MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Prepared to U.S. OSHA, CMA, ANSI and Canadian WHMIS Standards

1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

CHEMICAL NAME; CLASS: PENTANE/AIR GAS MIXTURE

CHEMICAL FAMILY: Hydride/Inert Gas Mixture PRODUCT USE: Semiconductor Gas

MANUFACTURER

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CHEMTREC INTERNATIONAL: 1-703-527-3887

CANUTEC (CANADA): 1-613-996-6666

2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

(10,000 ppm = 1%)

CHEMICAL NAME	CAL NAME CAS # mole % EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR							
			ACGIH-TLV		OSHA-STEL		NIOSH	OTHER
			TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	IDLH	
			ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
Pentane	109-66-0	0.7%	600	NE	1000 600 (Vacated 1989 PEL)	750 (Vacated 1989 PEL)	1500 (based on 10% of LEL)	NIOSH REL: TWA = 120 STEL = 610 (ceiling) 15 minutes DFG MAKs: TWA = 1000 PEAK = 2•MAK 60 minutes, momentary value
Air	132259-10-0	Balance	There are no specific exposure limits applicable to Air.					
Air is a mixture of gases. The primary components of air, and the approximate concentration of each component, are listed below.								
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	79%	There are no specific exposure limits for Nitrogen. Nitrogen is a simple asphyxiant (SA). Oxygen levels should be maintained above 19.5%.					
Oxygen	7782-44-7	21%	There are no specific exposure limits for Oxygen.					

NOTE: All WHMIS required information is included. It is located in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1998 format. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.

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3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: This gas mixture is a colorless, non-flammable gas with a faint petroleum-like or gasoline-like odor. The main health hazard associated with releases of this gas is related to the high pressure within the cylinder. The n-Pentane component of this mixture can cause mild central nervous system effects at the concentration in the mixture. Air, the main component of this product, is generally considered non-flammable, however, Air will support combustion. The flammable component of this gas mixture is below the LEL. A cylinder rupture hazard exists when this product, which is under pressure, is subjected to heat or flames. Emergency responders must wear personal protective equipment appropriate for the situation to which they are responding.

SYMPTOMS OF OVER-EXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE: The most significant route of over-exposure for this product is by inhalation and skin contact.

INHALATION: At the level present in this gas mixture, n-Pentane can cause depression of the central nervous system (CNS) with symptoms such as headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion.

CONTACT WITH SKIN or EYES: Contact with rapidly expanding gases (which are released under high pressure) may cause frostbite. Due to the presence of n-Pentane in this gas mixture, prolonged skin contact may result in defatting and irritation of the skin and dermatitis (dry, red, itchy skin). Eye contact may result in irritation that should cease upon removal to fresh air.

SKIN ABSORPTION: No component of this gas mixture presents a hazard of skin absorption.

HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE: Over-exposure to this gas mixture may cause the following health effects:

ACUTE: The most significant hazards associated with compressed air is the pressure hazard. Contact with rapidly expanding gases (which are released under high pressure) may cause frostbite. Symptoms of frostbite include change in skin color to white or grayish-yellow. In addition, the n-Pentane component of this product can cause depression of the central nervous system at the level present in this gas mixture. Skin or eye contact may cause irritation.

CHRONIC: Prolonged skin contact may result in dermatitis.

TARGET ORGANS: ACUTE: Respiratory system, skin, eyes. CHRONIC: Skin.

HMIS RATING: HEALTH = 1 FLAMMABILITY = 0 REACTIVITY = 0 PPE LEVEL = B

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe PPE LEVEL B = Goggles, gloves (leather for handling cylinders)

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

GENERAL INFORMATION: Remove to fresh air, as quickly as possible. Only trained personnel should administer supplemental oxygen and/or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, if necessary. **Seek medical attention immediately**.

SKIN EXPOSURE: If release of this gas mixture has resulted in frostbite, warm affected area slowly. Seek immediate medical attention.

EYE EXPOSURE: If release of this gas mixture has affected the eyes, seek immediate medical attention.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Pre-existing respiratory conditions may be aggravated by overexposure to this gas mixture.

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5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT: Not applicable; non-flammable gas. **AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** Not applicable.

FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %): Not applicable.

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS: Use fire-extinguishing material appropriate for surrounding materials. Use water spray to cool fireexposed structures, cylinders and equipment.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD: None; this gas is nonflammable.

EXPLOSION SENSITIVITY TO MECHANICAL IMPACT: Not sensitive. **EXPLOSION SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE:** Not sensitive.

SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Evacuate all personnel from Immediately cool cylinders with water spray from danger area. maximum distance, to avoid danger of cylinder rupture. Incipient fire responders should wear eye

Structural fire fighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment. When cool, move cylinders from fire area if this can be done without risk to firefighters. Other information for pre-planning can be found in the North American Emergency Response Guidebook (Guide Number 126).

FLAMMABILITY n 1 REACTIVITY HEALTH OTHER

NFPA RATING

See Section 16 for **Definition of Ratings**

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

LEAK RESPONSE: Evacuate immediate area. Uncontrolled releases should be responded to by trained personnel using pre-planned procedures. Proper protective equipment, should be used in the event of a significant release from a single cylinder. Use only non-sparking tools. Call CHEMTREC (1-800-424-9300) for emergency assistance. Or if in Canada, call CANUTEC (613-996-6666).

Attempt to close the main source valve prior to entering the area. If this does not stop the release (or if it is not possible to reach the valve), allow the gas to release in-place or remove it to a safe area and allow the gas to be released there. Protect personnel attempting to shut-off with water spray. Monitor the surrounding area for the level of Oxygen and Pentane. The atmosphere must have at least 19.5 percent Oxygen available and the n-Pentane level be below levels listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients) before non-emergency personnel can be allowed in the area without Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

7. HANDLING and USE

WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES

Do not eat or drink while handling chemicals.

Be aware of all potential exposure symptoms; exposures to a fatal oxygen-deficient atmosphere could occur without any significant warning symptoms.

All work operations should be monitored in such a way that emergency personnel can be immediately contacted in the event of a release.

Workers who handle this gas mixture should wear protective clothing, as listed in Section 8 (Exposure Controls and Personal Protection).

If ventilation controls are not adequate to provide sufficient oxygen content, proper respiratory protection equipment should be provided and workers using such equipment should be carefully trained in its operation and limitations.

Precautions must always be taken to prevent suck-back of foreign materials into the cylinder by using a check-valve, or vacuum break, since suck-back may cause dangerous pressure changes within the cylinder.

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7. HANDLING and USE (Continued)

STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES:

- Cylinders should be stored upright and be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over. Cylinders can be stored in the open, but in such cases, should be protected against extremes of weather and from the dampness of the ground to prevent rusting. Cylinders should be stored in dry, well-ventilated areas away from sources of heat or ignition. Do not allow the area where cylinders are stored to exceed 52°C (125°F).
- **SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING GAS CYLINDERS**: Compressed gases can present significant safety hazards. The following rules are applicable to work situations in which cylinders are being used.
 - **Before Use:** Move cylinders with a suitable hand-truck. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Do not drop cylinders or permit them to strike each other. Secure cylinders firmly. Leave the valve protection cap (where provided) in-place until cylinder is ready for use.
 - **During Use:** Use designated CGA fittings and other support equipment. Do not use adapters. Do not use oils or grease on gas-handling fittings or equipment. Immediately contact the supplier if there are any difficulties associated with operating the cylinder valve. Never insert an object (e.g wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage the valve, causing a leak to occur. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Never strike an arc, on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder part of and electric circuit.
 - **After Use:** Close main cylinder valve. Replace valve protection cap. Close valve after each use and when empty. Mark empty cylinders "EMPTY".
- **PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT:** Refer to current CGA Guidelines for information on protective practices during maintenance of contaminated equipment.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION

- **VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS**: Use with adequate, explosion-proof ventilation to ensure compliance with exposure limits described in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Local exhaust ventilation is preferred, because it prevents dispersion of this gas mixture into the work place by eliminating it at its source. If appropriate, install automatic monitoring equipment to detect the level of Oxygen.
- **RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Maintain the Oxygen level above 19.5% in the workplace. If necessary, use only respiratory protection authorized in the U.S. Federal OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134), or equivalent U.S. State standards and Canadian CSA Standard Z94.4-93. Oxygen levels below 19.5% are considered IDLH by OSHA. In such atmospheres, use of a full-facepiece pressure/demand SCBA or a full facepiece, supplied air respirator with auxiliary self-contained air supply is required under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134-1998).
- **EYE PROTECTION:** Splash goggles or safety glasses. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133, or appropriate Canadian Standards.
- **HAND PROTECTION:** Wear mechanically-resistant gloves when handling cylinders containing this gas mixture. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.138, or appropriate Standards of Canada.
- **BODY PROTECTION:** Use body protection appropriate for task. Transfer of large quantities under pressure may require protective equipment appropriate to the task. If a hazard of injury to the feet exists due to falling objects, rolling objects, foot protection should be used, as described in U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136.

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9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The following information is for Air, the main component of this gas mixture:

RELATIVE VAPOR DENSITY: 1 EVAPORATION RATE (nBuAc = 1): Not applicable.

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: Not applicable. **FREEZING POINT:** -216.2°C (-357.2°F)

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: 1.49% (v/v) **BOILING POINT @ 1 atms:** -194.3°C (-317.8°F) VAPOR PRESSURE, mm Hg @ 20°C: Gas, ambient. **EXPANSION RATIO:** Not applicable.

ODOR THRESHOLD: Not applicable. **pH:** Not applicable.

SPECIFIC VOLUME: 13.8 ft³/lb; (0.867 m³/kg) [for Nitrogen] **COEFFICIENT WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable.

The following information is pertinent to this product:

APPEARANCE, ODOR AND COLOR: This mixture is a colorless gas with a faint petroleum-like or gasoline-like odor.

HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties): There are no distinct warning properties of this gas mixture. . The odor cannot be used as a method to detect leaks of this gas mixture, as the odor of the n-Pentane component is unreliable and is about the same magnitude as, or above the TLV for that material. In terms of leak detection, fittings and joints can be painted with a soap solution to detect leaks, which will be indicated by a bubble formation.

10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable at standard temperatures and pressures.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None.

MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE: Air (the main component of this product) is not compatible with fuels, in that air will support combustion. The n-Pentane component is incompatible with strong oxidizing agents (e.g. nitrates, perchlorates).

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Contact with incompatible materials. Cylinders exposed to high temperatures or direct flame can rupture or burst.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

TOXICITY DATA: Air has no toxicity data. The following data are for Pentane:

LC₅₀ (Inhalation-Rat) 364 gm/m³/4 hours LD₅₀ (Intravenous-Mouse) 446 mg/kg LCLo (Inhalation-Mouse) 325 gm/m³/2 hours: Behavioral:

excitement

TDLo (Oral-Rat) 10 gm/kg/4 weeks-intermittent: Kidney, Ureter, Bladder: changes in kidney weight; Nutritional and Gross Metabolic: weight loss or decreased weight gain; Related to Chronic Data: death

SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT: The components of this gas mixture are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, IARC, NTP, CAL/OSHA, and therefore is not considered to be, nor suspected to be a cancer-causing agent by these agencies.

IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT: This gas mixture is not irritating to contaminated tissue.

SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT: The components of this product are not known to be skin or respiratory sensitizers.

REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION: Listed below is information concerning the effects of the components of this gas mixture on the human reproductive system.

Mutagenicity: This gas mixture is not expected to cause mutagenic effects in humans.

Embryotoxicity: This gas mixture is not expected to cause embryotoxic effects in humans.

Teratogenicity: This gas mixture is not expected to cause teratogenic effects in humans.

Reproductive Toxicity: This gas mixture is not expected to cause adverse reproductive effects in humans.

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES (BEIs): Currently, there are no Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) determined for the components of this gas mixture.

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY: This gas mixture will be dissipated rapidly in well-ventilated areas.

EFFECT OF MATERIAL ON PLANTS or ANIMALS: Any adverse effect on animals would be related to oxygen deficient environments.

EFFECT OF CHEMICAL ON AQUATIC LIFE: No an adverse effect from this gas mixture on aquatic life is expected.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL: Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. Return cylinders with any residual product to Matheson Tri-Gas. Do not dispose of locally.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

THIS GAS MIXTURE IS HAZARDOUS AS DEFINED BY 49 CFR 172.101 BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Compressed gases, n.o.s.

(n-Pentane, Air)

HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION: 2.2 (Non-Flammable Gas)

UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN 1956 **PACKING GROUP:** Not Applicable D.O.T HAZARD LABEL: Non-Flammable Gas

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MARINE POLLUTANT: The components of this gas mixture are not classified by the DOT as a Marine Pollutants (as defined by 49 CFR 172.101, Appendix B).

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION: Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a wellventilated vehicle. The transportation of compressed gas cylinders in automobiles or in closed-body vehicles present serious safety hazards and should be discouraged.

NOTE: Shipment of compressed gas cylinders which have not been filled with the owner's consent is a violation of Federal law (49 CFR, Part 173.301 (b).

TRANSPORT CANADA TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS: This gas mixture is considered as dangerous goods, per regulations of Transport Canada.

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Compressed gases, n.o.s.

(n-Pentane, Air)

HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION: 2.2 (Non-Flammable Gas)

UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN 1956

PACKING GROUP: Not Applicable

HAZARD LABEL: Non-Flammable Gas

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NOTE: Shipment of compressed gas cylinders via Public Passenger Road Vehicle is a violation of Canadian law (Transport Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992).

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL U.S. REGULATIONS:

- **U.S. SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**: No component of this product is subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.
- **U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY:** There are no specific Threshold Planning Quantities for the components of this product. The default Federal MSDS submission and inventory requirement filing threshold of 10,000 lbs (4,540 kg) therefore applies, per 40 CFR 370.20.
- U.S. SARA HAZARD CATEGORIES (SECTION 311/312, 40 CFR 370-21): ACUTE: No; CHRONIC: No; FIRE: No; REACTIVE: No; SUDDEN RELEASE: Yes
- U.S. TSCA INVENTORY STATUS: Components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.
- U.S. CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ): Not applicable.
- **OTHER U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:** The n-Pentane Component is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The threshold quantity for this gas is 10,000 lbs (4,540 kg) under this regulation.
- **U.S. STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION:** Components of this product are covered under some specific State regulations, as denoted below (other State regulatory lists may exist; individual States should be contacted regarding full compliance).
- California Permissible Exposure Limits New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List: n-Pentane.

 New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List: n-Pentane.
 - CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT (PROPOSITION 65): No component of this product is on the California Proposition 65 lists.
 - **LABELING:** Cylinders of this gas mixture should be labeled for precautionary information per the guidelines of the CGA. Refer to the CGA for further information.

ADDITIONAL CANADIAN REGULATIONS:

- **CANADIAN DSL/NDSL INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of this product are listed on the DSL Inventory.
- OTHER CANADIAN REGULATIONS: Not applicable.
- **CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA) PRIORITIES SUBSTANCES LISTS:** The components of this product are not on the CEPA Priorities Substances Lists.
- **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS:** This gas mixture would be categorized as a Controlled Product, Hazard Class: **A** (compressed gas). The following symbol is required for WHMIS compliance for this gas mixture.



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16. OTHER INFORMATION

CREATION DATE: June 22, 2000 REVISION DATE: April 11, 2002

REVISION HISTORY: Up-date of manufacturer address and phone.

MIXTURES: When two or more gases or liquefied gases are mixed, their hazardous properties may combine to create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you use the mixture. Consult an Industrial Hygienist or other trained person when you make your safety evaluation of the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties which can cause serious injury or death.

Further information can be found in the following pamphlets published by: Compressed Gas Association Inc. (CGA), 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22202-4102. Telephone: (703) 412-0900.

"Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers" (P-1, 1999)
"Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases" (AV-1, 1999)
"Handbook of Compressed Gases" (1992)

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16. OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

A large number of abbreviations and acronyms appear on a MSDS. Some of these which are commonly used include the following:

CAS#

This is the Chemical Abstract Service Number which uniquely identifies each constituent. It is used for computer-related searching.

EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR:

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits.

TLV - Threshold Limit Value - an airborne concentration of a substance which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour Time Weighted Average (**TWA**), the 15-minute Short Term Exposure Limit, and the instantaneous Ceiling Level (**C**). Skin absorption effects must also be considered.

OSHA - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit - This exposure value means exactly the same as a TLV, except that it is enforceable by OSHA. The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits are based in the 1989 PELs and the June, 1993 Air Contaminants Rule (Federal Register: 58: 35338-35351 and 58: 40191). Both the current PELs and the vacated PELs are indicated. The phrase, "Vacated 1989 PEL," is placed next to the PEL which was vacated by Court Order.

IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health - This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30-minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury. NIOSH is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which is the research arm of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). NIOSH issues exposure guidelines called Recommended Exposure Levels (RELs). When no exposure guidelines are established, an entry of NE is made for reference.

HAZARD RATINGS:

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM: This rating system was developed by the National Paint and Coating Association and has been adopted by industry to identify the degree of chemical hazards. Health Hazard: 0 (minimal acute or chronic exposure hazard); 1 (slight acute or chronic exposure 2 (moderate acute or significant chronic exposure hazard); 3 (severe acute exposure hazard; onetime overexposure can result in permanent injury and may be fatal); 4 (extreme acute exposure hazard; onetime overexposure can be fatal). Flammability Hazard: 0 (minimal hazard); 1 (materials that require substantial pre-heating before burning); 2 (combustible liquid or solids; liquids with a flash point of 38-93°C [100-200°F]); 3 (Class IB and IC flammable liquids with flash points below 38°C [100°F]); 4 (Class IA flammable liquids with flash points below 23°C [73°F] and boiling points below 38°C [100°F]. Reactivity Hazard: 0 (normally stable); 1 (material that can become unstable at elevated temperatures or which can react slightly with water); 2 (materials that are unstable but do not detonate or which can react violently with water); 3 (materials that can detonate when initiated or which can react explosively with water); 4 (materials that can detonate at normal temperatures or pressures). PPE Rating B: Hand and eye protection is required for routine chemical use.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION: Health Hazard: 0 (material that on exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials); 1 (materials that on exposure under fire conditions could cause irritation or minor residual injury); 2 (materials that on intense or continued exposure under fire conditions could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury); 3 (materials that can on short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury); 4 (materials that under very short exposure could cause death or major residual injury).

<u>Flammability Hazard and Reactivity Hazard:</u> Refer to definitions for "Hazardous Materials Identification System".

FLAMMABILITY LIMITS IN AIR:

Much of the information related to fire and explosion is derived from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Flash Point - Minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off sufficient vapors to form an ignitable mixture with air. Autoignition Temperature: The minimum temperature required to initiate combustion in air with no other source of ignition. LEL - the lowest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source. UEL - the highest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Human and Animal Toxicology: Possible health hazards as derived from select human data, animal studies, or from the results of studies with similar compounds are presented. Definitions of some terms used in this section are: LD_{50} - Lethal Dose (solids & liquids) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; LC_{50} - Lethal Concentration (gases) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; ppm concentration expressed in parts of material per million parts of air or water; mg/m³ concentration expressed in weight of substance per volume of air; mg/kg quantity of material, by weight, administered to a test subject, based on their body weight in kg. Other measures of toxicity include TDLo, the lowest dose to cause a symptom and TCLo the lowest concentration to cause a symptom; TDo, LDLo, and LDo, or TC, TCo, LCLo, and LCo, the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause lethal or toxic effects. Cancer Information: The sources are: IARC - the International Agency for Research on Cancer; NTP - the National Toxicology Program, RTECS - the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances. OSHA and CAL/OSHA. IARC and NTP rate chemicals on a scale of decreasing potential to cause human cancer with rankings from 1 to 4. Subrankings (2A, 2B, etc.) are also used. Other Information: BEI - ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices, represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the TLV. Ecological Information: EC is the effect concentration in water. BCF = Bioconcentration Factor, which is used to determine if a substance will concentrate in lifeforms which consume contaminated plant or animal matter. TL_m = median threshold limit; Coefficient of Oil/Water Distribution is represented by $log~K_{ow}$ or $log~K_{oc}$ and is used to assess a substance's behavior in the environment.

REGULATORY INFORMATION:

U.S. and CANADA: This section explains the impact of various laws and regulations on the material. EPA is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. WHMIS is the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. DOT and TC are the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Transport Canada, respectively. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA); the Canadian Domestic/Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL); the U.S. Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA); Marine Pollutant status according to the DOT; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund); and various state regulations. This section also includes information on the precautionary warnings which appear on the material's package label.