

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

HEALTH

- **TOXIC; may be fatal if inhaled or absorbed through skin.**
- Vapors may be irritating and/or corrosive.
- Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.
- Fire will produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.
- Runoff from fire control or dilution water may cause environmental contamination.

FIRE OR EXPLOSION

- Some may burn but none ignite readily.
- Vapors from liquefied gas are initially heavier than air and spread along ground.
- Cylinders exposed to fire may vent and release toxic and/or corrosive gas through pressure relief devices.
- Containers may explode when heated.
- Ruptured cylinders may rocket.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **CALL 911. Then call emergency response telephone number on shipping paper.** If shipping paper not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.
- Keep unauthorized personnel away.
- Stay upwind, uphill and/or upstream.
- Many gases are heavier than air and will spread along the ground and collect in low or confined areas (sewers, basements, tanks, etc.).
- Ventilate closed spaces before entering, but only if properly trained and equipped.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Wear chemical protective clothing that is specifically recommended by the manufacturer **when there is NO RISK OF FIRE.**
- Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides thermal protection **but only limited chemical protection.**

EVACUATION

Immediate precautionary measure

- Isolate spill or leak area for at least 100 meters (330 feet) in all directions.

Spill

- For **highlighted materials**: see Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances.
- For non-highlighted materials: increase the immediate precautionary measure distance, in the downwind direction, as necessary.

Fire

- 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.



In Canada, an Emergency Response Assistance Plan (ERAP) may be required for this product. Please consult the shipping paper and/or the ERAP Program Section (page 390).

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FIRE

Small Fire

- Dry chemical or CO₂.

Large Fire

- Water spray, fog or regular foam.
- Do not get water inside containers.
- If it can be done safely, move undamaged containers away from the area around the fire.
- Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.

Fire Involving Tanks

- Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned master stream devices or monitor nozzles.
- Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.
- Do not direct water at source of leak or safety devices; icing may occur.
- Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank.
- ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

SPILL OR LEAK

- Do not touch or walk through spilled material.
- Stop leak if you can do it without risk.
- If possible, turn leaking containers so that gas escapes rather than liquid.
- Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
- Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift. Avoid allowing water runoff to contact spilled material.
- Do not direct water at spill or source of leak.
- Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

FIRST AID

- Call 911 or emergency medical service.
- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
- Move victim to fresh air if it can be done safely.
- Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing.
- **Do not perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; wash face and mouth before giving artificial respiration. Use a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.**
- Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.
- Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes.
- In case of contact with liquefied gas, thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water.
- In case of contact with substance, immediately flush skin or eyes with running water for at least 20 minutes.
- Keep victim calm and warm.
- Keep victim under observation.
- Effects of contact or inhalation may be delayed.

TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

			SMALL SPILLS (From a small package or small leak from a large package)						LARGE SPILLS (From a large package or from many small packages)					
			First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then PROTECT persons Downwind during				First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then PROTECT persons Downwind during			
ID No.	Guide	NAME OF MATERIAL	Meters	(Feet)	DAY Kilometers (Miles)		NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)		Meters	(Feet)	DAY Kilometers (Miles)		NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)	
1062	123	Methyl bromide	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)
1581	123	Chloropicrin and Methyl bromide mixture	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	2.1 km	(1.3 mi)	5.9 km	(3.7 mi)
1581	123	Methyl bromide and Chloropicrin mixture	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	2.1 km	(1.3 mi)	5.9 km	(3.7 mi)
1612	123	Compressed gas and hexaethyl tetraphosphate mixture	100 m	(300 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	3.5 km	(2.2 mi)	8.1 km	(5.1 mi)
1612	123	Hexaethyl tetraphosphate and compressed gas mixture	100 m	(300 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	3.5 km	(2.2 mi)	8.1 km	(5.1 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, poisonous, n.o.s.	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone A)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.9 km	(0.6 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	2.3 km	(1.4 mi)	5.1 km	(3.2 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone C)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone D)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.0 km	(1.3 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, toxic, n.o.s.	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone A)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.9 km	(0.6 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	2.3 km	(1.4 mi)	5.1 km	(3.2 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone C)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
1955	123	Compressed gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone D)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.0 km	(1.3 mi)
1955	123	Organic phosphate compound mixed with compressed gas	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.4 km	(2.1 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	4.4 km	(2.7 mi)	9.6 km	(6.0 mi)
1955	123	Organic phosphate mixed with compressed gas	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.4 km	(2.1 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	4.4 km	(2.7 mi)	9.6 km	(6.0 mi)
1955	123	Organic phosphorus compound mixed with compressed gas	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.4 km	(2.1 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	4.4 km	(2.7 mi)	9.6 km	(6.0 mi)
1967	123	Insecticide gas, poisonous, n.o.s.	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.4 km	(2.1 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	4.4 km	(2.7 mi)	9.6 km	(6.0 mi)
1967	123	Insecticide gas, toxic, n.o.s.	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.4 km	(2.1 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	4.4 km	(2.7 mi)	9.6 km	(6.0 mi)
1967	123	Parathion and compressed gas mixture	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.4 km	(2.1 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	4.4 km	(2.7 mi)	9.6 km	(6.0 mi)
2191	123	Sulfuryl fluoride	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	2.2 km	(1.4 mi)	5.3 km	(3.3 mi)
2191	123	Sulphuryl fluoride	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	2.2 km	(1.4 mi)	5.3 km	(3.3 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, poisonous, n.o.s.	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone A)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.9 km	(0.6 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	2.3 km	(1.4 mi)	5.1 km	(3.2 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone C)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, poisonous, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone D)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.0 km	(1.3 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, toxic, n.o.s.	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone A)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	2.5 km	(1.6 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.7 km	(3.6 mi)	10.1 km	(6.3 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.9 km	(0.6 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	2.3 km	(1.4 mi)	5.1 km	(3.2 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone C)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
3162	123	Liquefied gas, toxic, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone D)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.0 km	(1.3 mi)
3539	123	Articles containing toxic gas, n.o.s.	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.4 km	(0.3 mi)