

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 2542

Product Name      **2 COMPONENT MIXTURE (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, BALANCE HELIUM)**

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Supplier name**                      **BOC LIMITED (AUSTRALIA)**  
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**Web site**                            <http://www.boc.com.au/>  
**Synonym(s)**                        2542 - SDS NUMBER • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE  
**Use(s)**                                CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS  
**SDS date**                            15 March 2013

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA**

#### RISK PHRASES

R12                                      Extremely Flammable.  
R67                                      Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.

#### 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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<b>UN number</b>	1954	<b>DG division</b>	2.1
<b>Packing group</b>	None Allocated	<b>Subsidiary risk(s)</b>	None Allocated
<b>Hazchem code</b>	2SE		

### 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Identification	Classification	Content (v/v)
ETHYLENE	CAS: 74-85-1 EC: 200-815-3	F+;R12 Xn;R67	30 to 60%
HELIUM	CAS: 7440-59-7 EC: 231-168-5	Not Available	Remainder

### 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)

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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**      Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure. Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.

**Advice to doctor**      Treat for asphyxia and cold burns.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**Flammability**      Highly flammable. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones etc. when handling.

**Fire and explosion**      Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be activated. 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 in air.

**Extinguishing**      Dry agent, carbon dioxide, foam or water fog. Prevent contamination of drains or waterways.

**Hazchem code**      2SE  
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.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**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.

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**7. STORAGE AND HANDLING**

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**Storage**      Do not store near sources of ignition or 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.

**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.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Exposure standards**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ethylene	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Helium	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			

**Biological limits**      No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering controls**      Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical explosion proof extraction ventilation is recommended. Flammable/explosive vapours may accumulate in poorly ventilated areas. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**PPE**

<b>Eye / Face</b>	Wear safety glasses.
<b>Hands</b>	Wear leather or cotton gloves.
<b>Body</b>	Wear coveralls and safety boots.
<b>Respiratory</b>	If spraying, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.



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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Appearance</b>	COLOURLESS GAS
<b>Odour</b>	SLIGHT ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	HIGHLY FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	< 23°C
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Specific gravity</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>% Volatiles</b>	100%

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under recommended conditions of storage.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
<b>Material to avoid</b>	Explodes spontaneously when mixed with chlorine in sunlight. Reacts vigorously with some oxidising agents.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	Violent polymerisation catalysed by copper above 400°C and 5,400 kPa.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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<b>Health Hazard Summary</b>	Asphyxiant. Also a weak anaesthetic. Symptoms of exposure are directly related to displacement of oxygen. As the amount of oxygen inhaled is reduced from 21-14% volume, the pulse rate may accelerate and the rate and volume of breathing may 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 result in no pain. Muscular effort may lead to rapid fatigue. Further reduction to 6% may result in 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 may follow in minutes. Ethylene is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity (IARC Group 3).
<b>Eye</b>	Direct contact with evaporating liquid may result in cold burns, similar to frostbite injury, with possible permanent damage.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Vapours may cause dizziness or drowsiness.
<b>Skin</b>	Direct contact with the liquefied material or escaping compressed gas may cause cold burns similar

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to frostbite injury.

**Ingestion**                      Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

**Toxicity data**                      No LD50 data available for this product.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Toxicity**                      No information provided.

**Persistence and degradability**      No information provided.

**Bioaccumulative potential**      No information provided.

**Mobility in soil**                      No information provided.

**Other adverse effects**                      No information provided.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**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**

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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. (contains ethylene)	-	-
DG class/ Division	2.1	-	-
Subsidiary risk(s)	None Allocated	-	-
Packing group	None Allocated	-	-
GTEPG	2A1		
Hazchem code	2SE		
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.		

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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**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.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Additional information**                      APPLICATION METHOD: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment. The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.

**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 <sup>3</sup>	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
2.0	Standard SDS Review.
1.0	Initial SDS Creation

**Report status**

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