

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

<b>Product Name:</b> Propylene (MSDS No. P-4648-G)	<b>Trade Name:</b> Propylene
<b>Chemical Name:</b> Propene	<b>Synonyms:</b> Propene, methylethene, methyl-ethylene, 1-propene, 1-propylene
<b>Formula:</b> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	<b>Chemical Family:</b> Alkenes
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Company Name:</b> Alliance Gas Products. 2001-F Peralta Street Oakland, CA 94607
<b>Emergencies:</b> 1-800-633-8253* <b>PERS:</b> 1-800-633-8253*	

\* Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier,

### 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

**This section covers materials of manufacture only. See sections 3, 8, 10, 11, 15, and 16 for information on by-products generated during use, especially use in welding and cutting. For custom mixtures of this product, request an MSDS for each component.**

See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA
Propylene	115-07-01	>99%*	None currently established	Simple asphyxiant

\* The symbol > means "greater than"; the symbol <, "less than."

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**DANGER! Flammable liquid and gas under pressure.**

**Can form explosive mixtures with air.**

**May cause liver damage.**

**May cause frostbite.**

**May cause anesthetic effects.**

**May cause dizziness and drowsiness.**

**Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.**

**Odor: Faintly sweet**

**THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE:** TLV-TWA, simple asphyxiant (ACGIH, 1998). ACGIH recommends a TLV-TWA of 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for welding fumes not otherwise classified (NOC) that may be generated during

welding with this product. TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

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

**INHALATION**—Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. Moderate concentrations may cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

**SKIN CONTACT**—No harm expected from gas. Liquid may cause frostbite.

**SWALLOWING**—This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**EYE CONTACT**—No harm expected from gas. Liquid may cause frostbite.

**EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE:** Repeated exposures have produced liver damage.

**OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:** At very high concentrations, propylene may produce cardiac arrhythmias or arrest due to sensitization of the heart to adrenaline and noradrenalin.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE:** The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of propylene suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

**SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION:** None known.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** Propylene is not listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

#### 4. First Aid Measures

**INHALATION:** Immediately remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

**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:** If liquid splashes into eyes, immediately flush them 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. Call a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:** *Do not administer adrenaline; propylene has a sensitizing effect on the myocardium. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.*

#### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

<b>FLASH POINT</b> (test method):	-162°F (-107.8°C) TCC	
<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	860°F (460°C)	
<b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR</b> , % by volume:	<b>LOWER:</b> 2.0%	<b>UPPER:</b> 11.1%
<b>EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:</b> CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, water spray, or fog.		

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: DANGER! Flammable liquid and gas under pressure.** Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately spray cylinders with water from maximum distance until cool, taking care not to extinguish flames, then move them away from fire area if without risk. Continue cooling water spray while moving cylinders. Remove sources of ignition if without risk. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents. Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. No part of a cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). Propylene cylinders are equipped with a pressure relief device. (Exceptions may exist where authorized by DOT.) If venting or leaking propylene catches fire, do not extinguish flames. Flammable gas may spread from leak, creating an explosive re-ignition hazard. Vapors can be ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharge, or other ignition sources at locations distant from product handling point. Explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an approved device.

**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

**STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: DANGER! Flammable liquid and gas under pressure.** Forms explosive mixtures with air. (See section 5.) Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce vapors 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.

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** 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, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE:** Store and use with adequate ventilation. Separate propylene cylinders from oxygen and other oxidizers by at least 20 ft (6.1 m), or use a barricade of noncombustible material. This barricade should be at least 5 ft (1.53 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. Propylene cylinders designed to accept a valve protection cap must be provided with a cap. Screw 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 125°F (52°C). Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods. For full details and requirements, see NFPA 58, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

**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. All piped propylene systems and associated equipment must be grounded. Electrical equipment must be non-sparking or explosion-proof. Leak check with soapy water; never use a flame. 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 in using propylene, see section 16. For further information on storage, handling, and use of propylene, see NFPA 55, *Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders*, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

**LOCAL EXHAUST**—Use a local exhaust system, if necessary, to prevent oxygen deficiency and keep hazardous fumes and gases below applicable TLVs in the worker's breathing zone.

**MECHANICAL (general)**—Under certain conditions, general exhaust ventilation may be acceptable if adequate to keep hazardous fumes and gases below the applicable TLVs in the worker's breathing zone.

**SPECIAL**—None

**OTHER** —None

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Use air-purifying or air-supplied respirators, as appropriate, where local or general exhaust ventilation is inadequate. Adequate ventilation must keep worker exposure below applicable TLVs for fumes, gases, and other by-products of welding with propylene. See sections 3, 10, and 16 for details. An air-supplied respirator must be used in confined spaces. Respiratory protection must conform to OSHA rules as specified in 29 CFR 1910.134.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Wear work gloves for cylinder handling; welding gloves for welding and cutting.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear goggles with filter lenses selected as per ANSI Z49.1. Provide protective screens and goggles, if necessary, to protect others. Select as per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.33. For welding, see section 16.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** As needed, wear hand, head, and body protection, which help to prevent injury from radiation and sparks. See ANSI Z49.1. At a minimum this includes welder's gloves and protective goggles, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, as well as substantial clothing. For more information, see section 16. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b>	42.081
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</b> (Air = 1) at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:	1.45
<b>GAS DENSITY</b> at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:	0.110 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (1.762 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE</b> at 70°F (21.1°C):	132.81 psig (915.69 kPa)
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER</b> , vol/vol at 68°F (20°C) and 1 atm:	0.019
<b>PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:</b>	100
<b>EVAPORATION RATE</b> (Butyl Acetate = 1):	High
<b>BOILING POINT</b> at 1 atm:	-53.9°F (-47.72°C)
<b>FREEZING POINT</b> at 1 atm:	-301.45°F (-185.25°C)

**APPEARANCE, ODOR, AND STATE:** Colorless gas at normal temperature and pressure; faintly sweet odor.

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

**STABILITY:**  Unstable  Stable

**INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid):** Oxidizing agents, halogens, acids

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition or burning may produce CO/CO<sub>2</sub>. The welding and cutting process may form reaction products such as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Other decomposition products of normal operation originate from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the material being worked.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:**  May Occur  Will Not Occur

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** See section 16.

### 11. Toxicological Information

The welding process may generate hazardous fumes and gases. (See sections 3, 10, 15, and 16.)

### 12. Ecological Information

No adverse ecological effects expected. Propylene does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. Propylene is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

### 13. Disposal Considerations

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

### 14. Transport Information

<b>DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME:</b>	Propylene	<b>IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</b>	UN 1077	<b>PRODUCT RQ:</b>	Not applicable
<b>HAZARD CLASS:</b>	2.1				
<b>SHIPPING LABEL(s):</b>	FLAMMABLE GAS				
<b>PLACARD (when required):</b>	FLAMMABLE GAS				

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:** Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

### 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, state, and local regulations.

#### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

##### EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

**CERCLA:** COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

**Reportable Quantity (RQ):** None

##### SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

**SECTIONS 302/304:** Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of extremely hazardous substances (40 CFR Part 355):

**Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ):** None

**Extremely Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 355):** None

**SECTIONS 311/312:** Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

**IMMEDIATE:** Yes

**PRESSURE:** Yes

**DELAYED:** Yes

**REACTIVITY:** No

**FIRE:** Yes

**SECTION 313:** Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

Propylene requires reporting under Section 313.

**40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION:** Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Propylene is listed as a regulated substance in quantities of 10,000 lbs (4536 kg) or greater.

**TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT:** Propylene is listed on the TSCA inventory.

**OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:**

**29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS:** Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Propylene is not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical. However, any process that involves a flammable gas on site in one location in quantities of 10,000 lbs (4536 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless the gas is used as a fuel.

#### STATE REGULATIONS:

**CALIFORNIA:** Propylene is not listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

**WARNING:** The combustion of propylene produces carbon monoxide—a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

*(California Health and Safety Code §25249.5 et seq.)*

**PENNSYLVANIA:** This product is subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

### 16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

**ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAZARDS:** Using propylene in welding and cutting may create additional hazards:

**FUMES AND GASES** can be dangerous to your health and may cause serious lung disease.

- **Keep your head out of fumes. Do not breathe fumes and gases. Use enough ventilation, local exhaust, or both to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area. Short-term overexposure to fumes may cause dizziness, nausea, and dryness or irritation of the nose, throat, and eyes or may cause other similar discomfort.**

Fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The amount and type depend on the metal being worked and the process, procedure, equipment, and supplies used. Possible dangerous materials may be found in fluxes, electrodes, and other materials. Get an MSDS for every material you use.

Contaminants in the air may add to the hazard of fumes and gases. One such contaminant, chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities, poses a special risk.

- **Do not use electric arcs in the presence of chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors—highly toxic phosgene may be produced.**

Metal coatings such as paint, plating, or galvanizing may generate harmful fumes when heated. Residues from cleaning materials may also be harmful.

- **Avoid arc operations on parts with phosphate residues (anti-rust, cleaning preparations)—highly toxic phosphine may be produced.**

To find the quantity and content of fumes and gases, you can take air samples. By analyzing these samples, you can find out what respiratory protection you need. One recommended sampling method is to take air from inside the worker's helmet or from the worker's breathing zone. See AWS F1.1, *Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases for Welding and Allied Processes*, available from the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126.

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary labels on the products used in welding and cutting. Ask your welding products supplier for a copy of Praxair's free safety booklet, P-2035, *Precautions and Safe Practices for Gas Welding, Cutting, and Heating*, and for other manufacturers' safety publications. For a detailed treatment, get ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the American Welding Society, or see OSHA's Web site at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/weldingcuttingbrazing/>.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

**Acute:** *Gases, fumes, and dusts may cause irritation to the eyes, lungs, nose, and throat. Some toxic gases associated with welding and related processes may cause pulmonary edema, asphyxiation, and death. Acute overexposure may include signs and symptoms such as watery eyes, nose and throat irritation, headache, dizziness, difficulty breathing, frequent coughing, or chest pains.*

**Chronic:** *Protracted inhalation of air contaminants may lead to their accumulation in the lungs, a condition that may be seen as dense areas on chest x-rays. The severity of change is proportional to the length of exposure. The changes seen are not necessarily associated with symptoms or signs of reduced lung function or disease. In addition, the changes on x-rays may be caused by non-work-related factors such as smoking, etc.*

#### **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR WELDING OPERATIONS:**

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES:** Wear welding gloves.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear a helmet or use a face shield with a filter lens. Select lens per ANSI Z49.1. Provide protective screens and flash goggles if needed to protect others; select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Wear hand, head, and body protection. (See ANSI Z49.1.) Worn as needed, these help prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. Minimum protection includes welder's gloves and a face shield. For added protection, consider arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, and dark, substantial clothing.

**OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:** ***Flammable liquid and gas under pressure.*** Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. For more information, see NFPA 51, *Standard for the Design and Installation of Oxygen-Fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the National Fire Prevention Association. Use only in a closed system. ***Arcs and sparks can ignite combustible materials.*** Prevent fires. For more information, get NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hotwork*, published by the National Fire Protection Association. ***Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame.*** Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. To prevent reverse flow, use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the cylinder. ***Gas can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency.*** Store and use with adequate ventilation. Close cylinder valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. ***Never work on a pressurized system.*** If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in an environmentally safe manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws; then repair the leak. ***Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become***



**part of an electrical circuit.** When using compressed gases in and around electric welding applications, never ground the cylinders. Grounding exposes the cylinders to damage by the electric welding arc.

**NOTE:** Prior to using any plastics, confirm their compatibility with propylene. Determine compatibility with rubber welding hose prior to use. Consult Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Safety bulletin SB-11-1996, "Use of Rubber Welding Hose."

**Industry experience has shown that propylene may contain small amounts of radon,** a naturally occurring radioactive gas. Some particulate decay products of radon may be retained in process equipment. Gamma radiation above background levels emitted from short-half-life decay products may be detected externally at that equipment during operations. This radiation will decrease to background levels within 4 hours after cessation of gas flow. Equipment emitting gamma radiation should be presumed to be internally contaminated with the longer-life decay products that emit alpha radiation, which may be a hazard if inhaled.

If assessment indicates the presence of gamma radiation, you should minimize your employees' potential exposure by limiting access near the equipment involved. Prior to maintenance inside such equipment, stop gas flow and allow a 4-hour delay prior to opening. Maintenance personnel should wear appropriate protective equipment to prevent skin contamination or inhalation of any residue emitting alpha radiation.

**NOTE:** See section 6 for special clothing and equipment to be worn while welding with propylene.

**MIXTURES:** When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can 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 evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

#### HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

##### NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH = 1  
 FLAMMABILITY = 4  
 REACTIVITY = 0  
 SPECIAL = None

##### HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0  
 FLAMMABILITY = 4  
 REACTIVITY = 0

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

**THREADED:** CGA-510

**PIN-INDEXED YOKE:** None

**ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:** None

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlet V-1 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), 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4102, Telephone (703) 412-0900.

- AV-1 *Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases*
- P-1 *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*
- P-14 *Accident Prevention in Oxygen-Rich, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres*
- SB-2 *Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres*
- SB-8 *Use of Oxy-Fuel Gas Welding and Cutting Apparatus*
- V-1 *Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections*
- *Handbook of Compressed Gases, Third Edition*

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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