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PETROLANE MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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WARNING STATEMENT

DANGER: Extremely flammable. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Vapor reduces oxygen available for breathing and may cause suffocation in confined spaces. Use only with adequate ventilation. Odor may not provide adequate warning of potentially hazardous concentrations. Vapor is heavier than air and collects in low levels. Liquid may cause freeze burn similar to frostbite.

Product Identification

Product Name: Petrolane Propane
Chemical Name: Propane
Synonyms: LP-Gas, Bottled Gas
Chemical Family: Paraffinic Hydrocarbon
Chemical Formula: C₃H₈
DOT Proper Shipping Name: Liquefied Petroleum Gas
DOT Hazard Class: Flammable Gas
DOT ID Number: UN1075

Transportation Emergency Telephone:
800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)

NFPA Classification:
Health 1 Slightly Toxic
Fire 4 Extremely Flammable
Reactivity 0 Stable

Physical Data

Component	CAS Number	%	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Ethane	74-84-0	0-6	None established	Simple asphyxiant
Propane	74-98-6	87-97	1000 ppm (8hr)	Simple asphyxiant
Propylene	115-07-1	0-5	None established	Simple asphyxiant
Butane	106-97-8	0-2.5	None established	800 ppm (8 hr)

Physical Data

Boiling Point: -44°F
Melting Point: -309°F
Vapor Pressure: 208 psig (max.) @ 100°F
Vapor Density (Air=1): 1.5
Specific Gravity (H₂O=1): 0.504
Appearance and Odor: Colorless, odorless in pure form. Propane contains a foul smelling, skunk-like warning agent (odorant). The odorant is effective, in most instances, but not everyone can smell the odor. The ability of people to detect odors varies widely. Also, certain chemical reactions with material in the propane system can reduce the propane odor level. No odorant will be 100% effective in all circumstances. If odor level appears to be weak, notify propane supplier immediately.

% Volatile by Volume: 100%
Solubility in Water: Insoluble
Evaporation Rate (Bu Ac=1): N/A
(Ca. Vol. gas @ 100°F)
(Ca. Vol. gas/gal. liquid): 36.4

Fire and Explosion Data

Flash Point (Method Used): -156°F (estimated)
Flammable Limits % Volume in Air: Lower 2.1%
Upper 9.5%
Extinguishing Media: Dry chemical, foam or CO₂ for small fires. Stop flow of gas first.
Special Fire Fighting Procedures and Precautions: Eliminate sources of ignition. Evacuate area. Notify fire department. Allow only trained, properly protected personnel in area. Shut off source of gas, if possible. Allow fire to burn itself out after gas flow is shut off. High volume water supply can be used to cool heat-exposed pressure containers and nearby equipment. Approach a flame enveloped container from the side, never the head end. Use extreme caution when applying water to a container which has been exposed to heat or flame for more than a short time. Shock of cool water on hot metal could cause container rupture. For uncontrollable fires and when flame is impinging on container, withdraw all personnel and evacuate surrounding vicinity immediately.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Products of combustion may yield carbon monoxide, a toxic gas. Uncontrolled vapors spread rapidly, are heavier than air and are extremely flammable.

Reactivity Data

Stability: Stable
Materials to Avoid: Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Incomplete combustion can cause carbon monoxide, a toxic gas.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur
Conditions to Avoid: None
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Health Hazard Data

Product is not listed as carcinogenic by NTP, IARC or OSHA. Product may contain a traceable amount of benzene, a chemical listed by the State of California and known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Routes of Entry / Acute Effects of Overexposure:

Inhalation: Exposure to high concentrations of the vapor causes dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness due to anesthetic properties.

Skin Contact: Liquid can cause freeze burns similar to frostbite if contact with skin. No skin absorption is expected.

Eye Contact: Liquid can cause freeze burns if contact with eyes occurs.

Ingestion: Ingestion is not expected to occur in normal use.

Chronic Effects of Overexposure: No abnormal reactions reported following exposure for 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, for 2 weeks.

Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure: Persons with chronic respiratory disease should avoid exposure.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Eye Contact: Flush with water. Obtain medical assistance if contact with liquid has occurred. Remove contaminated contact lenses, if available. Keep immersed. Call for medical assistance.
Skin Contact: If freeze burn occurs, remove contaminated clothes, shoes and jewelry. Immerse burned area in warm (not hot) water. Keep immersed. Call for medical assistance.
Inhalation: Remove victim from further exposure and into fresh air. Provide oxygen if breathing is labored. If victim is unconscious, seek immediate medical attention. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration.

Ingestion: Not expected to occur in normal use.

Spill or Leak Procedures

Flammable concentrations: Vapor is heavier than air and may collect at lower levels than liquid. Do not breathe vapors. Evacuate area. Do not use open flames, sparks, or electrical equipment. Stop flow of gas or allow vapor to disperse in a safe area. Water spray can be used to dilute vapor concentration in air.

Dispose of gas only by controlled burning in compliance with local laws and regulations.

Handling and Storage Precautions

Store in an authorized location (outside, detached storage is preferred) with adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and ignition sources. Inspect cylinders frequently for leaks, dents, corrosion with emphasis on bottom of cylinder. Store cylinders in upright position or with relief valves in vapor space. Do not drop or abuse cylinders. Keep container valve closed and plugged when not in use. Install protective caps when cylinders are not connected for use. Containers retain some residue, so they should be treated as if they are full.

Personal Protection Information

Ventilation: Use adequate ventilation to maintain exposures below recommended limits.
Respiratory Protection: Use a NIOSH-approved respirator if area is thought to contain unknown concentration of gas.

Eye Protection: Use safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields.

Protective Clothing: No special garments are necessary, but avoid skin contact with liquid because of possibility of freeze burn. Propane resistant gloves are recommended.

Communication with Employee and Purchaser

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) alerts the reader to the potential safety and health hazards of the product. It also contains valuable reference material relating to the safe use and handling of the product. Make sure that this information is shared with all employees and purchasers who will be using or handling the product. It is an important part of the OSHA hazard communication program.

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