

# Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

<b>Product Name:</b> Isobutane	<b>Trade Name:</b> Isobutane
<b>Product Use:</b> Many.	
<b>Chemical Name:</b> Isobutane	<b>Synonym:</b> Trimethylmethane, 2-Methylpropane
<b>Chemical Formula:</b> C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	<b>Chemical Family:</b> Alkane
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*\*Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier or Praxair sales representative.*

## 2. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**DANGER!** Flammable liquid and gas under pressure. Can form explosive mixtures with air. May cause frostbite. Can cause rapid suffocation. May cause dizziness and drowsiness. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. Odour: Faintly sweet.

**ROUTES OF EXPOSURE:** Inhalation. Swallowing. Skin contact. Eye contact.

### EFFECTS OF A SINGLE (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE:

**INHALATION:** May be mildly irritating to mucous membranes. At high concentrations, may cause drowsiness. At very high concentration, may act as an asphyxiant and cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can cause death.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Liquid may cause burns or frostbite.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** None known.

**SWALLOWING:** An unlikely route of exposure, but frostbite of the lips and mouth may result from contact with the liquid. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**EYE CONTACT:** Relatively non-irritating, but may cause frostbite.

### EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE:

Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause dermatitis.

### OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:

None known.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE:**

The skin irritating properties of the material may aggravate an existing dermatitis.

**SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION:**

None known.

**CARCINOGENICITY:**

Not listed as carcinogen by OSHA, NTP or IARC.

**3. Composition and Information on Ingredients**

<b>COMPONENTS</b>	<b>CAS NUMBER</b>	<b>CONCENTRATION % by Mole</b>
Isobutane	75-28-5	100

**4. First Aid Measures****INHALATION:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:**

For exposure to liquid, immediately warm frostbite area with warm water not to exceed 105°F (41°C). In case of massive exposure, remove contaminated clothing while showering with warm water. Call a physician.

**SWALLOWING:**

This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**EYE CONTACT:**

For contact with the liquid, immediately flush eyes thoroughly with warm water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. See a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

None.

**5. Fire Fighting Measures**

**FLAMMABLE :** Yes. **IF YES, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS?** Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, water spray or fog.

**PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION:**

These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS:**

**DANGER!** Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Do not approach area without self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Immediately cool containers with water spray from maximum distance taking care not to extinguish flames. Remove ignition sources if without risk. If flames are accidentally extinguished, explosive re-ignition may occur; therefore, appropriate measures should be taken; e.g., total evacuation. Re-approach with extreme caution. Reduce corrosive vapours with water spray or fog. Stop flow of gas if without risk while continuing water spray. Remove all containers from area if without risk. Allow fire to burn out.

**SPECIFIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS:**

Flammable gas. Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents. Container may rupture due to heat of fire. Do not extinguish flames due to possibility of explosive re-ignition. Vapours form from this product and may travel or be moved by air currents and ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharges, or other ignition sources at locations distant from product handling point. Explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with approved device. No part of a container should be subjected to temperature higher than 52 C (approximately 125 F). Most containers are provided with a pressure relief device designed to vent contents when they are exposed to elevated temperature.

**SENSITIVITY TO IMPACT:**

Avoid impact against container.

**SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE:**

Possible.

**PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PRECAUTIONS FOR FIREFIGHTERS:**

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turnout gear.

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume:**

**LOWER:** 1.8

**UPPER:** 8.4

**FLASH POINT:**

CLOSED CUP: -82.8°C (-117°F).  
(Cleveland.)

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:**

460°C (860°F)

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

**STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:****Personal Precautions:**

**DANGER!** **Flammable, high-pressure gas.** Forms explosive mixtures with air. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce gas with fog or fine water spray. Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move cylinder to a well-ventilated area. Flammable gas may spread from leak. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

**Environmental Precautions:**

Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, provincial, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING:**

Protect cylinders from damage. Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions, see Section 16.

For additional information on storage and handling, refer to Compressed Gas Association (CGA) pamphlet P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*, available from the CGA. Refer to Section 16 for the address and phone number along with a list of other available publications.

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE:**

Store and use with adequate ventilation. Separate flammable cylinders from oxygen, chlorine, and other oxidizers by at least 6 m or use a barricade of non-combustible material. This barricade should be at least 1.5 m high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. All electrical equipment in storage areas must be explosion-proof. Storage areas must meet national electric codes for Class 1 hazardous areas. Store only where temperature will not exceed 52 C. Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

#### OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:

**Flammable high-pressure gas.** Use only in a closed system. Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. **May form explosive mixtures with air.** Ground all equipment. **Gas can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency.** Store and use with adequate ventilation. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. **Prevent reverse flow.** Reverse flow into cylinder may cause rupture. Use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the cylinder. **When returning cylinder to supplier,** be sure valve is closed, then install valve outlet plug tightly. **Never work on a pressurized system.** If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Vent the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, provincial, and local laws; then repair the leak. **Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.**

#### RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

Additional information on storage, handling, and use of this product is provided in **NFPA 55: Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders**, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

See also Praxair publication P-14-153, *Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers*. Obtain from your local supplier

### 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

INGREDIENTS	CAS NUMBER	LD <sub>50</sub> (Species & Routes)	LC <sub>50</sub> (Rat, 4 hrs.)	Exposure Limits
Isobutane	75-28-5	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	1000 ppm

#### IMMEDIATELY DANGEROUS TO LIFE AND HEALTH (IDLH):

#### VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

**LOCAL EXHAUST:** Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

**MECHANICAL (General):** Inadequate.  
See SPECIAL.

**SPECIAL:** Use only in a closed system.

**OTHER:** See SPECIAL.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION:

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when working in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV. Select in accordance with the provincial regulations or guidelines. Selection should also be based on the current CSA standards Z94.4, "Selection, care and use of respirators". Respirators should be approved by NIOSH and MSHA.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Neoprene gloves.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders.

Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z94.3, "Industrial Eye and Face Protection", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Protective clothing where needed. Cuffless trousers should be worn outside the shoes. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z195, "Protective Foot Wear", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>PHYSICAL STATE:</b> Gas. (Compressed Gas)	<b>FREEZING POINT:</b> -159.6°C (-255.3°F)	<b>pH:</b> Not applicable.
<b>BOILING POINT:</b> -11.72°C (10.9°F)	<b>VAPOUR PRESSURE:</b> 312.9 kPa (@ 20°C)	<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b> 58.124 g/mole
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY: LIQUID ( Water = 1)</b> 0.55 @ 20 C	<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER,</b> Negligible.	
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY: VAPOUR (air = 1)</b> 2.01 g/ml @ 21.1 C	<b>EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate=1):</b> >1 compared to (Butyl Acetate = 1)	<b>COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:</b> Not applicable.
<b>VAPOUR DENSITY:</b> 0.00248 g/ml @ 21.1 C	<b>% VOLATILES BY VOLUME:</b> 100% (v/v).	<b>ODOUR THRESHOLD:</b> Not available.
<b>APPEARANCE &amp; ODOUR:</b> Colourless.		Odour: Sweetish. (Slight.)

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

<b>STABILITY:</b>	The product is stable.
<b>CONDITIONS OF CHEMICAL INSTABILITY:</b>	Elevated temperatures.
<b>INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid):</b>	Oxidizing agents
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b>	CO, CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:</b>	Will not occur.
<b>CONDITIONS TO AVOID:</b>	None known.
<b>CONDITIONS OF REACTIVITY:</b>	None known.

## 11. Toxicological Information

**ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS:** See section 2.

**STUDY RESULTS:**

None known.

## 12. Ecological Information

No adverse ecological effects expected. This product does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. The components of this mixture are not listed as marine pollutants by TDG Regulations.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

## 14. Transport Information

**TDG/IMO SHIPPING NAME:** Isobutane

<b>HAZARD CLASS:</b>	CLASS 2.1: Flammable gas.	<b>IDENTIFICATION #:</b>	UN1969	<b>PRODUCT REPORTABLE QUANTITY(PRQ):</b>
				Any accidental release in a quantity that could pose a danger to public safety or any sustained release of 10 minutes or more.

**SHIPPING LABEL(s):** Flammable gas

**PLACARD (When Required):** Flammable gas

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:**

Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, non-ventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

## 15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, provincial, and local regulations. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**WHMIS (Canada):** CLASS A: Compressed gas.  
CLASS B-1: Flammable gas.

This product is on the DSL list.

**International Regulations:**

**EINECS:** Not available.

**DSCL (EEC):** This product is not classified according to the EU regulations.

**International Lists:** No products were found.

## 16. Other Information

### MIXTURES:

When two or more gases, or liquefied gases are mixed, their hazardous properties may combine to create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an Industrial Hygienist, or other trained person when you make your safety evaluation of the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties which can cause serious injury or death.

### HAZARD RATING SYSTEM:

#### HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH 0

FLAMMABILITY 4

PHYSICAL HAZARD 2

### STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

<b>THREADED:</b>	CGA-510
<b>PIN-INDEXED YOKE:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:</b>	Not applicable.

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlets V-1 and V-7 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information about this product can be found in the following pamphlets published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5th Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700, Fax (703) 961-1831, website: [www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com).

AV-1	Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gas
P-1	Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers
P-14	Accident Prevention in Oxygen-Rich, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres
SB-2	Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres
V-1	Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections
V-7	Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Industrial Gas Mixtures
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### PREPARATION INFORMATION:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October, 15, 2013</b>
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