Safety data sheet
Ethane

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier
Product name
Ethane

EC No (from EINECS): 200-814-8
CAS No: 74-84-0
Index-Nr. 601-002-00-X
Chemical formula C2H6
REACH Registration number:
Not available.

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
Relevant identified uses
Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.
Uses advised against
Consumer use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
Company identification
BOC, Priestley Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 2UT
E-Mail Address ReachSDS@boc.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number
Emergency phone numbers (24h): 0800 111 333

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification acc. to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008/EC (CLP/GHS)
Press. Gas (Liquefied gas) - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
Flam. Gas 1 - Extremely flammable gas.

Classification acc. to Directive 67/548/EEC & 1999/45/EC
F+; R12
Extremely flammable.
Risk advice to man and the environment
Liquefied gas.
Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite.

2.2. Label elements
- Labelling Pictograms

- Signal word

Danger

- Hazard Statements

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
H220	Extremely flammable gas.

- Precautionary Statements

Precautionary Statement Prevention

P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

Precautionary Statement Response

P377	Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
P381	Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

Precautionary Statement Storage

P403	Store in a well-ventilated place.

Precautionary Statement Disposal

None.

2.3. Other hazards
Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture: Substance.

3.1. Substances
Ethane
CAS No: 74-84-0
Index-Nr.: 601-002-00-X
EC No (from EINECS): 200-814-8
REACH Registration number:
Not available.
Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

3.2. Mixtures
Not applicable.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures
First Aid General Information:
Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
First Aid Inhalation:
Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
First Aid Skin / Eye:
For liquid spillage - flush with water for at least 15 minutes. In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.
First Aid Ingestion:
Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
None.

SECTION 5: Fire fighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Water fog. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Use water spray or fog to control fire fumes.
Unsuitable extinguishing media
Do not use a solid water stream.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Specific hazards
Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
Hazardous combustion products
If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition:
Carbon monoxide.

5.3. Advice for fire-fighters
Specific methods
If possible, stop flow of product. Move container away or cool with water from a protected position. Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters
Normal firefighters' equipment consists of an appropriate SCBA (open-circuit positive pressure compressed air type) in combination with fire kit. Equipment and clothing to the following standards will provide a suitable level of protection for firefighters. Clothing for fire-fighters conforming to EN 469 will provide a basic level of protection from chemical incidents. EN 469:2005: Protective clothing for firefighters. Performance requirements for protective clothing for firefighting. EN 15090 Footwear for firefighters. EN 443 Helmets for fire fighting in buildings and other structures. EN 659 Protective gloves for firefighters. EN 137 Respiratory protective devices — Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask — Requirements, testing, marking.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Evacuate area. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate ignition sources. Use protective clothing. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.

6.2. Environmental precautions
Try to stop release. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up
Ventilate area.

6.4. Reference to other sections
See also sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling
The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Purge air from system before introducing gas. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt. Keep away from ignition sources (including static discharges). Refer to supplier's handling instructions. Purge system with dry inert gas (e.g. helium or nitrogen) before gas is introduced and when system is placed out of service. Assess the risk of potentially explosive atmosphere and the need for explosion-proof equipment. Consider the use of only non-sparking tools. Do not smoke while handling product. Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Protect containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the container contents. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. Ensure the complete gas system has been (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use. If user experiences any difficulty operating container valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier. Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminates particularly oil and water. Never attempt to transfer gases from one container to another. Ensure equipment is adequately earthed. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Secure cylinders to prevent them from falling. Segregate from oxidant gases and other oxidants in store. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Cylinders should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent falling over. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general conditions and leakage. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep away from combustible materials. All electrical equipment in the storage areas should be compatible with the risk of potentially explosive atmosphere.

7.3. Specific end use(s)
None.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters
No occupational exposure limit.

8.2. Exposure controls
Appropriate engineering controls
A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered. Product to be handled in a closed system. Gas detectors should be used when quantities of flammable gases/vapours may be released. Keep concentrations well below lower explosion limits. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Provide adequate general or local ventilation. The substance is not classified for human health hazards or for environment effects and it is not PBT or vPvB so that no exposure assessment or risk characterisation is required. For tasks where the intervention of workers is required, the substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.
Personal protective equipment
Eye and face protection

Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes. Wear a face-shield when transfilling and breaking transfer connections. Safety eyewear, goggles or face-shield to EN166 should be used to avoid exposure to liquid splashes. Full-face mask recommended
Guideline:
EN136 Respiratory protective devices. Full face masks. Requirements, testing, marking
Skin protection
Hand protection
Advice: Wear cold insulating gloves.
Guideline: EN 511 Protective gloves against cold.

Advice: Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers.

Body protection
Protect eyes, face and skin from contact with product. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use. Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved.
Guideline:
EN 943: Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, aerosols and solid particles. Performance requirements for gas-tight (Type 1) chemical protective suits for emergency teams
Other protection
Wear flame resistant/retardant clothing. Take precautionary measures against static discharges Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers. ISO 20345 Safety footwear.
Respiratory protection
Not required
Thermal hazards
If there is a risk of contact with the liquid, all protective equipment should be suitable for extremely low temperatures.
Environmental Exposure Controls
Specific risk management measures are not required beyond good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties
General information
Appearance/Colour: Colourless gas.
Odour: None. Stenchant often added
Melting point: -183 °C
Boiling point: -88,6 °C
Flash point: Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.
Evaporation rate:
Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.
Flammability range: 2,4 %(V) - 16 %(V)
Vapour Pressure 20 °C: 37,8 bar
Relative density, gas: 1,038
Solubility in water: 61 mg/l
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: 1,81 logPow
Autoignition temperature: 515 °C
Viscosity:
Dynamic: 0,042 mPa.s
Molecular weight: 30 g/mol
Critical temperature: 32 °C
Relative density, liquid: 0,54

9.2. Other information
Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity
Unreactive under normal conditions.

10.2. Chemical stability
Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions
May react violently with oxidants., Can form potential explosive atmosphere in air.

10.4. Conditions to avoid
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

10.5. Incompatible materials
Oxidising agents. Air, Oxidiser. For material compatibility see latest version of ISO-11114.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products
Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition:
Carbon monoxide.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects
Acute inhalation toxicity
Value: LC50
Species: Rat
Exposure time: 0,25 h
Value in standard unit mg/l: 1.443 mg/l
Read across

Value: EC50
Species: Rat
Exposure time: 0,17 h
Value in non-standard unit: 504,96 mg/m3
Read across
Repeated dose toxicity
Species: Rat
Route of application: Inhalation
Value type: NOAEC
Value: 19678 mg/m3

Species: Rat
Route of application: Inhalation
Value type: NOAEC
Value: 21394 mg/m3
Read across
Genetic toxicity in vitro
Test type: Ames test in vitro:
Result: Negative.
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Read across
Genetic toxicity in vivo
Test type: Drosphila SLRL test
Negative.
Assessment mutagenicity
There is no evidence of mutagenic potential.
Toxicity to reproduction/fertility
Test type: Gestation
Species: Rat
Route of application: Inhalation

Value type: NOAEC
Value: 9.000 ppm
Method: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)

Test type: Fertility
Species: Rat
Route of application: Inhalation
Value type: NOAEC
Value: 3.000 ppm
Method: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)
Developmental toxicity/teratogenicity
Species: Rat
Route of application: Inhalation
Value type: NOAEC
Value: 9.000 ppm
Method: Read across

Method: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)

Species: Rat
Route of application: Inhalation
Value type: NOAEC
Value: ppm
Method: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)
Neurological effects
Negative.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity
No known ecological damage caused by this product.
Acute toxicity aquatic invertebrates
Species: Water flea (Daphnia magna)
Exposure time: 48 h
Value type: LC50
Value in standard unit mg/l: 46,6 mg/l

Species: Water flea (Daphnia magna)
Exposure time: 48 h
Value type: LC50
Value in standard unit mg/l: 14,22 mg/l
Read across
Toxicity aquatic plants
Test type: Fresh water
Species: Algae
Exposure time: 96 h
Value type: EC50
Value in standard unit mg/l: 16,47 mg/l

Test type: Fresh water
Species: Algae
Exposure time: 96 h
Value type: EC50
Value in standard unit mg/l: 7,71 mg/l

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Photo degradation
Half life (direct photolysis): 1.906 d
Compartment: Air
Biodegradation
Readily biodegradable

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential
Not applicable.

12.4. Mobility in soil
Not applicable.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects
Not applicable.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods
Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air. Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Contact supplier if guidance is required. Refer to the EIGA code of practice (Doc.30 “Disposal of Gases", downloadable at http://www.eiga.org) for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.
Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances
EWC Nr. 16 05 04*

SECTION 14: Transport information

ADR/RID

14.1. UN number
1035

14.2. UN proper shipping name
Ethane

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)
Class: 2
Classification Code: 2F
Labels: 2.1
Hazard number: 23
Tunnel restriction code: (B/D)
Emergency Action Code: 2YE

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)
P200

14.5. Environmental hazards
None.

14.6. Special precautions for user
None.

IMDG

14.1. UN number
1035

14.2. UN proper shipping name
Ethane

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)
Class: 2.1

Labels: 2.1
EmS: FD,SU,

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)
P200

14.5. Environmental hazards
None.

14.6. Special precautions for user
None.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code
Not applicable.

IATA

14.1. UN number
1035

14.2. UN proper shipping name
Ethane

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)
Class: 2.1
Labels: 2.1

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)
P200

14.5. Environmental hazards
None.

14.6. Special precautions for user
None.

Other transport information
Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured. Ensure that the valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure that the valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure adequate ventilation. Ensure compliance with applicable regulations. Ensure that the container valve is closed and not leaking.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
Seveso Directive 96/82/EC: Listed

Other regulations
Chemical Hazards Information and Packaging for Supply (CHIP, 1994 No. 3247)
Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH, 1999 No. 743)
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH, 2002 No. 2677)
Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR 2002 No. 2776)
Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (EPS, 1996 No. 192)
The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (2005 No. 1541)
Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999 No. 3242)
Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PER, 2000 No. 128)
Personal Protective Equipment Regulations (1992 No. 2966)
Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER, 1998 No. 2306)

15.2. Chemical safety assessment
A CSA does not need to be carried out for this product.

SECTION 16: Other information

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Ensure operators understand the flammability hazard. The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training. Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

Advice
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Further information
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As an example 2,000 is two (to three decimal places) and not two thousand, whilst 1.000 is one thousand and not one (to three decimal places).

References
Various sources of data have been used in the compilation of this SDS, they include but are not exclusive to:, European Chemical Agency: Guidance on the Compilation of Safety Data Sheets., European Chemical Agency: Information on Registered Substances http://apps.echa.europa.eu/registered/registered-sub.aspx#search , European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) Doc. 918/11 Classification, Labelling and Safety data sheet guide., ISO 10156:2010 Gases and gas mixtures -- Determination of fire potential and oxidizing ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets., International Programme on Chemical Safety (http://www.inchem.org/), Matheson Gas Data Book, 7th Edition., National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard Reference Database Number 69, The ESIS (European chemical Substances 5 Information System) platform of the former European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) ESIS (http://ecb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/esis/)., The European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) ERICards., United States of America's National Library of Medicine's toxicology data network TOXNET (http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/index.html), Substance specific information from suppliers.
EH40 (as ammended) Workplace exposure limits.

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