# **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

# ACETYLENE

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## Section 1 - Identification

# Product Identifier

ACETYLENE

Product Code 040

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**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use** Fuel · Industrial Applications

#### **Other Names**

Name	Product Code
ACETYLENE	041
ACETYLENE	001 - SDS NUMBER
ACETYLENE	16110367F - MATERIAL NUMBER
DISSOLVED ACETYLENE	
ETHYNE	

#### Additional Information

Website: http://www.boc.com.au

# Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

#### GHS classification of the substance/mixture

Flammable gases: Category 1A Flammable gases: Category 1A - Chemically unstable gas - A Gases under pressure: Category Dissolved gas

Signal Word (s) DANGER

#### Hazard Statement (s)

H220 Extremely flammable gas.H230 May react explosively even in the absence of air.H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Pictogram (s)

Flame, Gas cylinder



Precautionary Statement – Prevention
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

# Precautionary Statement – Response P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely. P381 In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.

**Precautionary Statement – Storage** P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

Precautionary Statement – Disposal Not Applicable

Precautionary Statement – General Not Applicable

**Other Information** Classification of the substance or mixture: CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

Physical Hazards Flammable Gases: Category 1A Chemically Unstable Gases: Category A Gases Under Pressure: Dissolved gas

Health Hazards: Not classified as a Health Hazard

Environmental Hazards: Not classified as an Environmental Hazard

Other hazards: Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement.

# Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Ingredients

Name	CAS	Proportion
acetylene	74- 86- 2	> 98 % v/v

#### **Other Information**

Synonyms: 001 - SDS NUMBER · 16110367F - MATERIAL NUMBER · DISSOLVED ACETYLENE · ETHYNE · PRODUCT CODES: 040, 041

Substances / Mixtures: Ingredient / EC Number ACETYLENE 200-816-9

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

#### Inhalation

If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.

#### Ingestion

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

#### Skin

Adverse effects not expected from this product.

#### Eye

Adverse effects not expected from this product.

**First Aid Facilities** 

None allocated.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed if necessary

Treat for asphyxia.

#### Most important symptoms/effects, acute, delayed and aggravated medical conditions

In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility / consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination.

## **Section 5 - Firefighting Measures**

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve. If the gas source cannot be isolated, do not extinguish the flame, since re-ignition and explosion could occur. Await arrival of emergency services or manufacturer's advisor. Drench and cool cylinders with water spray from protected area at a safe distance. If it is absolutely necessary to extinguish the flame, use only a dry chemical powder extinguisher. Do not move cylinders for at least 24 hours. Avoid shock and bumps to cylinders.

#### Specific Methods

Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be activated. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot. This material is capable of forming explosive mixtures in air. May react explosively even in the absence of air.

#### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Extremely flammable. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones etc. when handling.

Hazchem Code 2SE Decomposition Temperature Not available

Other Information Hazchem code:

Hazc 2SF

2 Fine Water Spray.

S Risk of violent reaction or explosion. Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Dilute spill and run-off.

E Evacuation of people in and around the immediate vicinity of the incident should be considered.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

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

Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge if safe to do so. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures (Small Spills)

If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.

#### Other Information

Reference to other sections:

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling** 

Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Never open an acetylene cylinder valve without the regulator attached. Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder and manifold with low pressure gas distribution equipment which controls fuel gas mixture and flame. The regulator and other equipment must be compatible with the product and suited for the particular use. Never "sniff" acetylene as it may ignite spontaneously. Instead, carefully inspect the outlet and if there are any signs of dirt, blow it out with a jet of clean compressed air or nitrogen.

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Do not store near incompatible substances and sources of ignition. Cylinders should be stored: upright, prevented from falling, in a secure area; below 65°C, in a dry, well ventilated area constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in the storage areas. Refer to applicable legislation on flammable storage quantity restrictions. Never transfer acetylene to another cylinder or other container.

#### Additional information on precautions for use

Specific end uses: No information provided.

#### Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

#### **Occupational exposure limit values**

Control parameters Exposure standards: Ingredient / Reference / TWA / STEL Acetylene SWA [AUS] Asphyxiant

#### **Biological Monitoring**

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

#### **Engineering Controls**

Provide suitable ventilation to minimise or eliminate exposure. Confined areas (e.g. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested. Flammable/explosive vapours may accumulate in poorly ventilated areas.

#### **Respiratory Protection**

If using product in a confined area, wear an Air-line respirator.

#### **Eye and Face Protection**

Wear safety glasses.

#### **Hand Protection**

Wear leather or cotton gloves.

#### **Body Protection**

Wear coveralls and safety boots.

## **Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

Properties	Description	Properties	Description
Form	Gas	Appearance	Colourless gas
Odour	Garlic-like odour	Melting Point	Not available
Boiling Point	-84°C	Decomposition Temperature	Not available
Solubility in Water	Soluble	рН	Not applicable
Vapour Pressure	4700 kPa @ 25°C	Relative Vapour Density (Air=1)	0.906
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Odour Threshold	Not available
Viscosity	Not available	Volatile Component	100 %
Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water (log value)	Not available	Flash Point	<23°C
Flammability	Extremely flammable	Auto-Ignition Temperature	305°C
Explosion Limit - Upper	100 %	Explosion Limit - Lower	2.3 %
Explosion Properties	Not available	Oxidising Properties	Not available
Relative Density	Not applicable		

#### **Other Information**

Critical pressure: 6,242 kPa Critical temperature: 36.3°C (dissolved in acetone and porous medium) Cylinder pressure (when full): 1550 kPa @ 15°C

# Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

# Reactivity

Forms explosive acetylides with copper, silver and mercury. Do not use alloys containing more than 65% copper.

# Chemical Stability

Generally stable under recommended conditions of storage. However, sensitive to heat or shock and may become explosive, even in the absence of air.

# Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerises with evolution of heat. Avoid contact with curing agents, accelerators, and/or initiators.

# **Conditions to Avoid**

Avoid shock, friction, heavy impact, heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

# Incompatible Materials

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), copper, copper alloys (>70% copper), silver and mercury to form explosive acetylides. May decompose violently at high temperatures and/or pressures or in the presence of a catalyst. Hazardous by-products may be produced when this gas/gas mixture is used in welding, cutting and associated processes.

# Hazardous Decomposition Products

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

# Section 11 - Toxicological Information

# **Toxicology Information**

Acute toxicity: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

# Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Not classified as a skin irritant.

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation** Not classified as an eye irritant.

#### **Respiratory Sensitisation** Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

Skin Sensitisation

Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

**Carcinogenicity** Not classified as a carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity** Not classified as a reproductive toxin.

# STOT - Single Exposure

Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Over exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness.

STOT - Repeated Exposure Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure.

#### Aspiration Hazard Not classified as causing aspiration.

Mutagenicity Not classified as a mutagen.

# Section 12 - Ecological Information

# Ecotoxicity

No ecological damage is expected to be caused by this product.

**Persistence and degradability** No information provided.

#### Mobility Mobility in soil: Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution.

## **Bioaccumulative Potential**

This product is not expected to bioaccumulate.

## **Other Adverse Effects**

No known effects from this product. Fume from fabrication processes which use this gas/gas mixture may be harmful to the environment.

# Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

#### Waste Disposal

Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

#### Local Legislation

Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

# Section 14 - Transport Information

ADG U.N. Number 1001 **ADG Proper Shipping Name** ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED **ADG Transport Hazard Class** 2.1 **ADG Packing Group** None allocated. **Hazchem Code** 2SF **IERG Number** 04DP **Special Precautions for User** GTEPG: 2A1 EmS: F\_-\_D\_, S\_-\_U\_ IATA UN Number 1001 IATA Proper Shipping Name ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED **IATA Transport Hazard Class** 2.1 **IMDG UN Number** 1001 **IMDG Proper Shipping Name** ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED **IMDG Transport Hazard Class** 2.1 **Environmental Hazards** No information provided. **Additional Information** CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE LAND TRANSPORT (ADG) UN number: 1001

Proper shipping name: ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED Transport hazard class: 2.1 Packing group: None allocated.

SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO) UN number: 1001 Proper shipping name: ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED Transport hazard class: 2.1 Packing group: None allocated.

AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO) UN number: 1001 Proper shipping name: ACETYLENE, DISSOLVED Transport hazard class: 2.1 Packing group: None allocated.

Refer to Commonwealth, State and Territory Dangerous Goods Legislation which contain requirements which affect gas storage and transport. Special transport precautions: Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.

Before transporting product containers:

Ensure there is adequate ventilation.

Ensure that containers are firmly secured.

Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.

Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.

Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

# Section 15 - Regulatory Information

#### **Regulatory Information**

Poison schedule: A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Classifications: Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).

Poisons Schedule Not Scheduled Australia (AICS/AIIC) All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.

**Global Inventory Status** 

# Section 16 - Any Other Relevant Information

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Other Information

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The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.

When using this gas/gas mixture for welding, cutting and associated processes, additional hazards may be generated by the process such as radiation, noise and fume. Risk assessments should be made for each activity to identify and quantify the individual hazards involved. Please refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheets for the welding consumables being used or, if available, the materials being welded.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

#### HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

#### Abbreviations

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists CAS #: Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds **CNS: Central Nervous System** EC No.: EC No - European Community Number EMS: Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods) GHS: Globally Harmonized System GTEPG: Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer LC50: Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration LD50: Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose mg/m<sup>3</sup>: Milligrams per Cubic Metre **OEL:** Occupational Exposure Limit pH: relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline). ppm: Parts Per Million STEL: Short-Term Exposure Limit STOT-RE: Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) STOT-SE: Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) SUSMP: Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons SWA: Safe Work Australia TLV: Threshold Limit Value TWA: Time Weighted Average

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