

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Section 1: Identification

### Product identifier

Product Name ETHYLENE REFRIGERATED

Product Code(s) 000000050851

### Other means of identification

UN number or ID number 1038

CAS No. 74-85-1

Synonyms Refrigerated Ethylene; Refrigerated liquefied ethylene gas; ETHYLENEB-ISO.

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use General chemical.

Uses advised against No information available.

### Details of manufacturer or importer

#### Supplier

IXOM Operations Pty Ltd  
ABN: 51 600 546 512  
Level 8, 1 Nicholson Street  
Melbourne 3000  
Australia

Telephone Number: +61 3 9906 3000

### Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number **1 800 033 111 (ALL HOURS)**

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## Section 2: Hazard identification

Classified as a hazardous substance in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).  
Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

### GHS Classification

Flammable gases	Category 1
Gases under pressure	Refrigerated liquefied gas
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3

### Label elements

Flame  
Gas cylinder  
Exclamation mark



**Signal word**  
DANGER

**Hazard statements**

H220 - Extremely flammable gas  
H281 - Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury  
H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.  
Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.  
Store locked up.

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable.

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

### Section 3: Composition and information on ingredients

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Ethylene	74-85-1	>=99.8
Impurities	-	to 100

### Section 4: First aid measures

**Description of first aid measures**

**General advice**

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

**Emergency telephone number**

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Material is an asphyxiant and therefore displaces/dilutes oxygen in air. To protect rescuer, use air-supplied respirator. Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. If patient finds breathing difficult and develops a bluish discoloration of the skin (which suggests a lack of oxygen in the blood - cyanosis), ensure airways are clear of any obstruction and have a qualified person give oxygen through a face mask. Apply artificial respiration if patient is not breathing. Seek immediate medical advice. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration. Seek immediate medical attention/advice.

<b>Eye contact</b>	In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. For freeze burns, immediately flood burnt area with large amounts of luke-warm water and cover with a clean, dry dressing. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

<b>Symptoms</b>	Drowsiness. Dizziness. Contact with very cold material can cause freeze burns.
<b>Effects of Exposure</b>	No information available.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

<b>Note to physicians</b>	Treat symptomatically. Can act as an asphyxiant. Exposure to the liquefied gas can result in freeze burns.
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**Section 5: Firefighting measures****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Dry chemical, CO2, water spray or regular foam.  Keep single wall containers cool with water spray. Double walled vacuum insulated containers do NOT need dousing with water.
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<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	High volume water jet.
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**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Extremely flammable compressed gas.
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<b>Hazardous combustion products</b>	Carbon oxides.
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**Special protective actions for fire-fighters**

<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters</b>	Eliminate all ignition sources. Flame may not be visible to the naked eye. On burning will emit toxic fumes, including those of oxides of carbon . Heating can cause expansion or decomposition of the material, which can lead to the containers exploding. If safe to do so, remove containers from the path of fire. Keep containers cool with water spray. Flameproof equipment is necessary in all areas where this chemical is being used. Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment. Do not approach cylinders suspected of being hot. Ruptured cylinders may rocket.
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<b>Hazchem code</b>	2YE
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**Section 6: Accidental release measures****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

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<b>Personal precautions</b>	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of fire: Stop leak if safe to do so. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use personal protective equipment as required. For large spills contact Emergency Services and/or supplier. Allow to vent to unoccupied area free from any source of ignition. Empty cylinders must be sealed and returned.
<b>For emergency responders</b>	Shut off ignition sources. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.
<b><u>Environmental precautions</u></b>	
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
<b><u>Methods and material for containment and cleaning up</u></b>	
<b>Methods for containment</b>	Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Dike far ahead of spill to collect runoff water. Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal. Remove ignition sources. Provide adequate ventilation.
<b>Methods for cleaning up</b>	Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material. Work up wind or increase ventilation.

## **Section 7: Handling and storage**

### **Precautions for safe handling**

<b>Advice on safe handling</b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid breathing vapors or mists. Vapour may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. All potential sources of ignition (open flames, pilot lights, furnaces, spark producing switches and electrical equipment etc) must be eliminated both in and near the work area. Do NOT smoke. Flameproof equipment is necessary in all areas where this chemical is being used. Nearby equipment must be earthed. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Do not heat up. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with product system. All equipment should be non-sparking. All equipment may need to be explosion-proof based on a risk assessment.
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### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Protect from direct sunlight. Store below 50°C. Store away from sources of heat or ignition. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep container closed when not in use. Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling. Check cylinders regularly for leaks.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Chlorine. Oxidizing agents. Organic peroxides. Ozone. Nitrogen dioxide.

## **Section 8: Exposure controls and personal protection**

### **Control parameters**

#### **Exposure Limits**

Chemical name	Australia	New Zealand	ACGIH TLV
Ethylene 74-85-1	Asphyxiant	simple asphyxiant	TWA: 200 ppm

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

Asphyxiant - gases which can lead to reduction of oxygen concentration by displacement or dilution. The minimum oxygen content in air should be 18% by volume under normal atmospheric pressure.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### Engineering controls

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Workplace Exposure Standards. Contains asphyxiant gases which can lead to the displacement or dilution of oxygen. Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, SAFETY SHOES, FACE SHIELD OR AIR MASK, GLOVES (Long).



#### Eye/face protection

Tight sealing safety goggles. If splashes are likely to occur: Face protection shield.

#### Skin and body protection

Overalls.

#### Hand protection

Elbow-length impervious gloves.

#### Respiratory protection

If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear an air supplied respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

#### Thermal hazards

No information available.

## **Section 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Physical state

Compressed liquefied gas

Appearance	Liquefied gas
Color	Colourless
Odor	Odourless
Odor threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	No data available	None known
pH (as aqueous solution)	No data available	None known
Melting point / freezing point	-169°C	None known
Boiling point / boiling range	-103°C	None known
Flash point	<0°C	None known
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	34%	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	2.7%	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known
Vapor density	1 (Air=1.0)	None known
Relative density	0.57	None known
Water solubility	No data available	None known
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	425°C	None known
Decomposition temperature	No data available	None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

Other information

Molecular formula	C2H4
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**Section 10: Stability and reactivity**Reactivity

Reactivity	No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.
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Chemical stability

Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
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Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact	None.
Sensitivity to static discharge	Yes.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions	Spontaneously explosive in sunlight with chlorine. At high temperatures and pressures the product can polymerise. Violent polymerisation catalysed by copper above 400°C and 5,400 kPa. Heating can cause expansion or decomposition of the material, which can lead to the containers exploding.
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Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks. Direct sunlight.
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Incompatible materials

**Incompatible materials** Chlorine. Oxidizing agents. Organic peroxides. Ozone. Nitrogen dioxide.

**Hazardous decomposition products**

**Hazardous decomposition products** Carbon oxides. Methane. Hydrogen.

**Section 11: Toxicological information**

**Information on likely routes of exposure**

**Product Information** No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

**Inhalation** May cause drowsiness or dizziness. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling contents may be harmful or fatal. An asphyxiant; exposure to high concentrations can eventually lead to a lack of oxygen in the blood, which may cause death.

**Eye contact** Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to the eye. Can result in permanent injury.

**Skin contact** Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.

**Ingestion** Not a likely route of exposure, however, swallowing will result in freeze burns of the mouth, throat, and stomach.

**Symptoms** Drowsiness. Dizziness. Contact with very cold material can cause freeze burns.

**Acute toxicity**

**Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Ethylene	-	-	> 57000 ppm ( Rat ) 4 h

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Skin corrosion/irritation** No information available.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** No information available.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization** No information available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** Not mutagenic in AMES Test.

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Chemical name	Australia	European Union	IARC
Ethylene - 74-85-1	-	-	Group 3

**IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**  
Group 3 - Not Classifiable as to Carcinogenicity in Humans

**Reproductive toxicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available.

## Section 12: Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Avoid contaminating waterways.

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product.

### Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

### Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulation** There is no data for this product.

### Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Ethylene	1.13

### Mobility

**Mobility** No information available.

### Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## Section 13: Disposal considerations

### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from residues/unused products** Refer to Waste Management Authority. Dispose of material through a licensed waste contractor.

**Contaminated packaging** Empty containers pose a potential fire and explosion hazard. Do not cut, puncture or weld containers. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

See section 8 for more information

## Section 14: Transport information



**ADG** Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN number or ID number** 1038  
**Proper shipping name** ETHYLENE, REFRIGERATED LIQUID  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 2.1  
**Hazchem code** 2YE

**IATA** TRANSPORT PROHIBITED under the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air in Passenger and Cargo Aircraft, and Cargo Aircraft Only.

**IMDG** Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN number** 1038  
**UN proper shipping name** ETHYLENE, REFRIGERATED LIQUID  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 2.1  
**Marine pollutant** Not applicable

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

No information available

## Section 15: Regulatory information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### National regulations

##### Australia

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See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

#### **Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)**

No poisons schedule number allocated

**Poison Schedule Number** Not applicable

#### **Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

Chemical name	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Ethylene - 74-85-1	Present	-

#### **Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents**

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

#### **Major hazard (accident/incident planning) regulation**

Verify that license requirements are met  
Compressed or liquefied gases of Division 2.1 or Subsidiary Risk  
2.1

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**National pollutant inventory**

Subject to reporting requirement

Chemical name	National pollutant inventory
Ethylene - 74-85-1	20 MW Threshold category 2b total 60000 MWH Threshold category 2b total 1 tonne/h Threshold category 2a total 25 tonne/yr Threshold category 1a total 400 tonne/yr Threshold category 2a total 2000 tonne/yr Threshold category 2b total

**International Inventories****AIIC**

This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.

**NZIoC**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**TSCA**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**DSL/NDSL**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**EINECS/ELINCS**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**ENCS**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**IECSC**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**KECL**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**PICCS**

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**Legend:****AIIC- Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals****NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals****TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory****DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List****EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances****ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances****IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances****KECL - Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory****PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances****International Regulations****The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** Not applicable**The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** Not applicable**The Rotterdam Convention** Not applicable**Section 16: Other information****Reason(s) For Issue:** 5 Yearly Revised Primary SDS**Prepared By** This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by IXOM Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).**Revision date:** 08-Jan-2025**Revision Note:**

The symbol (\*) in the margin of this SDS indicates that this line has been revised.

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**

**Legend**

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern for Authorization:  
 PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Substances  
 vPvB: Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative (vPvB) Substances  
 STOT: Specific Target Organ Toxicity  
 ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate  
 LC50: 50% Lethal Concentration  
 LD50: 50% Lethal Dose

**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation
C	Carcinogen		

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
 Environmental Protection Agency  
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
 Food Research Journal  
 Hazardous Substance Database  
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
 National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)  
 Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
 Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)  
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
 National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
 U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
 New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
 World Health Organization

**Disclaimer**

**This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since IXOM Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.**

**If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their IXOM representative or IXOM Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.**

**IXOM Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.**

**End of Safety Data Sheet**