

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Product Name **10 PART MIXTURE, BALANCE NITROGEN (SDS# 2387)**

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 2387 - SDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODE: 2884006 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE
Use(s) CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
SDS Date 01 Feb 2011

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

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

UN No. 1954 **DG Class** 2.1 **Subsidiary Risk(s)** None Allocated
Packing Group None Allocated **Hazchem Code** 2SE

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Ingredient | Formula | CAS No. | Content (v/v) |
|------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| HYDROGEN | H2 | 1333-74-0 | 10% |
| METHANE | C-H4 | 74-82-8 | 6% |
| ETHYLENE | C2-H4 | 74-85-1 | 5% |
| ETHANE | C2-H6 | 74-84-0 | 1% |
| PROPYLENE | C3-H6 | 115-07-1 | 1% |
| PROPANE | C3-H8 | 74-98-6 | 0.2% |
| BUTANE | C4-H10 | 106-97-8 | 0.1% |
| N-HEXANE | C6-H14 | 110-54-3 | 0.1% |
| PENTANE | C5-H12 | 109-66-0 | 0.1% |
| NITROGEN | N2 | 7727-37-9 | remainder |

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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| 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 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

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| Flammability | Highly flammable. Product will add fuel to a fire. 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 with air. |
| Extinguishing | Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve. If the gas source cannot be isolated, do not extinguish the flame, since re-ignition and explosion could occur. Await arrival of emergency services or manufacturer's advisor. Drench and cool cylinders with water spray from protected area at a safe distance. If it is absolutely necessary to extinguish the flame, use only a dry chemical powder extinguisher. Do not move cylinders for at least 24 hours. Avoid shock and bumps to cylinders. |
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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| 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. |
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7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

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| 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. |

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Stds

| Ingredient | Reference | TWA | | STEL | |
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| | | | | | |
| Butane | SWA (AUS) | 800 ppm | 1900 mg/m ³ | -- | -- |
| Ethane | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| Ethylene | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| Hydrogen | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| Methane | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| Nitrogen | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| Pentane | SWA (AUS) | 600 ppm | 1770 mg/m ³ | 750 ppm | 2210 mg/m ³ |
| Propane | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| Propylene | SWA (AUS) | | Asphyxiant | | |
| n-Hexane | SWA (AUS) | 20 ppm | 72 mg/m ³ | -- | -- |

Biological Limits

| Ingredient | Reference | Determinant | Sampling Time | BEI |
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| Ingredient | Reference | Determinant | Sampling Time | BEI |
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| N-HEXANE | ACGIH BEI | 2,5-Hexanedione in urine (without hydrolysis) | End of shift at end of workweek | 0.4 mg/L |

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 an inhalation risk exists, wear: self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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| Appearance | COLOURLESS GAS | Solubility (water) | INSOLUBLE |
| Odour | HYDROCARBON ODOUR | Specific Gravity | NOT APPLICABLE |
| pH | NOT APPLICABLE | % Volatiles | 100 % |
| Vapour Pressure | NOT AVAILABLE | Flammability | HIGHLY FLAMMABLE |
| Vapour Density | 0.555 (Air = 1) (Methane) | Flash Point | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Boiling Point | NOT RELEVANT | Upper Explosion Limit | 75 % (Hydrogen) |
| Melting Point | NOT RELEVANT | Lower Explosion Limit | 4 % (Hydrogen) |
| Evaporation Rate | NOT APPLICABLE | Decomposition Temperature | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Autoignition Temperature | 537°C (Methane) | Viscosity | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Partition Coefficient | NOT AVAILABLE | | |

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| Chemical Stability | Stable under recommended conditions of storage. |
| Conditions to Avoid | Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. |
| Material to Avoid | Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg. hypochlorites), acids (eg. nitric acid), heat and ignition sources. Do not use natural rubber flexible hoses. Also incompatible (potentially violently) with oxygen, halogens and metal halides. |
| Hazardous Decomposition Products | This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present. |
| Hazardous Reactions | Polymerization will not occur. |

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| Health Hazard Summary | Asphyxiant gas. Symptoms of exposure are directly related to displacement of oxygen. As the amount of oxygen inhaled is reduced from 21-14% volume, the pulse rate may accelerate and the rate and volume of breathing may increase. The ability to maintain attention and think clearly is diminished, muscular co-ordination is somewhat disturbed. As oxygen decreases from 14-10% volume, judgement becomes faulty, severe injuries may result in no pain. Muscular effort may lead to rapid fatigue. Further reduction to 6% may result in nausea and vomiting. Ability to move may be lost. Permanent brain damage may result even after resuscitation from exposure to this low level of oxygen. Below 6% breathing is in gasps and convulsions may occur. Inhalation of a mixture containing no oxygen may result in unconsciousness from the first breath and death may follow in minutes. |
| Eye | Non irritant. |
| Inhalation | Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. |
| Skin | Non irritant. |
| Ingestion | Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form. |
| Toxicity Data | N-HEXANE (110-54-3) LC50 (Inhalation): 48000 ppm/4 hours (rat) LD50 (Ingestion): 25 g/kg (rat) |

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LD50 (Skin): 3000 mg/kg (rabbit)
PENTANE (109-66-0)
LC50 (Inhalation): 364 g/m³/4 hours (rat)
LCLo (Inhalation): 325 g/m³/2 hours (mouse)
LD50 (Intravenous): 446 mg/kg (mouse)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environment When discharged into the atmosphere, methane may contribute to the greenhouse effect. Methane has a global warming potential of 21 (CO₂ = 1).

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

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.



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| Shipping Name | COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Contains hydrogen) | | | | |
| UN No. | 1954 | DG Class | 2.1 | Subsidiary Risk(s) | None Allocated |
| Packing Group | None Allocated | Hazchem Code | 2SE | GTEPG | 2A1 |

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).

AICS 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:

ACGIH - American Conference of Industrial Hygienists.
ADG - Australian Dangerous Goods.
BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s).
CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.
CNS - Central Nervous System.
EC No - European Community Number.
HSNO - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.
mg/m³ - Milligrams per Cubic Metre.
NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.
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.
STEL - Short Term Exposure Limit.
SWA - Safe Work Australia.
TWA - Time Weighted Average.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

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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').

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