

# **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

# 1952

Product Name 7 COMPONENT MIXTURE (C2H6, CO2, C2H4, N2, CO, CH4, BALANCE H2)

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 1952 - MSDS NUMBER · PRODUCT CODES: 285 288 · SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE

Use(s) CALIBRATION · INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

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#### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

**RISK PHRASES** 

R12 Extremely Flammable. R20 Harmful by inhalation.

R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.

R61 May cause harm to the unborn child.

**SAFETY PHRASES** 

S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where

possible).

S53 Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.

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

**UN Number** 1954 **DG Division** 2.1

Packing Group None Allocated Subsidiary Risk(s) None Allocated

Hazchem Code 2SE

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Ingredient      | Identification                 | Classification                 | Content |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| METHANE         | CAS: 74-82-8<br>EC: 200-812-7  | F+;R12                         | 24%     |
| CARBON MONOXIDE | CAS: 630-08-0<br>EC: 211-128-3 | F+;R12 T;R23 T;R48/23<br>T;R61 | 4%      |
| ETHYLENE        | CAS: 74-85-1<br>EC: 200-815-3  | F+;R12 Xn;R67                  | 2%      |
| ETHANE          | CAS: 74-84-0<br>EC: 200-814-8  | F+;R12                         | 1%      |

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| HYDROGEN       | CAS: 1333-74-0<br>EC: 215-605-7 | F+;R12        | Remainder |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| CARBON DIOXIDE | CAS: 124-38-9<br>EC: 204-696-9  | Not Available | 2%        |
| NITROGEN       | CAS: 7727-37-9<br>EC: 231-783-9 | Not Available | 2%        |

## 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). Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poison

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 Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability Highly flammable. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing

switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones etc. when handling.

Fire and Explosion Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be

activated. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot. This material is capable of forming

explosive mixtures in air.

**Extinguishing** Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve.

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2 Water Fog (or fine water spray if fog unavailable)

S Self Contained Breathing apparatus and protective gloves.

E Evacuation of people in the vicinity of the incident should be considered.

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spillage** 

If the cylinder is leaking, eliminate all potential ignition sources and evacuate area of personnel. Prevent spreading of vapours through drains and ventilation systems. 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 sources of ignition or 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.



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# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Exposure Standards**

| Ingredient                   | Reference | TWA        |       | STEL  |       |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ingredient                   | Iverence  | ppm        | mg/m³ | ppm   | mg/m³ |
| Carbon dioxide               | SWA (AUS) | 5000       | 9000  | 30000 | 54000 |
| Carbon dioxide in coal mines | SWA (AUS) | 12500      | 22500 | 30000 | 54000 |
| Carbon monoxide              | SWA (AUS) | 30         | 34    |       |       |
| Ethane                       | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |       |       |       |
| Ethylene                     | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |       |       |       |
| Hydrogen                     | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |       |       |       |
| Methane                      | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |       |       |       |
| Nitrogen                     | SWA (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-exhaled air | 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. Flammable/explosive vapours may accumulate in poorly

ventilated areas. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

PPE

Eye / FaceWear safety glasses.HandsWear leather gloves.BodyWear safety boots.

Respiratory Where an inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line

respirator.







# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance COLOURLESS GAS** Odour SLIGHT ODOUR **Flammability** HIGHLY FLAMMABLE Flash point **NOT AVAILABLE Boiling point NOT AVAILABLE Melting point NOT AVAILABLE Evaporation rate NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE** Vapour density **NOT AVAILABLE** Specific gravity **NOT APPLICABLE** Solubility (water) 0.018 L/L (Hydrogen) Vapour pressure **NOT AVAILABLE NOT AVAILABLE Upper explosion limit** Lower explosion limit 4 % (Hydrogen) Autoignition temperature NOT AVAILABLE **Decomposition temperature** NOT AVAILABLE **Viscosity** NOT AVAILABLE **Partition coefficient** NOT AVAILABLE

**% Volatiles** 100 % 13000 kPa @ 15°C



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Cylinder pressure (when full)

## 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 Carbon monoxide can react with iron, nickel and other metals. Below 3,500 kPa corrosion is

negligible and common materials can be used. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, sodium peroxide. Corrosive when moist. Dust of aluminium, chrome, manganese may ignite then explode when heated in carbon dioxide. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, metal acetylides, sodium peroxide. Ethylene explodes spontaneously when mixed with chlorine in sunlight or UV radiation.

Reacts vigorously with oxidising agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition** 

**Products** 

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.

Eye Non irritant.

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

unconsciousness and coma. Carbon monoxide reacts with haemoglobin in the blood to prevent

oxygen uptake and release.

**Skin** Non irritant.

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

Toxicity Data METHANE (74-82-8)

LC50 (inhalation) 326 gm/m3/2h (mouse)

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** When discharged to the atmosphere, carbon dioxide may contribute to the greenhouse effect.

Carbon monoxide is slowly oxidised in the atmosphere to carbon dioxide.

### 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.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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|                      | LAND TRANSPORT<br>(ADG)           | SEA TRANSPORT<br>(IMDG / IMO) | AIR TRANSPORT<br>(IATA / ICAO) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| UN Number            | 1954                              | -                             | -                              |
| Proper Shipping Name | COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. | -                             | -                              |
| DG Class/ Division   | 2.1                               | -                             | -                              |
| Subsidiary Risk(s)   | None Allocated                    | -                             | -                              |
| Packing Group        | None Allocated                    | -                             | -                              |
| GTEPG                | 2A1                               |                               |                                |
| Hazchem Code         | 2SE                               |                               |                                |

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.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Poison Schedule** 

Other Information

A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)

Inventory Listing(s)

**AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)** 

All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

### 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.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this ChemAlert 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.

#### 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 ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.



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Abbreviations ACGIH American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

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

CNS Central Nervous System

EC No. EC No - European Community Number

GHS Globally Harmonized System

IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer

mg/m³ Milligrams per Cubic Metre
PEL Permissible Exposure Limit

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

alkaline).

ppm Parts Per Million

REACH Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

STOT-RE Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

SUSMP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

TLV Threshold Limit Value

TWA/OEL Time Weighted Average or Occupational Exposure Limit

#### **Revision History**

| Revision | Description          |
|----------|----------------------|
| 1.0      | Standard SDS Review. |

### **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 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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