

ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)

A-Gas (New Zealand) Limited

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SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

Product Identifier

Product name	ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)
Synonyms	C2H2; acetylene dissolved; ethine; ethyne; acetylen; acetylene; Cylinder Acetylene; Acetylene, Compressed, Dissolved
Proper shipping name	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED
Chemical formula	C2H2
Other means of identification	Not Available
CAS number	74-86-2

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses	Fuel gas for oxy-acetylene welding, flame cutting, gouging, metal scale removal, brazing, flame hardening and general localised heating. Burnt with oxygen as illuminant in navigational beacons. Used as a source of carbon black and as reactant in manufacture of vinyl chloride, acrylates etc. The use of a quantity of material in an unventilated or confined space may result in increased exposure and an irritating atmosphere developing. Before starting consider control of exposure by mechanical ventilation.
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Details of the manufacturer or importer of the safety data sheet

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Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	CHEMWATCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE (24/7)
Emergency telephone number(s)	+64 800 700 112 (ID#: 1001)
Other emergency telephone number(s)	+61 3 9573 3188

SECTION 2 Hazards identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification ^[2]	Flammable Gases Category 1A, Chemically Unstable Gas A
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from CCID EPA NZ; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI
Gazetted by EPA New Zealand	2.1.1A

Label elements

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Hazard pictogram(s)



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H220+H230

Extremely flammable gas. May react explosively even in the absence of air.

Precautionary statement(s) General

P101

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

P102

Keep out of reach of children.

P103

Read carefully and follow all instructions.

Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P202

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

Precautionary statement(s) Response

P377

Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.

P381

In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.

Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P403

Store in a well-ventilated place.

Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Not Applicable

No further product hazard information.

SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Substances

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
74-86-2	98-99	<u>acetylene</u>
Not Available		dissolved in
67-64-1		<u>acetone</u>
Not Available		* instrument grade acetylene is specially
Not Available		purified.

Legend: 1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from CCID EPA NZ; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L; * EU IOELVs available

Mixtures

See section above for composition of Substances

SECTION 4 First aid measures

Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact

- ▶ If product comes in contact with eyes remove the patient from gas source or contaminated area.
- ▶ Take the patient to the nearest eye wash, shower or other source of clean water.
- ▶ Open the eyelid(s) wide to allow the material to evaporate.
- ▶ Gently rinse the affected eye(s) with clean, cool water for at least 15 minutes. Have the patient lie or sit down and tilt the head back. Hold the eyelid(s) open and pour water slowly over the eyeball(s) at the inner corners, letting the water run out of the outer corners.
- ▶ The patient may be in great pain and wish to keep the eyes closed. It is important that the material is rinsed from the eyes to prevent further damage.
- ▶ Ensure that the patient looks up, and side to side as the eye is rinsed in order to better reach all parts of the eye(s)
- ▶ Transport to hospital or doctor.
- ▶ Even when no pain persists and vision is good, a doctor should examine the eye as delayed damage may occur.
- ▶ If the patient cannot tolerate light, protect the eyes with a clean, loosely tied bandage.

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	▶ Ensure verbal communication and physical contact with the patient. DO NOT allow the patient to rub the eyes DO NOT allow the patient to tightly shut the eyes DO NOT introduce oil or ointment into the eye(s) without medical advice DO NOT use hot or tepid water.
Skin Contact	If skin or hair contact occurs: ▶ Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available). ▶ Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	▶ Following exposure to gas, remove the patient from the gas source or contaminated area. ▶ NOTE: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus may be required to assure the safety of the rescuer. ▶ Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block the airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures. ▶ If the patient is not breathing spontaneously, administer rescue breathing. ▶ If the patient does not have a pulse, administer CPR. ▶ If medical oxygen and appropriately trained personnel are available, administer 100% oxygen. ▶ Summon an emergency ambulance. If an ambulance is not available, contact a physician, hospital, or Poison Control Centre for further instruction. ▶ Keep the patient warm, comfortable and at rest while awaiting medical care. ▶ MONITOR THE BREATHING AND PULSE, CONTINUOUSLY. ▶ Administer rescue breathing (preferably with a demand-valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask-device, or pocket mask as trained) or CPR if necessary.
Ingestion	▶ Avoid giving milk or oils. ▶ Avoid giving alcohol. ▶ Not considered a normal route of entry. ▶ If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

If acetylene from a calcium carbide generator is involved, it may contain phosphine and other impurities and their acute health effects should be considered.

For acute or short term repeated exposures to petroleum distillates or related hydrocarbons:

- ▶ Primary threat to life, from pure petroleum distillate ingestion and/or inhalation, is respiratory failure.
- ▶ Patients should be quickly evaluated for signs of respiratory distress (e.g. cyanosis, tachypnoea, intercostal retraction, obtundation) and given oxygen. Patients with inadequate tidal volumes or poor arterial blood gases (pO₂ 50 mm Hg) should be intubated.
- ▶ Arrhythmias complicate some hydrocarbon ingestion and/or inhalation and electrocardiographic evidence of myocardial injury has been reported; intravenous lines and cardiac monitors should be established in obviously symptomatic patients. The lungs excrete inhaled solvents, so that hyperventilation improves clearance.
- ▶ A chest x-ray should be taken immediately after stabilisation of breathing and circulation to document aspiration and detect the presence of pneumothorax.
- ▶ Epinephrine (adrenalin) is not recommended for treatment of bronchospasm because of potential myocardial sensitisation to catecholamines. Inhaled cardioselective bronchodilators (e.g. Alupent, Salbutamol) are the preferred agents, with aminophylline a second choice.
- ▶ Lavage is indicated in patients who require decontamination; ensure use of cuffed endotracheal tube in adult patients. [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

For gas exposures:

BASIC TREATMENT

- ▶ Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- ▶ Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- ▶ Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for pulmonary oedema.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- ▶ Anticipate seizures.

ADVANCED TREATMENT

- ▶ Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- ▶ Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- ▶ Start an IV D5W TKO. If signs of hypovolaemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.
- ▶ Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary oedema.
- ▶ Hypotension with signs of hypovolaemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- ▶ Treat seizures with diazepam.
- ▶ Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.

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SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**Extinguishing media**

DO NOT EXTINGUISH BURNING GAS UNLESS LEAK CAN BE STOPPED SAFELY:

OTHERWISE: LEAVE GAS TO BURN.

FOR SMALL FIRE:

- ▶ Dry chemical, CO₂ or water spray to extinguish gas (only if absolutely necessary and safe to do so).
- ▶ **DO NOT** use water jets.

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FOR LARGE FIRE:

- ▶ Cool cylinder by direct flooding quantities of water onto upper surface until well after fire is out.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire Incompatibility

- ▶ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

Advice for firefighters

Fire Fighting

Leaking gas may readily ignite / explode.

FOR FIRES INVOLVING MANY GAS CYLINDERS:

- ▶ To stop the flow of gas, specifically trained personnel may inert the atmosphere to reduce oxygen levels thus allowing the capping of leaking container(s).
- ▶ Reduce the rate of flow and inject an inert gas, if possible, before completely stopping the flow to prevent flashback.
- ▶ **DO NOT extinguish the fire until the supply is shut off** otherwise an explosive re-ignition may occur.
- ▶ If the fire is extinguished and the flow of gas continues, used increased ventilation to prevent build-up, of explosive atmosphere.

GENERAL

- ▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- ▶ May be violently or explosively reactive.
- ▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- ▶ Consider evacuation
- ▶ Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.

Fire/Explosion Hazard

WARNING: May **EXPLODE** on heating!!!

- ▶ **HIGHLY FLAMMABLE:** will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames.
- ▶ Will form explosive mixtures with air
- ▶ Fire exposed containers may vent contents through pressure relief valves thereby increasing fire intensity and/ or vapour concentration.
- ▶ Vapours may travel to source of ignition and flash back.
- ▶ Containers may explode when heated - Ruptured cylinders may rocket
- ▶ Fire may produce irritating, poisonous or corrosive gases.

Combustion products include:

- ▶ carbon monoxide (CO)
- ▶ carbon dioxide (CO₂)

mercury vapour / mercury metal

- ▶ other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

Contains low boiling substance: Closed containers may rupture due to pressure buildup under fire conditions.

SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

Environmental precautions

See section 12

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills

- ▶ Avoid breathing vapour and any contact with liquid or gas. Protective equipment including respirator should be used.
- ▶ **DO NOT enter confined spaces where gas may have accumulated.**
- ▶ Shut off all sources of possible ignition and increase ventilation.

Major Spills

- ▶ Clear area of all unprotected personnel and move upwind.
- ▶ Alert Emergency Authority and advise them of the location and nature of hazard.
- ▶ May be violently or explosively reactive.
- ▶ Wear full body clothing with breathing apparatus.
- ▶ Remove leaking cylinders to a safe place.
- ▶ Fit vent pipes. Release pressure under safe, controlled conditions
- ▶ Burn issuing gas at vent pipes.
- ▶ DO NOT exert excessive pressure on valve; DO NOT attempt to operate damaged valve.

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

SECTION 7 Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling

The conductivity of this material may make it a static accumulator. A liquid is typically considered nonconductive if its conductivity is below 100 pS/m and is considered semi-conductive if its conductivity is below 10 000 pS/m. Whether a liquid is nonconductive or semi-conductive, the precautions are the same. A number of factors, for example liquid temperature, presence of contaminants, and anti-static additives can greatly influence the conductivity of a liquid.

- ▶ Ensure that any lines, piping are engineered to prevent backflow of oxygen gas to acetylene cylinders.
- ▶ Do not store undissolved acetylene gas or reticulate gas at pressures above 100 kPa as fire / explosion may result.
- ▶ Ensure hoses are not attacked by acetone.

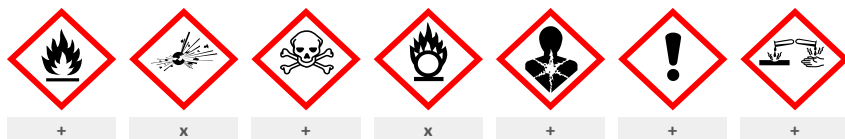
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	▶ Steel, stainless steel, aluminium and wrought iron are recommended for use with acetylene ▶ Open cylinder valve the minimum amount required - no more than 1 -1.5 turns - to deliver acceptable flow. ▶ Containers, even those that have been emptied, may contain explosive vapours. ▶ Do NOT cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers. · Electrostatic discharge may be generated during pumping - this may result in fire. · Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment. · Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge (≤ 1 m/sec until fill pipe submerged to twice its diameter, then ≤ 7 m/sec). · Avoid splash filling. · Consider use in closed pressurised systems, fitted with temperature, pressure and safety relief valves which are vented for safe dispersal. - Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature · The tubing network design connecting gas cylinders to the delivery system should include appropriate pressure indicators and vacuum or suction lines. · Fully-welded types of pressure gauges, where the bourdon tube sensing element is welded to the gauge body, are recommended. · Before connecting gas cylinders, ensure manifold is mechanically secure and does not contain another gas. ▶ Avoid generation of static electricity. Earth all lines and equipment. ▶ DO NOT transfer gas from one cylinder to another.
Other information	Consider storage under inert gas. ▶ Store in an upright position. ▶ Outside or detached storage is preferred. Rotate all stock to prevent ageing. Use on FIFO (First In-First Out) basis ▶ Cylinders should be stored in a purpose-built compound with good ventilation, preferably in the open. ▶ Such compounds should be sited and built in accordance with statutory requirements. ▶ The storage compound should be kept clear and access restricted to authorised personnel only. ▶ Cylinders stored in the open should be protected against rust and extremes of weather.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	▶ Cylinder: ▶ Ensure the use of equipment rated for cylinder pressure. ▶ Ensure the use of compatible materials of construction. ▶ Valve protection cap to be in place until cylinder is secured, connected. ▶ Cylinder must be properly secured either in use or in storage.
Storage incompatibility	Acetylene: ▶ is unstable and shock sensitive in the liquid state ▶ decomposes violently following cylinder failure ▶ may polymerise due to heating ▶ may explode due to heating with or without contact with air ▶ may decompose in air due to heating and elevated pressures, causing powerful detonation ▶ is a strong reducing agent that reacts with oxidisers (i.e. chlorine, fluorine), especially under the influence of light ▶ forms shock-sensitive acetylide compounds with powdered active metals, copper, copper salts, mercury, mercury salts, silver, silver salt; moisture, certain acids and alkaline materials may enhance the formation of copper acetylides ▶ reacts with chlorine to form acetylene chloride ▶ reacts with bromine, caesium hydride, cobalt, halogens, iodine, mercuric nitrate, nitric acid, potassium, rubidium hydride, trifluoromethyl hypofluorite, sodium hydride, ferrosilicon, ozone ▶ The various oxides of nitrogen and peroxyacids may be dangerously reactive in the presence of alkenes. BREITHERICK L.: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards ▶ Avoid reaction with strong Lewis or mineral acids. ▶ Reaction with halogens requires carefully controlled conditions. ▶ Free radical initiators should be avoided. · The interaction of alkenes and alkynes with nitrogen oxides and oxygen may produce explosive addition products; these may form at very low temperatures and explode on heating to higher temperatures (the addition products from 1,3-butadiene and cyclopentadiene form rapidly at -150 C and ignite or explode on warming to -35 to -15 C). These derivatives ("pseudo-nitrosites") were formerly used to characterise terpene hydrocarbons. · Exposure to air must be kept to a minimum so as to limit the build-up of peroxides which will concentrate in bottoms if the product is distilled. The product must not be distilled to dryness if the peroxide concentration is substantially above 10 ppm (as active oxygen) since explosive decomposition may occur. ▶ Compressed gases may contain a large amount of kinetic energy over and above that potentially available from the energy of reaction produced by the gas in chemical reaction with other substances ▶ Avoid reaction with oxidising agents



X — Must not be stored together

O — May be stored together with specific preventions

+ — May be stored together

Note: Depending on other risk factors, compatibility assessment based on the table above may not be relevant to storage situations, particularly where large volumes of dangerous goods are stored and handled. Reference should be made to the Safety Data Sheets for each substance or article and risks assessed accordingly.

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SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards (WES)	acetylene	Acetylene	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	sax - Simple asphyxiant – may present an explosion hazard
New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards (WES)	acetone	Acetone	500 ppm / 1185 mg/m3	2375 mg/m3 / 1000 ppm	Not Available	bio - Exposure can also be estimated by biological monitoring

MATERIAL DATA

for acetylene:

NIOSH REL C: 2500 ppm

Odour Threshold Value: 1222-2584 ppm

Based on the animal and human toxicity (see below) data pure acetylene a TLV is not recommended because the available oxygen is the limiting factor. Minimal oxygen content should be 18% by volume under normal atmospheric pressure and account should be taken of the explosion hazard introduced in limiting the concentration of acetylene. It is important to recognise that contaminants in the gas present other hazards.

Phosphine, for example, may occur in some grades of industrial gas at concentrations of 95 ppm.

May act as a simple asphyxiant; these are gases which, when present in high concentrations, reduce the oxygen content in air below that required to support breathing, consciousness and life; loss of consciousness, with death by suffocation may rapidly occur in an oxygen deficient atmosphere.

CARE: Most simple asphyxiants are odourless or possess low odour and there is no warning on entry into an oxygen deficient atmosphere. If there is any doubt, oxygen content can be checked simply and quickly. It may not be appropriate to only recommend an exposure standard for simple asphyxiants rather it is essential that sufficient oxygen be maintained.

Odour Threshold Value: 3.6 ppm (detection), 699 ppm (recognition)

NOTE: Detector tubes measuring in excess of 40 ppm, are available.

Exposure at or below the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to protect the worker against mild irritation associated with brief exposures and the bioaccumulation, chronic irritation of the respiratory tract and headaches associated with long-term acetone exposures. The NIOSH REL-TWA is substantially lower and has taken into account slight irritation experienced by volunteer subjects at 300 ppm. Mild irritation to acclimatised workers begins at about 750 ppm - unacclimatised subjects will experience irritation at about 350-500 ppm but acclimatisation can occur rapidly.

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are: Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk. Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye and face protection	Protection required is determined by associated process. ▶ Safety glasses with side shields. ▶ Chemical goggles.[AS/NZS 1337.1, EN166 or national equivalent] ▶ Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience.
Skin protection	See Hand protection below
Hands/feet protection	Protection required is determined by associated process. ▶ When handling hot materials wear heat resistant, elbow length gloves. ▶ Rubber gloves are not recommended when handling hot objects, materials ▶ When handling sealed and suitably insulated cylinders wear cloth or leather gloves.
Body protection	See Other protection below
Other protection	Protection required is determined by associated process. ▶ The clothing worn by process operators insulated from earth may develop static charges far higher (up to 100 times) than the minimum ignition energies for various flammable gas-air mixtures. This holds true for a wide range of clothing materials including cotton. ▶ Avoid dangerous levels of charge by ensuring a low resistivity of the surface material worn outermost. BRETHERRICK: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards. ▶ Protective overalls, closely fitted at neck and wrist. ▶ Eye-wash unit. IN CONFINED SPACES: ▶ Non-sparking protective boots ▶ Static-free clothing. ▶ Ensure availability of lifeline. ▶ Some plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity.

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- ▶ For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets).
- ▶ Non sparking safety or conductive footwear should be considered. Conductive footwear describes a boot or shoe with a sole made from a conductive compound chemically bound to the bottom components, for permanent control to electrically ground the foot and shall dissipate static electricity from the body to reduce the possibility of ignition of volatile compounds.

Recommended material(s)

GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

"Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the **computer-generated** selection:

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Material	CPI
BUTYL	A
BUTYL/NEOPRENE	A
PE/EVAL/PE	A
PVDC/PE/PVDC	A
SARANEX-23 2-PLY	B
TEFLON	B
CPE	C
HYPALON	C
NATURAL RUBBER	C
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	C
NEOPRENE	C
NITRILE	C
NITRILE+PVC	C
PVA	C
PVC	C
SARANEX-23	C
VITON/NEOPRENE	C

* CPI - Chemwatch Performance Index

A: Best Selection

B: Satisfactory; may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion

C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

NOTE: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

Ansell Glove Selection

Glove — In order of recommendation
AlphaTec® 02-100
MICROFLEX® 63-864
MICROFLEX® Diamond Grip® MF-300
TouchNTuff® 83-500
AlphaTec® 15-554
DermaShield™ 73-711
MICROFLEX® 73-847
MICROFLEX® NeoPro® NPG-888
MICROFLEX® Neogard® C52
TouchNTuff® DermaShield™ 73-701

The suggested gloves for use should be confirmed with the glove supplier.

Respiratory protection

Type AX Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

- ▶ Cartridge respirators should never be used for emergency ingress or in areas of unknown vapour concentrations or oxygen content.
- ▶ The wearer must be warned to leave the contaminated area immediately on detecting any odours through the respirator. The odour may indicate that the mask is not functioning properly, that the vapour concentration is too high, or that the mask is not properly fitted. Because of these limitations, only restricted use of cartridge respirators is considered appropriate.
- ▶ Cartridge performance is affected by humidity. Cartridges should be changed after 2 hr of continuous use unless it is determined that the humidity is less than 75%, in which case, cartridges can be used for 4 hr. Used cartridges should be discarded daily, regardless of the length of time used
- ▶ Positive pressure, full face, air-supplied breathing apparatus should be used for work in enclosed spaces if a leak is suspected or the primary containment is to be opened (e.g. for a cylinder change)
- ▶ Air-supplied breathing apparatus is required where release of gas from primary containment is either suspected or demonstrated.

Selection of the Class and Type of respirator will depend upon the level of breathing zone contaminant and the chemical nature of the contaminant. Protection Factors (defined as the ratio of contaminant outside and inside the mask) may also be important.

Required minimum protection factor	Maximum gas/vapour concentration present in air p.p.m. (by volume)	Half-face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator
up to 10	1000	AX-AUS / Class 1	-
up to 50	1000	-	AX-AUS / Class 1
up to 50	5000	Airline *	-
up to 100	5000	-	AX-2
up to 100	10000	-	AX-3
100+		-	Airline**

** - Continuous-flow or positive pressure demand.

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gases, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO₂), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH₃), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 deg C)

SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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Appearance	Colourless, extremely flammable gas with an ethereal or garlic-like odour; insoluble in water, very soluble in acetone and alcohol. Gas is supplied under pressure dissolved in acetone and supported on a porous medium in cylinders. It is important that cylinders are stored and used in vertical position; if inverted, cylinder may issue uncontrolled acetone / acetylene solution with large volume of hazardous acetylene gas escaping. Acetylene gas is very reactive at room temperature, combining with many metals forming unstable acetylides. WARNING: Silver, copper, and mercury acetylides may detonate spontaneously - observe all warnings. With oxygen, burns with intense heat; in air, burns with very sooty flame. Available as commercial grade and as highly purified instrument grade.		
Physical state	Dissolved Gas	Relative density (Water = 1)	Not Available
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	305
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature (°C)	Not Applicable
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	-84	Viscosity (mm²/s)	Not Applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	-75	Molecular weight (g/mol)	26.04
Flash point (°C)	-17.8	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Fast	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	80-85	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	2.5	Volatile Component (%vol)	100
Vapour pressure (kPa)	4700 @ 25 C	Gas group	IIC
Solubility in water	Immiscible	pH as a solution (1%)	Not Applicable
Vapour density (Air = 1)	0.906	VOC g/L	Not Available
Heat of Combustion (kJ/g)	Not Available	Ignition Distance (cm)	Not Available
Flame Height (cm)	Not Available	Flame Duration (s)	Not Available
Enclosed Space Ignition Time Equivalent (s/m³)	Not Available	Enclosed Space Ignition Deflagration Density (g/m³)	Not Available

SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	▶ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials. ▶ Product is considered stable. ▶ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur. ▶ Agitation or physical shock may cause violent rupture of containers
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

SECTION 11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

a) Acute Toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
b) Skin Irritation/Corrosion	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
c) Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
d) Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
e) Mutagenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
f) Carcinogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
g) Reproductivity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
h) STOT - Single Exposure	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
i) STOT - Repeated Exposure	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
j) Aspiration Hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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Inhaled	Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo. Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual. Limited evidence or practical experience suggests that the material may produce irritation of the respiratory system, in a significant number of individuals, following inhalation. In contrast to most organs, the lung is able to respond to a chemical insult by first removing or neutralising the irritant and then repairing the damage. The repair process, which initially evolved to protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens, may however, produce further lung damage resulting in the impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Respiratory tract irritation often results in an inflammatory response involving the recruitment and activation of many cell types, mainly derived from the vascular system. No symptoms occur from the presence of 2.5% acetylene in air (the LEL); at 10-20% a reversible narcosis can occur. Exposure to higher concentrations (eg. 5 minute exposure at 35%) causes anesthesia (loss of sensation), then asphyxia. Common, generalised symptoms associated with non-toxic gas inhalation include : - central nervous system effects such as headache, confusion, dizziness, progressive stupor, coma and seizures; - respiratory system complications may include tachypnoea and dyspnoea; - cardiovascular effects may include circulatory collapse and arrhythmias; - gastrointestinal effects may also be present and may include mucous membrane irritation and nausea and vomiting. Acute effects from inhalation of high concentrations of vapour are pulmonary irritation, including coughing, with nausea; central nervous system depression - characterised by headache and dizziness, increased reaction time, fatigue and loss of co-ordination Central nervous system (CNS) depression may include nonspecific discomfort, symptoms of giddiness, headache, dizziness, nausea, anaesthetic effects, slowed reaction time, slurred speech and may progress to unconsciousness. Serious poisonings may result in respiratory depression and may be fatal. Material is highly volatile and may quickly form a concentrated atmosphere in confined or unventilated areas. The vapour may displace and replace air in breathing zone, acting as a simple asphyxiant. This may happen with little warning of overexposure. The use of a quantity of material in an unventilated or confined space may result in increased exposure and an irritating atmosphere developing. Before starting consider control of exposure by mechanical ventilation.
Ingestion	Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual. Overexposure is unlikely in this form. Not normally a hazard due to physical form of product. Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments Central nervous system (CNS) depression may include nonspecific discomfort, symptoms of giddiness, headache, dizziness, nausea, anaesthetic effects, slowed reaction time, slurred speech and may progress to unconsciousness. Serious poisonings may result in respiratory depression and may be fatal.
Skin Contact	Contact with hot work or flame will cause thermal burn. The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting. Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.
Eye	Although the material is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Direct contact with the eye may not cause irritation because of the extreme volatility of the gas; however concentrated atmospheres may produce irritation after brief exposures..
Chronic	Long-term exposure to the product is not thought to produce chronic effects adverse to health (as classified by EC Directives using animal models); nevertheless exposure by all routes should be minimised as a matter of course. Principal route of occupational exposure to the gas is by inhalation.

ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Not Available	Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) ^[1]
Legend:	1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances	

ACETYLENE	Epoxidation of double bonds is a common bioactivation pathway for alkenes. The allylic epoxides, so formed, were found to possess sensitising capacity in vivo and in vitro and to chemically reactive towards a common hexapeptide containing the most common nucleophilic amino acids. Further-more, a SAR study of potentially prohaptenic alkenes demonstrated that conjugated dienes in or in conjunction with a six-membered ring are prohaptens, whereas related alkenes containing isolated double bonds or an acyclic conjugated diene were weak or nonsensitizing compounds. This difference in sensitizing capacity of conjugated dienes as compared to alkenes with isolated double bonds was found to be due to the high reactivity and sensitizing capacity of the allylic epoxides metabolically formed from conjugated dienes. Allergic Contact Dermatitis—Formation, Structural Requirements, and Reactivity of Skin Sensitizers. Ann-Therese Karlberg et al: Chem. Res. For acetylene: and methylacetylene Acute toxicity: With decades of production and use, the acute toxicity of acetylene is well understood to be that of a simple asphyxiant. Data regarding the acute inhalation toxicity to animals and humans clearly show that acetylene is of a very low acute toxicity. Overall, the data support a rat LC50 > 100,000 ppm. In humans, acetylene is not acutely toxic below its lower explosive limit of 2.5% (25,000 ppm).
ACETONE	The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin. For acetone:

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The acute toxicity of acetone is low. Acetone is not a skin irritant or sensitiser but is a defatting agent to the skin. Acetone is an eye irritant. The subchronic toxicity of acetone has been examined in mice and rats that were administered acetone in the drinking water and again in rats treated by oral gavage.

Acute Toxicity	✗	Carcinogenicity	✗
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✗	Reproductivity	✗
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✗	STOT - Single Exposure	✗
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	✗	STOT - Repeated Exposure	✗
Mutagenicity	✗	Aspiration Hazard	✗

Legend: ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification
✓ – Data available to make classification

SECTION 12 Ecological information

Toxicity

ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	EC50(ECx)	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	57mg/l	2
	EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	57mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	545mg/l	2
Legend: Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 4. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 5. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 6. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. Vendor Data					

For acetylene:

Environmental Fate

Terrestrial fate: An estimated Koc value of 38, determined from a log Kow of 0.37 indicates that acetylene is expected to have very high mobility in soil. Volatilisation of acetylene from moist soil surfaces is expected to be an important fate process given an estimated Henry's Law constant of 0.022 atm-cu m/mole derived from its vapor pressure, 4.04 x10+4 mm Hg , and water solubility, 1,200 mg/L. Acetylene will volatilise from dry soil surfaces based upon its vapor pressure. A 0% theoretical BOD in 28 days using an activated sludge inoculum and the Japanese MITI test suggests that biodegradation is not expected to be an important environmental fate process in soil.

Substances containing unsaturated carbons are ubiquitous in indoor environments. They result from many sources (see below). Most are reactive with environmental ozone and many produce stable products which are thought to adversely affect human health.The potential for surfaces in an enclosed space to facilitate reactions should be considered.

Source of unsaturated substances Unsaturated substances (Reactive Emissions) Major Stable Products produced following reaction with ozone.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
acetylene	LOW	LOW
acetone	LOW (Half-life = 14 days)	MEDIUM (Half-life = 116.25 days)

Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
acetylene	LOW (LogKOW = 0.37)
acetone	LOW (BCF = 0.69)

Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
acetylene	LOW (Log KOC = 14.3)
acetone	HIGH (Log KOC = 1.981)

SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal	- Evaporate or incinerate residue at an approved site. - Return empty containers to supplier. - Ensure damaged or non-returnable cylinders are gas-free before disposal.
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Ensure that the hazardous substance is disposed in accordance with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017

Disposal Requirements

Packages that have been in direct contact with the hazardous substance must be only disposed if the hazardous substance was appropriately removed and cleaned out from the package. The package must be disposed according to the manufacturer's directions taking into account the material it is made of. Packages which hazardous content have been appropriately treated and removed may be recycled.

SECTION 14 Transport information

Labels Required

	
Marine Pollutant	NO
HAZCHEM	•3YE

Land transport (UN)

14.1 UN number or ID number	1001	
14.2 UN proper shipping name	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED	
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Class	2.1
	Subsidiary Hazard	Not Applicable
14.4. Packing group	Not Applicable	
14.5. Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
14.6 Special precautions for user	Special provisions	Not Applicable
	Limited quantity	0

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

14.1. UN number	1001	
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Acetylene, dissolved	
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class	2.1
	ICAO / IATA Subsidiary Hazard	Not Applicable
	ERG Code	10L
14.4. Packing group	Not Applicable	
14.5. Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
14.6 Special precautions for user	Special provisions	A1
	Cargo Only Packing Instructions	200
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack	15 kg
	Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions	Forbidden
	Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack	Forbidden
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions	Forbidden
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack	Forbidden

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

14.1. UN number	1001	
14.2 UN proper shipping name	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED	
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class	2.1
	IMDG Subsidiary Hazard	Not Applicable
14.4. Packing group	Not Applicable	
14.5 Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	

14.6 Special precautions for user	EMS Number	F-D, S-U
	Special provisions	Not Applicable
	Limited Quantities	0

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

14.7.1. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

14.7.2. Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
acetylene	Not Applicable
acetone	Not Applicable

14.7.3. Transport in bulk in accordance with the IGC Code

Product name	Ship Type
acetylene	Not Applicable
acetone	Not Applicable

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

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

This substance can be managed under the controls specified in the Transfer Notice or alternatively it may be managed using the conditions specified in an applicable Group Standard.

HSR Number	Group Standard
HSR000987	Not Applicable

Please refer to Section 8 of the SDS for any applicable tolerable exposure limit or Section 12 for environmental exposure limit.

acetylene is found on the following regulatory lists

- New Zealand Approved Hazardous Substances with controls
- New Zealand Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act - Classification of Chemicals
- New Zealand Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act - Classification of Chemicals - Classification Data
- New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)
- New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards (WES)

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Additional Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Hazardous Substance Location

Subject to the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Hazard Class	Quantity (Closed Containers)	Quantity (Open Containers)
2.1.1A and 2.1.1B	100 kg (or 100 m3 for a permanent gas)	100 kg (or 100 m3 for a permanent gas)

Certified Handler

Subject to Part 4 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Class of substance	Quantities
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Refer Group Standards for further information

Maximum quantities of certain hazardous substances permitted on passenger service vehicles

Subject to Regulation 13.14 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Hazard Class	Gas (aggregate water capacity in mL)	Liquid (L)	Solid (kg)	Maximum quantity per package for each classification
2.1.1A or 2.1.1B				1 L

Tracking Requirements

Not Applicable

National Inventory Status

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (acetylene; acetone)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes
USA - TSCA	All chemical substances in this product have been designated as TSCA Inventory 'Active'
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	Yes
UAE - Control List (Banned/Restricted Substances)	No (acetylene; acetone)
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

SECTION 16 Other information

Revision Date	09/12/2021
Initial Date	16/09/2006

SDS Version Summary

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
7.1	01/10/2021	Toxicological information - Acute Health (inhaled), Toxicological information - Acute Health (swallowed), Hazards identification - Classification, Exposure controls / personal protection - Exposure Standard, Firefighting measures - Fire Fighter (fire/explosion hazard), Handling and storage - Handling Procedure, Exposure controls / personal protection - Personal Protection (Respirator), Handling and storage - Storage (storage incompatibility), Handling and storage - Storage (storage requirement), Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking - Supplier Information, Toxicological information - Toxicity and Irritation (Other), Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking - Use
8.1	09/12/2021	Hazards identification - Classification, Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking - Supplier Information

Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

Definitions and abbreviations

- PC - TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average
- PC - STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit
- IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
- ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
- TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit,

- IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations
- ES: Exposure Standard
- OSF: Odour Safety Factor
- NOAEL: No Observed Adverse Effect Level
- LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
- TLV: Threshold Limit Value
- LOD: Limit Of Detection
- OTV: Odour Threshold Value
- BCF: BioConcentration Factors
- BEI: Biological Exposure Index
- DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level
- PNEC: Predicted no-effect concentration
- MARPOL: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- IMSBC: International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code
- IGC: International Gas Carrier Code
- IBC: International Bulk Chemical Code

- AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals
- DSL: Domestic Substances List
- NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List
- IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China
- EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances
- ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
- NLP: No-Longer Polymers
- ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory
- KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory
- NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
- PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
- TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act
- TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory
- INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas
- NCI: National Chemical Inventory
- FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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