

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.**  
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**Emergency Contact:**  
**CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300**  
**Calls Originating Outside the US:**  
**703-527-3887 (Collect Calls Accepted)**

**SUBSTANCE: NEOPENTANE**

**TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:**

MTG MSDS 89; TETRAMETHYLMETHANE; 2,2-DIMETHYLPROPANE; PROPANE,2,2-DIMETHYL-; TERT-PENTANE; 1,1,1-TRIMETHYLETHANE; TRIMETHYL-PROPYLMETHANE; PENTANE; UN 2044; C5H12; MAT16200; RTECS TY1190000

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** hydrocarbons, aliphatic

**CREATION DATE:** Jan 24 1989

**REVISION DATE:** Dec 11 2008

## 2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**COMPONENT:** NEOPENTANE  
**CAS NUMBER:** 463-82-1  
**PERCENTAGE:** 100.0

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4):** HEALTH=1 FIRE=4 REACTIVITY=0



**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

**COLOR:** colorless

**PHYSICAL FORM:** gas

**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS:** difficulty breathing

**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:** Flammable gas. May cause flash fire.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**INHALATION:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** nausea, vomiting, dizziness, suffocation, convulsions, coma

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

**SKIN CONTACT:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** blisters, frostbite

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

**EYE CONTACT:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** mild irritation, frostbite, blurred vision

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

**INGESTION:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** frostbite

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** no information is available

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**INHALATION:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115 F; 41-46 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with plenty of water.

**INGESTION:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** For inhalation, consider oxygen.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Severe fire hazard. Severe explosion hazard. The vapor is heavier than air. Vapors or gases may ignite at distant ignition sources and flash back. Gas/air mixtures are explosive.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.

**FIRE FIGHTING:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other flammables. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Do not attempt to extinguish fire unless flow of material can be stopped first. Flood with fine water spray. Cool containers with water spray until well after

the fire is out. Apply water from a protected location or from a safe distance. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Evacuate if fire gets out of control or containers are directly exposed to fire. Evacuation radius: 500 meters (1/3 mile). Consider downwind evacuation if material is leaking. Stop flow of gas.

**FLASH POINT:** <19 F (<-7 C)

**LOWER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 1.4%

**UPPER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 7.5%

**AUTOIGNITION:** 842 F (450 C)

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:**

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Do not touch spilled material. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Remove sources of ignition. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**STORAGE:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Grounding and bonding required. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### **EXPOSURE LIMITS:**

#### **NEOPENTANE:**

600 ppm ACGIH TWA

**VENTILATION:** Based on available information, additional ventilation is not required. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

**CLOTHING:** For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.

**GLOVES:** Wear insulated gloves.

**RESPIRATOR:** Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed. Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum. Consider warning properties before

use.

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

**For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -**

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**PHYSICAL STATE:** gas

**COLOR:** colorless

**ODOR:** Not available

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 72.15

**MOLECULAR FORMULA:** (C-H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>-C

**BOILING POINT:** 50 F (10 C)

**FREEZING POINT:** 1 F (-17 C)

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 1125 mmHg @ 21.1 C

**VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):** 2.5

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water=1):** 0.6135

**WATER SOLUBILITY:** insoluble

**PH:** Not applicable

**VOLATILITY:** Not applicable

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not available

**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not applicable

**VISCOSITY:** 0.007 cP @ 21.1 C

**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable

**SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:**

**Soluble:** alcohol, ether

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Minimize contact with material. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:** oxidizing materials

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:**

Thermal decomposition products: oxides of carbon

**POLYMERIZATION:** Will not polymerize.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**NEOPENTANE:**

**ADDITIONAL DATA:** Stimulants such as epinephrine may induce ventricular fibrillation.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Not available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D001.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101:**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** 2,2-Dimethylpropane

**ID NUMBER:** UN2044

**HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION:** 2.1

**LABELING REQUIREMENTS:** 2.1

**QUANTITY LIMITATIONS:**

**PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OR RAILCAR:** Forbidden

**CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY:** 150 kg



**CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:**

**SHIPPING NAME:** 2,2-Dimethylpropane

**UN NUMBER:** UN2044

**CLASS:** 2.1

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. REGULATIONS:**

**CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355 Subpart**

**B):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 304 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355 Subpart C):** Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370 Subparts B and C):**

ACUTE: Yes

CHRONIC: No

FIRE: Yes

REACTIVE: No

SUDDEN RELEASE: Yes

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65):** Not regulated.

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29 CFR 1910.119):** Not regulated.

**STATE REGULATIONS:**

**California Proposition 65:** Not regulated.

**CANADIAN REGULATIONS:**

**WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:** AB

**NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS:**

**U.S. INVENTORY (TSCA):** Listed on inventory.

**TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION:** Not listed.

**CANADA INVENTORY (DSL/NDSL):** Not determined.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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