

# GAS INNOVATIONS

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET:

## ETHYLENE

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**GAS INNOVATIONS**  
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La Porte, TX 77571  
Information: 281-471-2200

**Emergency Contact:**  
3 E Company 866-303-2640  
**Calls Originating Outside the US:**  
281-471-2200 (Collect Calls Accepted)

**SUBSTANCE: ETHYLENE**

**TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:**

ACETENE; ETHENE; ETHYLENE, COMPRESSED GAS; OLEFIANT GAS;  
BICARBURETTED HYDROGEN; UN 1962; C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** hydrocarbons, aliphatic

**CREATION DATE:** September 20, 2009

**REVISION DATE:** December 15, 2009

### 2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**COMPONENT:** ETHYLENE  
**CAS NUMBER:** 74-85-1  
**PERCENTAGE:** 100.0

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4):** HEALTH=1 FIRE=4 REACTIVITY=2

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

**COLOR:** colorless

**PHYSICAL FORM:** compressed gas

**ODOR:** sweet odor

**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS:** central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing

**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:** Flammable gas. May cause flash fire. May polymerize. Containers may rupture or explode.



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## **POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** nausea, vomiting, symptoms of drunkenness, bluish skin color, suffocation, convulsions, coma

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information on significant adverse effects

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** blisters, frostbite

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

**EYE CONTACT: SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** frostbite, blurred vision

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

**INGESTION: SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** frostbite

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**INHALATION:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115 F; 41-46 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** Contact with liquid: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

**INGESTION:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** For inhalation, consider oxygen.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Severe fire hazard. Severe explosion hazard. Pressurized containers may rupture or explode if exposed to sufficient heat. Electrostatic discharges may be generated by flow or agitation resulting in ignition or explosion.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.

**FIRE FIGHTING:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other flammables. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Stop flow of gas.

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**LOWER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 2.7%

**UPPER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 36%

**AUTOIGNITION:** 842 F (450 C)

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:**

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Do not touch spilled material. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Remove sources of ignition. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**STORAGE:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a well-ventilated area. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Grounding and bonding required. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### **EXPOSURE LIMITS:**

#### **ETHYLENE:**

No occupational exposure limits established.

**VENTILATION:** Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant if explosive concentrations of material are present. Provide local exhaust ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

**CLOTHING:** For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.

**GLOVES:** Wear insulated gloves.

**RESPIRATOR:** Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed. Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum. Consider warning properties before use.

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## **For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health**

Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure

mode in combination with a separate escape supply.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**PHYSICAL STATE:** gas

**COLOR:** colorless

**PHYSICAL FORM:** compressed gas

**ODOR:** sweet odor

**TASTE:** sweet taste

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 28.05

**MOLECULAR FORMULA:** C-H<sub>2</sub>-C-H<sub>2</sub>

**BOILING POINT:** -155 F (-104 C)

**FREEZING POINT:** -272 F (-169 C)

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 760 mmHg @ -104 C

**VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):** 1.0

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:** Not applicable

**DENSITY:** 1.261 g/L @ 0 C

**WATER SOLUBILITY:** 22.6% PH: Not applicable

**VOLATILITY:** 100%

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not available

**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not applicable

**VISCOSITY:** 0.0093 cP @ 0 C

**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable

**SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:** Soluble: alcohol, ether, acetone, benzene

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:** May polymerize. Avoid storage and use above room temperature.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.

Minimize contact with material. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:** acids, metal salts, halogens, halo carbons, oxidizing materials, metals, peroxides

### **HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:**

Thermal decomposition products: oxides of carbon

**POLYMERIZATION:** Polymerizes with evolution of heat. Store in a cool, dry place.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### ETHYLENE:

**TOXICITY DATA:** 95 ppm/2 hour(s) inhalation-mouse LC50

**CARCINOGEN STATUS:** IARC: Human Inadequate Evidence, Animal Inadequate Evidence, Group 3;

**ACGIH:** A4 -Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen

**ACUTE TOXICITY LEVEL:** Highly Toxic: inhalation

**TARGET ORGANS:** central nervous system

**ADDITIONAL DATA:** Interactions with drugs may occur.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### ECOTOXICITY DATA:

**FISH TOXICITY:** 22000-25000 ug/L 1 day(s) LC100 (Mortality) Orangespotted sunfish (Lepomis humilis)

### FATE AND TRANSPORT:

**KOW:** 281.84 (log = 2.45) (estimated from water solubility)

**KOC:** 779.83 (log = 2.90) (estimated from water solubility)

**HENRY'S LAW CONSTANT:** 1.2 E -4 atm-m<sup>3</sup>/mol **BIOCONCENTRATION:** 0.58 (estimated from water solubility)

**AQUATIC PROCESSES:** 1.3766980 hours (River Model: 1 m deep, 1 m/s flow, 3 m/s wind)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY:** Relatively non-persistent in the environment. Leaches through the soil or the sediment at a slow rate. Accumulates very little in the bodies of living organisms. Moderately volatile from water.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D001.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101:PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Ethylene



**ID NUMBER:** UN1962

**HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION:** 2.1

**LABELING REQUIREMENTS:** 2.1

**QUANTITY LIMITATIONS:**

**PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OR RAILCAR:** Forbidden

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**CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY:** 150 kg  
**CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:**  
**SHIPPING NAME:** Ethylene, compressed  
**UN NUMBER:** UN1962 CLASS: 2.1

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. REGULATIONS:

**CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.30):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 304 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.40):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.21):**

ACUTE: Yes

CHRONIC: No

FIRE: Yes

REACTIVE: Yes

SUDDEN RELEASE: Yes

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65):**  
**ETHYLENE**

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29CFR1910.119):** Not regulated.

### STATE REGULATIONS:

California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

**CANADIAN REGULATIONS:** WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A, B1.

### NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS:

**U.S. INVENTORY (TSCA):** Listed on inventory.

**TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION:** Not listed.

**CANADA INVENTORY (DSL/NDSL):** Listed on inventory.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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