

### Section 1: Product and Company Identification

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Product Code: Ethylene

### Section 2: Hazards Identification



**Hazard Classification:**

Gases Under Pressure  
Specific target organ toxicity (Single Exposure) (Category 3)

**Hazard Statements:**

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated  
May cause respiratory irritation;

**Precautionary Statements**

**Prevention:**

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapors/spray.  
[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

**Response:**

Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell.  
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Storage:**

Store locked up.  
Protect from sunlight.  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

**Disposal:**

Dispose of contents and/or container in accordance with applicable regulations.

## Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

### CAS #

74-85-1

Chemical Substance	Chemical Family	Trade Names
ETHYLENE	hydrocarbons, aliphatic	ACETENE; ETHENE; ETHYLENE, COMPRESSED GAS; OLEFIANT GAS; BICARBURETTED HYDROGEN; UN 1962; C2H4

## Section 4: First Aid Measures

Skin Contact	Eye Contact	Ingestion	Inhalation	Note to Physicians
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.	Contact with liquid: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.	Do not induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical attention. Check for frostbite. Thaw frostbite slowly with lukewarm water. Avoid mouth-to-mouth contact by using a mouth shield or guard to perform artificial respiration.	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.	For inhalation, consider oxygen.

## Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Products of Combustion	Protection of Firefighters
Carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.	Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and toxic and irritating fumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.</li> <li>▪ Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.</li> </ul>

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

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

Methods for Cleanup	Other Information
Avoid ignition sources. Evacuate area, contact emergency personnel. Use fine water spray.	None

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling	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. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.	Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Grounding and bonding required.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Exposure Guidelines

TLV-TWA: 200ppm Carcinogenicity Designation A4 (ACGIH)

### Engineering Controls

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

Eye Protection	Skin Protection	Respiratory 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.	For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.	Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

### General Hygiene considerations

- Avoid breathing vapor or mist
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin
- Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or drinking

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	Appearance	Color	Change in Appearance	Physical Form	Odor	Taste
Gas	Colorless	Colorless	N/A	Compressed gas	Sweet odor	Sweet taste

Flash Point	Flammability	Partition Coefficient	Autoignition Temperature	Upper Explosive Limits	Lower Explosive Limits
Approximately -212.8 F (-136 C) (CC); extremely flammable gas	Not available	281.84 (log = 2.45) (estimated from water solubility)	842 F (450 C)	0.36	0.027

Boiling Point	Freezing Point	Vapor Pressure	Vapor Density	Specific Gravity	Water Solubility	pH	Odor Threshold	Evaporation Rate	Viscosity
-155 F (-104 C)	-272 F (-169 C)	760 mmHg @ -104 C	0.978 @ 0 C; 0.969 @ 21.1 C (air = 1)	Not applicable	0.226	Not applicable	Wide range of reported values: 17 to 959 ppm. Acceptable values are: 270 ppm (310 mg/m3) (detection); 418 ppm (480 mg/m3) (recognition)	Not applicable	LIQUEFIED GAS: 0.16 mPa.s (0.16 centipoise) @ -100 C (18); 0.07 mPa.s (0.07 centipoise) @ 0 C

Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula	Density	Weight per Gallon	Volatility by Volume	Volatility	Solvent Solubility
28.05	C-H2-C-H2	1.261 g/L @ 0 C	Not available	100%	1	Soluble: Alcohol, ether, acetone, benzene

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Stability	Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible Materials
May polymerize. Avoid storage and use above room temperature.	May polymerize. Avoid storage and use above room temperature.	Acids, metal salts, halogens, halo carbons, oxidizing materials, metals, peroxides, chlorine, aluminum chloride, nitrogen dioxide or ozone, copper, 5A molecular sieves

<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>
Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons	Polymerizes with evolution of heat. Store in a cool, dry place.

## Section 11: Toxicology Information

### Acute Effects

<b>Oral LD50</b>	<b>Dermal LD50</b>	<b>Inhalation</b>
LC50 (inhalation, mouse) = 96 pph	Not available	Nausea, vomiting, symptoms of drunkenness, bluish skin color, suffocation, convulsions, coma

<b>Eye Irritation</b>	<b>Skin Irritation</b>	<b>Sensitization</b>
Frostbite, blurred vision	Blisters, frostbite	Central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, asphyxiant

### Chronic Effects

<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	<b>Mutagenicity</b>	<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	<b>Developmental Effects</b>
IARC: Human Inadequate Evidence, Animal Inadequate Evidence, Group 3; ACGIH: A4 -Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen	Not available	Not available	No data

## Section 12: Ecological Information

### Fate and Transport

<b>Eco toxicity</b>	<b>Persistence / Degradability</b>	<b>Bioaccumulation / Accumulation</b>	<b>Mobility in Environment</b>
Fish toxicity: 22000-25000 ug/L 1 day(s) LC100 (Mortality) Orangespotted sunfish (Lepomis humilis) Invertebrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Lemon = 0.025-0.05; epinasty Other toxicity: Tomato = 0.04-0.1 ppm/3-48 hours; leaf epinasty.	Relatively non-persistent in the environment. Moderately volatile from water.	Accumulates very little in the bodies of living organisms.	Leaches through the soil or the sediment at a slow rate.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

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

## Section 14: Transportation Information

### U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

Proper Shipping Name	ID Number	Hazard Class or Division	Packing Group	Labeling Requirements	Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations	Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations	Additional Shipping Description
Ethylene	UN1962	2.1	Not applicable	2.1	Forbidden	150 kg	N/A

### Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Shipping Name	UN Number	Class	Packing Group / Risk Group
Ethylene, compressed	UN1962	2.1	Not applicable

## Section 15: Regulatory Information

### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections	SARA 355.30	SARA 355.40
Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.

### SARA 370.21

Acute	Chronic	Fire	Reactive	Sudden Release
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

### SARA 372.65

ETHYLENE

### OSHA Process Safety

Not regulated.

### State Regulations

CA Proposition 65
Not regulated.

### Canadian Regulations

WHMIS Classification
A, B1, D2B

### National Inventory Status

US Inventory (TSCA)	TSCA 12b Export Notification	Canada Inventory (DSL/NDSL)
Listed on inventory.	Not listed.	Listed on inventory.

## Section 16: Other Information

NFPA Rating
HEALTH=4 FIRE=4 REACTIVITY=2

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard