vapour are pulmonary irritation, including coughing, with nausea; central nervous system depression - characterised by headache and dizziness, increased reaction time, fatigue and loss of co-ordination Central nervous system (CNS) depression may include nonspecific discomfort, symptoms of giddiness, headache, dizziness, nausea, anaesthetic effects, slowed reaction time, slurred speech and may progress to unconsciousness. Serious poisonings may result in respiratory depression and may be fatal. Overexposure is unlikely in this form. Ingestion Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments Contact with hot work or flame will cause thermal burn. The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting. Skin Contact Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected. Although the material is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may produce transient Eye discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Direct contact with the eye may not cause irritation because of the extreme volatility of the gas; however concentrated atmospheres may produce irritation after brief exposures.. Long-term exposure to the product is not thought to produce chronic effects adverse to health (as classified by EC Directives using animal Chronic models); nevertheless exposure by all routes should be minimised as a matter of course. Principal route of occupational exposure to the gas is by inhalation.

	TOXICITY	IRRITATION	
Acetylene (Dissolved)	Not Available	Not Available	
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION	
	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: =20 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (human): 500 ppm - irritant	
	Inhalation (rat) LC50: 100.2 mg/l/8hr <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (rabbit): 20mg/24hr -moderate	
	Oral (rat) LD50: 1800-7300 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	Eye (rabbit): 3.95 mg - SEVERE	
acetone		Eye: adverse effect observed (irritating) $^{[1]}$	
		Skin (rabbit): 500 mg/24hr - mild	
		Skin (rabbit):395mg (open) - mild	
		Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>	
Legend:	Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute to specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemi		

ACETYLENE (I	DISSOLVED)

For acetylene:and methylacetylene

Acute toxicity: With decades of production and use, the acute toxicity of acetylene is well understood to be that of a simple asphyxiant. Data

	regarding the acute inhalation toxicity to animals and humans clearly show that acetylene is of a very low acute toxicity. Overall, the data support a rat LC50 > 100,000 ppm.  In humans, acetylene is not acutely toxic below its lower explosive limit of 2.5% (25,000 ppm).
ACETONE	The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis. for acetone:  The acute toxicity of acetone is low. Acetone is not a skin irritant or sensitiser but is a defatting agent to the skin. Acetone is an eye irritant. The subchronic toxicity of acetone has been examined in mice and rats that were administered acetone in the drinking water and again in rats treated by oral gavage.

Acute Toxicity	×	Carcinogenicity	×
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	×	Reproductivity	×
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	×	STOT - Single Exposure	×
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	×	STOT - Repeated Exposure	×
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	×

**Legend:** X − Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification • − Data available to make classification

## **SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### Toxicity

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Acetylene (Dissolved)	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
	LC50	96	Fish	55.031mg/L	3
	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	57mg/L	2
	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
acetone	LC50	96	Fish	5-540mg/L	2
	EC50	48	Crustacea	>100mg/L	4
	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	20.565mg/L	4
	NOEC	240	Crustacea	1-866mg/L	2
Legend:	Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite				
	V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data				

### For acetylene:

### **Environmental Fate**

Terrestrial fate: An estimated Koc value of 38, determined from a log Kow of 0.37 indicates that acetylene is expected to have very high mobility in soil. Volatilisation of acetylene from moist soil surfaces is expected to be an important fate process given an estimated Henry's Law constant of 0.022 atm-cu m/mole derived from its vapor pressure, 4.04 x10+4 mm Hg, and water solubility, 1,200 mg/L. Acetylene will volatilise from dry soil surfaces based upon its vapor pressure. A 0% theoretical BOD in 28 days using an activated sludge inoculum and the Japanese MITI test suggests that biodegradation is not expected to be an important environmental fate process in soil.

Substances containing unsaturated carbons are ubiquitous in indoor environments. They result from many sources (see below). Most are reactive with environmental ozone and many produce stable products which are thought to adversely affect human health. The potential for surfaces in an enclosed space to facilitate reactions should be considered.

Source of unsaturated substances

Unsaturated substances (Reactive Emissions)

Major Stable Products produced following reaction with ozone.

**DO NOT** discharge into sewer or waterways.

## Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
Acetylene (Dissolved)	LOW	LOW
acetone	LOW (Half-life = 14 days)	MEDIUM (Half-life = 116.25 days)

## **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
Acetylene (Dissolved)	LOW (LogKOW = 0.37)
acetone	LOW (BCF = 0.69)

## Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
Acetylene (Dissolved)	LOW (KOC = 14.3)
acetone	HIGH (KOC = 1.981)

## **SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

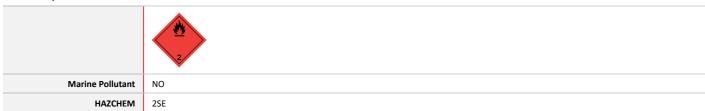
### Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal

- Evaporate or incinerate residue at an approved site
- ► Return empty containers to supplier.
- ▶ Ensure damaged or non-returnable cylinders are gas-free before disposal.

## **SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

## **Labels Required**



## Land transport (ADG)

UN number	1001		
UN proper shipping name	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED		
Transport hazard class(es)	Class 2.1 Subrisk Not Applicable		
Packing group	Not Applicable		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	Special provisions Not Applicable  Limited quantity 0		

## Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	1001			
UN proper shipping name	Acetylene, dissolved			
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class 2.1 ICAO / IATA Subrisk Not Applicable ERG Code 10L			
Packing group	Not Applicable			
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable			
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	Cargo Only Packing Instructions			
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack		15 kg	
Special precautions for user	Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions		Forbidden	
	Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack		Forbidden	
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions		Forbidden	
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack		Forbidden	

## Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	1001		
UN proper shipping name	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED		
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class 2.1  IMDG Subrisk Not Applicable		
Packing group	Not Applicable		
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	EMS Number F-D , S-U Special provisions Not Applicable Limited Quantities 0		

### **SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

## Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

### ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Dangerous Goods List Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Goods Too Dangerous To Be Transported

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - List of Emergency Action Codes

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Packing Instruction - Liquefied and

Dissolved Gases

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 5

International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations -Prohibited List Passenger and Cargo Aircraft

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code)

United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations

### ACETONE IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Dangerous Goods List Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - List of Emergency Action Codes Australia Exposure Standards

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 5  $\,$ 

GESAMP/EHS Composite List - GESAMP Hazard Profiles

IMO IBC Code Chapter 17: Summary of minimum requirements

IMO IBC Code Chapter 18: List of products to which the Code does not apply

IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Other Liquid Substances

International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code)

United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations

## **National Inventory Status**

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AICS	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (Acetylene (Dissolved); acetone)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes
USA - TSCA	Yes
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - ARIPS	Yes
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory  No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets)

### **SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

Revision Date	27/08/2019
Initial Date	16/09/2006

## **SDS Version Summary**

Version	Issue Date	Sections Updated
5.1.1.1	16/10/2014	Supplier Information
6.1.1.1	27/08/2019	Expiration. Review and Update

### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

### **Definitions and abbreviations**

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

OSF: Odour Safety Factor

NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value LOD: Limit Of Detection OTV: Odour Threshold Value BCF: BioConcentration Factors BEI: Biological Exposure Index

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