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## Safety Data Sheet

**SDS ID# 3040**

### Section 1. IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Pure

Product name : Methane, Compressed

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Product use : Calibration gas/Bumptest gas/Function test gas

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Intermountain Specialty Gases  
520 N. Kings Road  
Nampa, ID 83687  
Telephone 1-208-466-9425 or Toll free 1-800-552-5003  
Fax 1-208-466-9144  
www.isgases.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

### Section 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification FLAMMABLE GASES - Category 1  
GASES UNDER PRESSURE - Compressed gas  
SIMPLE ASPHYXIANTS - YES

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### Hazard pictograms



Signal word : DANGER

Hazard statements : H220 - EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE GAS  
: H280 - CONTAINS GAS UNDER PRESSURE; MAY EXPLODE IF HEATED  
: OSHA-H01 - MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION.  
: CGA-HG04 - MAY FORM EXPLOSIVE MIXTURES WITH AIR



: OSHA-H01 - MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION.

**Precautionary statements**

- [General] : Read and follow all Safety Data Sheets (SDS's) before use. Read label before use. Keep out of reach of children. If medical advice is needed, have a product container or label at hand. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure.
- [Prevention] : P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
: P210 - Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces - No smoking.  
: P271+P403- Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
: CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping.  
: CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.  
: CGA-PG12 - Do not open valve until connected to equipment prepared for use.  
: CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty.  
: CGA-PG27 - Read and follow the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use.
- [Response] : P377 - Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
: P381 - Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.  
: P304+P340+P313 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Get medical advice/attention.
- [Storage] : CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F)
- [Disposal] : Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

**2.3. Other hazards**

No additional information available

**2.4. Unknown acute toxicity**

No data available

**Section 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**3.1. Substance**

Not applicable

**3.2. Mixture**

Name	Product Identifier	%
Methane	(CAS No) 74-82-8	100

**Section 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**4.1. Description of first aid measures**

- General : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
- Inhalation : Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If



	breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. If victim feels unwell, seek medical advice.
Skin contact	: Immediately flush with copious amount of water for at least 15 minutes.
Eye contact	: Immediately flush with copious amount of water for at least 15 minutes.
Ingestion	: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure, refer to the inhalation section.

**4.2. Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

**Acute**

Inhalation	: May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.
Skin contact	: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
Eye contact	: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
Ingestion	: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure, refer to the inhalation section.
Frostbite	: Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected areas. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Self-protection of the first aider	RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Remove all sources of ignition.
Symptoms	: Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<=18%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen may cause serious injury or death.
Chronic symptoms	: Adverse effects not expected from this product.
Delayed	: Adverse effects not expected from this product.

**4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

If victim feels unwell, seek medical advice. If breathing is difficult, give artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel.

**Section 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**5.1. Extinguishing media**

Suitable extinguishing media	: Dry chemical or CO2. Water spray (fog). DO NOT EXTINGUISH A LEAKING GAS FIRE UNLESS LEAK CAN BE STOPPED.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: None known.

**5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Fire hazard	: This product is flammable.
Explosion hazard	: Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire and increasing risk of burns and injuries.
Reactivity	: None known.

**5.3. Advice for fire-fighters**

Firefighting instructions	: In case of fire: Evacuate all personnel from the danger area. Stop the leak and flow of gas before extinguishing fire, if safe to do so. If this is not possible, withdraw from
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area and allow fire to burn. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Let the fire burn. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

Protection during firefighting

: Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, SCBA) for fire fighters. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

**Section 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation.

**6.1.1. For non -emergency personnel**

Protective equipment : Wear protective equipment consistent with the site emergency plan.

Emergency procedures : ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Escape the danger area by the closest safe route. Close doors and windows of adjacent premises. Keep containers closed. Mark the danger area. Seal off low-lying areas. Keep upwind.

**6.1.12. For emergency responders**

Protective equipment : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

Emergency procedures : Evacuate and limit access. Ventilate area. See information above "For non-emergency personnel".

**6.2. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

For containment : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Try to stop gas leak if safe to do so.

Methods for cleaning up : Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

**Section 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Precautions for safety handling : Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing gas. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop.

Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

**7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Technical measures : None known.

Storage conditions : Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 52°C (125°F). Store locked up. Keep containers closed when not in use. Protect cylinder from physical damage. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Store in well ventilated area.

Incompatible products : None known.

Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents.

**Section 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**



<b>Methane (74-82-8)</b>				
<b>OSHA PEL</b>		<b>Cal/OSHA PEL</b>	<b>NIOSH REL</b>	<b>ACGIH 2015 TLV</b>
ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(as of 4/26/13) 8-hour TWA (ST) STEL ( C ) Ceiling	(as of 4/26/13) up to 10-hour TWA (ST) STEL ( C ) Ceiling	
				8-hour TWA (ST) STEL ( C ) Ceiling
				1,000 ppm

**8.2. Appropriate engineering controls**

Engineering measures/controls : Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly check for leakages. Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may me released. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

**8.3. Individual protection measures**

Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers. 29CFR 1910.138: Hand Protection.  
 Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection.  
 Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing, e.g.-Lab coats, coveralls or flame resistant clothing.  
 Respiratory protection : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.  
 Thermal hazard protection : None necessary during normal and routine operations.  
 Environmental exposure controls : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.  
 Other information : Wear safety shoes while handling containers. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection

**Section 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**9.1. Exposure controls**

Appearance : Clear, colorless gas.  
 Physical state : Gas  
 Color : Colorless  
 Odor : No data available  
 Odor threshold : No data available  
 pH : No data available  
 Melting point : -182.5 °C / -296.5 °F  
 Freezing point : No data available  
 Flash point : No data available  
 Evaporation rate : No data available  
 Flammability (solid, gas) : Extremely flammable  
 Upper flammability : 15%  
 Lower flammability : 5%  
 Relative density : No data available



Solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: 600 °C / 1112 °F
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	: Not applicable

	Methane			
Molecular weight (grams)	16.04			
Boiling point	-161.49 °C			
Vapor pressure	Above critical temperature			
Vapor density at 20°C	0.56			
Relative gas density	0.6784 kg/m <sup>3</sup> @ 20 °C			
Critical Temperature	-82.1 °C			

**Section 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**10.1. Reactivity**

No reactivity hazard other than the effects described below.

**10.2. Chemical stability**

Stable under normal conditions.

**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

May form explosive mixtures with air. May react violently with oxidizers.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid**

Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose container to heat or sources of ignition. Storage in poorly ventilated areas.

**10.5. Incompatible materials**

Extremely reactive or incompatible with the following: oxidizing agents.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Section 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Acute toxicity**

**11.1. Information on routes of exposure**

Inhalation	: This product is a simple asphyxiant.
Skin contact	: Adverse effects not expected from this product
Eye contact	: Adverse effects not expected from this product
Ingestion	: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure

**11.2. Symptoms related to physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**



Symptoms	Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<=18%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen may cause serious injury or death.
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**11.3. Delayed and immediate effects**

Skin corrosion/irritation	: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: This product does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens listed by OSHA, IARC or NTP
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified Not applicable for gases and gas-mixtures

**11.4. Carcinogenic effects**

The components of this material are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP AND IARC; therefore, they are not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

**Section 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1. Aquatic Toxicity**

Ecology - general : No ecological damage caused by this product

**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

No information available for the product

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

No information available for the product

**12.4. Mobility in soil**

No information available for the product

**12.5. Other**

No information available for the product





**Section 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**



**13.1. Disposal methods**

Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

**Section 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

	<b>US DOT</b>	<b>TDG</b>	<b>IMDG</b>	<b>IATA</b>
<b>UN #</b>	UN 1971	UN 1971	UN 1971	UN 1971
<b>Proper shipping name</b>	Methane, compressed	Methane, compressed	Methane, compressed	Methane, compressed
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	2.1 	2.1 	2.1 	2.1 
<b>Packing group</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Environment</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.

**Section 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**15.1. US Federal regulations**

**SARA 311/312 hazard categories**

Acute Health : No  
 Chronic Health : No  
 Fire : Yes  
 Pressure : Yes  
 Reactive : No

SARA Title III Notifications and Information: Hydrogen is Listed under the accident prevention provisions of section 112<sup>®</sup> of the Clean Air Act (CAA) with a threshold quantity (TQ) of 10,000 pounds.

This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312	Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard
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**15.2. US State regulations**

**Methane (74-82-8)**

- U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List
- U.S. - New Jersey - Right To Know Hazardous Substance List
- U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right To Know) List

**Section 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Date of issue/Date of revision** : New SDS 3/1/2015

**Revision Note** : Initial release

**Hazardous Material Information System (USA)**

Hazard Scale : 0 = Minimal/ 1 = Slight/ 2 = Moderate/ 3 = Serious/ 4 = Severe

**Health** : 0





<b>Fire</b>	: 4
<b>Physical hazards</b>	: 3

**Key/Legend**

SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
DOT	Department of Transportation
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
NTP	National Toxicology Program
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
TWA	Time Weighted Average
Prop	Proposition
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate

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