

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 2490

Product Name **11 COMPONENT MIXTURE, BALANCE METHANE (# 2490)**

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**Synonym(s)** 2490 - MSDS NUMBER • BOC COMPONENT MIXTURE  
**Use(s)** CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS  
**SDS date** 10 September 2014

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

**Risk Phrases**

R12 Extremely Flammable.

**Safety Phrases**

S2 Keep out of reach of children.  
S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place.  
S16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.  
S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

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**UN Number** 1954 **Transport Hazard Class** 2.1  
**Packing Group** None Allocated **Hazchem Code** 2SE

### 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Ingredient | Identification                 | Classification                                                         | Content   |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| ETHANE     | CAS: 74-84-0<br>EC: 200-814-8  | F+;R12                                                                 | <6.75%    |
| PROPANE    | CAS: 74-98-6<br>EC: 200-827-9  | F+;R12                                                                 | <2%       |
| ISOBUTANE  | CAS: 75-28-5<br>EC: 200-857-2  | F+;R12                                                                 | <0.25%    |
| ISOPENTANE | CAS: 78-78-4<br>EC: 201-142-8  | F+;R12, N;R51/53,<br>Xn;R65, Xi;R66, Xn;R67                            | <0.05%    |
| N-HEXANE   | CAS: 110-54-3<br>EC: 203-777-6 | F;R11, Xi;R38,<br>Xn;R48/20, N;R51/53,<br>Repr.;R62, Xn;R65,<br>Xn;R67 | <0.05%    |
| METHANE    | CAS: 74-82-8<br>EC: 200-812-7  | F+;R12                                                                 | Remainder |

|                |                                 |               |       |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| NITROGEN       | CAS: 7727-37-9<br>EC: 231-783-9 | Not Available | <5%   |
| CARBON DIOXIDE | CAS: 124-38-9<br>EC: 204-696-9  | Not Available | <2%   |
| N-BUTANE       | Not Available                   | Not Available | <0.5% |
| N-PENTANE      | Not Available                   | Not Available | <0.5% |
| NEOPENTANE     | Not Available                   | Not Available | <0.5% |

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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| <b>Eye</b>              | If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Inhalation</b>       | 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. Contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor. For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor. |
| <b>Skin</b>             | None required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Ingestion</b>        | Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Advice to doctor</b> | Treat symptomatically.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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| <b>Flammability</b>       | Highly flammable. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones etc. when handling.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Fire and explosion</b> | 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. |
| <b>Extinguishing</b>      | Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Hazchem code</b>       | 2SE<br>2 Water Fog (or fine water spray if fog unavailable)<br>S Self Contained Breathing apparatus and protective gloves.<br>E Evacuation of people in the vicinity of the incident should be considered.                                                                                                                           |

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| <b>Personal precautions</b>      | If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate ignition sources. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres. |
| <b>Environmental precautions</b> | Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Methods of cleaning up</b>    | 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.                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>References</b>                | See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

#### 7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

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| <b>Storage</b>  | 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. |
| <b>Handling</b> | 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  |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
|                              |           | ppm        | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | ppm   | mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Carbon dioxide               | SWA (AUS) | 5000       | 9000              | 30000 | 54000             |
| Carbon dioxide in coal mines | SWA (AUS) | 12500      | 22500             | 30000 | 54000             |
| Ethane                       | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |       |                   |
| Isobutane                    | SWA (AUS) | 1000       | --                | --    | --                |
| Methane                      | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |       |                   |
| Nitrogen                     | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |       |                   |
| Propane                      | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant |                   |       |                   |
| n-Hexane                     | SWA (AUS) | 20         | 72                | --    | --                |

### Biological limits

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

Reference: ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices

### Engineering controls

Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical explosion proof extraction ventilation is recommended. Flammable/explosive vapours may accumulate in poorly ventilated areas. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

### PPE

|             |                                                                                                            |
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| Eye / Face  | Wear safety glasses.                                                                                       |
| Hands       | Wear leather gloves.                                                                                       |
| Body        | Wear safety boots.                                                                                         |
| Respiratory | 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   |
| Odour                     | ODOURLESS        |
| Flammability              | HIGHLY FLAMMABLE |
| Flash point               | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Boiling point             | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Melting point             | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Evaporation rate          | NOT APPLICABLE   |
| pH                        | NOT APPLICABLE   |
| Vapour density            | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Specific gravity          | NOT APPLICABLE   |
| Solubility (water)        | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Vapour pressure           | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Upper explosion limit     | 15 % (Methane)   |
| Lower explosion limit     | 5.3 % (Methane)  |
| Partition coefficient     | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Autoignition temperature  | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Decomposition temperature | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Viscosity                 | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Explosive properties      | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Oxidising properties      | NOT AVAILABLE    |
| Odour threshold           | NOT AVAILABLE    |

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% Volatiles                      100 %

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| <b>Chemical stability</b>               | Stable under recommended conditions of storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Conditions to avoid</b>              | Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Material to avoid</b>                | 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, manganese may ignite then explode when heated in carbon dioxide. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, metal acetylides, sodium peroxide. |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b> | This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Hazardous Reactions</b>              | Polymerization will not occur.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| Health Hazard Summary | Asphyxiant gas. Carbon dioxide concentrations of 3-5 % in air cause increased respiration and headache. Concentrations of 8-15% cause headache, nausea and vomiting which may lead to unconsciousness if not moved to open air and given oxygen. Inhalation of a mixture containing no oxygen may result in unconsciousness from the first breath and death may follow in minutes. Adverse health affects to long term exposure to carbon dioxide have not been reported.                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |
| 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         | <div>PROPANE (74-98-6)</div> <table><tr><td>LC50 (inhalation)</td><td>&gt; 800000 ppm/15M (rat)</td></tr></table> <div>N-HEXANE (110-54-3)</div> <table><tr><td>LC50 (inhalation)</td><td>48000 ppm/4 hours (rat)</td></tr><tr><td>LD50 (ingestion)</td><td>25 g/kg (rat)</td></tr><tr><td>LD50 (skin)</td><td>3000 mg/kg (rabbit)</td></tr></table> <div>METHANE (74-82-8)</div> <table><tr><td>LC50 (inhalation)</td><td>326 gm/m3/2h (mouse)</td></tr></table> <div>CARBON DIOXIDE (124-38-9)</div> <table><tr><td>LC50 (inhalation)</td><td>470000 ppm/30M (rat)</td></tr><tr><td>LCLo (inhalation)</td><td>9 pph/5M (human)</td></tr></table> |  | LC50 (inhalation) | > 800000 ppm/15M (rat) | LC50 (inhalation) | 48000 ppm/4 hours (rat) | LD50 (ingestion) | 25 g/kg (rat) | LD50 (skin) | 3000 mg/kg (rabbit) | LC50 (inhalation) | 326 gm/m3/2h (mouse) | LC50 (inhalation) | 470000 ppm/30M (rat) | LCLo (inhalation) | 9 pph/5M (human) |
| LC50 (inhalation)     | > 800000 ppm/15M (rat)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |
| LC50 (inhalation)     | 48000 ppm/4 hours (rat)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |
| LD50 (ingestion)      | 25 g/kg (rat)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |
| LD50 (skin)           | 3000 mg/kg (rabbit)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |
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| LC50 (inhalation)     | 470000 ppm/30M (rat)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |
| LCLo (inhalation)     | 9 pph/5M (human)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                   |                        |                   |                         |                  |               |             |                     |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |                  |

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| <b>Toxicity</b>                      | No information provided.                                                                   |
| <b>Persistence and degradability</b> | No information provided.                                                                   |
| <b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>     | No information provided.                                                                   |
| <b>Mobility in soil</b>              | No information provided.                                                                   |
| <b>Other adverse effects</b>         | When discharged to the atmosphere, carbon dioxide may contribute to the greenhouse effect. |

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| <b>Waste disposal</b> | Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents. |
| <b>Legislation</b>    | Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.                              |

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## 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,<br>FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. | -                             | -                              |
| Transport Hazard Class | 2.1                                  | -                             | -                              |
| Packing Group          | None Allocated                       | -                             | -                              |

**Environmental hazards** No information provided**Special precautions for user****Hazchem code** 2SE**GTEPG** 2A1**Other information** 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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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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**Poison schedule** 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.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**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 valve or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment.

**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.

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|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Abbreviations</b> | 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                                                     |
|                      | LC50              | Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration                                         |
|                      | LD50              | Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose                                                           |
|                      | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Milligrams per Cubic Metre                                                                      |
|                      | OEL               | Occupational Exposure Limit                                                                     |
|                      | 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              |
|                      | STEL              | Short-Term Exposure Limit                                                                       |
|                      | 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                                    |
|                      | SWA               | Safe Work Australia                                                                             |
|                      | TLV               | Threshold Limit Value                                                                           |
|                      | TWA               | Time Weighted Average                                                                           |

**Revision history**

| Revision | Description          |
|----------|----------------------|
| 2.0      | Standard SDS Review. |
| 1.1      | Standard SDS Review  |
| 1.0      | Initial SDS creation |

**Report status**

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

It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer, importer or supplier 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, importer or supplier.

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