



## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

# Propane

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### Emergency Phone Numbers

24 Hour Emergency: 866-565-5220  
Chemtrec Emergency: 800-424-9300

### General Assistance

General Assistance: 210-345-4593

**BRAND NAMES:** Valero, Diamond Shamrock, Shamrock, Ultramar, Beacon, Total

## Section 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Common / Trade name** : Propane

**Synonym** : dimethylmethane; propane (dot); propyl hydride; dimethyl methane

SYNONYMS/COMMON NAMES: This Material Safety Data Sheet applies to the listed products and synonym descriptions for Hazard Communication purposes only. Technical specifications vary greatly depending on the product and are not reflected in this document. Consult specification sheets for technical information. This product contains ingredients that are considered to be hazardous as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**Material uses** : ORGANIC SYNTHESIS; HOUSEHOLD AND INDUSTRIAL FUEL; MANUFACTURE OF ETHYLENE; EXTRACTANT; SOLVENT; REFRIGERANT; GAS ENRICHER; AEROSOL PROPELLANT; MIXTURE FOR BUBBLE CHAMBERS.

**MSDS#** : 309

**CAS #** : 74-98-6

## Section 2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>Concentration ( % )</u>
Propane	74-98-6	90 - 100
Propylene	115-07-1	0 - 10
Ethylene	74-85-1	0 - 1

## Section 3. Hazards Identification

Extremely Flammable. Compressed Gas. Narcotic and asphyxiant in high concentrations. Gas or vapor reduces oxygen available for breathing and may cause suffocation. Contact with liquid causes burns similar to frostbite. Wear insulated gloves if contact with liquid cooled equipment is expected. Avoid liquid, mist and vapor contact. Vapors may explode.

**Physical state** : Gas. (COLORLESS LIQUEFIED COMPRESSED GAS; ODORLESS BUT MAY HAVE SKUNK ODOR ADDED.)

**Emergency overview** : Danger!

CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.

CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: NERVOUS SYSTEM.

POSSIBLE CANCER HAZARD

CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.

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Do not ingest. Avoid shock and friction. Extremely hazardous liquid and vapor under pressure. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.

<b>Routes of entry</b>	: Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.
<b>Potential acute health effects</b>	
<b>Eyes</b>	: May cause severe irritation, redness, tearing, blurred vision and conjunctivitis. Contact with compressed liquid may cause permanent damage and frost burns.
<b>Skin</b>	: Extreme overexposure to very high concentrations may cause mild skin irritation. Contact with compressed liquid may cause skin to freeze or frost burns.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: Simple asphyxiant. Nasal and respiratory tract irritation, central nervous system effects including excitation, euphoria, contracted eye pupils, dizziness, drowsiness, blurred vision, fatigue, nausea, headache, loss of reflexes, tremors, convulsions, seizures, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory arrest and sudden death could occur as a result of long term and/or high concentration exposure to vapors. May also cause anemia and irregular heart rhythm.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: This product may cause freeze burns to the mucous membranes. May cause harmful central nervous system effects, similar to those listed under "inhalation".
<b>Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure:</b>	: Preexisting eye, skin, heart, central nervous system and respiratory system disorders may be aggravated by exposure to this product. Components have been shown to be weak cardiac sensitizers which can result in cardiac arrhythmia and ventricular fibrillation.
<b>Over-exposure signs/symptoms</b>	: Simple asphyxiant. Nasal and respiratory tract irritation, central nervous system effects including excitation, euphoria, contracted eye pupils, dizziness, drowsiness, blurred vision, fatigue, nausea, headache, loss of reflexes, tremors, convulsions, seizures, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory arrest and sudden death could occur as a result of long term and/or high concentration exposure to vapors. May also cause anemia and irregular heart rhythm.

See toxicological Information (section 11)

## Section 4. First Aid Measures

<b>Eye contact</b>	: Remove the victim from the source of contamination. Open eyelids to let the product evaporate, then flush immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids should be held away from the eyeball to ensure thorough rinsing. Seek medical advice if pain or redness continues. If the victim cannot tolerate light, protect his eyes with a bandage or handkerchief.
<b>Skin contact</b>	: For exposure to liquid, slowly rewarm frostbitten part with lukewarm water. In case of massive exposure, remove clothing while showering with lukewarm water. Call a physician. Remove contaminated clothing promptly and launder before reuse.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: This product is a gas at normal temperatures and pressures. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. DO NOT induce vomiting. Keep person warm and quiet. SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.
<b>Notes to physician</b>	: Treat Symptomatically.

## Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

<b>Flammability of the product</b>	: Flammable.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	: 449.85°C (841.7°F)
<b>Flash point</b>	: Closed cup: -104.45°C (-156°F).
<b>Flammable limits</b>	: Lower: 2.3% Upper: 9.5%
<b>Products of combustion</b>	: Combustion may produce carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and reactive hydrocarbons (aldehydes, aromatics, etc.).

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**Fire fighting media and instructions**

: Use an extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding fires.

Extremely Flammable. Do not extinguish fire due to probable explosive reignition. Shut off source of flow, if possible. Use appropriate extinguishing media for any secondary fires. Small fires can be extinguished with dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Water can be used to cool fire-exposed containers, structures and to protect personnel. If a leak or spill has not ignited, ventilate area and use water spray to disperse gas or vapor and to protect personnel attempting to stop a leak.

Risk of explosion by shock, friction, fire or other sources of ignition.

**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. Fire-fighters' protective clothing will provide limited protection. Dangerous when exposed to heat or flame. Vapors form flammable or explosive mixtures with air at room temperature. Vapor or gas may spread to distant ignition sources (pilot lights, welding equipment, electrical equipment, etc.) and flash back. Vapors may accumulate in low areas. Vapors may concentrate in confined areas. Flowing product can be ignited by self generated static electricity. Use adequate bonding and grounding to prevent static buildup. Runoff to sewer may cause fire or explosion hazard. Containers may explode in heat of fire. Irritating or toxic substances may be emitted upon thermal decomposition. For fires involving this material, do not enter any enclosed or confined space without proper protective equipment, which may include NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face mask. Clothing, rags or similar organic material contaminated with this product and stored in a closed space may undergo spontaneous combustion. Transfer to and from commonly bonded and grounded containers.

**Special remarks on fire hazards**

: FLAMMABLE.

**Special remarks on explosion hazards**

: No additional remark.

**Section 6. Accidental Release Measures****Personal precautions**

: Immediately contact emergency personnel. Eliminate all ignition sources. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (Section 8). Do not touch or walk through spilled material.

**Environmental precautions**

: If facility or operation has an "oil or hazardous substance contingency plan", activate its procedures. Stay upwind and away from spill. Wear appropriate protective equipment including respiratory protection as conditions warrant. Do not enter or stay in area unless monitoring indicates that it is safe to do so. Isolate hazard area and restrict entry to emergency crew. Extremely flammable. Review Fire and Explosion Hazard Data before proceeding with clean up. Keep all sources of ignition (flames, smoking, flares, etc.) and hot surfaces away from release. Contain spill in smallest possible area. Recover as much product as possible (e.g., by vacuuming). Stop leak if it can be done without risk. Use water spray to disperse vapors. Spilled material may be absorbed by an appropriate absorbent, and then handled in accordance with environmental regulations. Prevent spilled material from entering sewers, storm drains, other unauthorized treatment or drainage systems and natural waterways. Contact fire authorities and appropriate federal, state and local agencies. If spill of any amount is made into or upon navigable waters, the contiguous zone, or adjoining shorelines, contact the National Response Center at 800-424- 8802. For highway or railway spills, contact Chemtrec at 800-424-9300.

## Section 7. Handling and Storage

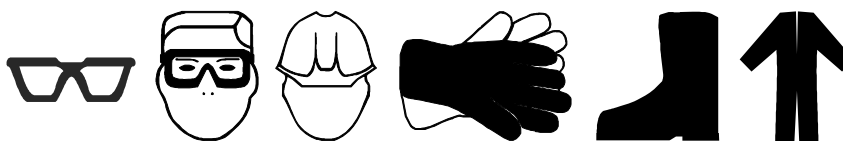
- Handling** : Do not ingest. Avoid shock and friction. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Extremely hazardous liquid and vapor under pressure. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use good personal hygiene practices. After handling this product, wash hands before eating, drinking, or using toilet facilities.
- Storage** : Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

## Section 8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

- Engineering controls** : Ventilation is normally required when handling or using this product.

### 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. Flame Retardant Clothing is recommended.
- 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.
- 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 protective equipment (Pictograms)** : Consult your Supervisor or S.O.P. for special handling directions.



- Personal protection in case of a large spill** : Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

### Component

Propane

### Exposure limits

**ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004). Notes: ACGIH 2004 Adoption**

TWA: 1000 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms

**NIOSH REL (United States, 6/2001).**

TWA: 1000 ppm 10 hour(s). Form: All forms

Simple asphyxiant.

Propylene

**ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004).**

TWA: 500 ppm 8 hour(s).

Simple asphyxiant.

Ethylene

Simple asphyxiant.

**Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.**

## Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state	: Gas. (COLORLESS LIQUEFIED COMPRESSED GAS; ODORLESS BUT MAY HAVE SKUNK ODOR ADDED.)
Color	: Colorless.
Odor	: FAINT GASSY
Molecular formula	: C3-H8
Boiling point	: -41.79°C (-43.2°F)
Melting/freezing point	: -185.89°C (-302.6°F)
Specific gravity	: 0.59 (Water = 1)
Vapor density	: 1.6 (Air = 1)
Volatility	: Essentially 100%
VOC	: 100 (%)
Solubility	: Insoluble in cold water.

## Section 10. Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability and reactivity	: The product is stable.
Conditions of instability	: Stable under normal conditions of use. (Ethane)
Incompatibility with various substances	: Extremely reactive or incompatible with oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Combustion may produce carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and reactive hydrocarbons (aldehydes, aromatics, etc.).
Hazardous polymerization	: Will not occur.

## Section 11. Toxicological Information

### Toxicity data

**LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS** acts as a simple asphyxiant, but may also cause central nervous system depression. Concentrations of 100,000 ppm may be tolerated, but cause dizziness within a few minutes. No chronic systemic effect has been reported from occupational exposure to LPG.

IDLH	: 2100 ppm
Chronic effects on humans	: <b>CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:</b> Classified A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC [Propylene]. Classified A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC [Ethylene]. Causes damage to the following organs: the nervous system.
Other toxic effects on humans	: Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.
<u>Specific effects</u>	
Carcinogenic effects	: Contains material which may cause cancer based on animal data. Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.
Target organs	: Causes damage to the following organs: the nervous system.

## Section 12. Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity data



- Products of degradation** : carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>) and water
- Toxicity of the products of biodegradation** : The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

- Waste disposal** : Do not puncture or incinerate container. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

Consult your local or regional authorities.

## Section 14. Transport Information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	UN1075	PETROLEUM GASES, LIQUEFIED	2.1	Not available.		<b>Limited quantity</b> <b>Yes.</b>  <b>Packaging instruction</b> <b>Passenger Aircraft</b> <b>Quantity limitation:</b> <b>Forbidden.</b>  <b>Cargo Aircraft</b> <b>Quantity limitation:</b> <b>150 kg</b>  <b>Special provisions</b> <b>T50</b>
<b>TDG Classification</b>	UN1075	PETROLEUM GASES, LIQUEFIED	2.1	Not available.		<b>Special provisions</b> <b>29, 42</b>

## Section 15. Regulatory Information

### United States

- U.S. Federal regulations** : TSCA 8(b) inventory: Propane; Propylene; Ethylene
- 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: Propane
- SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Propane: Fire hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure; Propylene: Fire hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure

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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: Propane; Propylene; Ethylene  
 Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: Propane; Propylene; Ethylene  
 Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

**SARA 313**

	<u>Product name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
<b>Form R - Reporting requirements</b>	: Propylene	115-07-1	0 - 10
<b>Supplier notification</b>	: Propylene	115-07-1	0 - 10

SARA 313 notifications must not be detached from the MSDS and any copying and redistribution of the MSDS shall include copying and redistribution of the notice attached to copies of the MSDS subsequently redistributed.

**State regulations** : Pennsylvania RTK: Propane: (generic environmental hazard); Propylene: (environmental hazard, generic environmental hazard); Ethylene: (environmental hazard, generic environmental hazard)  
 Massachusetts RTK: Propane; Propylene; Ethylene  
 New Jersey: Propane; Propylene; Ethylene  
 California prop. 65: No products were found.

**Canada**

**WHMIS (Canada)** : Class A: Compressed gas.  
 Class B-1: Flammable gas.  
 CEPA DSL: Propane; Propylene; Ethylene

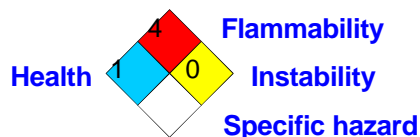
**Section 16. Other Information**

**Label Requirements** : CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.  
 CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: NERVOUS SYSTEM.  
 POSSIBLE CANCER HAZARD  
 CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.

**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)** :

Health	1
Fire hazard	4
Physical Hazard	0
Personal protection	

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



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## Definitions of Material Safety Data Sheet Terminology

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, (private association)  
**DOT** - United States Department of Transportation  
**EPA** - United States Environmental Protection Agency  
**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer, (private association)  
**NFPA** - National Fire Protection Association, (private association)  
**MSHA** - Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor  
**NIOSH** - National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
**NTP** - National Toxicology Program, (private association)  
**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor  
**WHMIS** - Workplace Hazardous Material Information System  
**CSA** - Canadian Standards Association

### HAZARD AND EXPOSURE INFORMATION

**Acute Hazard** - An adverse health effect which occurs rapidly as a result of short term exposure.  
**CAS #** - American Chemical Society's Chemical Abstract service registry number which identifies the product and/or ingredients.  
**Ceiling** - The concentration that should not be exceeded during any part of the working exposure  
**Chronic Hazard** - An adverse health effect which generally occurs as a result of long term exposure or short term exposure with delayed health effects and is of long duration  
**Fire Hazard** - A material that poses a physical hazard by being flammable, combustible, pyrophoric or an oxidizer as defined by 29 CFR 1910.1200  
**Hazard Class** - DOT hazard classification  
**Hazardous Ingredients** - Names of ingredients which have been identified as health hazards  
**IDLH** - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health, the airborne concentration below which a person can escape without respiratory protection and exposure up to 30 minutes, and not suffer debilitating or irreversible health effects. Established by NIOSH.  
**mg/m<sup>3</sup>** - Milligrams of contaminant per cubic meter of air, a mass to volume ratio  
**N/A** - Not available or no relevant information found  
**NA** - Not applicable  
**PEL** - OSHA permissible exposure limit; an action level of one half this value may be applicable  
**ppm** - Part per million (one volume of vapor or gas in one million volumes of air)  
**Pressure Hazard** - A material that poses a physical hazard due to the potential of a sudden release of pressure such as explosive or a compressed gas as defined by 29 CFR 1910.1200  
**Reactive Hazard** - A material that poses a physical hazard due to the potential to become unstable reactive, water reactive or that is an organic peroxide as defined by 29 CFR 1910.1200.  
**STEL** - The ACGIH Short-Term Exposure Limit, a 15-minute Time-Weighted Average exposure which should not be exceeded at any time during a workday, even if the 8-hour TWA is less than the TLV.  
**TLV** - ACGIH Threshold Limit Value, represented herein as an 8-hour TWA concentration.  
**8-hour TWA** - The time weighted average concentration for a normal 8-hour workday and a 40-hour workweek, to which nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed, day after day, without adverse effect.  
**LD<sub>50</sub>** - Single dose of a substance that, when administered by a defined route in an animal assay, is expected to cause the death of 50% of the defined animal population.  
**LC<sub>50</sub>** - The concentration of a substance in air that, when administered by means of inhalation over a specified length of time in an animal assay, is expected to cause the death of 50% of a defined animal population.