

## Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

<b>Product Name:</b> Vinyl Methyl Ether	<b>Trade Name:</b> Vinyl Methyl Ether
<b>Product Use:</b> Many.	
<b>Chemical Name:</b> Vinyl methyl ether	<b>Synonym:</b> Methoxyethylene, MVE, Methyl vinyl oxide
<b>Chemical Formula:</b> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	<b>Chemical Family:</b> Ether.
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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. Composition and Information on Ingredients

INGREDIENTS	% (VOL)	CAS NUMBER	LD <sub>50</sub> (Species & Routes)	LC <sub>50</sub> (Rat, 4 hrs.)	TLV-TWA (ACGIH)
Vinyl methyl ether	100	107-25-5	ORAL (LD50): Acute: 4900 mg/kg [Rat].	Not available.	Not available.

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

**DANGER!** Flammable, high-pressure gas. May form explosive mixture with air. Can cause rapid suffocation. May cause dizziness and drowsiness. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.

**ROUTES OF EXPOSURE:** Inhalation. Swallowing. Skin absorption. Skin contact. Eye contact.

#### 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:** Liquid or cold gas may cause frostbite.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** No evidence of adverse effects from available information. Exposure to liquid can cause frostbite.

**SWALLOWING:** This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure. May cause discomfort or pain in the mouth, throat, chest, and abdomen. There may be a feeling of distension, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**EYE CONTACT:** Liquid may cause discomfort in the eye, with slight excess redness and possible swelling of the conjunctiva.

**EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE:**

No evidence of adverse effects from available information.

**OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:**

None known.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE:**

Liquid splashes may aggravate dermatitis.

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

None currently known.

**CARCINOGENICITY:**

Not listed as carcinogen by OSHA, NTP or IARC.

#### 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.

**SKIN CONTACT:**

If exposed to liquid, avoid breathing vapour. Immediately warm frostbite area with warm water (not to exceed 40 C). In case of massive exposure, remove clothing and shoes while showering with warm water. Get medical attention immediately.

**SWALLOWING:**

This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure. May cause discomfort or pain in the mouth, throat, chest, and abdomen. There may be a feeling of distension, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**EYE CONTACT:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

*Due to its low boiling point, contact with the liquid may produce "frostbite" - like lesions. 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?** Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents.

<b>FLASH POINT (test method)</b>	OPEN CUP: -56°C (-68.8°F) (Cleveland.).	<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE</b>	287°C (548.6°F)
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<b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume:</b>	<b>LOWER:</b> 2.6	<b>UPPER:</b> 39
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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

CO2, dry chemical, water spray or fog.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:**

**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. Re-approach 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.

#### **UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD:**

Forms explosive mixture with air and oxidizing agents. Container may rupture due to heat of fire. Do not extinguish flames due to possibility of explosive re-ignition. Flammable vapours may spread from spill. Explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with appropriate device. No part of a container should be subjected to a temperature higher than 52 C. Vapours form from this product may travel or be moved by air currents and ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharges, or other ignition sources at locations distant from product handling point. Most containers are provided with a pressure relief device designed to vent contents when they are exposed to elevated temperature.

#### **HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:**

These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

#### **SENSITIVITY TO IMPACT:**

Avoid impact against container.

#### **SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE:**

Possible, ground container.

## **6. Accidental Release Measures**

#### **STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:**

**DANGER!** Forms explosive mixtures with air. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce gas with fog or fine water spray. Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move cylinder to a well-ventilated area. Flammable gas may spread from leak. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

#### **WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:**

Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, provincial, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

## **7. Handling and Storage**

#### **PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE:**

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.

#### **PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING:**

Protect cylinders from damage. Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Electrical equipment must be non-sparking or explosion-proof. Leak check system with soapy water; never use a flame. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions, see Section 16.

For additional information on storage and handling, refer to Compressed Gas Association (CGA) pamphlet P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*, available from the CGA. Refer to Section 16 for the address and phone number along with a list of other available publications.

#### OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:

**Flammable liquid and gas under pressure.** Do not get liquid or vapours in eyes, on skin, or clothing. Safety showers and eyewash fountains should be immediately available. 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. Store and use with adequate ventilation at all times. 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.**

### 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

#### VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

**LOCAL EXHAUST:** Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

**MECHANICAL (general):** Inadequate.

**SPECIAL:** Use only in a closed system.

**OTHER:** Inadequate. See SPECIAL.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION:

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** For concentrations up to 10 times the applicable exposure limit any NIOSH/MSHA approved supplied air respirator is recommended. Up to 50 times the TLV, a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator with a full-face piece or self-contained breathing apparatus is recommended. For higher concentration use only self-contained breathing apparatus operated in the pressure demand mode. Selection should be also based on the current CSA standard Z94.4. "Selection, care and use of respirators".

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Neoprene gloves.

**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

<b>PHYSICAL STATE:</b> Gas.	<b>FREEZING POINT:</b> -122°C (-187.6°F)	<b>pH:</b> Not applicable.
<b>BOILING POINT:</b> 5.5°C (41.9°F)	<b>VAPOUR PRESSURE:</b> Not applicable.	<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b> 58.08 g/mole
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY: LIQUID (Water = 1):</b> 0.75 @ 20 C	<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER:</b> Slight.	
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY: VAPOUR (air = 1):</b> 2.0	<b>EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate=1):</b> >1 compared to Butyl acetate.	<b>COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:</b> Not applicable.
<b>VAPOUR DENSITY:</b> Not available.	<b>% VOLATILES BY VOLUME:</b> 100% (v/v).	<b>ODOUR THRESHOLD:</b> Not available.
<b>APPEARANCE &amp; ODOUR:</b> Colourless. Odour: Sweet.		

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

<b>STABILITY:</b>	The product is stable.
<b>CONDITIONS OF CHEMICAL INSTABILITY:</b>	Not available.
<b>INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid):</b>	Oxidizing agents, halogens and acids.
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b>	Thermal decomposition or burning may produce carbon monoxide/carbon dioxide.
<b>HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:</b>	Yes.
<b>CONDITIONS OF REACTIVITY:</b>	Elevated temperatures and pressures and/or presence of a catalyst.

### 11. Toxicological Information

See section 3.

### 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:** Vinyl methyl ether, stabilized

**HAZARD CLASS:**  
CLASS 2.1:  
Flammable gas.

**IDENTIFICATION #:**  
UN1087

**PRODUCT RQ:**  
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

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**PLACARD (when required):** Flammable gas

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**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.

<b>15. Regulatory Information</b>
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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.

**DSL (Canada)** This product is on the DSL list**WHMIS (Canada)** CLASS A: Compressed gas.  
CLASS B-1: Flammable gas.**International Regulations****EINECS** Not available.**DSCL (EEC)** This product is not classified according to the EU regulations.**International Lists** No products were found.

<b>16. Other Information</b>
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**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:****HMS RATINGS:**

HEALTH 1

FLAMMABILITY 4

PHYSICAL HAZARD 2

**STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:****THREADED:** CGA-350**PIN-INDEXED YOKE:** Not available.**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.

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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 Atmospheres  
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

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Praxair Canada Inc. requests the users of this product to study this Material Data Sheet (MSDS) and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify its employees, agents and contractors of the information on this MSDS and any product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this same information to each of its customers for the product, and (3) request such customers to notify their employees and customers for the product of the same product hazards and safety information.

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