

**SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)
METHCAL Gas Standard**

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION	
Product Synonym	METHCAL Gas Standard METHCAL Gas Standard
Chemical Formula	CH ₄ O ₂ N ₂
Trade Name	METHCAL 14 7.7Kg METHCAL 14 1.5Kg METHCAL 14 (Lecture bottle) METHCAL 25 7.7Kg
Colour Coding	Mist Green Body, Red band & shoulder Lime green valve guard
Product Code	519114-SH-A 519114-IH-A 519114-SO-C 519115-SH-A
Company Identification	African Oxygen Limited Grayston Office Park Building 7 128 Peter Road Sandown, Sandton, 2196 Tel. No: (011) 490-0400 Fax No: (011) 490-0530 Email: customer.service@afrox.linde.com www.afrox.com
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2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION	
Classification	- Classification under South African Hazardous Chemical Substances Regulations subsequently amended. (HCS) - GASES UNDER PRESSURE - Liquefied gas -
Emergency Overview	Colour: None Odour: None Taste: None Physical State: Gas
	- All cylinders are portable gas containers and must be regarded as pressure vessels at all times. - METHCAL Gas Standard does not support life.
Adverse Health Effects	- Harmful if inhaled.
Chemical Hazards	- None
Biological Hazards	- None
Vapour Inhalation	Rescue personnel should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus.
GHS Classification	Non-flammable gas

GHS Pictogram	
GHS Signal Words	Danger
GHS Hazard Statements	H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
GHS Precautionary Statements	- P260: Do not breathe gas/vapours - P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing - P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling - P271: Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area - P273: Avoid release to the environment P391: Collect spillage - P284: Wear respiratory protection P304+P340: IF INHALED: remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Other Hazards that do not result in classification	- Gas under pressure

3. COMPOSITION OF INGREDIENTS	
Chemical name	Methane
Chemical family	
CAS No	74-82-8
UN No	1971
ERG No	115
Hazard class	Class 2.1
Hazchem Warning	Flammable
Chemical name	Oxygen
Chemical family	
CAS No	7782-44-7
UN No	1072
ERG No	122
Hazard class	Class 2.2
Hazchem Warning	Oxidiser
Chemical name	Nitrogen
Chemical family	
CAS No	7727-37-9
UN No	1066
ERG No	121
Hazard class	Class 2.1
Hazchem Warning	Non-Flammable

4. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES	
Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	- WARNING! gas under pressure. Rapid release of gaseous METHCAL Gas Standard through a pressure relief device (PRD) or valve can result is very cold and can cause frostbite.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evacuate area. - Provide adequate ventilation. - Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. - In an enclosed or non-ventilated space, a self-contained breathing apparatus must be used.
Environmental Precautions	- Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:	- Provide adequate ventilation.

	<p>container valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Never attempt to transfer gases from one container to another. Container valve guards or caps should be in place.</p>
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	-Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general conditions and leakage. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep pressure containers away from combustible material.

5. HANDLING AND STORAGE	
Safe Handling	<p>-Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Refer to supplier's handling instructions. The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Protect containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the container contents. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Secure cylinders in an upright position at all times, close all valves when not in use. Provide adequate ventilation. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Store in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps were supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water. If user experiences any difficulty operating</p>

6. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION	
Occupational Exposure Hazards (HCS)	-Not specified
Engineering Control Measures	<p>-Engineering control measures are preferred to reduce exposures. General methods include mechanical ventilation, process or personal enclosure, and control of process conditions. Administrative controls and personal protective equipment may also be required.</p> <p>A Risk assessment should be conducted to evaluate the suitability of PPE to the task being performed</p>
Personal Protection	- When allowed by a risk assessment Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) may be used. The selection of the Respiratory Protective Device (RPD) must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected RPD. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
Eyes	-Wear safety glasses
Hands	<p>-Guideline: Protective gloves against mechanical risks.</p> <p>-Additional Information: Wear working gloves while handling containers</p>
Body protection:	- Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Feet	-Wear safety shoes while handling containers

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7. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Chemical Name	METHCAL Gas Standard
Chemical Symbol	CH ₄ , O ₂ , N ₂
Physical state	Permanent Gas
Form:	Gas
Colour:	Colourless
Odour:	None
Odour Threshold:	None.
pH:	Not known
Melting Point:	Not known
Boiling Point:	Not known
Sublimation Point:	Not known
Critical Temp. (°C):	Not known
Flash Point:	Not known
Evaporation Rate:	Not known
Flammability (gas):	Contains flammable components below flammability levels
Flammability limit - upper (%):	Not applicable
Flammability limit - lower(%):	Not applicable
Vapour pressure:	Not applicable
Vapour density	1.20 kg/m ³
Relative density:	1.0
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in Water:	Not known
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not known
Autoignition Temperature:	Not known
Decomposition Temperature:	Not known
Viscosity	
Kinematic viscosity:	Not known
Dynamic viscosity:	Not known
Explosive properties:	Not known
Oxidising Properties:	Not known
Molecular weight	28.8g/mole

8. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	- Contains reactive components
Chemical stability	- Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	- Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	- Overheating of cylinders. Never use cylinders as rollers or supports; or for any other purpose than the storage of METHCAL Gas Standard
Incompatible Materials	Oxidisers
Hazardous Decomposition of Products	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

9. TOXOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity	Contains toxic components
Skin & eye contact	- Not known.
Chronic Toxicity	- No data on chronic toxicity.

Carcinogenicity	- Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Mutagenicity	- Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Reproductive Hazards	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

10. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity	Ecological damage caused by this product.
Persistence and degradability	Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures.
Bioaccumulative Potential Product	No bio-accumulating hazard.
Mobility in soil	No hazard
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	Not classified as persistent, bio-accumulating and toxic (PBT).
Other adverse effects	No adverse effect on environment.
Effect on ozone layer	None
Effect on the global warming (CO₂=1)	0

11. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods	- Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Vent to atmosphere in a well-ventilated place. .
Disposal of Packaging	- The container is the property of the supplier, and the disposal of the containers must only be handled by the supplier.

12. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Road Transportation	
UN No.	1956
Shipping Name	METHCAL Gas Standard
ERG No.	126
Class	2.2
Subsidiary Risk	Non-flammable, Non-toxic gases
Hazchem Warning	Non-Toxic non-flammable Gas
Sea Transportation	
IMDG	1956
Shipping Name	METHCAL Gas Standard
ERG No.	126
Class	2.2
Subsidiary Risk	Non-flammable, non-toxic gases
Label	Non-Toxic non-flammable Gas
Air Transportation	
ICAO/IATA Code	1956
Class	2.2
Packing Group:	-
Packaging instructions	- Cargo: 150 kg - Passenger: 75 kg

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

EEC Hazard class: Toxic, Corrosive gas.
National legislation OHSact and Regulations 85 of 1993.

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SANS 11014:2010 Edition 1	Safety data sheet for chemical products - Content and order of sections
SANS 10228:2012 Edition 6	The identification and classification of dangerous goods for transport by road and rail modes
SANS 10234:2019 Edition 2	Globally Harmonized System of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS)
SUPPLEMENT TO SANS 10234 Edition 1	List of classification and labelling of chemicals in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)
ISO 10156 2020	Flammability calculation of gas mixtures.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

- Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.
- Ensure users and relevant persons understand the asphyxiation hazard
- Regularly check supplier's information sources for updated versions of SDS's

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