

PRODUCT NAME **ACETYLENE (DISSOLVED)**

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**Use(s)** FUEL GAS • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS  
**MSDS Date** 23 May 2008

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO NOHSC CRITERIA

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

<b>UN No.</b>	1001	<b>DG Class</b>	2.1	<b>Subsidiary Risk(s)</b>	None Allocated
<b>Pkg Group</b>	None Allocated	<b>Hazchem Code</b>	2[S]E	<b>EPG</b>	2A1

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content
ACETYLENE	C2-H2	74-86-2	100%

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye** Exposure is considered unlikely.  
**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available.  
**Skin** Treatment for thermal burns by immersing affected area in tepid water and lightly bandaging with sterile dressings.  
**Ingestion** For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.  
**Advice to Doctor** Treat for asphyxia.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flammability</b>	Highly flammable. Heating to decomposition produces acrid smoke and irritating fumes. Product will add fuel to a fire. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, petrol engines, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones, static electricity (such as from plastic materials or synthetic clothing) etc. when handling.
<b>Fire and Explosion</b>	Highly flammable. Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be activated. Call fire brigade. This product will add fuel to a fire. Cool cylinders exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders suspected of being hot.
<b>Extinguishing</b>	Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve. If the gas source cannot be isolated, do not extinguish the flame, since re-ignition and explosion could occur. Await arrival of emergency services or manufacturer's advisor. Drench and cool cylinders with water spray from protected area at a safe distance. If it is absolutely necessary to extinguish the flame, use only a dry chemical powder extinguisher. Do not move cylinders for at least 24 hours. Avoid shock and bumps to cylinders.
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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

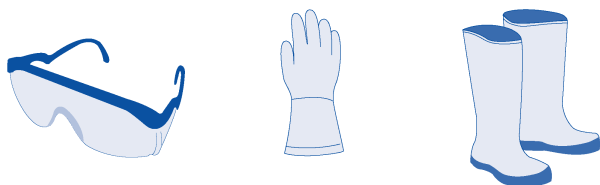
<b>Spillage</b>	If the cylinder is leaking, eliminate all potential ignition sources and evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Wear appropriate PPE and carefully move it to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.
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## 7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

<b>Storage</b>	Do not store near sources of ignition, oxidising agents, poisons, flammable liquids or combustible materials. Cylinders should be stored: upright, prevented from falling, in a secure area; below 45°C, in a dry, well ventilated enclosure constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in the storage areas. Refer to applicable legislation on flammable storage quantity restrictions. Never transfer acetylene to another cylinder or other container.
<b>Handling</b>	Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Stds	ACETYLENE	
	ES-TLV (ACGIH):	Simple asphyxiant
	ES-TWA:	Simple asphyxiant
	WES-TWA:	Simple asphyxiant
Biological Limits	No biological limit allocated.	
Engineering Controls	Maintain adequate ventilation. Confined areas (eg. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested. Flammable/explosive vapours may accumulate in poorly ventilated areas.	
PPE	Wear safety boots, cotton or leather gloves and safety glasses. Where an oxygen-deficiency risk exists, wear an Air-line respirator. If undertaking welding operations, the appropriate personal protective equipment should be worn. Clothing must be 100% cotton or fire-resistant (eg. proban, nomex) rather than synthetic materials which can generate enough static electricity to cause an ignition and also can melt onto the skin at flame temperatures.	



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance</b>	COLOURLESS GAS	<b>Solubility (water)</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Odour</b>	ODOURLESS	<b>Specific Gravity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT AVAILABLE	<b>% Volatiles</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

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Vapour Pressure	NOT AVAILABLE	Flammability	HIGHLY FLAMMABLE
Vapour Density	NOT AVAILABLE	Flash Point	< 23°C
Boiling Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Upper Explosion Limit	NOT AVAILABLE
Melting Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Lower Explosion Limit	NOT AVAILABLE
Evaporation Rate	NOT AVAILABLE	Autoignition Temperature	NOT AVAILABLE

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability** Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**Conditions to Avoid** Avoid shock, friction, heavy impact, heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**Material to Avoid** Reacts with copper, copper alloys (>70% copper), silver & mercury to form explosive acetylides. May decompose violently at high temperatures and/or pressures or in the presence of a catalyst. May undergo exothermic decomposition to carbon (soot) and hydrogen gas.

**Decomposition** Heating to decomposition produces acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Hazardous Reactions** Polymerizes with evolution of heat. Avoid contact with curing agents, accelerators, and/or initiators.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Health Hazard Summary** Asphyxiant gas - non irritant. May replace oxygen in the inhaled air and cause asphyxiation. As the amount of oxygen inhaled is reduced from 21-14% the pulse rate will accelerate and the rate and volume of breathing will increase. The ability to maintain attention and think clearly is diminished, muscular co-ordination is somewhat disturbed. As oxygen decreases from 14-10% judgement becomes faulty, severe injuries may cause no pain. Muscular effort leads to rapid fatigue. Further reduction to 6% may cause nausea and vomiting. Ability to move may be lost. Permanent brain damage may result even after resuscitation from exposure to this low level of oxygen. Below 6% breathing is in gasps and convulsions may occur. Inhalation of a mixture containing no oxygen may result in unconsciousness from the first breath and death will follow in a few minutes.

**Eye** Non irritant.

**Inhalation** Non irritating - Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement.

**Skin** Non irritant.

**Ingestion** Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

**Toxicity Data** No LD50 data available for this product.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environment** Limited ecotoxicity data was available for this product at the time this report was prepared. Ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent this product from entering the environment.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal** Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Transport** Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed.



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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).
AICS	All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information	Application method: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment which controls fuel gas mixture and flame.
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ABBREVIATIONS:

ADB - Air-Dry Basis.

BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s)

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

CNS - Central Nervous System.

EINECS - European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.

mg/m3 - Milligrams per cubic metre.

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.

NTP - National Toxicology Program.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).

ppm - Parts Per Million.

RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a Chem Alert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this Chem Alert report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

Report Status	This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer of the product and serves as the manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet ('MSDS').
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It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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