



# Safety Data Sheet

## Butane (n-Butane)

### Section 1: Product and Company Identification

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Product Code: Butane (n-Butane)

### Section 2: Hazards Identification



**Warning**

**Hazard Classification:**

Gases Under Pressure

**Hazard Statements:**

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

**Precautionary Statements**

**Storage:**

Protect from sunlight.  
Store in well-ventilated place.

### Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

<b>CAS #</b>
106-97-8

Chemical Substance	Chemical Family	Trade Names
BUTANE	hydrocarbons, aliphatic	N-BUTANE; LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS; NORMAL BUTANE; BUTYL HYDRIDE; LPG; UN 1011; C4H10

## Section 4: First Aid Measures

Skin Contact	Eye Contact	Ingestion	Inhalation	Note to Physicians
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.	Contact with liquid: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.	Not likely route of exposure.	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.	For inhalation, consider oxygen.

## Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Products of Combustion	Protection of Firefighters
Carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.	Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, water and toxic and irritating fumes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.</li> <li>Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.</li> </ul>

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

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

Methods for Cleanup	Other Information
Stop leak, evacuate area. Use protective equipment. Contact emergency personnel.	None

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling	Storage
Grounding and bonding required. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.	Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.110.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Exposure Guidelines
N-BUTANE: 800 ppm (1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 800 ppm (1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s) LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG): 1000 ppm (1800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) OSHA TWA 1000 ppm (1800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s) ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBON GASES ALKANE (C1-C4): 1000 ppm ACGIH TWA

## Engineering Controls

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

Eye Protection	Skin Protection	Respiratory 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.	For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.	Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.

## General Hygiene considerations

- Avoid breathing vapor or mist
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin
- Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or drinking

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	Appearance	Color	Change in Appearance	Physical Form	Odor	Taste
Gas	Colorless	Colorless	N/A	Gas	Unpleasant odor	N/A

Flash Point	Flammability	Partition Coefficient	Autoignition Temperature	Upper Explosive Limits	Lower Explosive Limits
-76 F (-60 C) (CC)	Not available	630.96 (log = 2.80) (estimated from water solubility)	549 F (287 C)	0.085	0.019

Boiling Point	Freezing Point	Vapor Pressure	Vapor Density	Specific Gravity	Water Solubility	pH	Odor Threshold	Evaporation Rate	Viscosity
30 F (-1 C)	-216 F (-138 C)	1557 mmHg @ 20 C	2.1 (Air=1)	0.5788 @ 0 C	0.15	Not applicable	6.16 ppm	Not applicable for gas. Liquefied n-butane will evaporate rapidly at room temperature	Not available

Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula	Density	Weight per Gallon	Volatility by Volume	Volatility	Solvent Solubility
58.12	C-H3-(C-H2)2-C-H3	Not available	Not available	100%	Not applicable	Soluble: Alcohol, ether, chloroform

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Stability	Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible Materials
Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Oxidizing materials, halogen compounds

Hazardous Decomposition Products	Possibility of Hazardous Reactions
Oxides of carbon.	Will not polymerize.

## Section 11: Toxicology Information

### Acute Effects

Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation
LC(50): 658 mg/l (270,000 ppm) butane (4 hour-rat)	Not established	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, headache, drowsiness, symptoms of drunkenness, tingling sensation, suffocation, convulsions, coma, can displace oxygen at high concentrations

Eye Irritation	Skin Irritation	Sensitization
Frostbite, blurred vision	Blisters, frostbite	Central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing

### Chronic Effects

Carcinogenicity	Mutagenicity	Reproductive Effects	Developmental Effects
None	Not established	Not established	No data

## Section 12: Ecological Information

### Fate and Transport

Eco toxicity	Persistence / Degradability	Bioaccumulation / Accumulation	Mobility in Environment
Fish toxicity: Not available Invertebrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: Expected to exist entirely in the vapor phase in ambient air.	Not available	Not available	Not available

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

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

## Section 14: Transportation Information

### U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

Proper Shipping Name	ID Number	Hazard Class or Division	Packing Group	Labeling Requirements	Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations	Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations	Additional Shipping Description
Butane	UN1011	2.1	Not applicable	2.1	Forbidden	150 kg	N/A

### Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Shipping Name	UN Number	Class	Packing Group / Risk Group
Butane	UN1011	2.1	Not applicable

## Section 15: Regulatory Information

### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections	SARA 355.30	SARA 355.40
Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.

### SARA 370.21

Acute	Chronic	Fire	Reactive	Sudden Release
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

### SARA 372.65

Not regulated.

### OSHA Process Safety

Not regulated.

### State Regulations

#### CA Proposition 65

Not regulated.

## Canadian Regulations

<b>WHMIS Classification</b>
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## National Inventory Status

US Inventory (TSCA)	TSCA 12b Export Notification	Canada Inventory (DSL/NDSL)
Listed on inventory.	Not listed.	Listed on inventory.

## Section 16: Other Information

<b>NFPA Rating</b>
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HEALTH=1 FIRE=4 REACTIVITY=0
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0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard