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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

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1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT

PRODUCT NAME: ETHYLENE

SYNONYMS: Ethene

2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient Name	Formula	CAS#	Concentration	Exposure Limits (PPM)			
				ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	MAC	Other STEL
ETHYLENE	C2H4	74-85-1	99+%	NE	S/A	NE	NE

Note: NE = NONE ESTABLISHED
S/A = SIMPLE ASPHYXIANT

3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

*** EMERGENCY OVERVIEW ***

Flammable high pressure gas.
Can form explosive mixtures with air.
May cause frostbite.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ROUTES OF ENTRY: Inhalation

ACUTE EFFECTS: Material acts as a simple asphyxiant by displacing air necessary for life. Symptoms include rapid respiration, muscular incoordination, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, unconsciousness, and death. Inhalation of high concentrations may result in moderate anesthesia, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness, and central nervous (CNS) depression. Pressure drop through valves and piping may cause extreme cold and frostbite on contact.

CHRONIC EFFECTS: None known

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE: None known

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: None

CARCINOGENICITY (US Only):

NTP - No
IARC MONOGRAPHS - No
OSHA REGULATED - No

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

INHALATION: Immediately remove victim to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

EYE CONTACT: None

SKIN CONTACT: If frostbite occurs, flush affected areas with lukewarm water.

INGESTION: None

IN EVENT OF EXPOSURE, CONSULT A PHYSICIAN

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: None

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT: -136.11 deg.C

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: 543 deg.C

FLAMMABLE LIMITS: Vol.% in air

LOWER: 3

UPPER: 34

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Carbon dioxide, water spray, or dry chemical.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Keep fire exposed cylinders cool with water spray. Do not fully extinguish burning gas until flow has been stopped.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: Toxic carbon monoxide may be given off during combustion.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Severe when exposed to heat or flame. Vapors may travel a considerable distance to the source of ignition and flash back. Cylinder rupture may occur under fire conditions.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

CLEAN UP PROCEDURES: Evacuate and ventilate area. Remove sources of ignition and combustibles. Remove leaking cylinder to exhaust hood or safe outdoor area.

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT: Can be dissolved in cold organic solvent and subsequently recovered by warming it.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: Secure cylinder when using to protect from falling. Use suitable hand truck to move cylinders.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store in well ventilated areas. Keep valve protection cap on cylinders when not in use.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation to maintain concentrations below flammable limits and to avoid asphyxiation.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

EYE/FACE PROTECTION: Safety glasses

SKIN PROTECTION: Protective gloves to prevent contact with cold equipment.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: In case of leakage, use self-contained breathing apparatus.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Safety shoes when handling cylinders.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE: Colorless

ODOR: Sweet odor.

PHYSICAL STATE: Gas

VAPOR PRESSURE: @ 20 deg.C: 35.04

VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1): 0.978

BOILING POINT (C): -102.4

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Complete

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H2O=1): N/Av

EVAPORATION RATE: Gas

ODOR THRESHOLD: N/Av

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable under normal storage conditions.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Storage in poorly ventilated areas. Storage near a heat source.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: Strong oxidizers. Reacts violently with AlCl₃, O₃, CCl₄, benzoyl peroxide, bromotrichloromethane, and nitromethane with AlCl₃.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: Toxic carbon monoxide.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

LETHAL CONCENTRATION (LC₅₀): NONE ESTABLISHED

LETHAL DOSE 50 (LD₅₀): N/Ap

TERATOGENICITY: N/Ap

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: N/Ap

MUTAGENICITY: N/Ap

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse ecological effects are expected.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Material can be absorbed in 95% sulfuric acid, resulting mixture can be taken to plant disposal unit for neutralization and disposal. Dispose of non-refillable cylinders in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. Allow gas to vent slowly to atmosphere in an unconfined area or exhaust hood. If the cylinders are the refillable type, return cylinders to supplier with any valve outlet plugs or caps secured and valve protection caps in place.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CONCENTRATION: 99+%

DOT DESCRIPTION (US ONLY):

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Ethylene,
Compressed

HAZARD CLASS: 2.1 (flammable)

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN1962

REPORTABLE QUANTITIES: None

LABELING: FLAMMABLE GAS

ADR/RID (EU Only): Class 2, 1f

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: Cylinders should be transported in a secure upright position in a well ventilated truck.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA: Process Safety Management: Material is not listed in appendix A of 29 CFR 1910.119 as highly hazardous chemical.

TSCA: Material is listed in TSCA inventory.

SARA: The threshold planning quantity for material is 10,000 lbs.

EU NUMBER: 200-815-3

NUMBER IN ANNEX 1 OF DIR 67/548: Material is listed in annex 1.

EU CLASSIFICATION: N/Av

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

OTHER PRECAUTIONS: Protect containers from physical damage. Do not deface cylinders or labels. Cylinders should be refilled by qualified producers of compressed gas. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his written consent is a violation of federal law (49 CFR).

ABBREVIATIONS:

N/Ap - Not Applicable

N/Av - Not Available

SA - Simple Asphyxiant

NE - None Established

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