

## **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

# 1666

Product Name LESS THAN 1.7% PHOSPHINE, BALANCE NITROGEN

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 1666 - 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** 

R23 Toxic by inhalation.

**SAFETY PHRASES** 

S23 Do not breathe gas.

S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.

S36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

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

possible).

Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheets.

In case of accident by inhalation, remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.

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

**UN number** 1955 **DG division** 2.3

Packing group None Allocated Subsidiary risk(s) None Allocated

Hazchem code 2RE

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Identification	Classification	Content
PHOSPHINE	CAS: 7803-51-2 EC: 232-260-8	F+;R12 F;R17 T+;R26 C;R34 N;R50	<1.7%
NITROGEN	CAS: 7727-37-9 EC: 231-783-9	Not Available	Remainder

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Cold burns: Immediately flush with tepid water or with sterile saline solution. Hold eyelids apart and

irrigate for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention.

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



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available.

**Skin**Cold burns: Remove contaminated clothing and gently flush affected areas with warm water (30°C)

for 15 minutes. Apply sterile dressing and treat as for a thermal burn. For large burns, immerse in warm water for 15 minutes. DO NOT apply any form of direct heat. Seek immediate medical

attention.

**Ingestion** Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Advice to doctor There is no specific antidote to phosphine poisoning and treatment is therefore symptomatic and

supportive. Usual methods for pulmonary oedema, renal failure, cerebral oedema and circulatory

collapse. Treatment for cold burns or asphyxiation.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

### 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. Remove cool cylinders from the path of the fire. Evacuate the area if unable to keep cylinders cool. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being

hot.

**Extinguishing** Use water fog to cool containers from protected area.

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Water Fog (or fine water spray if fog unavailable)

R Full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing apparatus.

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

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Use

personal protective equipment as detailed in Section 8 of this SDS.

**Environmental precautions** Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be

dangerous.

Methods of cleaning up Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge if safe to do so. Do

not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

**References** See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

### 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. Replace valve seal and protective cap when

not in use.

Handling Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and 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.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Exposure standards**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
Ingredient	Reference	ppm	mg/m³	ppm	mg/m³
Nitrogen	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Phosphine	SWA (AUS)	0.3	0.42	1	1.4

Biological limits No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction

ventilation is recommended.

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**PPE** 

Eye / Face Wear safety glasses.

Hands Wear cotton or leather gloves.Body Wear safety boots and coveralls.

**Respiratory** Wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.











## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**COLOURLESS GAS Appearance** ROTTEN FISH ODOUR Odour **Flammability** NON FLAMMABLE Flash point NOT RELEVANT **Boiling point** NOT AVAILABLE **Melting point** NOT AVAILABLE **Evaporation rate** NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE pН Vapour density 1.18 (Posphine)

Vapour density
Specific gravity
Solubility (water)
Vapour pressure

1.18 (Posphine)
NOT APPLICABLE
0.0149 L/L (Nitrogen)
NOT AVAILABLE

**Upper explosion limit** 1.2 % (Phosphine in nitrogen)

Lower explosion limit
Autoignition temperature
Decomposition temperature
Viscosity

NOT AVAILABLE
NOT AVAILABLE
NOT AVAILABLE

Partition coefficient NOT AVAILABLE

% Volatiles 100 %

#### 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 Moist carbon dioxide is corrosive, hence acid resistant materials are required (stainless steel).

Certain properties of some plastics and rubbers may be affected by carbon dioxide, ie. embrittlement, leaching of plasticisers, etc. Dust of aluminium, chrome and manganese ignite and explode when heated in carbon dioxide. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, metal acetylides, sodium peroxide. Reacts with oxygen, halogens, nitric acid and some chlorides and nitrates.

Corrosive when moist.

**Hazardous Decomposition** 

**Products** 

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

Hazardous Reactions Polymerization will not occur.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary Highly toxic - causes burns. Primary hazard is phosphine which acts on the central nervous system, lungs, heart and may result in injury to kidneys and other organs. Sub-acute exposure may result in anaemia, bronchitis, gastro-intestinal disorder, speech and motor disturbances (double vision, tremor and gait difficulties. Symptoms usually appear rapidly but may be delayed 1 to 3 days. Symptoms at higher exposure include faintness, weakness, apathy, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, tremors, intense thirst, abdominal pain, oppressed feeling in chest, dyspnoea, cough with sputum, coughing of frothy liquid, convulsions, paralysis and coma. It has been claimed that chronic exposure may effect the bones in a manner similar to white phosphorous, but such exposure is unlikely.

Eye Irritant vapour. Low temperature evaporating liquid can cause cold burns.

Inhalation Highly toxic - severe irritant. Phosphine acts on the central nervous system, lungs, heart and may

result in injury to kidneys and other organs. Sub-acute exposure may result in anaemia, bronchitis,

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gastro-intestinal disorder, speech and motor disturbances (double vision, tremor and gait difficulties. Symptoms usually appear rapidly but may be delayed 1 to 3 days. Symptoms at higher exposure include faintness, weakness, apathy, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, tremors, intense thirst, abdominal pain, oppressed feeling in chest, dyspnoea, cough with sputum, coughing of frothy liquid, convulsions, paralysis and coma. Effects may be delayed.

**Skin** Irritating vapour. Direct contact with the liquefied material or escaping compressed gas may cause

frost-bite injury.

Ingestion Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form. However, ingestion of liquid may result in burns

to the mouth and throat.

Toxicity data PHOSPHINE (7803-51-2)

LC50 (inhalation) 11ppm/4 hours (rat) LCLo (inhalation) 1000ppm/5min (human)

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

No information provided.

Persistence and degradability

No information provided.

Bioaccumulative potential

No information provided.

Mobility in soil

No information provided.

Other adverse effects When discharged to the atmosphere, carbon dioxide may contribute to the greenhouse effect.

### 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

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



(ADG) (IMDG / IMO) (IATA / ICAO) **UN** number 1955 1955 1955 Proper shipping name COMPRESSED GAS, TOXIC, N.O.S. **DG class/ Division** 23 2.3 23 Subsidiary risk(s) None Allocated None Allocated None Allocated None Allocated None Allocated None Allocated **Packing group** 

Hazchem code 2RE EMS F-C, S-U

Other information Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and foodstuffs. Refer to Commonwealth, State and Territory

Dangerous Goods Legislation which contain requirements which affect gas storage and transport.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison schedule Classified as a Schedule 7 (S7) 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.

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### 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: Liquid withdrawal through specialised equipment and controlled gas distribution to produce or building.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this 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.

#### **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 LD50 Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose

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	
2.0	Standard SDS Review.	
1.0	Initial SDS creation	

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