

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 2305

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

#### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** 4 COMPONENT MIXTURE (HYDROGEN, METHANE, HELIUM, BALANCE NITROGEN)  
**Synonym(s)** 2305 - SDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODE: 288-3776 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE

#### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Use(s)** CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

#### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** BOC LIMITED (AUSTRALIA)  
**Address** 10 Julius Avenue, North Ryde, NSW, 2113, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** 131 262, (02) 8874 4400  
**Fax** 132 427 (24 hours)  
**Website** <http://www.boc.com.au>

#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)

**Emergency** 1800 653 572 (24/7) (Australia only)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN WHS REGULATIONS

**GHS classification(s)** Flammable Gases: Category 1  
Gases Under Pressure: Compressed gas

#### 2.2 Label elements

**Signal word** DANGER

**Pictogram(s)**



#### Hazard statement(s)

H220 Extremely flammable gas.  
H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

#### Prevention statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

#### Response statement(s)

P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
P381 Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

#### Storage statement(s)

P410 + P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

#### Disposal statement(s)

None allocated.

**2.3 Other hazards**

Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement.

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**3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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**3.1 Substances / Mixtures**

| Ingredient | CAS Number | EC Number | Content (v/v) |
|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| METHANE    | 74-82-8    | 200-812-7 | <10%          |
| HYDROGEN   | 1333-74-0  | 215-605-7 | <1%           |
| NITROGEN   | 7727-37-9  | 231-783-9 | Remainder     |
| HELIUM     | 7440-59-7  | 231-168-5 | <10%          |

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**4.1 Description of 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 Poison 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>First aid facilities</b> | No information provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility / consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination.

**4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**5.1 Extinguishing media**

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.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

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

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

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.

**5.4 Hazchem code**

|     |                                                                                                              |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2SE |                                                                                                              |
| 2   | Fine Water Spray.                                                                                            |
| S   | Risk of violent reaction or explosion. Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Dilute spill and run-off. |
| E   | Evacuation of people in and around the immediate vicinity of the incident should be considered.              |

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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 all sources of ignition. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

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

### 6.3 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.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

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.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

No information provided.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

| Ingredient | Reference | TWA        |                   | STEL |                   |
|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
|            |           | ppm        | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | ppm  | mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Helium     | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |      |                   |
| Hydrogen   | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |      |                   |
| Methane    | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |      |                   |
| Nitrogen   | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |      |                   |

### Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

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

#### PPE

|                    |                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eye / Face</b>  | Wear safety glasses.                                                                                       |
| <b>Hands</b>       | Wear leather gloves.                                                                                       |
| <b>Body</b>        | Wear safety boots.                                                                                         |
| <b>Respiratory</b> | Where an inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator. |



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Appearance                | COLOURLESS GAS         |
| Odour                     | ODOURLESS              |
| Flammability              | EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE    |
| Flash point               | NOT AVAILABLE          |
| Boiling point             | NOT RELEVANT           |
| Melting point             | NOT RELEVANT           |
| Evaporation rate          | NOT APPLICABLE         |
| pH                        | NOT APPLICABLE         |
| Vapour density            | 0.83 to 0.96 (Air = 1) |
| Specific gravity          | NOT APPLICABLE         |
| Solubility (water)        | INSOLUBLE              |
| 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          |

### **9.2 Other information**

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| % Volatiles | 100 % |
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## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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### **10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization will not occur.

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), acids (e.g. nitric acid), heat and ignition sources. Do not use natural rubber flexible hoses. Also incompatible (potentially violently) with oxygen, halogens and metal halides.

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present.

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## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Acute toxicity           | Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.                                                                                                              |
| Skin                     | Not classified as a skin irritant.                                                                                                                                             |
| Eye                      | Not classified as an eye irritant.                                                                                                                                             |
| Sensitization            | Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.                                                                                                                   |
| Mutagenicity             | Not classified as a mutagen.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Carcinogenicity          | Not classified as a carcinogen.                                                                                                                                                |
| Reproductive             | Not classified as a reproductive toxin.                                                                                                                                        |
| STOT – single exposure   | Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Over exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness. |
| STOT – repeated exposure | Not classified as causing organ effects from repeated exposure.                                                                                                                |

**Aspiration** Not classified as causing aspiration.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

No information provided.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No information provided.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No information provided.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No information provided.

### 12.5 Other adverse effects

When discharged into the atmosphere, methane may contribute to the greenhouse effect. Methane has a global warming potential of 21 (CO<sub>2</sub> = 1).

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**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

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE



|                                    | LAND TRANSPORT<br>(ADG)                                    | SEA TRANSPORT<br>(IMDG / IMO)                              | AIR TRANSPORT<br>(IATA / ICAO)                             |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>14.1 UN Number</b>              | 1954                                                       | 1954                                                       | 1954                                                       |
| <b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>   | COMPRESSED GAS,<br>FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Contains<br>methane) | COMPRESSED GAS,<br>FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Contains<br>methane) | COMPRESSED GAS,<br>FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Contains<br>methane) |
| <b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b> | 2.1                                                        | 2.1                                                        | 2.1                                                        |
| <b>14.4 Packing Group</b>          | None Allocated                                             | None Allocated                                             | None Allocated                                             |

**14.5 Environmental hazards** No information provided

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

**Hazchem code** 2SE

**GTEPG** 2A1

**EMS** F-D, S-U

**Other information** Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

**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).

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|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Classifications</b>      | Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.<br><br>The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)]. |                                                  |
| <b>Hazard codes</b>         | F+                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Extremely flammable                              |
| <b>Risk phrases</b>         | R12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Extremely Flammable.                             |
| <b>Safety phrases</b>       | S16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. |
| <b>Inventory listing(s)</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b><br>All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.                                                                                                                                                   |                                                  |

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**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.

|                      |                   |                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Abbreviations</b> | 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                                                               |
|                      | EMS               | Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)                   |
|                      | GHS               | Globally Harmonized System                                                                      |
|                      | GTEPG             | Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide                                                            |
|                      | IARC              | International Agency for Research on Cancer                                                     |
|                      | LC50              | Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration                                         |
|                      | LD50              | Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose                                                           |
|                      | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Milligrams per Cubic Metre                                                                      |
|                      | OEL               | Occupational Exposure Limit                                                                     |
|                      | pH                | relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline). |
|                      | ppm               | Parts Per Million                                                                               |
|                      | 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                                                                           |

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