

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**  
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**INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**973-257-1100**

**SUBSTANCE: N-BUTANE**

**TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:**

MTG MSDS 11; BUTANE; LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS; NORMAL BUTANE; BUTYL HYDRIDE;  
LPG; UN 1011; C4H10; MAT15370; RTECS EJ4200000

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** hydrocarbons, aliphatic

**CREATION DATE:** Jan 24 1989

**REVISION DATE:** Jun 17 2004

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## 2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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**COMPONENT:** N-BUTANE

**CAS NUMBER:** 106-97-8

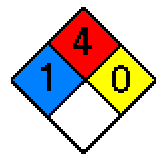
**PERCENTAGE:** 100.0

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## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4):** HEALTH=1 FIRE=4 REACTIVITY=0



**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

**COLOR:** colorless

**PHYSICAL FORM:** gas

**ODOR:** unpleasant odor

**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS:** central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing

**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:** Flammable gas. May cause flash fire.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**INHALATION:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** irritation, nausea, vomiting, headache, drowsiness, symptoms of drunkenness, tingling sensation, suffocation, convulsions, coma

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information on significant adverse effects

**SKIN CONTACT:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** blisters, frostbite

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information on significant adverse effects

**EYE CONTACT:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** frostbite, blurred vision

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

**INGESTION:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** frostbite

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**INHALATION:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115 F; 41-46 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** Contact with liquid: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

**INGESTION:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** For inhalation, consider oxygen.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Severe explosion hazard. Severe fire hazard. Vapor/air mixtures are explosive. The vapor is heavier than air. Vapors or gases may ignite at distant ignition sources and flash back.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.

**FIRE FIGHTING:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other

flammables. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Stop flow of gas.

**FLASH POINT:** -76 F (-60 C) (CC)

**LOWER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 1.9%

**UPPER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 8.5%

**AUTOIGNITION:** 549 F (287 C)

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:**

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Do not touch spilled material. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Remove sources of ignition. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**STORAGE:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.110. Grounding and bonding required. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### **EXPOSURE LIMITS:**

#### **N-BUTANE:**

800 ppm (1900 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993)

800 ppm (1900 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s)

#### **LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG):**

1000 ppm (1800 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) OSHA TWA

1000 ppm ACGIH TWA

1000 ppm (1800 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s)

#### **ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBON GASES ALKANE (C1-C4):**

1000 ppm ACGIH TWA

**VENTILATION:** Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant if explosive concentrations of material are present. Provide local exhaust ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

**CLOTHING:** For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold

insulating clothing.

**GLOVES:** Wear insulated gloves.

**RESPIRATOR:** The following respirators and maximum use concentrations are drawn from NIOSH and/or OSHA.

**2000 ppm**

Any supplied-air respirator.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

**Escape -**

Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.

**For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -**

Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**PHYSICAL STATE:** gas

**COLOR:** colorless

**ODOR:** unpleasant odor

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 58.12

**MOLECULAR FORMULA:** C-H<sub>3</sub>-(C-H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C-H<sub>3</sub>

**BOILING POINT:** 30 F (-1 C)

**FREEZING POINT:** -216 F (-138 C)

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 1557 mmHg @ 20 C

**VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):** 2.1

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water=1):** 0.5788 @ 0 C

**WATER SOLUBILITY:** 15%

**PH:** Not applicable

**VOLATILITY:** Not applicable

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** 6.16 ppm

**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not applicable

**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable

**SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:**

**Soluble:** alcohol, ether, chloroform

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Minimize contact with material. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:** oxidizing materials

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:**

Thermal decomposition products: oxides of carbon

**POLYMERIZATION:** Will not polymerize.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**N-BUTANE:**

**TOXICITY DATA:**

658000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/4 hour(s) inhalation-rat LC50

**ACUTE TOXICITY LEVEL:**

Relatively Non-toxic: inhalation

**TARGET ORGANS:** central nervous system

**ADDITIONAL DATA:** Stimulants such as epinephrine may induce ventricular fibrillation.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**FATE AND TRANSPORT:**

**KOW:** 630.96 (log = 2.80) (estimated from water solubility)

**KOC:** 979.49 (log = 3.00) (estimated from water solubility)

**HENRY'S LAW CONSTANT:** 7.9 E -4 atm-m<sup>3</sup>/mol

**BIOCONCENTRATION:** 0.74 (estimated from water solubility)

**AQUATIC PROCESSES:** 1.9827586 hours (River Model: 1 m deep, 1 m/s flow, 3 m/s wind)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY:** Relatively non-persistent in the environment. Leaches through the soil or the sediment at a slow rate. Accumulates very little in the bodies of living organisms. Moderately volatile from water.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D001.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101:**  
**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Butane  
**ID NUMBER:** UN1011  
**HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION:** 2.1  
**LABELING REQUIREMENTS:** 2.1  
**QUANTITY LIMITATIONS:**  
**PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OR RAILCAR:** Forbidden  
**CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY:** 150 kg

**CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:**  
**SHIPPING NAME:** Butane  
**UN NUMBER:** UN1011  
**CLASS:** 2.1

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. REGULATIONS:

**CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.30):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 304 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.40):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.21):**

ACUTE: Yes

CHRONIC: No

FIRE: Yes

REACTIVE: No

SUDDEN RELEASE: Yes

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65):** Not regulated.

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29CFR1910.119):** Not regulated.

### STATE REGULATIONS:

**California Proposition 65:** Not regulated.

### CANADIAN REGULATIONS:

**WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:** A, B1.

### NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS:

**U.S. INVENTORY (TSCA):** Listed on inventory.

**TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION:** Not listed.

**CANADA INVENTORY (DSL/NDSL):** Listed on inventory.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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