

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 1257

Product Name 7 COMPONENT MIXTURE (CO2, CO, C2H6, CH4, C2H4, H2,

**BALANCE HE)** 

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 1257 - SDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODES: 285, 288 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE

Use(s) CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO ASCC CRITERIA

## CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

UN No. 1956 DG Class 2.2 Subsidiary Risk(s) None Allocated

Packing Group None Allocated Hazchem Code 2TE EPG 2C1

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content
HYDROGEN	H2	1333-74-0	2%
ETHYLENE	C2-H4	74-85-1	0.7%
METHANE	C-H4	74-82-8	0.6%
ETHANE	C2-H6	74-84-0	0.5%
CARBON MONOXIDE	C-O	630-08-0	0.4%
CARBON DIOXIDE	CO2	124-38-9	0.3%
HELIUM	He	7440-59-7	remainder

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye None required.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained

Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice,

contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.

**Skin** None required.

**Ingestion** Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.

Advice to Doctor Hyperbaric oxygen treatment at 2 to 2.5 atmospheres reduces the biological half life of carboxyhaemoglobin to 24

minutes. Avoid stimulant drugs including carbon dioxide. Do not inject methylene blue. Absolute bed rest for at



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least 48 hours should be ensured. After recovery observe for late neurological and or cardiac complaints. Carboxyhaemoglobin levels in blood used as biological monitoring index.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammability** 

Non flammable.

Fire and **Explosion**  Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot.

Extinguishing

Use water fog to cool containers from protected area.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spillage** 

If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Use personal protective equipment. Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

## 7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage

Do not store near incompatible materials. Cylinders should be stored below 45°C in a secure area, upright and restrained to prevent cylinders from falling. Cylinders should also be stored in a dry, well ventilated area constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits.

Handling

Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Do not drop, roll or drag cylinders. The uncontrolled release of any gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Exposure Stds**

Ingredient	Reference	1	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3	
Carbon dioxide	ASCC (AUS)	5000	9000	30000	54000	
Carbon dioxide in coal mines	ASCC (AUS)	12500	22500	30000	54000	
Carbon monoxide	ASCC (AUS)	30	34			
Ethane	ASCC (AUS)		Asphyxiant			
Ethylene	ASCC (AUS)		Asphyxiant			
Helium	ASCC (AUS)		Asphyxiant			
Hydrogen	ASCC (AUS)		Asphyxiant			
Methane	ASCC (AUS)		Asphyxiant			

#### **Biological Limits**

Ingredient	Reference	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
CARBON MONOXIDE	ACGIH BEI	Carboxyhemoglobin in blood	End of shift	3.5% of hemoglobin
	ACGIH BEI	Carbon monoxide in end-	End of shift	20 ppm

**Engineering** Controls

Provide suitable ventilation to minimise or eliminate exposure. Confined areas (eg. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**PPE** 

Wear safety boots, leather gloves and safety glasses. Where a significant inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.









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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance COLOURLESS GAS Solubility (Water) 0.035 cm3/cm3 (Carbon monoxide)

Odour ODOURLESS Specific Gravity NOT APPLICABLE

pH NOT APPLICABLE % Volatiles 100 %

**NOT AVAILABLE** NON FLAMMABLE Vapour Pressure Flammability **NOT AVAILABLE Flash Point** NOT RELEVANT Vapour Density **Boiling Point NOT AVAILABLE Upper Explosion Limit** NOT RELEVANT **Melting Point** NOT AVAILABLE **Lower Explosion Limit NOT RELEVANT** 

Evaporation Rate NOT APPLICABLE

Cylinder Pressure 475 kPa @ 15°C (Approximately)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**Conditions to Avoid** Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

Material to Avoid At pressures above 7,000 kPa copper lining should be used to reduce corrosion. Stress corrosion

cracking can occur in steels especially if other acid gases (eg. Carbon Dioxide, Sulphur compounds) are present. Can react with iron, nickel and other metals to form highly toxic carbonyls. Below 3 ,500 kPa

corrosion is negligible and common materials can be used

**Decomposition** May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

Hazardous Reactions Polymerization will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary

Asphyxiant gas - toxic. Carbon monoxide effects depend on the percentage of carboxyhaemoglobin: 10-20% mild headache and breathlessness on mild exertion; 20-30% headache, irritability, rapid fatigue and impaired memory; 30-40% severe headache, weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, visual impairment and confusion; 40-50% increasing confusion, ataxia and collapse; 50-60% coma; >80% rapid death. Chronic exposure to carbon monoxide may result in an increase in cardiovascular problems. Can aggravate some diseases of the cardiovascular system such as coronary artery disease. The effect is enhanced by cigarette smoking. Adverse behavioural effects have been noted including impairment of vigilance, co-ordination, timing, behaviour, visual perception and certain cognitive functions. Some adaptation occurs in individuals repeatedly exposed to moderate concentrations. Developmental defects on foetuses can occur without maternal symptoms. Carbon dioxide is normally present in the air at a concentration of 340ppm by volume. Adverse health affects to long term exposure to carbon dioxide have not been reported. However, in environments such as submarines where exposure to levels of 0.5-1.0% may occur, specialist medical opinion should be sought on the effects of long term exposure.

**Eve** Non irritant.

Inhalation Irritant. Over exposure to carbon monoxide may result in rapid breathing, nausea, lack of coordination,

unconsciousness and coma. Reacts with blood haemoglobin to prevent oxygen uptake.

**Skin** Non irritant

**Ingestion** Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

**Toxicity Data** CARBON MONOXIDE (630-08-0)

LC50 (Inhalation): 1807 ppm/4H (rat) LCLo (Inhalation): 5000 ppm/5M (human)

CARBON DIOXIDE (124-38-9)

LC50 (Inhalation): 470000 ppm/30M (rat) LCLo (Inhalation): 9 pph/5M (human)

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environment** 

If released to the atmosphere this product will not contribute to ozone depletion or global warming. If released to soil or water this product will quickly evaporate to the atmosphere. Not toxic to plants or animals except at extremely high (asphyxiating) levels.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

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### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Transport** 

Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed. Refer to Commonwealth, State and Territory Dangerous Goods Legislation which contain requirements which affect gas storage and transport.



## CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

Shipping Name COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.

**UN No.** 1956 **DG Class** 2.2 **Subsidiary Risk(s)** None Allocated

Packing Group None Allocated Hazchem Code 2TE EPG 2C1

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform

Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).

All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information

The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.

APPLICATION METHOD: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

ADB - Air-Dry Basis.

BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s)

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

CNS - Central Nervous System.

EINECS - European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.

mg/m3 - Milligrams per cubic metre.

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.

NTP - National Toxicology Program.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).

ppm - Parts Per Million.

RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

## **HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a Chem Alert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this Chem Alert report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

#### **Report Status**

This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer of the product and serves as the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet ('SDS').

It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate

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safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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