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Methylamine – CAS # 74-89-5

Methylamine is a flammable gas at room temperature/atmospheric pressure. When the product is cooled and compressed, it forms a colorless liquid that is completely soluble with water. The odor of Methylamine is faint, but readily detectable at less than 10 ppm,

becomes strong at 20 to 100 ppm, and becomes intolerably ammoniacal at 100 to 500 ppm.

Methylamine is available from Celanese Chemicals in the following packages:

- DOT MC 330 or MC 331 Tank Trucks
- 105A300W or 112S340W Rail Cars

Storage

Recommended Blanketing	Dry Nitrogen ^{1,2,3}
Recommended Temperature	
Maximum	100°F (37.8°C)
Minimum	0°F (-17.8°C)
Recommended Pressure	120 psig
Bulk Quantities	Outside, detached tanks
Small Containers	Cool, dry, well ventilated

Handling

- Thoroughly review Material Safety Data Sheet before handling product.
- Keep containers closed when not in use.
- Open containers slowly to allow any excess pressure to vent.
- Keep away from heat, sparks, flame, or other sources of ignition.
- Protect small containers from physical damage.
- Use proper electrical grounding and bonding procedures when loading, unloading, and transferring.¹
- Refer to the Celanese Chemicals Material Safety Data Sheet for more information on materials to avoid.
- Use spark-resistant tools.
- Electrical equipment and circuits in all storage and handling areas must conform to requirements of national electrical code (Articles 500 and 501) for hazardous location.

See the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) #30 “Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code” and consult with qualified fire protection specialists to determine specific storage tank design requirements. Refer to the Celanese Chemicals Material Safety Data Sheet for more specific health and environmental

information and refer to the Celanese Chemicals Product Descriptions for additional physical properties and general product information. Material Safety Data Sheet and Product Descriptions for Methylamine are available through your Celanese Chemicals sales representative.

1. Refer to NFPA #77 “Static Electricity” for proper electrical grounding procedures.
2. See the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) #30 “Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code” and consult with qualified fire protection specialists to determine specific storage tank design requirements.
3. Blanketing may be used to retain quality in long-term storage conditions.

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Materials of Construction for Storage and Transportation

Item	Recommended	Acceptable
Tank	Stainless Steel ¹	Lined Carbon Steel ² , Aluminum
Piping	Stainless Steel ¹	Carbon Steel ^{3,4} , Aluminum
Valves	Stainless Steel ¹	Cast Iron, Carbon Steel ^{3,4}
Pumps	Stainless Steel ¹	Cast Iron, Carbon Steel ^{3,4}
Relief Valves	Stainless Steel ¹	Cast Iron, Carbon Steel ^{3,4}
Gaskets	Glass Filled PTFE ⁵	EPDM ⁶
Pump Seals	Mechanical Seal: Double mechanical seal, back-to-back arrangement carbon to silicon carbide faces, Kalrez O-rings	Mechanical Seal: carbon to tungsten carbide faces, EPDM ⁶ O-rings
Valve Packing	PTFE ⁵	Graphite
Pipe End Connections	Welded and flanged system	Threaded with PTFE ⁵ tape thread lubricant
Heat Exchanger	Product Side: Stainless Steel ¹	-
Hoses	Stainless Steel ¹	EPDM ⁶ , Silicone
Tank Truck	Stainless Steel ¹	-
Tank Car	Lined Carbon Steel ²	Stainless Steel ¹
Barge	Stainless Steel ¹	-
Ship Tank	Stainless Steel ¹	-

1. Type 304 or 316 Stainless Steel.
2. Lining refers to a high baked phenolic.

3. May be used if an increase in iron content, color, or the presence of high boiling point impurities are not a problem.
4. Maximum storage temperature 120°F (49°C).

5. Polytetrafluoroethylene.
6. Ethylene – Propylene – diene – monomer – (peroxide cured grade).

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