

# ETHANE Material Safety Data Sheet

# 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name ETHANE

Product Code(s) G-31, 1044

UN-Number UN1035

Recommended Use Compressed gas.

Synonyms Bimethyl; Dimethyl Ethyl Hydride; Methylmethane; Dimethyl; Ethane, compressed; Ethyl Hydride;

Ethane, refrigerated liquid

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For additional product information contact your local customer service.

Chemical Emergency Phone Number Chemtrec: 1-800-424-9300 for US/703-527-3887 outside US

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

DANGER!

# **Emergency Overview**

Extremely flammable
May cause central nervous system depression
Causes adverse cardiovascular effects
Contents under pressure

Keep at temperatures below  $52^{\circ}\text{C}$  /  $125^{\circ}\text{F}$ 

Appearance Colorless Physical State Compressed gas. Odor Odorless

**OSHA Regulatory Status** 

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

## Potential Health Effects

Principle Routes of Exposure Inhalation.

Acute Toxicity

Inhalation May cause central nervous system depression with nausea, headache, dizziness, vomiting, and

incoordination. High concentrations may also cause cardiac sensitization resulting in irregular heartbeat and may make the individual more susceptible to cardiac effects of substances such as

epinephrine and adrenaline.

Eyes None known. Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

Skin None known. Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

Skin Absorption Hazard No known hazard in contact with skin.

Ingestion Not an expected route of exposure.

Chronic Effects None known

Aggravated Medical Conditions Central nervous system. Cardiovascular.

Environmental Hazard See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS-No	Volume %	Chemical Formula
Ethane	74-84-0	>99	C 2 H 6

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact None required for gas. If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and

obtain immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact None required for gas. For dermal contact or suspected frostbite, remove contaminated clothing

and flush affected areas with lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. A physican should see the patient promptly if contact with the product has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or in

deep tissue freezing.

Inhalation PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF INHALATION OVEREXPOSURE. RESCUE

PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Conscious inhalation victims should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area and,

as necessary, given artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Treatment should be

symptomatic and supportive.

Ingestion None under normal use. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Notes to Physician A patient adversely affected by exposure to this product should not be given adrenaline

(epinephrine) or similar heart stimulant since these would increase the risk of cardiac arrhythmias.

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### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties Extremely flammable.

Suitable Extinguishing Media Dry chemical or CO 2. Water spray or fog. DO NOT EXTINGUISH A LEAKING GAS FIRE UNLESS LEAK CAN

BE STOPPED.

Hazardous Combustion Products Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Explosion Data** 

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None

Sensitivity to Static Discharge Yes.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Rapid flame propagation and flashback possible. Continue to cool fire exposed cylinders until flames are extinguished. Cylinders may rupture under extreme heat. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists. Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

If possible, stop the flow of gas. Do not extinguish the fire until supply is shut off as otherwise an explosive-ignition may occur. If the fire is extinguished and the flow of gas continues, use increased ventilation to prevent build-up of explosive atmosphere. Ventilation fans must be explosion proof. Use non-sparking tools to close container valves.

Isolate spill or leak area for at least 100 meters (330 feet) in all directions. Vapors from liquefied gas are initially heavier than air and spread along ground. Vapors may accumulate in confined areas (basement, tanks, hopper/tank cars, etc.). Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. For massive fire, use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles; if this is impossible withdraw from area and let fire burn.

Use water spray to cool surrounding containers. Be cautious of a Boiling Liquid Evaporating Vapor Explosion, BLEVE, if flame is impinging on surrounding containers.

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Evacuate

personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when

entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Monitor oxygen level.

Environmental Precautions Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift. Avoid allowing water runoff to contact

spilled material. Prevent spreading of vapors through sewers, ventilation systems and confined

areas.

Methods for Containment Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without risk. If leak is

in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number in Section 1

or call your closest Linde location.

Methods for Cleaning Up Return cylinder to Linde or an authorized distributor.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with product system. All equipment should be non-sparking and explosion proof. Remove all sources of ignition. Use only in ventilated areas. "NO SMOKING" signs should be posted in storage and use areas.

Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. When moving cylinders, even for short distance, use a cart designed to transport cylinders. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Use backflow preventive device in piping.

Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar,etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing leak to occur. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.

Never put cylinders into trunks of cars or unventilated areas of passenger vehicles. Never attempt to refill a compressed gas cylinder without the owner's written consent. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit.

Storage

Outside or detached storage is preferred. Protect from physical damage. Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Keep at temperatures below 52°C / 125°F. Full and empty cylinders should be segregrated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Always store and handle compressed gas cylinders in accordance with Compressed Gas Association, pamphlet CGA-P1, Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Guidelines** 

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Ethane	TWA: 1000 ppm		
74-84-0			

Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health.

Other Exposure Guidelines Vacated limits revoked by the Court of Appeals decision in AFL-CIO v. OSHA, 965 F.2d 962 (11th Cir.,

1992).

Engineering Measures Explosion proof ventilation systems.

Ventilation Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures below recommended exposure limits.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/Face Protection Wear protective eyewear (safety glasses).

Skin and Body Protection Work gloves and safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders. Cotton or Nomex®

clothing is recommended to prevent static build-up.

**Respiratory Protection** 

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General Use If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory

protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with

current local regulations.

Emergency Use Use positive pressure airline respirator with escape cylinder or self contained breathing apparatus

for oxygen-deficient atmospheres (<19.5%).

Hygiene Measures Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance Colorless.

Odor Threshold No information available
Flash Point -211 °F / -135 °C

Decomposition Temperature
Freezing Point -183.3 °C / -279.5 °F

Water Solubility Negligible

Vapor Pressure 38.3 bar @ 21°C (70°F) Liquid Density 1.25 kg/m³ (0.078 lb/ft³) Specific Vol. @ 21.1°C & 1 atm 0.8 m³/kg (12.8 ft³/lb)

Critical Temperature 32.4°C

Autoignition Temperature
brmation available.

Boiling Point/Boiling Range
Boiling Point/Boiling Range
Molecular Weight
Evaporation Rate

Vapor Density

VOC Content (%)
Critical Pressure

Odor

**Physical State** 

Flammability Limits in Air Upper 12.4% Lower 3.1% Odorless. Compressed gas 472 °C / 882 °F -88.6 °C / -127.5 °F

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No information available

1.04

Not applicable. 712.8 Psia

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability Stable.

Incompatible Products Oxidizing agents.

Conditions to Avoid Heat, flames and sparks.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO2).

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute Toxicity** 

LD50 Oral: No information available.

LD50 Dermal: No information available.

LC50 Inhalation: No information available.

Inhalation High concentrations of aliphatic hydrocarbon gases may cause CNS depression. Recent information

suggest that C1-C4 aliphatic (alkane) hydrocarbon gases can cause potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmias. Cardiac sensitization to adrenalin in dogs has been noted following inhalation. In dogs, the heart is more sensitive to epinephrine induced ventricular fibrillations following exposure to 15-90% propane for 10 minutes. Ventricular fibrillations have been reported in

humans following inhalation of n-butane.

Repeated Dose Toxicity No information available.

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**Chronic Toxicity** 

Chronic Toxicity None known.

Carcinogenicity Contains no ingredient listed as a carcinogen.

Irritation Non-irritating to the skin. Non-irritating to the eye.

Sensitization No information available.

Reproductive Toxicity No information available.

Developmental Toxicity Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and

experimental animals.

Synergistic Materials None known.

Target Organ Effects Central nervous system (CNS).

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Ecotoxicity

Will not bioconcentrate.

Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1): Does not contain ozone depleting chemical (40 CFR Part 82).

Chemical Name	Log Pow
Ethane	2.8

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Methods Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container

PROPERLY LABELED WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP

IN PLACE to Linde for proper disposal.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

Proper shipping name Ethane
Hazard Class 2.1
Subsidiary Class None
UN-Number UN1035

Description UN1035,Ethane,2.1

Emergency Response Guide Number 115

TDG

Proper Shipping Name Ethane

Hazard Class 2.1

UN-Number UN1035

Description UN1035,ETHANE,2.1

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Proper Shipping Name Ethane
Hazard Class 2.1
UN-Number UN1035

Description UN1035, Ethane, 2.1

IATA

UN-Number UN1035
Proper Shipping Name Ethane
Hazard Class 2.1
ERG Code 10L

Description UN1035,Ethane,2.1

Maximum Quantity for PassengerForbiddenMaximum Quantity for Cargo Only150 kg

Limited Quantity

No information available.

IMDG/IMO

Proper Shipping Name Ethane
Hazard Class 2.1
UN-Number UN1035
EmS No. F-D, S-U

Description UN1035, Ethane, 2.1, FP -135C

**ADR** 

Proper Shipping Name Ethane
Hazard Class 2.1
UN-Number UN1035
Classification Code 2F

Description UN1035, Ethane, 2.1

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

TSCA Complies
DSL Complies
EINECS/ELINCS Complies

#### Legend

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

# U.S. Federal Regulations

## SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

## SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute Health Hazard Yes
Chronic Health Hazard No
Fire Hazard Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard Yes
Reactive Hazard No

#### Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

### Risk and Process Safety Management Programs

This material, as supplied, contains one or more regulated substances with specified thresholds under 40 CFR Part 68 or regulated as a highly hazardous chemical pursuant to the 29 CFR Part 1910.110 with specified thresholds:

Chemical Name	U.S CAA (Clean Air Act) - U.S CAA (Clean Air Act) -		U.S OSHA - Process Safety
	Accidental Release Prevention   Accidental Release Prevention		Management - Highly
	- Toxic Substances	- Flammable Substances	Hazardous Chemicals
Ethane		10000 lbs	

#### Clean Air Act, Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) (see 40 CFR 61)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

#### CERCLA/SARA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

# U.S. State Regulations

## California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

## U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical Name	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Ethane	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ

## International Regulations

#### Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class

A Compressed gases

B1 Flammable gas





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Revision Note Not applicable.

NFPA	Health Hazard 2	Flammability 4	Stability 0	Physical and Chemical
				Hazards -

HMIS Health Hazard 1 Flammability 4 Physical Hazard 3 Personal Protection -

Note: Ratings were assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in CGA Pamphlet P-19-2009, CGA Recommended Hazard Ratings for Compressed Gases, 3rd Edition.

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