

# Material Safety Data Sheet

# Airgas

Acetylene

## Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

Product Name : Acetylene  
Supplier : AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries  
259 North Radnor-Chester Road  
Suite 100  
Radnor, PA 19087-5283  
1-610-687-5253  
Product use : Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.  
MSDS# : 001001  
Date of Preparation/Revision : 4/11/2005.  
In case of emergency : 1-800-949-7937

HEALTH : 1  
FLAMMABILITY : 4  
REACTIVITY : 3



## Section 2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

Name	CAS number	% Volume	Exposure limits
Acetylene	74-86-2	100	NIOSH REL (United States, 6/2001). CEIL: 2662 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: All forms CEIL: 2500 ppm Form: All forms

## Section 3. Hazards identification

Physical state : Gas.  
Emergency overview : Warning!  
FLAMMABLE GAS.  
CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE  
CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: RESPIRATORY TRACT,  
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.  
VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.  
Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation.  
Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.

Routes of entry : Inhalation

### Potential acute health effects

Eyes : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
Skin : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
Inhalation : Acts as a simple asphyxiant.  
Ingestion : Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases

Potential chronic health effects : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** Not available.  
**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS** Not available.  
**TERATOGENIC EFFECTS**: Not available

Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure : Acute or chronic respiratory conditions may be aggravated by overexposure to this gas.

See toxicological information (section 11)

## Section 4. First aid measures

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If fumes are still suspected to be present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or a self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

contact : In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

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- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.
- Frostbite** : Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.
- Inhalation** : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
- Ingestion** : Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

## Section 5. Fire fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Flammable.
- Auto-ignition temperature** : 304.85°C (580.7°F)
- Flash point** : Closed cup: -18.15°C (-0.7°F).
- Flammable limits** : Lower: 2.5% Upper: 82%
- Products of combustion** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).
- Fire hazards in presence of various substances** : Extremely flammable in presence of open flames, sparks and static discharge, of heat, of oxidizing materials.
- Explosion hazards in presence of various substances** : Explosive in presence of heat.
- Fire fighting media and instructions** : In case of fire, use water spray (fog), foam, dry chemicals, or CO<sub>2</sub>.
- If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk. Apply water from a safe distance to cool container and protect surrounding area.
- Extremely flammable. Gas may accumulate in confined areas, travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back causing fire or explosion.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (Section 8). Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. To avoid fire, minimize ignition sources. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Do not puncture or incinerate container. High pressure gas. 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.
- Storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. 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).

## Section 8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering controls** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

### Personal protection

- Eyes** : 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 or dusts.
- Skin** : 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.
- Respiratory** : 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.  
The applicable standards are (US) 29 CFR 1910.134 and (Canada) Z94.4-93
- Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves or gauntlets complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

**Personal protection in case of a large spill** : A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product.

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

- Molecular weight** : 26.04 g/mole
- Molecular formula** : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>
- Boiling/condensation point** : Not available.
- Melting/freezing point** : Sublimation temperature: -81.8°C (-115.2°F)
- Critical temperature** : 35.3°C (95.5°F)
- Vapor pressure** : 635 psig
- Vapor density** : 0.9 (Air = 1)
- Specific Volume (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb)** : 14.7059
- Gas Density (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)** : 0.068
- Physical chemical comments** : Not available.

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

- Stability and reactivity** : The product may undergo hazardous decomposition, condensation or polymerization, it may react violently with water to emit toxic gases or it may become self-reactive under conditions of shock or increase in temperature or pressure.
- Incompatibility with various substances** : Extremely reactive or incompatible with oxidizing agents

## Section 11. Toxicological information

- Chronic effects on humans** : Causes damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, central nervous system (CNS).
- Other toxic effects on humans** : No specific information is available in our database regarding the other toxic effects of this material for humans.
- Specific effects**
- Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards
- Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards

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Reproduction toxicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.



**Section 12. Ecological information**


- Products of degradation : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>) and water.  
 Toxicity of the products of biodegradation : The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.  
 Environmental fate : Not available.  
 Environmental hazards : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 Toxicity to the environment : Not available.

**Section 13. Disposal considerations**

Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.

**Section 14. Transport information**

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN1001	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED	2.1	Not applicable (gas).		<p><b>Limited quantity</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Packaging instruction</b> <b>Passenger Aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: Forbidden.</p> <p><b>Cargo Aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 15 kg</p>
TDG Classification	UN1001	ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED	2.1	Not applicable (gas).		<p><b>Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index</b> 0</p> <p><b>Passenger Carrying Ship Index</b> 75</p> <p><b>Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index</b> Forbidden</p> <p><b>Special provisions</b> 38, 42</p>

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## Section 15. Regulatory information

### United States

- U.S. Federal regulations** :
- TSCA 8(b) inventory: Acetylene
  - SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
  - SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
  - SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Acetylene
  - SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Acetylene: Fire hazard, reactive, Sudden Release of Pressure, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard
  - Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.
  - Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.
  - Clean air act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: Acetylene
  - Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: Acetylene
  - Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.
- State regulations** :
- Pennsylvania RTK: Acetylene: (generic environmental hazard)
  - Massachusetts RTK: Acetylene
  - New Jersey: Acetylene

### Canada

- WHMIS (Canada)** :
- Class A: Compressed gas.
  - Class B-1: Flammable gas.
  - Class F: Dangerously reactive material.
  - CEPA DSL: Acetylene

## Section 16. Other information

### United States

- Label Requirements** :
- FLAMMABLE GAS.
  - CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.
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**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)** :

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<b>Fire hazard</b>	4
<b>Reactivity</b>	3
<b>Personal protection</b>	C

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)** :



### Notice to reader

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Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.