

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 1780

Product Name **10 COMPONENT MIXTURE (BALANCE AR) (MSDS # 1780)**

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**Synonym(s)** 1780 - MSDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODE: 285, 288 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE  
**Use(s)** CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS  
**SDS Date** 26 Mar 2010

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO ASCC CRITERIA

#### RISK PHRASES

R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.  
R61 May cause harm to the unborn child.

#### SAFETY PHRASES

S23 Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray (where applicable).  
S51 Use only in well ventilated areas.

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<b>UN No.</b>	1956	<b>DG Class</b>	2.2	<b>Subsidiary Risk(s)</b>	None Allocated
<b>Packing Group</b>	None Allocated	<b>Hazchem Code</b>	2TE	<b>EPG</b>	2C1

### 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content
ACETYLENE	C2-H2	74-86-2	0.3%
CARBON MONOXIDE	C-O	630-08-0	0.3%
ETHANE	C2-H6	74-84-0	0.3%
ETHYLENE	C2-H4	74-85-1	0.3%
HYDROGEN	H2	1333-74-0	0.3%
METHANE	C-H4	74-82-8	0.3%
PROPANE	C3-H8	74-98-6	0.3%
PROPYLENE	C3-H6	115-07-1	0.3%
CARBON DIOXIDE	CO2	124-38-9	0.3%
ARGON	Ar	7440-37-1	remainder

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Eye</b>	None required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.
<b>Skin</b>	None required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.
<b>Advice to Doctor</b>	Hyperbaric oxygen treatment at 2 to 2.5 atmospheres reduces the biological half life of carboxyhaemoglobin to 24 minutes. Avoid stimulant drugs including carbon dioxide. Do not inject methylene blue. Absolute bed rest for at least 48 hours should be ensured. After recovery observe for late neurological and or cardiac complaints. Carboxyhaemoglobin levels in blood used as biological monitoring index.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flammability</b>	Non flammable.
<b>Fire and Explosion</b>	Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot.
<b>Extinguishing</b>	Use water fog to cool containers from protected area.
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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Spillage</b>	If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Use personal protective equipment. Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.
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#### 7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

<b>Storage</b>	Do not store near incompatible materials. Cylinders should be stored below 45°C in a secure area, upright and restrained to prevent cylinders from falling. Cylinders should also be stored in a dry, well ventilated area constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits.
<b>Handling</b>	Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Do not drop, roll or drag cylinders. The uncontrolled release of any gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Stds	Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
			ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3
	Acetylene	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Argon	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Carbon dioxide	ASCC (AUS)	5000	9000	30000	54000
	Carbon dioxide in coal mines	ASCC (AUS)	12500	22500	30000	54000
	Carbon monoxide	ASCC (AUS)	30	34	--	--
	Ethane	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Ethylene	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Hydrogen	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Methane	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Propane	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Propylene	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			

Biological Limits	Ingredient	Reference	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
	CARBON MONOXIDE	ACGIH BEI	Carboxyhemoglobin in blood	End of shift	3.5% of hemoglobin

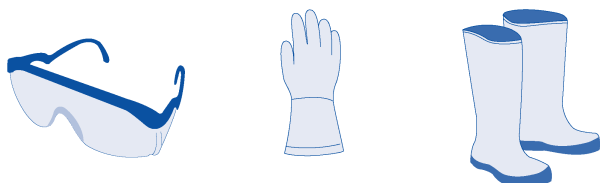
Ingredient	Reference	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
	ACGIH BEI	Carbon monoxide in end-exhaled air	End of shift	20 ppm

**Engineering Controls**

Provide suitable ventilation to minimise or eliminate exposure. Confined areas (eg. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**PPE**

Wear safety boots, leather gloves and safety glasses. Where a significant inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance	COLOURLESS GAS	Solubility (Water)	0.035 cm <sup>3</sup> /cm <sup>3</sup> (Carbon monoxide)
Odour	SLIGHT ODOUR	Specific Gravity	NOT APPLICABLE
pH	NOT APPLICABLE	% Volatiles	100 %
Vapour Pressure	NOT AVAILABLE	Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Vapour Density	NOT AVAILABLE	Flash Point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Upper Explosion Limit	NOT RELEVANT
Melting Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Lower Explosion Limit	NOT RELEVANT
Evaporation Rate	NOT APPLICABLE		
Cylinder Pressure	13,000 kPa @ 15°C		

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Chemical Stability	Stable under recommended conditions of storage.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
Material to Avoid	At pressures above 7,000 kPa copper lining should be used to reduce corrosion. Stress corrosion cracking can occur in steels especially if other acid gases (eg. Carbon Dioxide, Sulphur compounds) are present. Can react with iron, nickel and other metals to form highly toxic carbonyls. Below 3,500 kPa corrosion is negligible and common materials can be used
Decomposition	May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.
Hazardous Reactions	Polymerization will not occur.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Health Hazard Summary	Asphyxiant gas - toxic. Carbon monoxide effects depend on the percentage of carboxyhaemoglobin: 10-20% mild headache and breathlessness on mild exertion; 20-30% headache, irritability, rapid fatigue and impaired memory; 30-40% severe headache, weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, visual impairment and confusion; 40-50% increasing confusion, ataxia and collapse; 50-60% coma; >80% rapid death. Chronic exposure to carbon monoxide may result in an increase in cardiovascular problems. Can aggravate some diseases of the cardiovascular system such as coronary artery disease. The effect is enhanced by cigarette smoking. Adverse behavioural effects have been noted including impairment of vigilance, co-ordination, timing, behaviour, visual perception and certain cognitive functions. Some adaptation occurs in individuals repeatedly exposed to moderate concentrations. Developmental defects on fetuses can occur without maternal symptoms. Carbon dioxide is normally present in the air at a concentration of 340ppm by volume. Adverse health affects to long term exposure to carbon dioxide have not been reported. However, in environments such as submarines where exposure to levels of 0.5-1.0% may occur, specialist medical opinion should be sought on the effects of long term exposure.
Eye	Non irritant.
Inhalation	Irritant. Over exposure to carbon monoxide may result in rapid breathing, nausea, lack of coordination, unconsciousness and coma. Reacts with blood haemoglobin to prevent oxygen uptake.
Skin	Non irritant.
Ingestion	Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

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**Toxicity Data**      ACETYLENE (74-86-2)  
                             LCLo (Inhalation): 50pph/5M (human)  
                             TCLo (Inhalation): 20 pph (human)  
                             CARBON MONOXIDE (630-08-0)  
                             LC50 (Inhalation): 1807 ppm/4H (rat)  
                             LCLo (Inhalation): 5000 ppm/5M (human)  
                             CARBON DIOXIDE (124-38-9)  
                             LC50 (Inhalation): 470000 ppm/30M (rat)  
                             LCLo (Inhalation): 9 pph/5M (human)

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environment**      If released to the atmosphere this product will not contribute to ozone depletion or global warming. If released to soil or water this product will quickly evaporate to the atmosphere. Not toxic to plants or animals except at extremely high (asphyxiating) levels.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal**      Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

**Legislation**          Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Transport**          Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed. Refer to Commonwealth, State and Territory Dangerous Goods Legislation which contain requirements which affect gas storage and transport.



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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Poison Schedule**      A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).

**AICS**                      All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Additional Information**      The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.

APPLICATION METHOD: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ADB - Air-Dry Basis.

BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s)

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

CNS - Central Nervous System.

EINECS - European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.

mg/m<sup>3</sup> - Milligrams per cubic metre.

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.

NTP - National Toxicology Program.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).

ppm - Parts Per Million.

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RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.  
TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a Chem Alert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this Chem Alert report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**Report Status**

This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer of the product and serves as the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet ('SDS').

It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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