

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Refrigerant R600a - ISOBUTANE

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### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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#### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

CHEMTREC (800) 424-9300

**PRODUCT NAME:** Isobutane

**CAS NUMBER:** 75-28-5

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** Aliphatic hydrocarbon

**CHEMICAL FORMULA:** C<sub>4</sub> H<sub>10</sub>

**SYNONYMS:** 2-Methylpropane, Trimethylmethane

### 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENT NAME	EXPOSURE LIMITS	CONCENTRATION PERCENT BY WEIGHT
Isobutane	No	99.0-99.9

CAS NUMBER: 75-28-5

OSHA PEL-TWA: Simple Asphyxiant

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia if released in a confined area.

Simple

hydrocarbons can cause irritation and central nervous system depression at high concentrations.

Extremely

flammable.

#### **EYE EFFECTS:**

None anticipated as product is a gas at room temperature.

#### **SKIN EFFECTS:**

None anticipated as product is a gas at room temperature.

#### **INGESTION EFFECTS:**

Ingestion is unlikely.

#### **INHALATION EFFECTS:**

Product is relatively nontoxic. Simple hydrocarbons can irritate the eyes, mucous membranes and respiratory system at high concentrations.

Inhalation of high concentrations may cause dizziness, disorientation, incoordination, narcosis, or nausea or narcotic.

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This product may displace oxygen if released in a confined space. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5% at sea level to prevent asphyxiation. Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from simple asphyxiants may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgement, depression of all sensations, emotional instability, and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration, and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma, and death.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### **EYES**

Never introduce oil or ointment into the eyes without medical advice! If pain is present, refer the victim to an ophthalmologist for further treatment and follow-up.

#### **SKIN**

Remove contaminated clothing and flush affected area with cold water and soap. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

#### **INGESTION**

**Not normally required. Seek immediate medical attention.**

#### **INHALATION:**

PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO PRODUCT. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area, given assisted (artificial) respiration and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

#### **FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES**

**FLASH POINT:** -117° F (-83° C) Closed Cup

**AUTOIGNITION:** 778° F (420° C)

**LOWER EXPLOSIVE LIMIT (%):** 1.8

**UPPER EXPLOSIVE LIMIT (%):** 8.4

#### **FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS.**

Isobutane is heavier than air and may travel a considerable distance to an ignition source. Isobutane is a flammable gas! Keep away from open flame and other sources of ignition. Do not allow smoking in storage areas or when handling.

#### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

Water, Carbon dioxide, Dry chemical.

#### **FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS**

If possible, stop the flow of gas with a remote valve.. Use water spray to cool exposed containers. If fire is extinguished and flow of gas is continues, increase ventilation to prevent a build up of a flammable/explosive atmosphere. Extinguish sources of ignition.

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Be cautious of a Boiling Liquid Evaporating Vapor Explosion, BLEVE, if flame is impinging on surrounding containers. Direct a 500 GPM water stream onto containers above the liquid level with remote monitors. Limit the number of personnel in proximity to the fire. Evacuate surrounding areas to at least 3000 feet in all directions.

### **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment. Increase ventilation to prevent build up of a flammable/explosive atmosphere. Extinguish all sources of ignition! If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call Advanced Gas Tech. or CHEMTREC.

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

#### **HANDLING AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Earth bond and ground all lines and equipment associated with the product system. Electrical equipment should be non-sparking and explosion proof. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide, or roll cylinders. Use a pressure regulator when connecting to lower pressure (250psig) piping or systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 130 °F (54 °C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time.

Post "No Smoking" signs in storage or use areas.

For additional recommendations consult Compressed Gas Association Pamphlet P-1.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid form in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

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

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

Use local exhaust to prevent gas from accumulating. Use general ventilation to prevent build up of flammable concentrations. Use a hood with ventilation when handling small quantities. If product is handled routinely where the potential for leaks exists, all electrical equipment must be rated for use in potentially flammable atmospheres. Consult the National Electrical Code for details.

#### **EYE / FACE PROTECTION**

Safety goggles or glasses

#### **SKIN PROTECTION**

Protective gloves made of plastic or rubber.

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### **RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

Positive pressure air line with full-face mask and escape bottle or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.

### **OTHER / GENERAL PROTECTION**

Safety shoes, safety shower, eyewash.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### **BASIC PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

**BOILING POINT:** 10.9 °F -11.7 °C  
**MELTING POINT:** -255.3 °F -159.6 °C  
**VAPOR PRESSURE:** (@70 F) 45 psia  
**VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1):** 2.06  
**SOLUBILITY (H2O):** Very slight  
**Odor:** A colorless, odorless gas.

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Stable. Avoid high temperatures. Product will start to decompose at 815°F (435°C).

### **INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS**

Oxidizers

### **HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS**

Carbon Dioxide and Carbon monoxide if sufficient oxygen is present.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

No chronic effects data given in the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) or Sax Dangerous Priorities of Industrial Materials, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

NO DATA GIVEN

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do not attempt to dispose of waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE TO Advanced Gas Technologies for proper handling.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Isobutane  
**HAZARD CLASS:** 2.1  
**DOT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** UN1969  
**DOT SHIPPING LABEL:** Flammable Gas

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES: Acute Health Hazard  
Fire Hazard  
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA HAZARD RATING - HEALTH 1 Slight Hazard  
FIRE 4 Severe Hazard  
REACTIVITY 0 No Hazard

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