

Health & Safety Information

## **Nitromethane**

Product Part Number: 31101 MSDS Date: April 19, 2015

# Section 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company

1.1. Product identifier Nitromethane

1.2. Product Code 31101

## 1.3. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Intended use See Technical Data Sheet

## 1.4. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Torco Race Fuels Company name

2527 W Dallas Ave.

Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Telephone No. (480) 288-9385

1.5. Emergency telephone number (800) 424-9300 24 hr.

## **Section 2: Hazards Identification**

## 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Not Classified

#### 2.2. Label elements

Using the Toxicity Date listed in section 11 & 12 the product is labeled as

follows: Not Classified

**HMIS** Health: 1 **NFPA** Health:

Fire: 3 Fire: 3 **Physical Hazards:** 0 Reactivity: PPE: **Special Hazards:** 

#### 2.3 Other hazards

None

# **Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients**

Ingredient/Chemical Designations	CAS Number	Weight %	EC No. 1272/2008 / GHS Classification
Nitromethane	75-52-5	>99.5	Not Classified

<sup>\*</sup>The full texts of the phrases are shown in Section 16.

#### **Section 4: First Aid Measures**

#### 4.1. Description of first aid

#### measures: General

In all cases of doubt, or when systems persist, seek medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

#### Inhalation

Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

#### Skin

If on skin (or hair): take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Constant contact can lead to defatting and drying of the skin. If skin irritation occurs: get medical advice/attention.

#### Eye

Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. If eye irritation persists: get medical advice/attention.

#### Ingestion

If swallowed: immediately call a poison center/doctor/ physician. Do not induce vomiting. If ingestion has occurred within one hour, protect the airway and perform gastric lavage followed by the administration of activated charcoal. If greater than one hour since ingestion, protect the airway as needed and administer activated charcoal.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Exposure	Health Effects	Symptoms of Exposure
Route		
Inhalation:	Effects on the Central Nervous system (CNS) may range from mild to severe effects such as respiratory depression.	From rapid breathing, fatigue, headache, light-headedness to more severe symptoms of dizziness and in extreme cases, respiratory arrest, convulsions or loss of consciousness.
Ingestion:	May be aspirated into lungs if swallowed, may result in pulmonary edema & chemical pneumonitis.	Signs and symptoms of aspiration may include coughing, difficulty breathing, "gurgling" lung sounds when breathing, coughing up phlegm (sputum) that is yellow or green in color or bad smelling, change in voice (hoarseness), skin turning bluish due to lack of oxygen.

# **Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures**

# 5.1. Extinguishing media

Small Fire: dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, or fire-fighting foam. Large Fire: fire-fighting foam.

Fire-fighting foams which can be used are as follows:

Fluor protein (FP)- Aspirated, Film-Forming Fluor protein (FFFP)- Non aspirated or aspirated, Alcohol-Resistant FFFP- Non aspirated or aspirated, AFFF - Non-aspirated or aspirated, AR- AFFF - Non-aspirated or aspirated.

#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

• The highly flammable vapors are heavier than air and may accumulate in low areas and /or

spread along ground to distant ignition sources and flash back.

- Thermal decomposition produces acrid fumes.
- Vapor-air mixtures are explosive above the flash point.

#### 5.3. Advice for fire fighters

- If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, isolate for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.
- Move container from fire area if you can do it without risk.
- Apply cooling water to sides of containers that are exposed to flames until well after fire is out.
- Stay away from ends of tanks.
- Stay away from tanks engulfed in fire. Closed containers exposed to heat may explode.
   (OSHA Class 1B Flammable Liquid)
- Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tank due to fire.
- Cool fire-exposed containers with flooding quantities of water applied from as far a distance as possible.

## **Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

See Guide Emergency Response Guidebook (Trans. Can/US Dept. of Trans).

# 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

#### **Precautions:**

This highly flammable liquid must be kept from sparks, open flame, hot surfaces, and all sources
of ignition and heat. The highly flammable vapors are heavier than air and may accumulate in
low areas and /or spread along ground to distant ignition sources and flash back.

#### **Protective Equipment:**

**Gloves:** Recommended: neoprene and nitrile.

Not recommended for heavy use: rubber, PVC, latex.

**Respirator:** NIOSH Approved and equipped with organic-vapor filter; **Eye:** Safety glasses with side shields, safety goggles or face shields.

Clothing: Flame-retardant e.g. Nomex, Proban.

#### **Emergency Procedures:**

- Shut off leak/release source, if it can be done safely.
- Remove all sources of ignition.
- Isolate hazard area.
- Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel.
- Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering.
- Emergency personnel must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent entry into sewers and waterways. Report spills as required to appropriate authorities in accordance with all applicable regulations. Very toxic to aquatic organisms. May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

## 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- Use non-sparking tools and equipment.
- Use booms/pillows to prevent runoff into storm sewers and ditches that lead to waterways.
- Have foam or dry powder extinguisher on hand.
- Contain and recover liquid if it can be done safely: Collect spillage or absorb with an inert material (e.g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in metal container which can be grounded.
- Do not use combustible materials, such as sawdust, as absorbent.
- On large ground spills use firefighting foam to contain vapors. Recommended application rate is 0.1 USGPM/sq. ft. (4.1 L/Min / sq. ft.). This is the application rate for hydrocarbons as per NFPA 11
- If a leak or spill has not ignited, water spray may be used to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures. Refer to Guide

Emergency Response Guidebook (Transport Canada/US Dept. of Transportation).

#### 7.1 Precautions For Safe Handling

Avoid skin and eye contact. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid breathing vapor. Use with adequate ventilation.

## In Storage

#### Locations

- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location, away from any area of fire-hazard.
- Outside or detached storage is preferred.
- Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas.
- Ventilation system must be explosion-proof.

#### Containers

- Containers should be grounded.
- Drums must be equipped with self-closing valves, pressure vacuum bungs, and flame arresters.
- Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.
- Do not attempt to clean empty containers since residue is difficult to remove.
- Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, sparks, flame, static electricity or other sources of ignition: they may explode and cause injury or death.

## 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Separate from incompatibles like oxidizers, e.g. bromates, chlorates, chromates, hypochlorite's, perchlorates, peroxides, nitrates, nitrites.

CAUTION!!! Do not use cutting or welding torches on drums, even when empty. Do not reuse container. Containers, even those that have been emptied, will retain product residue and vapors. Always obey hazard warnings and handle empty containers as if they were full.

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

There are no exposure scenarios, see details in section 1.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

The following occupational exposure limits have been established.

CAS Number	Ingredient	Source	Value	Type
75-52-5	Nitromethane	ACGIH	20 ppm	TWA
		OSHA	100 ppm, 250 mg/m3	TWA

## **DNEL/PNEC** values

No Data Available

## 8.2. Exposure controls

No special requirements under ordinary conditions of use and with adequate ventilation.

## Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side shields, safety goggles or face shields.

## Skin protection

Wear chemical resistant gloves. Nitrile gloves of minimum thickness 0.4 mm have an expected breakthrough time of 120 minutes or less when in frequent contact with the product. Due to variable exposure conditions the user must consider that the practical use of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time above. Manufacturer's directions for use, especially about the minimum thickness and the minimum breakthrough time, must be observed. This information does not replace suitability tests by the end user since glove protection varies depending on the conditions under which the product is used.

#### Other

Gloves, overalls, apron, boots, or other suitable protective garments should be worn to minimize contact based on the task being performed.

#### Respiratory protection

NIOSH-approved air-purifying respirator equipped with organic-vapor cartridges. NIOSH-approved SCBA with full face-piece if concentration is unknown.

#### Thermal hazards

No Data Available

## **Section 9: Physical & Chemical Properties**

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Appearance	Thin Liquid	
Odor	Not Determined	
Color	Colorless	
рН	6.4 @ 20°C	
Freezing Point	-29°C	
Initial Boiling Point	101.2°C	
Flash Point	36°C	
Evaporation Rate (H20 = 1)	Not Determined	
Flammability (Solid, Gas)	Yes	
Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limits		
Lower Explosive Limit	Not Determined	
Upper Explosive Limit	Not Determined	
Vapor Pressure (Pa)	6psi @ 37.8°C	
Vapor Density	2.11	
Relative Density	1.127 @ 25°C	
Solubility	Not Determined	
Partition coefficient n- octqanol/water (Log Kow)	Not Determined	
Auto-Ignition Temperature	Not Determined	
Decomposition Temperature	Not Determined	
Viscosity (mPas)	Not Determined	
Pour Point Temperature	Not Determined	
Volatile Organic Compounds	Nil	
SADT	Not Determined	

# Section 10: Stability & Reactivity

The data listed above are typical physical and chemical properties that do not constitute product specification.

## 10.1. Reactivity

No data available

#### 10.2. Chemical stability

MMT is extremely photosensitive and decomposes rapidly when exposed to light. The half-life of MMT vapor in air is less than one minute when exposed to light. Photolytic action converts the organic compound to a mixture of non-hazardous manganese oxides and carbonates and organics derived from methylcyclopentadiene. MMT photolyses rapidly in water.

#### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

May react with oxidizing agents.

#### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

High temperature, sparks, open flame and exposure to light.

#### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Keep away from strong oxidizing and reducing agents.

# **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

## **Acute toxicity**

The preparation has been assessed using the Acute Toxicity Data listed below, and classified for toxicological hazards accordingly. See section 2 for details.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	LD50	LC50
Nitromethane	75-52-5	Rat 940mg/kg oral	N/A

## **Section 12: Ecological Information**

#### 12.1 Toxicity

No Data Available

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

There is no data available on the preparation itself.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Not measured

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

No data available

#### 12.5. Result of PBT and vPvB assessment

This product contains no PBT/vPvB chemicals.

## 12.6. Other adverse effects

No data available

# **Section 13: Disposal Consideration**

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

- Dispose of waste material at an approved (hazardous) waste treatment/disposal facility in accordance with applicable local, provincial, and federal regulations.
- · Waste isooctane can be incinerated, fuels blending, or recycled

## **Section 14: Transportation Information**

Do not dispose of waste with normal garbage or to sewer systems

**14.1. UN number** UN1261

**14.2. UN proper shipping name** UN1261 Nitromethane, 3, PGII

14.3.

14.4. Transport hazard classes

US DOT Label Flammable 3
ADR/RID Flammable 3
IMDG Flammable 3

Sub Class 3 (Flammable Liquid)

14.5. Packing group

14.6. Environmental hazards

ADR/RID Environmentally Hazardous: No – Not regulated

IMDG Marine Pollutant

14.7. Special precautions for user

No further information

# **Section 15: Regulatory Information**

#### **UNITED STATES**

- HAP Hazardous Air Pollutant list
- TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act list
- CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund List): 1000lb/454 kg final RQ
- CSWHS Clean Water Act Hazardous Substance list (Statutory Code 3)
- EPA HPV EPA sponsored High Production Volume chemical list

## Regulations

Hazard symbol(s)

## Risk phrases







R40- Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

R25- Toxic if swallowed.

R65- Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed.

R37- Irritating to respiratory system.

R66- Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

R67- Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness.

R50/53- Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Safety phrases

S23- Do not breathe vapor.

S36/37/39- Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or

label.

S57- Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination

**Contains** 

Methyl cyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl: Naphthalene: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane:Benzene

## **Section 16: Other Information**

Hazardous Material Information System - (U.S.A.)

Health	1 Slightly Hazardous
Fire	3 Flashpoint <100°C F(38°C)
Reactivity	4 Very Explosive

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