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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 & SANS10228.


## SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

<b>Product name</b>	Ethylene Oxide
<b>Chemical Name</b>	Ethylene oxide
<b>Other means of identification</b>	Epoxyethane, Dihydrooxirene, Dimethylene oxide, DOW Ethylene Oxide, Epoxyethane, Ethene Oxide, Ethylene oxide, Ethyleneoxy, Ethylenoxid
<b>Recommended Intended Purpose</b>	This substance is used by consumers, in articles, by professional workers (widespread uses including biocidal uses), in formulation or re-packing, at industrial sites, and in manufacturing.
<b>Company Information</b>	<b>Puregas (Pty) Ltd</b> PO Box 123884, Alrode, 1451, Gauteng, South Africa <b>Tel:</b> (011) 903 9760 <b>Fax:</b> (011) 903 9766 <b>Cellphone:</b> 082 889 6946 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 082 885 7475 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@puregas.co.za">info@puregas.co.za</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.puregas.co.za">www.puregas.co.za</a>
<b>Emergency Telephone</b>	0800 172 743 Rapid Spill Response - 24 hours, 7 days a week

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification of the substance - GHS classification as published through ECHA

Hazard Classification	Category	Hazard Statement	
Flammable Gas	1	H220	Extremely flammable gas.
Gases under pressure	2.2	H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
Gases under pressure	2.2	H281	Contains refrigerated gas, may cause cryogenic burns/injury
Acute Toxicity	3	H331	Toxic if inhaled
Skin Irritant	2	H315	Causes skin irritation
Eye Irritant	2A	H319	Causes serious eye irritation
Skin Sens	1B	H317	May cause allergic skin reaction
Germ cell mutagenicity	1B	H340	May cause genetic defects
Carcinogenicity	1B	H350	May cause cancer
Reproductive toxicity	1A	H360	May damage fertility or unborn child
Specific target organ toxicity	3	H335	May cause respiratory irritation
Specific target organ toxicity	3	H372	May cause drowsiness or dizziness
Hazard Pictograms	<div> GHS02</div> <div> GHS06</div> <div> GHS08</div> <div> GHS04</div>		
Signal Word	Dangerous		
Precautionary Statements			
General:	P101 P102 P103	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand Keep out of reach of children Read carefully and follow all instructions	
Prevention	P201 P202 P201	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition	

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	P260 P262 P264 P270 P272 P271 + P403 P280	sources. No smoking. Do not breathe gas Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Use and store only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>Response</b>	P308 + P313 P303 + P340  P311 P305 + P351 + P338  P337+P313 P302 + P336 + P315 P333+P313 P377 P381	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison centre or doctor. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice/attention. IF EYE IRRITATION PERSISTS: Get medical advice/attention. IF ON SKIN: Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention. IF SKIN IRRITATION OR RASH OCCURS: Get medical advice/attention. LEAKING GAS FIRE: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.
<b>Storage</b>	P405 P410 + P403	Store locked up. Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.
<b>Disposal</b>	P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.
<b>Main Hazard</b>	All Cylinders are portable gas containers and must be regarded as pressure vessels at all times. The product is flammable, and its potential to cause asphyxia by displacement of air, with the resultant lowering of the oxygen content below that necessary to support life	
<b>Flammable Hazard</b>	Flammable product	
<b>Chemical Hazard</b>	No hazardous decomposition compounds formed.	
<b>Biological Hazard</b>	Readily degradable. The product has not been tested	
<b>Health Hazards</b>	Prolonged inhalation of substantial concentrations results in unconsciousness; light and moderate anaesthesia is attained, and deep anaesthesia seldom occurs. Inhalation is fatal only if the gas acts as a simple asphyxiant, depriving the body of necessary oxygen. Direct contact with liquid form can cause frostbite and freeze-burns in exposed tissues.	
<b>Other Hazards</b>	Asphyxiant in high concentrations. Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.	

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance			
CAS No	EC No	Name	REACH registration number
75-21-8	200-849-9	ethylene-oxide	01-2119432402-53
UN Number	1040		
See Section 8 for Exposure Guidelines and Section 15 for Regulatory Classifications.			

### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>General information</b>	Remove contaminated soaked clothing immediately. Adhere to personal protective measures when giving first aid. Seek medical advice immediately.
<b>In case of inhalation</b>	Remove the casualty into fresh air and keep him immobile.

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<b>In case of skin contact</b>	<p>In the event of pulmonary irritation treat initially with corticoid spray, e.g. Ventolair- or Pulmicort- metered-dose aerosol (Ventolair and Pulmicort are registered trademarks).  Seek medical treatment immediately.  In case of respiratory standstill give artificial respiration by respiratory bag (Ambu bag) or respirator. Send for a doctor.</p> <p>In case of frostbite rinse with plenty of water. Don't remove clothing.  In case of frostbite spray with lukewarm (not hot) water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance.  In case of contact with skin wash off immediately and for a long time (at least 15 minutes) with plenty of water.  Refer for medical treatment.</p>
<b>In case of eye contact</b>	<p>Eye rinsing with water carefully while protecting unhurt eye for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly.  Call for a doctor immediately.</p>
<b>In case of ingestion</b>	<p>Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.  Give water to drink if the victim is completely conscious/alert. Do not induce vomiting.  Call a doctor immediately</p>
<b>Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed Treatment (Advice to doctor)</b>	<p>Risk of bullous dermatitis on exposure to vapours.  Risk of pulmonary oedema.  Physical symptoms such redness on the skin, vomiting, and dizziness.  Symptoms may not occur immediately and may present after a few hours.</p>

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Foam Dry powder Carbon dioxide Water spray jet or fog
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Full water jet
<b>Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture</b>	<p>DANGER! Cancer and reproductive hazard.  DANGER! Toxic, flammable liquefied gas  In the case of fire formation of dangerous gases is possible.  Formation of explosive gas mixtures in air.  In the event of fire, the following can be released: Carbon monoxide (CO).</p>
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	<p>Use a breathing apparatus with an independent air supply (isolated).  Wear full protective clothing.</p>
<b>Additional information</b>	<p>Cool endangered containers with water spray jets.  Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.  Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless necessary.  Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur.  Containers are equipped with a pressure relief device.</p>

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES


<b>Personal precautions</b>	<p>DANGER! Cancer and reproductive hazard.  DANGER! Toxic, flammable liquefied gas</p>
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<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Remove persons to safety. Evacuate area. Personal protection by wearing close-fitting protective clothing and breathing apparatus. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Keep away sources of ignition.  If possible, stop the flow of product. Eliminate ignition sources. Do not discharge into the drains/surface waters/groundwater. If necessary, secure leaky pressure receptacles in salvage packaging. Suppress gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil.
<b>Methods and material for containment and cleaning up</b>	Ensure adequate air ventilation. Flush away residues with water.
<b>Reference to other sections</b>	Information for on safe handling see section 7. Information for on personal protective equipment see section 8.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Use only in thoroughly ventilated areas. Transfer and handle only in enclosed systems. Containers' temperature may not be increased above 50 °C. Do not heat with open flames. The working pressure in the receptacle must not exceed the saturation vapour pressure of the pure product resulting at a temperature of 50 °C. Barrels and installations thoroughly earthing (grounding). Use antistatic tools. Treatment only in suitable rooms and systems. Provide good room ventilation even at ground level (vapours are heavier than air). Prevent cylinders from falling over. Ensure a valve protection device is correctly fitted. Ensure a valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. Open the valve slowly to avoid pressure shock. Use only properly specified equipment that is suitable for this product, its supply pressure, and temperature. Do not allow back-feed into the container. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. No water to valves, flanges, and other fittings. Purging of pipes and valves with inert gases - to avoid water and solvents.
<b>General protective measures</b>	Do not inhale gases/vapours/aerosols.
<b>Hygiene measures</b>	At work do not eat, drink, and smoke. Wash hands before breaks and after work.
<b>Advice on protection against fire and explosion</b>	The product is combustible. Because of the risk of explosion avoid vapours getting into the cellar, sewage system, and holes. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Formation of explosive gas mixtures in air. Use explosion-proof equipment/fittings and non-sparking tools.
<b>Requirements for storage rooms and vessels</b>	Keep in closed original container.

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<b>Advice on storage compatibility</b>	<p>Ventilate store rooms thoroughly.  Use transportable pressure equipment.  Suitable materials: Normalised steel and carbon steel, tempered steel, aluminium alloys, stainless steel.  Valve: Suitable materials: Brass, copper alloys, carbon steels, aluminium alloys, stainless steel.</p>
<b>Further information on storage conditions</b>	<p>Do not store with spontaneously flammable materials.  Do not store together with combustible liquids or combustible solids.  Do not store them together with animal feedstuffs.  Do not store them together with explosives.  Do not store them together with infectious substances.  Do not store them together with radioactive material.  Do not store them together with toxic liquids or toxic solids.  Do not store them together with food.  Do not store them together with oxidizing liquids or oxidizing solids.</p>
<b>Recommendation(s) for intended use</b>	<p>Ensure the valve protection device is correctly fitted.  Keep the container tightly closed and store at cool and aired place.  Prevent cylinders from falling over.  Protect from heat.  Storage temperature may not exceed 50°C (=122°F).  Recommended storage temperature: ≤ 10 °C.</p> <p>Use the product in gaseous form. Dose rates and period of time needed for the biocidal effect have to be determined in each case.  Use as biocidal product in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products.</p>

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters


CAS No	Name	Code	[mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	[ppm]	Remark
75-21-8	Ethylene oxide	WEL, 8 hours	9.2	5	EH40, UK
75-21-8	Ethylene oxide	PEL, 8 hours Short-term		1 5	OSHA, USA
75-21-8	Ethylene oxide	TLV, 8 hours Short-term		1 3	ACGIH, USA
75-21-8	Ethylene oxide	REL, 8 hours Short-term	0.18 9	0,1 5	NIOSH, USA

### Additional advice

Ethylene oxide (EC-No: 200-849-9; CAS-No: 75-21-8): DMEL (workers, inhalation, long-term, systemic effects): 1,6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (0,9 ppm).

Ethylene oxide (EC-No: 200-849-9; CAS-No: 75-21-8): DMEL (workers, inhalation, short-term, systemic effects): 5,0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (2,7 ppm).

<b>Exposure controls</b> <b>Respiratory protection</b>	<p>Keep self-contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.  In case of rescue and maintenance activities in storage containers use environment-independent breathing apparatus because of the risk of suffocation by edging out of air oxygen Short-term: filter apparatus; filter AX, otherwise environment-independent breathing apparatus.</p>
<b>Hand protection</b>	<p>chemical-resistant gloves  Leather gloves</p>

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<b>Eye protection</b>	Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: IIR, >= 0,7 mm, > 30 min.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Safety goggles, in case of increased risk, add a protective face shield.
<b>Thermal hazard protection</b>	Safety shoes with steel toes. Body covering work clothing, or chemical resistant suit at increased risk.
<b>Engineering Controls</b>	Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.
	Use a backflow preventive device in the piping. Use only with equipment of compatible materials of construction and rated for cylinder pressure. Do not open the valve until connected to equipment prepared for use. Close the valve after each use and when empty.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	Gas
Colour	Colourless
Odour	ether-like
Odour threshold	420 – 490 ppm
pH	Not applicable
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	Not applicable
Melting point	No data available
Freezing point	No data available
Boiling point	10.5 °C (51.26 °F)
Flash point	-20 °C (-4 °F)
Critical temperature	195.8 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	429 °C (804 °F)
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	3 – 100 vol %
Vapor pressure	1.5 bar (22 psia) (at 20°C (68°F))
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	No data available
Relative density	0.87 (Water = 1) (at 4°C (39.2°F))
Density	1.824 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (0.1139 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) (at 21.1 °C (70 °F))
Relative gas density	1.52 (Air = 1) (at 21.1 °C (70 °F))
Solubility : Water	No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	Not applicable
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	Not applicable
Viscosity, kinematic	Not applicable
Viscosity, dynamic	Not applicable
Explosive properties	Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents
Oxidizing properties	None

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity</b>	See section "Possibility of hazardous reactions".
<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions
<b>Possibility of Hazardous reactions</b>	Strong exothermic reaction with acids. Risk of polymerisation.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Formation of explosive gas/air mixtures. Heat sources / heat - risk of bursting.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Copper, brass and other copper alloys

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<b>Hazardous decomposition products.</b>	Acids Oxidants Alkalis Metallic oxides Metallic salts Amine
	Carbon monoxide Hydrogen Methane
<b>Thermal decomposition</b>	Not determine

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on toxicological effects


<b>Acute toxicity:</b> <b>Skin corrosion/irritation:</b> <b>Serious eye damage/irritation:</b> <b>Respiratory or skin sensitization:</b> <b>Germ cell mutagenicity:</b> <b>Carcinogenicity:</b> <b>Skin corrosion/irritation:</b> <b>Reproductive toxicity:</b> <b>Specific target organ toxicity-single exposure:</b> <b>Specific target organ toxicity-repeated exposure:</b>	Not classified CAUSES SKIN IRRITATION. pH: not applicable CAUSES SERIOUS EYE IRRITATION. pH: not applicable MAY CAUSE AN ALLERGIC SKIN REACTION. May cause genetic defects. MAY CAUSE CANCER. CAUSES SKIN IRRITATION. MAY DAMAGE FERTILITY OR THE UNBORN CHILD. MAY CAUSE RESPIRATORY IRRITATION. CAUSES DAMAGE TO ORGANS (NERVOUS SYSTEM, KIDNEYS) THROUGH PROLONGED OR REPEATED EXPOSURE. Not classified
<b>Aspiration hazard:</b>	Not classified

INHALATION Exposure	Threshold	Most sensitive study
<b>Systemic Effects</b>		
Long-term:	(DMEL) 1.8 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	carcinogenicity
Acute /short term:	(DNEL) 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	neurotoxicity
<b>Local Effects</b>		
Long-term:	(DMEL) 1.8 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	carcinogenicity
Acute /short term:	High hazard (no threshold derived)	
DERMAL Exposure	Threshold	Most sensitive study
<b>Systemic Effects</b>		
Long-term:	High hazard (no threshold derived)	
Acute /short term:	High hazard (no threshold derived)	
<b>Local Effects</b>		
Long-term:	High hazard (no threshold derived)	
Acute /short term:	High hazard (no threshold derived)	
<b>EYE Exposure</b>		
Medium hazard (no threshold derived)		

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Toxicity:</b> <b>Bio accumulative potential:</b> <b>Persistence and degradability:</b> <b>Mobility in soil:</b> <b>Physico-chemical degradability:</b> <b>Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:</b>	no additional information is available no high bioaccumulation potential (estimated) no additional information is available not determined not determined The substances in this mixture do not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, annex XIII.
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<b>Biological degradability</b>  <b>Degradability:</b> <b>Biological eliminability:</b> <b>Other adverse effects:</b> <b>General regulation:</b>	Readily degradable. The product has not been tested. The information was derived from products of similar structure or composition.  not determined not determined Unknown Do not allow uncontrolled leakage of product into the environment. The information on ecology refers to the main component.
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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Waste treatment methods:

**Waste cod No:** 16 05 04\*

**Name of waste:** gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances  
Wastes marked with an asterisk are considered to be hazardous waste pursuant to Directive 91/689/EEC on hazardous waste.

### Recommendations for the product

Dispose of as hazardous waste.

**Recommendations for packaging:** Transportable pressure equipment (empty, residual pressure): Return to supplier/manufacturer

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### UN Pictogram:



### Land and inland navigation transport ADR/RID

UN 1040 ETHYLENE OXIDE, 2.3 (2.1), Hazard label: Poison Gas, Flammable Gas

### Marine transport IMDG

UN 1040 ETHYLENE OXIDE, 2.3 (2.1), Hazard label: Poison Gas, Flammable Gas

### Air transport ICAO/IATA-DGR

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### Special precautions for user

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

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code


No transport in bulk according to IBC – Code

**Special transport precautions:** Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure the vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.

Before transporting product containers:

- Ensure there is adequate ventilation.
- Ensure that containers are firmly secured.
- Ensure the cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.
- Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.
- Ensure the valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.



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## 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 Transport Act

Dangerous Good Regulations

### Other regulations (EU)

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), Annex XVII No 28 - 30.

Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products.

Regulation (EC) No 689/2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals.

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), Annex XVII No 40.

Directive 96/82/EC on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

**VOC content**  $\geq 88 \leq 98$  % 20 °C 8170 hPa

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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7. Occupational Health and Safety Act, Hazardous Chemical Agents Regulations
8. SANS 11014:2010 Edition 1
9. SANS 10228:2012 Edition 6
10. SANS 10234:2019 Edition 2
11. SUPPLEMENT TO SANS 10234 Edition 1
12. National Road Traffic Act
13. Dangerous Goods Regulations

### Further information

The information contained herein is based on the state of our knowledge. It characterizes the product with regard to the appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent a guarantee of the properties of the product.

### Wording of the R/H-phrases specified (not the classification of the mixture!)

R 12 Extremely flammable.

R 23 Toxic by inhalation.

R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin.

R 45 May cause cancer.

R 46 May cause heritable genetic damage.

R 6 Explosive with or without contact with air.

### Disclaimer:

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