

Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Ethylene Product Use: Many.	Trade Name: Ethylene
Chemical Name: Ethylene	Synonym: Ethene, Olefiant gas, elayl, Acetene, Bicarburetted Hydrogen, etherin.
Chemical Formula: C ₂ H ₄	Chemical Family: Alkene
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**Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier or Praxair sales representative.*

2. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

DANGER! Flammable liquid and gas under pressure. Can form explosive mixtures with air. May cause frostbite. Can cause rapid suffocation. May cause dizziness and drowsiness. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. Under ambient conditions, this is a gas with a faint, sweet, musty odour.

ROUTES OF EXPOSURE: Inhalation.

EFFECTS OF A SINGLE (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE:

INHALATION: Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. Moderate concentrations may cause headaches, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

SKIN CONTACT: No harm expected.

SKIN ABSORPTION: No evidence of adverse effects from available information.

SWALLOWING: This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT: No harm expected.

EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE:

No harm expected.

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:

Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can cause death.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE:

Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION:

None currently known.

CARCINOGENICITY:

Not classified or listed by IARC, NTP, OSHA, EU and ACGIH.

3. Composition and Information on Ingredients**COMPONENTS****CAS
NUMBER****CONCENTRATION
% by Mole**

Ethylene

74-85-1

100

4. First Aid Measures**INHALATION:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

SKIN CONTACT:

Wash with soap and water.

SWALLOWING:

This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT:

Flush with water.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:

There is no specific antidote. Treatment of over-exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition.

5. Fire Fighting Measures**FLAMMABLE :** Yes.**IF YES, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS?**

Spontaneously explosive in sunlight with chlorine. Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

CO₂, dry chemical, water spray or fog.

PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION:

These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO₂).

PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS:

DANGER! Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately cool cylinders with water spray from maximum distance taking care not to extinguish flames. Remove ignition source if without risk. If flames are accidentally extinguished, explosive re-ignition may occur; therefore, appropriate measures should be taken; e.g., total evacuation. Reapproach with extreme caution. Use self-contained breathing apparatus. Stop flow of gas if without risk while continuing cooling water spray. Remove all containers from area if without risk. Allow fire to burn out.

SPECIFIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS:

Store and use with adequate ventilation. Separate flammable cylinders from oxygen, chlorine, and other oxidizers by at least 6 m or use a barricade of non-combustible material. This barricade should be at least 1.5 m high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. All electrical equipment in storage areas must be explosion-proof. Storage areas must meet national electric codes for Class 1 hazardous areas. Store only where temperature will not exceed 52 C. Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:

Flammable high-pressure gas. Use only in a closed system. Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. **May form explosive mixtures with air.** Ground all equipment. **Gas can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency.** Store and use with adequate ventilation. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. **Prevent reverse flow.** Reverse flow into cylinder may cause rupture. Use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the cylinder. **When returning cylinder to supplier,** be sure valve is closed, then install valve outlet plug tightly. **Never work on a pressurized system.** If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Vent the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, provincial, and local laws; then repair the leak. **Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.**

RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

Additional information on storage, handling, and use of this product is provided in **NFPA 55: Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders**, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

See also Praxair publication P-14-153, *Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers*. Obtain from your local supplier.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

INGREDIENTS	CAS NUMBER	LD ₅₀ (Species & Routes)	LC ₅₀ (Rat, 4 hrs.)	Exposure Limits
Ethylene	74-85-1	Not available.	Not available.	TWA: 200 ppm 1 times per shift, 8 hours.

IMMEDIATELY DANGEROUS TO LIFE AND HEALTH (IDLH): None established.

VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

LOCAL EXHAUST: Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

MECHANICAL (General): Inadequate.
See SPECIAL.

SPECIAL: Use only in a closed system.

OTHER: See SPECIAL.

PERSONAL PROTECTION:

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when working in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV. Select in accordance with the provincial regulations or guidelines. Selection should also be based on the current CSA standards Z94.4, "Selection, care and use of respirators". Respirators should be approved by NIOSH and MSHA.

SKIN PROTECTION: Wear work gloves when handling cylinders.

EYE PROTECTION: Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders.

Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z94.3, "Industrial Eye and Face Protection", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Protective clothing where needed. Cuffless trousers should be worn outside the shoes. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z195, "Protective Foot Wear", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

PHYSICAL STATE: Gas. (Compressed Gas)	FREEZING POINT: -169.4°C (-272.9°F)	pH: Not applicable.
BOILING POINT -103.8°C (-154.8°F)	VAPOUR PRESSURE Not applicable.	MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 28.05 g/mole
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: LIQUID (Water = 1) Not available.	SOLUBILITY IN WATER, Slight.	
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: VAPOUR (air = 1) 0.978 g/ml @ 0 C	EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate=1): Not applicable.	COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION: Not applicable.
VAPOUR DENSITY: 0.00126 g/ml @ 0 C	% VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 100% (v/v).	ODOUR THRESHOLD: Not available.
APPEARANCE & ODOUR: Colourless. Odour: Sweetish. Musty. (Slight.)		

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY:	The product is stable.
CONDITIONS OF CHEMICAL INSTABILITY:	Not available.
INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid):	Oxidizing agents, halogens, acids, aluminum chloride, halocarbons..
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:	Thermal decomposition or burning may produce carbon monoxide/carbon dioxide.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:	Yes.
CONDITIONS TO AVOID:	Elevated temperatures and pressures.
CONDITIONS OF REACTIVITY:	Elevated temperatures and pressures.

11. Toxicological Information

ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS: Ethylene is a simple asphyxiant.

STUDY RESULTS:

None known.

12. Ecological Information

No adverse ecological effects expected. This product does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. The components of this mixture are not listed as marine pollutants by TDG Regulations.

13. Disposal Considerations

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

14. Transport Information

TDG/IMO SHIPPING NAME: Ethylene, Compressed

HAZARD CLASS:	CLASS 2.1: Flammable gas.	IDENTIFICATION #:	UN1962	PRODUCT REPORTABLE QUANTITY (PRQ): Any accidental release in a quantity that could pose a danger to public safety or any sustained release of 10 minutes or more.
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SHIPPING LABEL(s): Flammable gas

PLACARD (When Required): Flammable gas

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:

Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, non-ventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, provincial, and local regulations. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS (Canada): CLASS A: Compressed gas.
CLASS B-1: Flammable gas.

This product is on the DSL list.

International Regulations:

EINECS: Not available.

DSCL (EEC): This product is not classified according to the EU regulations.

International Lists: No products were found.

16. Other Information

MIXTURES:

When two or more gases, or liquefied gases are mixed, their hazardous properties may combine to create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an Industrial Hygienist, or other trained person when you make your safety evaluation of the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties which can cause serious injury or death.

HAZARD RATING SYSTEM:

HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH 1

FLAMMABILITY 4

PHYSICAL HAZARD 2

STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

THREADED:	CGA-350
PIN-INDEXED YOKE:	CGA-900
ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:	Not available.

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlets V-1 and V-7 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information about this product can be found in the following pamphlets published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5th Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700, Fax (703) 961-1831, website: www.cganet.com.

AV-1	Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gas
P-1	Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers
P-14	Accident Prevention in Oxygen-Rich, Oxygen-Deficient Atmosphere
SB-2	Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres
V-1	Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections
V-7	Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Industrial Gas Mixtures
---	Handbook of Compressed Gases, Fifth Edition

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

PREPARATION INFORMATION:

DATE:	October 15, 2013
DEPARTMENT:	Safety and Environmental Services
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