

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Methane  
  
Product Number : 295477  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 601-001-00-4  
  
CAS-No. : 74-82-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
USA  
  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable gases (Category 1), H220  
Gases under pressure (Compressed gas), H280  
Simple Asphyxiant,

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H220  
H280

Extremely flammable gas.  
Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210  
P377  
P381  
P410 + P403

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.  
Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.  
Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

**2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none**

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Formula : CH<sub>4</sub>  
Molecular weight : 16.04 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 74-82-8  
EC-No. : 200-812-7  
Index-No. : 601-001-00-4

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Methane</b>		
	Flam. Gas 1; Press. Gas Compr. Gas; SA ; H220, H280,	<= 100 %

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

##### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

##### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

##### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

##### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

##### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

#### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

##### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

#### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

## 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

## 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Clean up promptly by sweeping or vacuum.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Contents under pressure.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Gases

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Methane	74-82-8	TWA	1,000.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Central Nervous System impairment Cardiac sensitization		
		See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content Asphyxia 2014 Adoption		
		TWA	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		'Ca' in the presence of formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, or malonaldehyde. See Appendices A & C (Aldehydes).		
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		See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content Asphyxia		

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

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

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face 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 protection**

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

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 and safety officer 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.

### **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.

### **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).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: gaseous<br>Colour: colourless                             |
| b) Odour  | No data available   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available   |
| d) pH   | No data available   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -183 °C (-297 °F) - lit.                   |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | -161 °C (-258 °F) - lit.  |
| g) Flash point                                  | -187.99 °C (-306.38 °F) - closed cup                            |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available   |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 15 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 5 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available   |
| l) Vapour density                               | 0.55 - (Air = 1.0)  |

m) Relative density	0.716 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	3.5 g/l at 17 °C (63 °F)
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density 0.55 - (Air = 1.0)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

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

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

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: PA1490000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 1971      Class: 2.1

Proper shipping name: Methane, compressed

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1971      Class: 2.1  
Proper shipping name: METHANE, COMPRESSED

EMS-No: F-D, S-U

**IATA**

UN number: 1971      Class: 2.1  
Proper shipping name: Methane, compressed  
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methane	74-82-8	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methane	74-82-8	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methane	74-82-8	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

	May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.
Flam. Gas	Flammable gases
H220	Extremely flammable gas.
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
Press. Gas	Gases under pressure
SA	Simple Asphyxiant

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	0
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	4
Physical Hazard	3

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	0
Fire Hazard:	4
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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