

**Material Safety Data Sheet**

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Nitroethane

Product Number : 227870

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview****OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Harmful by ingestion.

**Target Organs**

Kidney injury may occur., Liver

**GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H302 + H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)  
none

**HMIS Classification**

Health hazard: 1  
Flammability: 3  
Physical hazards: 0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 1  
Fire: 3  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** Harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.  
**Eyes** May cause eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>

Molecular Weight : 75.07 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
<b>Nitroethane</b>			
79-24-3	201-188-9	609-035-00-1	-

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

##### **General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

##### **If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

##### **In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

##### **In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

##### **If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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#### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

##### **Suitable extinguishing media**

For small (incipient) fires, use media such as "alcohol" foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide. For large fires, apply water from as far as possible. Use very large quantities (flooding) of water applied as a mist or spray; solid streams of water may be ineffective. Cool all affected containers with flooding quantities of water.

##### **Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

##### **Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

##### **Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

##### **Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

##### **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

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#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

##### **Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

##### **Conditions for safe storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Store in cool place.

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#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

##### **Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Nitroethane	79-24-3	TWA	100 ppm	2007-01-01	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Liver damage				
		TWA	100 ppm 310 mg/m3	1997-08-04	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	The value in mg/m3 is approximate.				
		TWA	100 ppm 310 mg/m3	1989-01-19	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000

## Personal protective equipment

### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

### Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

### Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	clear, liquid
Colour	light yellow

### Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point	-90 °C (-130 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	114 - 115 °C (237 - 239 °F) - lit.
Flash point	31 °C (88 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	414 °C (777 °F)
Lower explosion limit	3.4 %(V)
Vapour pressure	20.8 hPa (15.6 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Density	1.045 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	no data available
Relative vapour	2.59

density

- (Air = 1.0)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

### Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### Materials to avoid

Oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NOx)

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,100 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:General anesthetic. Behavioral:Tremor. Behavioral:Excitement.

### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (GHS)

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (GHS)

no data available

### Aspiration hazard

no data available

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### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Kidney injury may occur., Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

**Additional Information**

RTECS: KI5600000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity**

no data available

**Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

no data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (US)**

UN-Number: 2842 Class: 3 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Nitroethane  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN-Number: 2842 Class: 3 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: NITROETHANE  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN-Number: 2842 Class: 3 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Nitroethane

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Harmful by ingestion.

**DSL Status**

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Nitroethane	79-24-3	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Nitroethane	79-24-3	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Nitroethane	79-24-3	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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