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PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: Ethane
Synonyms: Methylmethane, Refrigerant Gas R170
Common Name: Ethane
SDS Number: NLB 1035
Revision Date: 10/8/2019
Version: 1
CAS Number: 74-84-0
Chemical Family: Hydrocarbons
Chemical Formula: C₂H₆
Product Use: Industrial and Professional, Synthetic/Analytical Chemistry

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HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of Substance

GHS Classification in Accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS):
 Physical, Flammable Gases, 1
 Physical, Gases Under Pressure, Compressed Gas

GHS Label Elements, Including Precautionary Statements

GHS Signal Word: **DANGER**

GHS Hazard Pictograms:



GHS Hazard Statements:

H220 - Extremely flammable gas
 H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
 CGA-HG01 - MAY CAUSE FROSTBITE.
 CGA-HG04 - MAY FORM EXPLOSIVE MIXTURES WITH AIR.
 OSHA-H01 - MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION.

GHS Precautionary Statements:

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 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
 P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.
 P377 - Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
 P381 - In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.
 P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
 P313 - Get medical advice/attention.
 P302 - IF ON SKIN:
 P336 - Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area.
 P315 - Get immediate medical advice/attention.
 CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52 °C (125 °F).
 CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping.

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CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty.
CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.
CGA-PG11 - Never put cylinders into unventilated areas of passenger vehicles.
CGA-PG12 - Do not open valve until connected to equipment prepared for use.
CGA-PG20 - Use only equipment of compatible materials of construction.

Hazards not Otherwise Classified (HNOC) or not Covered by GHS

Route of Entry: Inhalation; Eyes; Skin;

Inhalation: Ethane is an asphyxiant, high concentrations may exclude an adequate supply of oxygen to the lungs. Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from asphyxiants may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgment, depression of all sensations, emotional instability and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma and death.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

Skin Contact: Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite with redness, skin color change to gray or white, and blistering.

Eye Contact: Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

Ingestion: Ingestion is not an applicable route of entry for intended use.

3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Ingredients		
CAS#	%	Chemical Name
74-84-0		Ethane

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO PRODUCT. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area, given assisted (artificial) respiration and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

Skin Contact: None required for gas. For frostbite, immerse skin in lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. Obtain medical attention.

Eye Contact: None Required for gas. If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and obtain immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Not a direct hazard.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability: Flammable Gas
Flash Point: -211°F (-135°C)
Flash Point Method: TCC
Burning Rate: No data available
Autoignition Temperature: 959°F (515°C)
Lower Explosive Limit: 3%
Upper Explosive Limit: 12.5%

Flammable gas. Cylinder may rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation. Stop flow of gas before extinguishing fire if safe to do so. Do not extinguish the fire until the supply is shut off as otherwise an explosive re-ignition may occur. If the fire is extinguished and the flow of gas continues, use increased ventilation to prevent build-up of explosive atmosphere. Use non-sparking tools to close container valves. Keep containers cool with water spray. Continue to cool fire-

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exposed cylinders until well after flames are extinguished. Be cautious of a Boiling Liquid Evaporating Vapor Explosion, BLEVE, if flame is impinging on surrounding containers. Direct 500 GPM water stream onto containers above liquid level with remote monitors. Limit the number of personnel in proximity of fire and evacuate surrounding areas in all directions. Continue to cool fire-exposed cylinders until well after flames are extinguished.

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ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Immediately extinguish all ignition sources and evacuate all personnel from affected area. No smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in hazard area. Use appropriate protective equipment. Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without risk. Provide maximum explosion proof ventilation and ventilate enclosed areas. If leak is in container or container valve contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest Norco/NorLab location. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs.

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HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Precautions:

Separate flammable mixture from oxygen and other oxidizers by a minimum distance of 20 ft. or by a 5ft. high barrier with a minimum fire resistance rating of a half hour.

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure piping or systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Do not insert any object (i.e.: screwdriver) into valve cap openings as this can damage the valve causing leakage.

Ethane is a Flammable Gas! Store and use only in appropriate locations as specified by the NEC (National Electrical Code). Containers and all piping and associated material handling equipment must be Grounded /Bonded according to NEC during use to prevent the accumulation of static electricity which can act as an ignition source.

Storage Requirements:

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heavy traffic areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 125 degrees F (52 degrees C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Post "NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAMES" sign in the storage or use area.

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EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls:

Use local exhaust and general ventilation systems to prevent build up of flammable concentrations. May use hood with forced ventilation when handling small quantities. If product is handled routinely where the potential for leaks exists, all electrical equipment must be rated for use in potentially flammable atmospheres. Consult the National Electrical Code of details.

Personal Protective Equipment:

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Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection: Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type AXBEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection: Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching gloves outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good

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laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands. Full contact Material: Fluorinated rubber Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm Break through time: 480 min Material tested: Vitoject (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

Splash protection: Material: Nitrile rubber Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm Break through time: 60 min Material tested: Camatril (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M) data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374 If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an Industrial Hygienist familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Eye protection: Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection: impervious clothing, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Colorless gas.
Physical State:	Gas
Odor:	Odorless, Stenchant often added
Molecular Formula:	C ₂ H ₆
Particle Size:	Not Applicable
Solubility:	61 mg/l
Specific Gravity or Density:	Not Determined
Softening Point:	Not Applicable
Viscosity:	Not Applicable
Percent Volatile:	100%
Saturated Vapor Concentration:	Not Determined
Boiling Point:	-88°C (-126.4°F)
Freezing or Melting Point:	Not Determined
Flammability:	Flammable Gas
Flash Point:	-135°C (-211°F)
Vapor Pressure:	341psi @ 0°C
Vapor Density:	1.04 (air=1)
Potentia Hydrogenii:	Not Determined
Evaporation Rate:	Not Determined
Molecular weight:	30.07
Autoignition Temperature:	959°F (515°C)
Upper Flammability Limit and Lower Flammability Limit:	12.5% / 3%

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STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability:	Product is stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid:	Avoid heat, sparks, and flame. Can form potential explosive atmosphere in air.
Materials to Avoid:	Oxidizing agents, Chlorine, Chlorine dioxide and Ethane explode spontaneously.
Hazardous Decomposition:	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 dioxide, Carbon monoxide.
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur.

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TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Oral LD50: no data available

Inhalation LC50: 658 mg/l (rat) (4hr)

Dermal LD50: no data available

Other information on acute toxicity

Skin corrosion/irritation: no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation: no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization: no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity: no data available

Carcinogenicity:

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Propene)

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity: no data available

Teratogenicity: no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System):
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System):
no data available

Aspiration hazard: no data available

Potential health effects: Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation. Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed. Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation. Eyes May cause eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Dizziness, Headache, Central nervous system depression

Synergistic effects: no data available

Additional Information:

RTECS: KH3800000

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ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Information on ecological effects

Toxicity: no data available

Persistence and degradability: no data available

Bioaccumulative potential: no data available

Mobility in soil: no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment: no data available

Other adverse effects: no data available

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DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not attempt to dispose of waste or unused quantities in returnable cylinders. Return in the shipping container, properly labeled, with any valve outlet plugs or caps secure and valve protection cap in place to NorLab for proper disposal. Non-refillable containers should be vented in a well-ventilated area then disposed of in compliance with local regulations, or returned to NorLab.

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TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Proper Shipping Name US:

UN 1035, Ethane, 2.1

Proper Shipping Name Canada:

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REGULATORY INFORMATION

Component (CAS#) [%] - CODES

Ethane (74-84-0) [n/a%] MASS, NJHS, PA, TSCA, TXAIR

Regulatory CODE Descriptions

MASS = MA Massachusetts Hazardous Substances List

NJHS = NJ Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

PA = PA Right-To-Know List of Hazardous Substances

TSCA = Toxic Substances Control Act

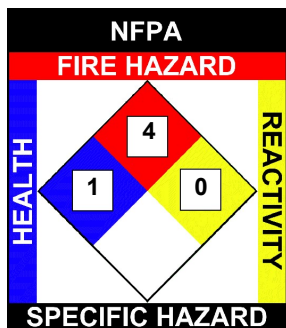
TXAIR = TX Air Contaminants with Health Effects Screening Level

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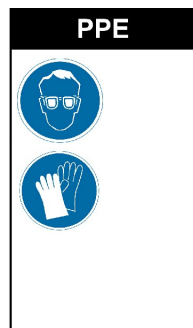
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OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA: Health = 1, Fire = 4, Reactivity = 0, Specific Hazard = n/a
HMIS III: Health = 1, Fire = 4, Physical Hazard = 1
HMIS PPE: B - Safety Glasses, Gloves



HMIS		
HEALTH	☐	1
FLAMMABILITY		4
PHYSICAL HAZARD		1
PERSONAL PROTECTION		B



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