

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 2502

Product Name **80% METHANE, BALANCE HYDROGEN**

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**Synonym(s)** 2502 - MSDS NUMBER · SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE  
**Use(s)** CALIBRATION · INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS  
**SDS Date** 13 January 2012

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

#### RISK PHRASES

R12 Extremely Flammable.

#### SAFETY PHRASES

S16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

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<b>UN Number</b>	1954	<b>DG Division</b>	2.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	None Allocated	<b>Subsidiary Risk(s)</b>	None Allocated
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	2SE		

### 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	Cas No.	Content (w/w)
METHANE	C-H4	74-82-8	80%
HYDROGEN	H2	1333-74-0	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 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. Product will add fuel to a fire. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes,

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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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- 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.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION****Exposure Standards**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Hydrogen	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Methane	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			

**Biological Limits**

No biological limit allocated.

**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****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.



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**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)	0.033 L/L (Methane)
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	15 % (Methane)
Lower explosion limit	5.3 % (Methane)
Autoignition temperature	537°C (Methane)
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
% Volatiles	100 %
Cylinder pressure (when full)	1100 kPa @ 15°C

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**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. Dust of aluminium, chrome, manganese may ignite then explode when heated in carbon dioxide. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, metal acetylides, sodium peroxide.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.
Hazardous Reactions	Polymerization will not occur.

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**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	METHANE (74-82-8) LC50 (inhalation) 326 gm/m <sup>3</sup> /2h (mouse)

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Environment	No known ecological damage is caused by this product. When discharged into the atmosphere, methane may contribute to the greenhouse effect. Methane has a global warming potential of 21 (CO <sub>2</sub> = 1).
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### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<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.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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

<b>Poison Schedule</b>	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)
<b>Inventory Listing(s)</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.</p> <p>APPLICATION METHOD: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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
	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	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
0.1	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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