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SAFETY DATA SHEET

 # 2703

Product Name **9 COMPONENT MIXTURE, BALANCE METHANE (# 2703)**

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)	2703 - MSDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODES: 285, -481, -1368 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE
Use(s)	CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
SDS date	17 December 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 (v/v)
ETHANE	CAS: 74-84-0 EC: 200-814-8	F+;R12	<10%
PROPANE	CAS: 74-98-6 EC: 200-827-9	F+;R12	<10%
ISOBUTANE	CAS: 75-28-5 EC: 200-857-2	F+;R12	<5%
ISOPENTANE	CAS: 78-78-4 EC: 201-142-8	F+;R12 N;R51/53 Xn;R65 Xi;R66 Xn;R67	<5%
N-HEXANE	CAS: 110-54-3 EC: 203-777-6	F;R11 Xi;R38 Xn;R48/20 N;R51/53 Repr.;R62 Xn;R65 Xn;R67	<1%
METHANE	CAS: 74-82-8 EC: 200-812-7	F+;R12	Remainder

NITROGEN	CAS: 7727-37-9 EC: 231-783-9	Not Available	<10%
N-BUTANE	Not Available	Not Available	<5%
N-PENTANE	Not Available	Not Available	<5%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye None required.

Inhalation 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 Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.

Skin None required.

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

Advice to doctor Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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. Not expected to evolve any hazardous decomposition products when heated to decompostion.

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 with air.

Extinguishing Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve. If the gas source cannot be isolated, do not extinguish the flame, since re-ignition and explosion could occur. Await arrival of emergency services or manufacturer's advisor. Drench and cool cylinders with water spray from protected area at a safe distance. If it is absolutely necessary to extinguish the flame, use only a dry chemical powder extinguisher. Do not move cylinders for at least 24 hours. Avoid shock and bumps to cylinders.

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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

Spillage If the cylinder is leaking, eliminate all potential ignition sources and evacuate area of personnel. Prevent spreading of vapours through drains and ventilation systems. 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.

7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

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 Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid inhalation.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m³	ppm	mg/m³
Ethane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Isobutane	SWA (AUS)	1000	--	--	--
Methane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Nitrogen	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Propane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
n-Hexane	SWA (AUS)	20	72	--	--

Biological limits

Ingredient	Reference	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
N-HEXANE	ACGIH BEI	2,5-Hexanedione in urine (without hydrolysis)	End of shift at end of workweek	0.4 mg/L

Engineering controls Provide suitable ventilation to minimise or eliminate exposure. Confined areas (eg. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested.

PPE

Eye / Face Wear safety glasses.

Hands Wear leather gloves.

Body Wear 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 ODOURLESS
Flammability HIGHLY FLAMMABLE
Flash point NOT APPLICABLE
Boiling point NOT AVAILABLE
Melting point NOT AVAILABLE
Evaporation rate NOT APPLICABLE
pH NOT APPLICABLE
Vapour density NOT AVAILABLE
Specific gravity NOT APPLICABLE
Solubility (water) NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour pressure NOT APPLICABLE
Upper explosion limit NOT AVAILABLE
Lower explosion limit NOT AVAILABLE
Partition coefficient NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold NOT AVAILABLE
% Volatiles 100 %
Cylinder pressure (when full) NOT AVAILABLE

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under recommended conditions of storage.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
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 gas. 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.

Eye Non irritant.

Inhalation Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement.

Skin Non irritant.

Ingestion Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

Toxicity data

PROPANE (74-98-6)

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

N-HEXANE (110-54-3)

LC50 (inhalation)	48000 ppm/4 hours (rat)
LD50 (ingestion)	25 g/kg (rat)
LD50 (skin)	3000 mg/kg (rabbit)

METHANE (74-82-8)

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

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	Methane is believed to contribute to the greenhouse effect. Emission of these gases into the environment should be minimised.

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		
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.		

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.

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

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
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
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
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
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
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

Revision history

Revision	Description
1.0	Standard SDS Review

Report status

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