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# Dimethyl Ether DME - Pure

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This SDS conforms to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS), South African Regulations on Hazardous Chemical Agents, and SANS 10234, SANS 11014 & SANS 10228.

| SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION |   |
|---|---|
| Product name                                  | Dimethyl Ether (DME) - Aerosol Grade                                  |
| Chemical Name                                 | Dimethyl Ether  |
| Other means of identification                 | DME, DIMETHYL ETHER, dimethyl ether, Dimethylether                    |
| Recommended Intended Purpose                  | Chemical intermediate, Aerosol propellants, Foaming (blowing) agents. |
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| Emergency Telephone                           | Rapid Spill Response - 24 hours, 7 days a week                        |

| lassification of the substracted Classification ammable Gas lammable Liquids ases under pressure |  | sification as | published through ECHA Statement Extremely flammable gas. |  |
|--|--|---------------|---|--|
| azard Classification<br>lammable Gas<br>lammable Liquids   | 1<br>1<br>2.2  | H220<br>H224  | Statement  Extremely flammable gas.                       |  |
| lammable Gas<br>lammable Liquids   | 1<br>1<br>2.2  | H220<br>H224  | Extremely flammable gas.                                  |  |
| lammable Liquids   | 1 2.2  | H224          | ,   |  |
| •  | 2.2  |               |   |  |
| ases under pressure  |  | H280          | Extremely flammable liquid and vapour                     |  |
|  | 2  |               | Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated        |  |
| ye Irritant  |  | H319          | Serious eye damage/eye irritant                           |  |
| kin Irritant   | 2  | H315          | Skin corrosion/irritant                                   |  |
| ТОТ  |  | H336          | May cause drowsiness or dizziness                         |  |
| azard Pictograms   |  |               |   |  |
|  |  | . Uk.         |   |  |
|  |  | <u>E3</u>     |   |  |
|  |  | GH GH         | ISO2 GHS04  |  |
| ignal Word   | Dange  |               | , disc.   |  |
| recautionary Statement   | <u> </u>   |               |   |  |
| ieneral: P1  | 01   | If medical a  | dvice is needed, have product container or label at hand  |  |
| P10  | 02   | Keep out of   | reach of children   |  |
| P10  | 03   | Read carefu   | ılly and follow all instructions                          |  |
| revention P2:  | 10   | Keep away     | from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other    |  |
|  |  | ignition sou  | rces. No smoking  |  |
| P28  | 30   | Wear prote    | ctive gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face      |  |
|  |  | protection.   |   |  |
| P20  | 51   | Avoid breat   | hing gas  |  |
| P20  | 52   | Do not get i  | n eyes, on skin, or on clothing                           |  |
| esponse p3   | P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped |               |   |  |
|  | · <del>·</del>   | safely.       |   |  |
| P3:  | 18   | •             | or concerned, get medical advice.                         |  |
|  | P304+P340  |               | Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for       |  |
|  |  |               | breathing.  |  |



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|               | P302 + P336 +   | IF ON SKIN: Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected  |  |
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|               | P315  | area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.                            |  |
|               | P381  | Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so                          |  |
| Storage       | P410 + P403   | Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.                 |  |
|               | P405  | Store locked up.   |  |
| Disposal      | P501  | Dispose of contents/ container to an approved facility in                |  |
|               |   | accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations. |  |
| Main Hazard   | This substance is an extremely flammable gas.                         |  |  |
| Other Hazards | An asphyxiant at high concentrations – oxygen depletion can be fatal. |  |  |

## **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

#### **Substance**

| CAS No     | EC No     | Name           |
|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 115-10-6   | 204-065-8 | Dimethyl ether |
| UN Number: | 1033      |                |

See Section 8 for Exposure Guidelines and Section 15 for Regulatory Classifications.

## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

| General information     | Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.  |
|-------------------------|---|
| In case of inhalation   | Inhalation: Remove from exposure, and lie down. Move to fresh air. Keep the patient warm and at rest. Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary. Consult a physician. |
| In case of skin contact | Skin contact: Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Flush the area with lukewarm water. Do not use hot water. If frostbite has occurred, call a physician.              |
| In case of eye contact  | Eye contact: Hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.   |

| SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Suitable extinguishing media      | Water spray, Foam, Dry chemical, Carbon dioxide (CO2), |  |

Unsuitable extinguishing media Not applicable

Special hazards arising from the Pressu

substance

Pressure build-up Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air. Under conditions giving incomplete combustion, hazardous gases produced may consist of: Carbon oxides

Ingestion: This is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Treatment: Do not give adrenaline or similar drug

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

In the event of a fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment.

Additional information

In case of ingestion

Treatment (Advice to doctor)

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Cool containers/tanks with water spray.



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| SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES |   |  |
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| Personal precautions                   | Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ventilate the area. Refer to protective measures listed in the section handling and storage and inspection exposure controls/personal protection. |  |
| Environmental precautions              | Should not be released into the environment.  |  |
| Methods and material for               | Evaporates.   |  |

## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling

containment and cleaning up

Avoid breathing vapours or mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhausting work rooms. For personal protection see section exposure controls/personal protection.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors. Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air. The product should only be used in areas from which all naked lights and other sources of ignition have been excluded. Electrical equipment should be protected to the appropriate standard. No sparking tools should be used. Take measures to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. When using do not smoke.

Requirements for storage rooms and vessels

Requirements for storage areas and containers: Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store in the original container.

## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Type Form of exposure: TWA Control parameters 1 920 mg/m3 1 000 ppm Update 02 / 2006 Basis EU ELV

Type Form of exposure: TWA Control parameters 766 mg/m3

400 ppm Update 2007 Basis EH40 WEL

Type Form of exposure: STEL

958 mg/m3 500 ppm Update 2007 Baisis EH40 WEL

| Exposure controls      | As vapourised DME is a simple asphyxiant, avoid any areas where spillage has taken place. Only enter once testing has proved the atmosphere to be safe.                                     |
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| Respiratory protection | For rescue and maintenance work in storage tanks use self-contained breathing apparatus. Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. |
| Hand protection        | Heat insulating gloves  |



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| Eye protection           | Safety glasses Additionally wear a face shield where the possibility exists for face contact due to splashing, spraying or airborne contact with this material. |
|--------------------------|---|
| Skin and body protection | Lightweight protective clothing   |
| Hygiene measures         | Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practices.  When using do not smoke  |
| Engineering Controls     | Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.  |

## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Physical state
Colour
Colourless
Odour
PH
Not applicable
Freezing point
Boiling point
Flash point
Colourless
Almost odourless.
Not applicable
-141 °C
-24.8 °C
-41 °C

Flammability Extremely flammable

Lower Explosion Limit 3.3 %(V)
Upper explosion limit 18.6 %(V)

Auto-ignition temperature 350 0C (235 0C,BAM, DIN 51 794)

Density 668 kg/m3 at 20 °C Liquid

Log Pow 0.07 at 25 °C 470 kPa at 25 °C 470 kPa at 25 °C Relative vapour density 1040 kPa at 50 °C Solubility: Water 1.59 (Air = 1.0)

328 g/l at 20 °C at 410kPaLiquefied gas, Closed system

Solubility in other solvents Organic solvents

## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Reactivity** Vapours may form an explosive mixture with air.

Chemical Stability Relatively stable

Conditions to avoid Temperature : > 52 °C

Incompatible materials Oxygen, Oxidizing agents, Acid anhydrides, Strong acids, Carbon monoxide,

Acetic anhydride, Powdered metals

**Hazardous decomposition** 

products.

formaldehyde, Carbon dioxide (CO2), Carbon monoxide, Methanol

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Skin corrosion/irritation
Serious eye damage/irritation
Germ cell mutagenicity:
Carcinogenicity:
Not classified

## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No ecological damage was caused by this product.



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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Product:** Can be used after re-conditioning. In accordance with local and national regulations. Must be incinerated in a suitable incineration plant holding a permit delivered by the competent authorities.

**Contaminated packaging:** Empty pressure vessels should be returned to the supplier.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

#### **UN Pictogram**

#### Flammable Gas



#### Land and inland navigation transport ADR/RID

UN No. 1033, Shipping Name Dimethyl ether, ERG No. 115, Class 2.1, Hazchem Warning 2-Flammable gas

#### **Marine transport IMDG**

MDG 1033, Shipping Name Dimethyl ether, ERG No. 115, Class 2.1, Hazchem Warning Flammable gas.

#### Air transport ICAO/IATA-DGR

ICAO/IATA Code 1033, Class 2.1, Packaging instructions: Cargo: 200, Passenger: Forbidden, Maximum quantity allowed: Cargo: 150 kg, Passenger: Forbidden

#### Special precautions for user

The protective measures listed in Sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Safety Data Sheet have to be considered.

## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific to the substance or mixture:

Occupational Health and Safety Act, Hazardous Chemical Agents Regulations

SANS 11014:2010 Edition 1

SANS 10228:2012 Edition 6

SANS 10234:2019 Edition 2

SUPPLEMENT TO SANS 10234 Edition 1

National Road Traffic Act

**Dangerous Goods Regulations** 

#### **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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## Wording of the R/S-phrases specified

R12 - Extremely Flammable



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R18 – In use may form flammable explosive vapour-air mixture.

R44 – Risk of explosion if heated under confinement.

S2 Keep out of reach of children

S3 Keep in a cool place

S9 Keep the container in well-ventilated place

S15 Keep away from heat

S29 Do not empty into drains

S16 Keep away from sources of ignition

S33 Keep away from static discharge

S41 in case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes

Refer to SANS 10265 for an explanation of the above.

#### Disclaimer:

This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.