

SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Catalog No.
L14420

Product Name: **Ethane, 99+%**
Manufacturer/Supplier Name: Alfa Aesar - A Johnson Matthey Company
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For emergencies in the US, call CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300
For emergencies outside US, call INTERNATIONAL: (703)527-3887
For Nonemergency, call: (800)262-8200

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SECTION 2 : COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Chemical Name Ethane
CAS# 74-84-0
% Weight (Typical) 99+

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SECTION 3 : HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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Emergency Overview: Flammable.

Ethane:

Route of Exposure: Inhalation.
Potential Health Effects:
Eye Contact: No data
Skin Contact: No data
Inhalation: Simple asphyxiant.
Ingestion: No data
Target Organs: Respiratory system.

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SECTION 4 : FIRST AID MEASURES

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Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Assure adequate flushing of the eyes by separating the eyelids with fingers. Get immediate medical attention if irritation persists, or symptoms of overexposure become apparent.

Skin Contact: Immediately wash skin with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes, while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention especially, if irritation develops, persists, or symptoms of overexposure become apparent.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or give oxygen by trained personnel. Keep warm. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: If swallowed, call a physician or poison control center immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless instructed by medical personnel. Get medical attention.

SECTION 5 : FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**Catalog No. L14420**

Fire:	Flammable.
Flash Point:	-135°C (-211°F)
Upper Flammable or Explosive Limit:	12.50% for Ethane. (Ref:Sax)
Lower Flammable or Explosive Limit:	3.00% for Ethane. (Ref:Sax)
Auto Ignition Temperature:	515°C (959°F) for Ethane. (Ref:Sax)
Extinguishing Media:	Use dry powder or carbon dioxide when fighting a fire involving this material.
Unsuitable Media:	Water extinguishers are not recommended.
Protective Equipment:	As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

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SECTION 6 : ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Catalog No. L14420**

Personal Precautions:	Evacuate area until gas has dispersed. Keep upwind of leak. Eliminate all sources of ignition. See also section 8.
Spill Cleanup Measures:	Shut off leak if it is safe to do so. Ventilate spill area and allow to evaporate. Evacuate area until gas has dispersed. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Refer to section 13 for disposal or reporting requirements.
Environmental Precautions:	Do not allow material to enter drains or streams.

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SECTION 7 : HANDLING and STORAGE**Catalog No. L14420**

Handling:	This product should be handled only by, or under the close supervision of, those properly qualified in the handling and use of potentially hazardous chemicals, who should take into account the fire, health and chemical hazard data. It should always be handled in an efficient fume hood or equivalent system. The user should consider that the toxicological and physiological properties of many compounds are not yet well determined and that new hazardous products may arise from reactions between chemicals. Care should be taken to prevent any chemical from coming into contact with the skin or eyes and from contaminating personal clothing.
Storage:	Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area away from sources of heat and incompatible substances. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.
Hygiene Practices:	Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid inhaling vapor or mist.

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SECTION 8 : EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTIONCatalog No. L14420

Guideline Type: ACGIH TLV-STEL
Guideline Information: simple asphyxiant

Engineering Controls: Use appropriate engineering control such as process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. Where such systems are not effective wear suitable personal protective equipment, which performs satisfactorily and meets OSHA or other recognized standards. Consult with local procedures for selection, training, inspection and maintenance of the personal protective equipment.

Skin Protection Description: Wear suitable protective clothing to prevent contact with skin.

Hand Protection Description: Wear appropriate protective gloves. Consult glove manufacturers for glove permeability data.

Eye/Face Protection: Wear appropriate protective glasses or splash goggles as described by 29 CFR 1910.133, OSHA eye and face protection regulation, or the European standard EN 166.

Respiratory Protection: A NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Protection provided by air purifying respirators is limited to airborne concentrations that are typically within 10 times the exposure limit. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, or any other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection. A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirators use.

Other Protective: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

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SECTION 9 : PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIESCatalog No. L14420

Physical State/Appearance: Liquefied gas

Flash Point: -135°C (-211°F)

Auto Ignition Temperature: 515°C (959°F) for Ethane. (Ref:Sax)

Upper Explosive Limit: 12.50% forEthane. (Ref:Sax)

Lower Explosive Limit: 3.00% forEthane. (Ref:Sax)

Boiling Point: -88°C (-126.4°F)

Freezing Point: -183.2°C (-297.76°F) (Ref:Sax)

Melting Point: -172°C (-277.6°F)

Solubility in Water: Insoluble

Density: 0.446 @ 0°C (liquid) (Ref:Sax)

Molecular Formula: C₂H₆

Molecular Weight: 30.07

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SECTION 10 : STABILITY and REACTIVITYCatalog No. L14420

Conditions to Avoid: High temperatures, flames and sparks.

Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Strong oxidizing agents, halogens. Combustible material.

Possible Decomposition Product: Carbon monoxide.

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SECTION 11 : TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Catalog No. L14420**

Ethane :

RTECS Number:	KH3800000
Eye Effect:	No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date.
Skin Effects:	No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date.
Ingestion Effects:	No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date.
Inhalation Effects:	No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date.

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SECTION 12 : ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Catalog No. L14420**

Ecotoxicity:	No information provided.
Bioaccumulation:	No information provided.
Biodegradation:	No information provided.
Environmental Stability:	No information provided.

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SECTION 13 : DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Catalog No. L14420**

Waste Disposal:	Consult with the US EPA Guidelines listed in 40 CFR Part 261.3 for the classifications of hazardous waste prior to disposal. Furthermore, consult with your state and local waste requirements or guidelines, if applicable, to ensure compliance. Arrange disposal in accordance to the EPA and/or state and local guidelines, by a licensed disposal company.
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SECTION 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION**Catalog No. L14420**

DOT Shipping Name:	Ethane
DOT Hazard Class:	2
DOT Identification Number:	UN1035
DOT Packing Group:	I

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SECTION 15 : REGULATORY INFORMATION**Catalog No. L14420**

Ethane :

TSCA 8(b): Inventory Status:	Listed on the TSCA inventory.
Risk Phrases:	R12 Extremely flammable.
Safety Phrase:	S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place. S16 Keep away from sources of ignition No smoking. S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

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