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SAFETY DATA SHEET

 # 2296

Product Name **10 COMPONENT MIXTURE (BALANCE METHANE) (# 2296)**

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Supplier name	**BOC LIMITED (AUSTRALIA)**
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Emergency	1800 653 572 (24/7) (Australia only)
Web site	http://www.boc.com.au/
Synonym(s)	2296 - MSDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODE: GM17079 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE
Use(s)	CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
SDS date	03 April 2013

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

RISK PHRASES

R12	Extremely Flammable.

SAFETY PHRASES

S9	Keep container in a well ventilated place.
S16	Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
S33	Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

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UN number	1954	**DG division**	2.1
Packing group	None Allocated	**Subsidiary risk(s)**	None Allocated
Hazchem code	2SE		

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Identification	Classification	Content
ETHANE	CAS: 74-84-0 EC: 200-814-8	F+;R12	5%
PROPANE	CAS: 74-98-6 EC: 200-827-9	F+;R12	3%
BUTANE	CAS: 106-97-8 EC: 203-448-7	F+;R12	<1%
ISOBUTANE	CAS: 75-28-5 EC: 200-857-2	F+;R12	<1%
ISOPENTANE	CAS: 78-78-4 EC: 201-142-8	Xn;R65 F+;R12 Xi;R66 Xn;R67 N;R51/53	<1%
PENTANE	CAS: 109-66-0 EC: 203-692-4	Xn;R65 F+;R12 Xi;R66 Xn;R67 N;R51/53	<1%
HYDROGEN SULPHIDE	CAS: 7783-06-4 EC: 231-977-3	T+;R26 N;R50 F+;R12	<0.002%

METHANE	CAS: 74-82-8 EC: 200-812-7	F+;R12	Remainder
CARBON DIOXIDE	CAS: 124-38-9 EC: 204-696-9	Not Available	10%
NITROGEN	CAS: 7727-37-9 EC: 231-783-9	Not Available	<2%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Cold burns: Immediately flush with tepid water or with sterile saline solution. Hold eyelids apart and irrigate for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.

Skin Cold burns: Remove contaminated clothing and gently flush affected areas with warm water (30°C) for 15 minutes. Apply sterile dressing and treat as for a thermal burn. For large burns, immerse in warm water for 15 minutes. DO NOT apply any form of direct heat. Seek immediate medical attention.

Ingestion Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.

Advice to doctor Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability Highly flammable. May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ sulphur oxides, hydrocarbons) when involved in a fire.

Fire and explosion Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be activated. This product will add fuel to a fire. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot. This material is capable of forming explosive mixtures with air.

Extinguishing Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve.

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- 2 Water Fog (or fine water spray if fog unavailable)
- S Self Contained Breathing apparatus and protective gloves.
- E Evacuation of people in the vicinity of the incident should be considered.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate ignition sources. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.

Environmental precautions Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

Methods of cleaning up Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge if safe to do so. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

References See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage Store cylinders securely, in separate area in an upright position in cool (<45°C), dry, well ventilated area, removed from heat or ignition sources, oxidising agents, alkalis, specific incompatibilities and foodstuffs. Ensure cylinders are labelled, protected from physical damage and valves closed when not in use. Make use of old stock first, do not store empty and full cylinders together.

Handling Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and 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.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m³	ppm	mg/m³
Butane	SWA (AUS)	800	1900	--	--
Carbon dioxide	SWA (AUS)	5000	9000	30000	54000
Carbon dioxide in coal mines	SWA (AUS)	12500	22500	30000	54000
Ethane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Hydrogen sulfide	SWA (AUS)	10	14	15	21
Isobutane	SWA (AUS)	1000	--	--	--
Methane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Nitrogen	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Pentane	SWA (AUS)	600	1770	750	2210
Propane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			

Biological limits No biological limit allocated.

Engineering controls Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended.

PPE

Eye / Face Wear safety glasses.

Hands Wear leather or insulated gloves.

Body Wear coveralls and safety boots.

Respiratory Where an inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance COLOURLESS GAS
Odour SLIGHT ROTTEN EGGS ODOUR
Flammability HIGHLY FLAMMABLE
Flash point NOT APPLICABLE
Boiling point NOT APPLICABLE
Melting point NOT APPLICABLE
Evaporation rate NOT APPLICABLE
pH NOT APPLICABLE
Vapour density 0.7 (Air = 1)
Specific gravity NOT APPLICABLE
Solubility (water) INSOLUBLE
Vapour pressure NOT APPLICABLE
Upper explosion limit 15.4 % (methane)
Lower explosion limit 5 % (methane)
Autoignition temperature 537°C (methane)
Decomposition temperature NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity NOT AVAILABLE
Partition coefficient NOT AVAILABLE
% Volatiles 100 %

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	Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg. hypochlorites), metals, metal oxides, alkalis (eg. hydroxides), lithium, ozone, titanium and lithium tetrahydroaluminate under specific conditions.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present.
Hazardous Reactions	Polymerization will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary

Asphyxiant. Symptoms of exposure are directly related to displacement of oxygen from air. As the amount of oxygen inhaled is reduced from 21-14% volume, the pulse rate will accelerate and the rate and volume of breathing will increase. The ability to maintain attention and think clearly is diminished, muscular co-ordination is somewhat disturbed. As oxygen decreases from 14-10% volume, judgement becomes faulty, severe injuries may cause no pain. Muscular effort lead to rapid fatigue. Further reduction to 6% may cause nausea and vomiting. Ability to move may be lost. Permanent brain damage may result even after resuscitation from exposure to this low level of oxygen. Below 6% breathing is in gasps and convulsions may occur. Inhalation of a mixture containing no oxygen may result in unconsciousness from the first breath and death will follow in minutes. At 0.12 vppm to 30 vppm, the odour of Hydrogen sulphide is obvious and unpleasant. Avoid prolonged exposure as it may result in systemic poisoning, particularly on the nervous system and may also result in paralysis of the respiratory centre.

Eye

Irritant. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness. Contact with liquid or vapour may result in corneal burns and frost-bite.

Inhalation

Irritant. Over exposure at high levels may result in mucous membrane irritation of the nose and throat with coughing. Potentially harmful - product has not been fully tested.

Skin

Irritant. Contact may result in drying and defatting of the skin, rash and dermatitis.

Ingestion

Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

Toxicity data

PROPANE (74-98-6)

LC50 (inhalation)	> 800000 ppm/15M (rat)

BUTANE (106-97-8)

LC50 (inhalation)	658000 mg/m3/4H (rat)

PENTANE (109-66-0)

LC50 (inhalation)	364 g/m³/4 hours (rat)
LCLo (inhalation)	325 g/m³/2 hours (mouse)
LD50 (intravenous)	446 mg/kg (mouse)

HYDROGEN SULPHIDE (7783-06-4)

LC50 (inhalation)	444 ppm (rat)

METHANE (74-82-8)

LC50 (inhalation)	326 gm/m3/2h (mouse)

CARBON DIOXIDE (124-38-9)

LC50 (inhalation)	470000 ppm/30M (rat)
LCLo (inhalation)	9 pph/5M (human)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity	No information provided.
Persistence and degradability	No information provided.
Bioaccumulative potential	No information provided.
Mobility in soil	No information provided.
Other adverse effects	Microorganisms in soil and water are involved in oxidation-reduction reactions which oxidise hydrogen sulphide to elemental sulphur. Not anticipated to bioaccumulate or concentrate in the food chain.

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.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
UN number	1954	-	-
Proper shipping name	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.	-	-
DG class/ Division	2.1	-	-
Subsidiary risk(s)	None Allocated	-	-
Packing group	None Allocated	-	-
GTEPG	2A1		

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Other information 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.

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 Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)

Inventory Listing(s) **AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)**
All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

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.

ASPHYXIANT GASES: Asphyxiant gases may displace oxygen, leading to oxygen deficiency. Where oxygen content is low, effects may include: 12-16% oxygen: increased breathing/ pulse rate, lack of coordination; 10-14%: mental disturbance, fatigue, breathing stress; 6-10%: vomiting, collapse and possible unconsciousness; 0-6%: convulsions, respiratory collapse and death.

ASPHYXIANTS (1): When present in the atmospheres in high concentrations, asphyxiants reduce the oxygen concentration by displacement. Atmospheres deficient in oxygen do not provide adequate sensory warning of danger and most simple asphyxiants are odourless. Therefore it is not appropriate to recommend an exposure standard for each asphyxiant, but to maintain oxygen concentrations. However, some asphyxiants may be given an exposure standard due to the potential for narcotic effects at high concentrations or an explosion hazard.

ASPHYXIANTS (2): There is a significant hazard associated with workers entering poorly ventilated areas (eg. tanks) where oxygen may be deficient. An air supplied breathing apparatus may be required if adequate ventilation is not ensured.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:
The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this 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.

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 ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m^3	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
REACH	Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA/OEL	Time Weighted Average or Occupational Exposure Limit

Revision history

Revision	Description
2.1	Standard SDS Review.
2.0	Standard SDS Review.
1.0	Initial SDS creation

Report status

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