

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Nitromethane

**CAS No** 75-52-5

**Synonyms** NM; Nitrocarbol; NMT

**Product Code** 445670000; 445670010; 445670025; 445671000

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product contains one or more substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

#### Physical hazards

Flammable liquids

Category 3

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity  
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors  
Carcinogenicity  
Reproductive Toxicity

Category 4  
Category 4  
Category 2  
Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

### Label Elements



Flame



Exclamation Mark



Health Hazard

**Signal Word****Warning****Hazard Statements**

H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor

H351 - Suspected of causing cancer

H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

H302 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements**

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

P233 - Keep container tightly closed

P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment

P241 - Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment

P242 - Use non-sparking tools

P243 - Take action to prevent static discharges

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention

P330 - Rinse mouth

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

P403 + P235 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

Risk of explosion if heated under confinement

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Nitromethane	75-52-5	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Ingestion**

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

### Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

Dry chemical.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Risk of explosion by shock, friction, fire or other sources of ignition.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

### Emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

### Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

#### Clean-up methods - small spillage

Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

#### Clean-up methods - large spillage

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Keep under nitrogen.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

AS 1940-2004 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

**AUS** - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)]

Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)]

updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia **ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace. **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020. **DE** - MAK and BAT values of Hazardous Chemical Compounds in the Work Area. Published by German Research Foundation on July 1, 2011

Component	Australia	New Zealand WEL	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom	Germany
Nitromethane	TWA: 20 ppm TWA: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 20 ppm TWA: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 20 ppm	STEL: 150 ppm 15 min STEL: 381 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 100 ppm 8 hr TWA: 254 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	Haut

**Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Neoprene	recommendations			
Natural rubber				
PVC				

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.  
(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection** Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls** Prevent product from entering drains.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless	
<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	
<b>Odor</b>	sweet	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	6.4 @ 20°C	0.6 g/L aq.sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-29 °C / -20.2 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	100 - 102 °C / 212 - 215.6 °F	
<b>Flash Point</b>	35 °C / 95 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No data available	
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	<b>Lower</b> 7.1 vol% <b>Upper</b> 63 vol%	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	1.120	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	95 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Nitromethane	0.17	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	418 °C / 784.4 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Explosive Properties</b>		explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C H3 N O2	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	61.04	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity** Yes

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions. Risk of explosion if heated under confinement.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition, Do not subject to grinding/shock/friction, Excess heat, Incompatible products.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Bases, Strong acids, Amines, Aldehydes, Ketones, Organic acids, Lead, Acetone, Metals, copper, Reducing Agent.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ). Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

##### (a) acute toxicity;

<b>Oral</b>	Category 4
<b>Dermal</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Inhalation</b>	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Nitromethane	940 mg/kg ( Rat )	>2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 11.02 mg/L ( Rat ) 1 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

##### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

<b>Respiratory</b>	No data available
<b>Skin</b>	No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

##### (f) carcinogenicity;

Category 2

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	Australia	New Zealand	New South Wales	Western Australia	IARC	EU	UK	Germany
Nitromethane		Suspected carcinogen			Group 2B			

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 2

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

**Target Organs** No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity effects

Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Nitromethane	LC50: < 278 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas)		EC50: = 36 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	

### Persistence and Degradability

#### Persistence

Persistence is unlikely.

#### Degradation in sewage treatment plant

Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

#### Bioaccumulative Potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Nitromethane	0.17	1.4 dimensionless

### Mobility

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. : Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

### Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

### Persistent Organic Pollutant

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

### Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

### Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

### Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

### Other Information

Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN1261
Proper Shipping Name	NITROMETHANE
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

### ADG

UN-No	UN1261
Proper Shipping Name	NITROMETHANE
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

Component	Hazchem Code
Nitromethane 75-52-5 ( >95 )	2Y

IATA

UN-No UN1261  
Proper Shipping Name NITROMETHANE  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

Environmental hazards No hazards identified  
Special Precautions No special precautions required  
Additional information None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### National Regulations Australia

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

#### **Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons**

No poison schedule number allocated.

#### **Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Nitromethane - 75-52-5	Present	-

#### **Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List**

This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances.

#### **Chemicals of Security Concern**

This product contains one or more substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

Component	Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List	Chemicals of Security Concern
Nitromethane - 75-52-5	Category 2	Listed in Appendix A Precursors to homemade explosives - concentration >=10%

#### **Legend**

Category 2 - Chemicals and apparatus that require an End User Declaration when sold to non-account customers

**Chemicals of Security Concern** - for further information see <http://www.chemicalsecurity.gov.au/securityconcerns>

**National pollutant inventory** Not applicable

#### **Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.



This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

Component	Australia	New South Wales	Western Australia	New Zealand
Nitromethane - 75-52-5				Suspected carcinogen

#### International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Nitromethane	X	X	200-876-6	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-26005

**Legend:** X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### International Regulations

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

**Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal**  
Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Nitromethane	75-52-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

## Section 16 - Other Information

#### Legend

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**TWA** - Time Weighted Average  
**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association  
**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships  
**NZS 5433:2012** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land  
**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%  
**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%  
**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service  
**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration  
**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code  
**ADG** Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail  
**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%  
**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate  
**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

#### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

#### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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**Revision Summary** Not applicable.

**This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).**

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