

Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Acetylene, dissolved (MSDS No. P-4559-J)

Chemical Name: Acetylene

Chemical Family: Alkyne

Trade Names: Acetylene

Synonyms: Acetylen, ethine, ethyne, narcylene

Product Grades: involving this product. For routine information representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-8

2. Hazards Identification

Effects of Repeated (Chronic) Overexposure. No harm expected.

Other Effects of Overexposure. Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure. The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of this product suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

CARCINOGENICITY: This product is not listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: None expected. For further information, see section 12, Ecological Information.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

This section covers materials of manufacture only. See sections 8, 10, 11, 15, and 16 for information on by-products generated during use, especially use in welding and cutting. See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

COMPONENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION
Acetylene	74-86-2	>99%*

*The symbol > means "greater than."

NOTE: Acetylene cylinders are filled with a porous material containing acetone (CAS 67-64-1) into which the acetylene is dissolved.

4. First Aid Measures

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

SKIN CONTACT: For exposure to liquid, immediately warm frostbite area with warm water not to exceed 105°F (41°C). In case of massive exposure, remove contaminated clothing while showering with warm water. Call a physician.

SWALLOWING: If liquid is swallowed, immediately give two glasses of water and induce vomiting if victim is conscious. Call a physician.

EYE CONTACT: In case of splash contamination, immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. See a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN: Aspirated acetone may cause severe lung damage. If a large quantity of material has been swallowed, stomach contents should be evacuated by (t)-61(h)0.6)-11.45yt11.45y9.91seu

PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS: DANGER! Flammable gas under pressure. Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately cool cylinders with water spray from maximum distance, taking care not to extinguish flames. If flames are accidentally extinguished, explosive re-ignition may occur. Use self-contained breathing apparatus. Remove ignition sources if without risk. Stop flow of gas if without risk while continuing cooling water spray. Remove all cylinders from area of fire if without risk. Allow fire to burn out. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

Specific Physical and Chemical Hazards. Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. Acetylene cylinders are provided with pressure relief devices designed to vent contents when exposed to elevated temperature. No part of a cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). If venting or leaking acetylene catches fire, do not extinguish flames. Flammable vapors may spread from leak, creating an explosive reignition hazard. Vapors can be ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharge, or other ignition sources at locations sta.4(t)dktu77(t)-6.c.686 -1.14a1-8.3(n.2(on4(

(6.1 m), or use a barricade of noncombustible material. This barricade should be at least 5 ft (1.53 m) high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour.

Other Protective Equipment. As needed, wear hand, head, and body protection, which help to prevent injury from radiation and sparks. See ANSI Z49.1. At a minimum, this includes welder's gloves and protective goggles, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, and shoulder protection, as well as substantial clothing. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

APPEARANCE:	Colorless gas
ODOR:	Acetylene of 100% purity is odorless, but commercial acetylene has a distinctive, garlic-like odor.
ODOR THRESHOLD:	Not available.
PHYSICAL STATE:	Gas at normal temperature and pressure
pH:	Not applicable.
SUBLIMATION POINT at 1 atm	

POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS: May Occur Will Not Occur

Fire or explosion may result from use at elevated temperatures and pressures or from use with incompatible materials.

11. Toxicological Information

ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS: No known effects from acetylene gas. The welding process may generate hazardous fumes and gases. (S)

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supplier for a copy of Praxair's free safety booklet, P-52-529, *Precautions and Safe Practices for Electric Welding and Cutting*, and for other manufacturers' safety publications. For a detailed treatment, get ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the American Welding Society (AWS), 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org/>, or

added protection, consider arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, and dark, substantial clothing.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: *Flammable gas under pressure.* Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. *Acetylene systems should be installed only by persons knowledgeable of the unique properties of acetylene and trained and experienced in such installation.*

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