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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product identifier**

**Product Name** Methane

**Other means of identification**

**SDS #** EF-103

**Synonyms**

Methane or natural gas; Marsh gas; Methyl hydride; CH<sub>4</sub>; Fire Damp.

**UN/ID No**

UN1971

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

**Recommended Use** Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.

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

**Supplier Address**

EFC Gases & Advanced Materials  
3266 Bergey Road  
Hatfield, PA 19440  
Email: [efcsafety@efcgases.com](mailto:efcsafety@efcgases.com)

**Emergency telephone number**

**Company Phone Number**

215-443-9600

**Emergency Telephone**

INFOTRAC 1-352-323-3500 (International)  
1-800-535-5053 (North America)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Appearance** Colorless gas

**Physical state** Gas

**Odor** Odorless

**Classification**

Flammable gases	Category 1
Gases under pressure	Compressed gas
Simple asphyxiants	Yes

**Signal Word**

**Danger**

**Hazard statements**

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



**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — No smoking

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so

LEAKING GAS FIRE: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms** Methane or natural gas; Marsh gas; Methyl hydride; CH<sub>4</sub>; Fire Damp.  
**Formula** CH<sub>4</sub>

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%
Methane	74-82-8	80-100

\*\*If Chemical Name/CAS No is "proprietary" and/or Weight-% is listed as a range, the specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.\*\*

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Description of first aid measures**

- Eye Contact** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
- Skin Contact** Wash contaminated skin with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. To avoid the risk of static discharges and gas ignition, soak contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
- Inhalation** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Get medical attention if adverse health effects persist or are severe. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
- Ingestion** As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.
- Self-Protection of the First Aider** No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

- Symptoms** Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

- Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** None known.

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Contains gas under pressure. Extremely flammable gas. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst, with the risk of a subsequent explosion.

**Hazardous combustion products** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Carbon monoxide.

### **Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Contact supplier immediately for specialist advice. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk. If this is impossible, withdraw from area and allow fire to burn. Fight fire from protected location or maximum possible distance. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

#### **Personal Precautions**

Accidental releases pose a serious fire or explosion hazard. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Avoid breathing gas. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

#### **For Emergency Responders**

If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

### **Environmental precautions**

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Ensure emergency procedures to deal with accidental gas releases are in place to avoid contamination of the environment. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air). See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

#### **Methods for Containment**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

#### **Methods for Clean-Up**

Small Spill: Immediately contact emergency personnel. Stop leak if without risk. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Large Spill: Immediately contact emergency personnel. Stop leak if without risk. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on Safe Handling**

Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Contains gas under pressure. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing gas. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage Conditions**

Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store away from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Cylinders should be stored upright, with valve protection cap in place, and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Cylinder temperatures should not exceed 52 °C (125 °F).

**Incompatible Materials**

Oxidizers.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Exposure Guidelines**

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Methane 74-82-8	: See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content, explosion hazard	-	-

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering Controls**

Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/Face Protection**

Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: chemical splash goggles and/or face shield. If inhalation hazards exist, a full-face respirator may be required instead. Recommended: safety glasses with side-shields. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.133 for eye and face protection regulations.

**Skin and Body Protection**

Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be

worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.138 for appropriate skin and body protection.

**Respiratory Protection**

Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.134 for respiratory protection requirements.

**General Hygiene Considerations** Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical state</b>	Gas	<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless gas	<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not determined
<b>Color</b>	Colorless		

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	No data available	
Melting point / freezing point	-187.6 °C / -305.7 °F	
Initial boiling point and boiling range	-161.48 °C / -258.7 °F	
Flash point	-188.15 °C / -306.7 °F	
Evaporation Rate	Not determined	
Flammability (Solid, Gas)	Extremely flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: Open flames, sparks and static discharge and Oxidizing materials	
Flammability Limit in Air		
Upper flammability or explosive limits	15%	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	5%	
Vapor Pressure	Not determined	
Vapor Density	0.55	(Air=1)
Relative Density	Not determined	
Water Solubility	0.0244 g/l	
Solubility in other solvents	Not determined	
Partition Coefficient	1.09	
Autoignition temperature	287 °C / 548.6 °F	
Decomposition temperature	Not determined	
Kinematic viscosity	Not determined	
Dynamic Viscosity	Not determined	
Explosive Properties	Not determined	
Oxidizing Properties	Not determined	

**Other information**

**Molecular weight** 16.05 g/mole

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions.

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

None under normal processing.

**Hazardous Polymerization**      Will not occur.

### Conditions to Avoid

Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose containers to heat or sources of ignition.

### Incompatible materials

Oxidizers.

### Hazardous decomposition products

None known based on information supplied.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

**Eye Contact**      Avoid contact with eyes.

**Skin Contact**      Avoid contact with skin.

**Inhalation**      Do not inhale.

**Ingestion**      Do not ingest.

### Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Methane 74-82-8	-	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	= 539600 ppm ( Rat ) 2 h

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

**Symptoms**      Please see section 4 of this SDS for symptoms.

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Carcinogenicity**      Based on the information provided, this product does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens as listed by OSHA, IARC or NTP.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

**Gas**      381,554.8191 ppm

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

### Persistence/Degradability

Not determined.

### Bioaccumulation

There is no data for this product.

### Mobility

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Methane 74-82-8	1.09

### Other adverse effects

Not determined

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Waste Treatment Methods

#### **Disposal of Wastes**

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

#### **Contaminated Packaging**

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Note

Please see current shipping paper for most up to date shipping information, including exemptions and special circumstances.

### DOT

<b>UN/ID No</b>	UN1971
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Methane, compressed
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	2.1

### IATA

<b>UN number or ID number</b>	UN1971
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Methane, compressed
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	2.1

### IMDG

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<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Methane, compressed
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	2.1

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**International Inventories**

Chemical name	TSCA	TSCA Inventory Status	DSL/NDSL	EINECS/ELINCS	ENCS	IECSC	KECL	PICCS	AICS
Methane	X	ACTIVE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

- TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory*
- DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List*
- EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances*
- ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances*
- IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances*
- KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances*
- PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances*
- AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances*

**US Federal Regulations**

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

<b>Acute health hazard</b>	No
<b>Chronic Health Hazard</b>	No
<b>Fire hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	No

**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

**US State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Methane 74-82-8	X	X	X



**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

<b><u>NFPA</u></b>	<b>Health hazards</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Special hazards</b>
	0	4	0	-
<b><u>HMIS</u></b>	<b>Health hazards</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>	<b>Personal Protection</b>
	-	-	-	Not determined

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