

# METHYL CHLORIDE Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name METHYL CHLORIDE

Product Code(s) G-96

UN-Number UN1063

Recommended Use Compressed gas.

Synonyms Chloromethane

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\* May include subsidiaries or affiliate companies/divisions.

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**

Flammable gas Irritating to eyes

Contact with product may cause frostbite
May cause central nervous system depression
May adversely affect liver and kidney
Contents under pressure

Keep at temperatures below 52°C / 125°F

Appearance Colorless Physical State Compressed gas.

Odor Sweet

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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. Skin contact. Eye contact.

Acute Toxicity

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

incoordination. High concentrations can induce immediate CNS depression, vomiting, nausea,

abdominal pain, diarrhea, kidney and liver damage, and death.

Eyes Irritating to eyes. 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 May be harmful if absorbed through skin

Ingestion Not an expected route of exposure.

Chronic Effects None known

Aggravated Medical Conditions Central nervous system. Liver disorders. Kidney disorders.

Environmental Hazard See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

#### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

IChomical Namo	CAS-No		Chemical Formula
Methyl chloride	74-87-3	<b>~00</b>	C 4 H 8

#### 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 Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties Flammable. Containers may explode when heated.

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. Phosgene. Hydrogen chloride.

**Explosion Data** 

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None

Sensitivity to Static Discharge Yes.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Reacts with moisture in air or with water to form hydrochloric acid. May form explosive mixtures with air. Continue to cool fire exposed cylinders until flames are extinguished. Cylinders may rupture under extreme heat. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.

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.

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.

Environmental Precautions Beware of vapors accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapors can accumulate in low

areas. 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. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Most metals corrode with wet methyl chloride. Anhydrous methyl chloride (water content less than a dew point of -40°F (-40°C) can be handled in carbon or stainless steel, copper and bronze. Gasketing materials should be of Teflon® or Kel-F®.

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
Methyl chloride 74-87-3	STEL: 100 ppm TWA: 50 ppm S*	TWA: 100 ppm (vacated) TWA: 50 ppm (vacated) TWA: 105 mg/m³ (vacated) STEL: 100 ppm (vacated) STEL: 210 mg/m³ Ceiling: 200 ppm	IDLH: 2000 ppm

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. Showers. Eyewash stations. Exhaust gas should be vented to a

gas treatment system.

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

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/Face Protection Wear protective eyewear (safety glasses). If splashes are likely to occur, wear: Goggles.

Face-shield.

Skin and Body Protection Appropriate protective and chemical resistant gloves, clothing and splash protection, or fully

encapsulating vapor protective clothing to prevent exposure. For materials of construction consult

protective clothing manufacturer's specifications.

**Respiratory Protection** 

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 Sweet.

Odor Threshold 10 ppm Physical State Compressed gas

Boiling Point/Boiling Range -23.8 °C / -10.8 °F Freezing Point -97.6 °C / -143.7 °F Molecular Weight 50.49 Water Solubility Very slight Fvaporation Rate No information available Vapor Pressure 73.4 psia (STP)

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Vapor Density 1.45 (air = 1) VOC Content (%) Not applicable.
Flammability Limits in Air
Upper 17.2%

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

8.1%

Lower

Stability Stable below 399°C / 750°F. Hydrolyzes below 212°F / 100°C.

Incompatible Products Reacts with zinc, its alloys and galvanized iron. Explodes on contact with magnesium. Reacts with

aluminum and its alloys to form methylated aluminum compounds which are flammable in air.

Reacts explosively with sodium and alkali metals.

Conditions to Avoid Heat, flames and sparks.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO). Phosgene.

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

LD50 Oral: No information available.

LD50 Dermal: No information available.

LC50 Inhalation: Per CGA P-20: 8300 ppm/1 hr (Rat)

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In the body, methyl chloride is hydrolyzed to hydrochloric acid and methyl alcohol, which may

cause degenerative changes in lung, brain, kidney and liver. Methyl chloride is readily absorbed by the body, but is very slowly eliminated, resulting in the possibility of latent toxicological effects. In

fatal cases, autopsies have shown congestion of the lungs, liver and kidneys.

Eye Contact May cause slight irritation.

Skin Contact May cause irritation.

Repeated Dose Toxicity Repeated exposure to methyl chloride can have neurological effects. Symptoms may include

fatigue, mental confusion, headache, blurred vision, incoordination, and personality change.

Repeated animal inhalation exposures >500 ppm have been reported to adversely affect the liver

and kidneys, causing testicular degeneration and development alternations (cardiac

malformations).

Chronic Toxicity

Chronic Toxicity None known.

Carcinogenicity Contains no ingredient listed as a carcinogen.

	Chemical Name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
ſ	Methyl chloride		Group 3		

Irritation No information available.

Sensitization No information available.

Reproductive Toxicity Reproductive toxicity was observed in male rats following an inhalation exposure (of unknown

duration) of 2000 ppm for 6 hours.

Developmental Toxicity Developmental defects were observed following inhalation exposure of pregnant female rats to

1500 ppm for 6 hours.

Synergistic Materials None known.

Target Organ Effects Central nervous system (CNS). Kidney. Liver. Lungs. Reproductive system.

#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Ecotoxicity

A calculated BCF of 3 indicates a low potential for bioconcentration in aquatic organisms.

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

	Chemical Name	Toxicity to Algae	Toxicity to Fish		Toxicity to Microorganisms	Daphnia Magna (Water Flea)
	Methyl chloride	Methyl chloride LC50 96 h: = static (Le macroc		epomis		
	Chemical Name		Log Pow			
Ī	Methyl chloride				0.91	

## 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. This material, as supplied, is a hazardous waste according to federal regulations (40 CFR 261).

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

Proper shipping name Methyl chloride

Hazard Class 2.1
Subsidiary Class None
UN-Number UN1063

Description UN1063,Methyl chloride,2.1

Additional Marking Requirements: If net weight of product is greater than or equal to .? lbs., the container

must also be marked with the letters "RQ".

Emergency Response Guide Number 115

TDG

Proper Shipping Name Methyl chloride

Hazard Class 2.1 UN-Number UN1063

Description UN1063,METHYL CHLORIDE,2.1

MEX

Proper Shipping Name Methyl chloride

Hazard Class 2.1 UN-Number UN1063

Description UN1063, Methyl chloride, 2.1

IATA

UN-Number UN1063
Proper Shipping Name Methyl chloride

Hazard Class 2.1 ERG Code 10L

Description UN1063, Methyl chloride, 2.1

Maximum Quantity for Passenger Forbidden
Maximum Quantity for Cargo Only 100 kg

Limited Quantity

No information available.

IMDG/IMO

Proper Shipping Name Methyl chloride

Hazard Class 2.1
UN-Number UN1063
EmS No. F-D, S-U

Description UN1063, Methyl chloride, 2.1, FP 0C

ADR

Proper Shipping Name Methyl chloride (Refrigerant gas R 40)

Hazard Class 2.1
UN-Number UN1063
Classification Code 2F

Description UN1063, Methyl chloride (Refrigerant gas R 40),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 contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372:

Chemical Name	CAS-No	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Methyl chloride	74-87-3	1.0

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

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

## Clean Water Act

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42):

Chemical Name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Methyl chloride		Х	Х	

#### 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		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
	Methyl chloride	10000 lbs		15000 lb

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

This product contains the following substances which are listed hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act:

	Chemical Name	CAS-No	HAPS data	VOC Chemicals	Class 1 Ozone	Class 2 Ozone
1					Depletors	Depletors

Methyl chloride	74-87-3	Group IV	

#### CERCLA/SARA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more 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):

Chemical Name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	TPQ
Methyl chloride	100 lb		

## U.S. State Regulations

#### California Proposition 65

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals:

Chemical Name	CAS-No	California Prop. 65
Methyl chloride	74-87-3	Developmental
		Male Reproductive

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

Chemical Name	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Methyl chloride	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х

#### **International Regulations**

Chemical Name	Carcinogen Status	Exposure Limits
Methyl chloride		Mexico: TWA 50 ppm
		Mexico: TWA 105 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
		Mexico: STEL 100 ppm
		Mexico: STEL 205 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### 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 D2B Toxic materials



Chemical Name	NPRI
Methyl chloride	X

Legend

NPRI - National Pollutant Release Inventory

Prepared By Product Stewardship

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Revision Note Not applicable.

<u>NFPA</u>	Health Hazard 2	Flammability 4	Stability 1	Physical and Chemical
				Hazards -

HMIS Health Hazard 2\* Flammability 4 Physical Hazard 2 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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