

BUTANE

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name	Butane
Product Code	-
Other Names	-
Product Use	Soldering applications
Company Name	Bromic Group
Address	1 Suttor Street Silverwater NSW 2128
Telephone Number	02 9748 3900
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Extremely flammable liquefied gas under pressure. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame, and all other ignition sources. Vapour is heavier than air and travel along the ground to possible distant ignition sources causing an explosive flashback.

Vapour replaces oxygen available for breathing and may cause suffocation in confined spaces. Avoid breathing vapour. Use only with adequate ventilation. Where appropriate, use proper respiratory protection and personal protective equipment. Liquid can cause freeze burn similar to frostbite. Do not get liquid in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep service valve closed when not in use.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS INFORMATION

May cause cancer. May cause heritable genetic damage.

Inhalation: Asphyxiation. Causes disorientation, lack of coordination, rapid perspiration, headache and nausea at high concentrations. Continued exposure may result in unconsciousness, coma and possible death.

Ingestion: Ingestion is not expected to occur in normal use. Liquid can cause freeze burn similar to frostbite.

Eye Contact: Contact with liquid can cause freezing of tissue.

Skin Contact: Contact with liquid can cause frostbite.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE. DANGEROUS GOODS.

Classified as hazardous according to the criteria of Safe Work Australia.

Hazards F+ - Extremely flammable
T - Toxic

Risk Phrases R12 - Extremely flammable
R45 - May cause cancer.
R46 - May cause heritable genetic damage.

Safety Phrases S2 - Keep out of reach of children
S9 - Keep container in a well-ventilated place.
S16 - Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
S45 - In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
S53 - Avoid exposure-obtain special instructions before use.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Characterisation	Mixture		
Ingredient (common name)	CAS No	Proportion	Classification According to [NOHSC:1008(2004)]
Isobutane (containing $\geq 0.1\%$ butadiene)	75-28-5	78%	T - Toxic, R45, R46 F+ - Extremely Flammable, R12
Butane	106-97-8	22%	F+ - Extremely Flammable, R12

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation	If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek immediate medical attention.
Ingestion	Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek immediate medical attention.
Skin	In case of skin contact, immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash affected areas with water and soap. If frostbite occurs, immerse involved area in lukewarm water (20-30°C). Keep immersed for 20-40 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.
Eyes	In case of eye contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of lukewarm water (20-30°C) for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media	For major fires call the Fire Brigade. Ensure that an escape path is available from any fire. Water spray, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Hazardous Combustion Products	Do not attempt to extinguish fire until gas flow is shut off. Inefficient burning may produce carbon monoxide.
Special Protective Actions for Firefighters	Evacuate all unnecessary personnel from the area. Allow only properly trained and protected emergency response personnel in area. Wear Safe Work Australia approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Shut off leaks, if possible and without personal risks. If gas flow cannot be shut off, do not attempt to extinguish fire. Allow fire to burn out. Use high volume water supply to cool exposed pressure containers and nearby equipment. Approach a flame-enveloped container from the sides, never from the ends. Use extreme caution when applying water to a container that has been exposed to heat or flame for more than a short time. For uncontrollable fires and/or when flame is impinging on container, withdraw all personnel and evacuate vicinity immediately.
Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards	Butane is heavier than air and travel along the ground to possible distant ignition sources causing an explosive flashback. Pressure in a container can build up due to heat. Container may rupture suddenly and violently without warning if pressure relief

devices fail to function properly. If flames are against the container, withdraw immediately on hearing a rising sound, if venting increases in volume or intensity or if there is discoloration of the container due to fire.

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal Precautions,
Protective Equipment
and Emergency
Procedures**

Wear Safe Work Australia approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Evacuate all non-essential personnel from affected area. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Do not breathe fumes and vapour. Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly. Remove all sources of ignition. Use a spark-proof tool. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment. Attempt to disperse the vapour or to direct its flow to a safe location for example by using fog sprays.

Avoid contact with spilled or released material. Immediately remove all contaminated clothing.

**Environmental
Precautions
Methods and Materials
for Containment and
Cleaning Up**

In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses.

Shut off leaks, if possible and without personal risks. Allow product to evaporate.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Precautions for Safe
Handling**

Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Use only with adequate ventilation.

Prevent exposure to ignition sources. Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use proper bonding and/or earthing procedures. However, bonding and earthing may not eliminate the hazard from static accumulation. Material can accumulate static charges which may cause an electrical spark.

Containers, even those that have been emptied, can contain explosive vapours. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers. Do not drop or abuse cylinders. Never strike an arc on a gas container or make a container part of an electrical circuit.

Food, beverages and tobacco products should not be stored or consumed where this material is in use. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use. Provide eyewash fountains and safety showers in close proximity to points of potential exposure.

**Conditions for Safe
Storage**

Store in a tightly closed original container in a cool, dry, and well ventilated area. Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50°C. Isolate from combustible materials.

Keep cylinders in an upright position at all times. Keep container valve closed and plugged or capped when not in use. Install protective caps when cylinders are not connected for use.

Protect from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition. Keep

away from contact with oxidizing and other incompatible materials.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters - Exposure Standards (Safe Work Australia) Engineering Controls	Butane: TWA: 800 ppm / 1900 mg/m ³ STEL: - ppm / - mg/m ³ Adequate explosion-proof ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure guidelines/limits.
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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Respiratory Protection	If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, use a Safe Work Australia approved self-contained breathing apparatus. See Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and 1716 for more information.
Eye/Face Protection	Safety glasses with top and side shields or goggles. See Australian Standards AS 1336 and AS/NZS 1337 for more information.
Skin Protection	Wear gloves and protective clothing that are impervious to the product for the duration of the anticipated exposure. Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders. See Australian Standards AS 2161 and 2919 and AS/NZS 2210 for more information.
Thermal Hazards	No information available.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Colourless, liquified compressed gas
Odour	No odour
Odour Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point / Freezing Point	No information available
Initial Boiling Point / Range	-24°C
Flash Point	< -83°C
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability	Extremely flammable
Lower Flammability or Explosive Limit	1.8%
Upper Flammability or Explosive Limit	8.4%
Vapour Pressure	28 psig
Vapour Density	>1
Relative Density (Specific Gravity)	0.5676
Solubility in Water	<0.1% by weight @ 21°C
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No information available
Auto-ignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Percent Volatile by Weight	100%

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable at ambient temperature and under normal conditions of use
Hazardous Polymerization	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Strong heat and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidising agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	No information available.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Health Effects	
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Contact with liquid can cause frostbite
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	Contact with liquid can cause freezing of tissue.
Sensitization	No information available.
Mutagenicity	May cause heritable genetic damage. Isobutane (containing $\geq 0.1\%$ butadiene) is classified by Safe Work Australia as Mutagen Category 2.
Carcinogenicity	May cause cancer. Isobutane (containing $\geq 0.1\%$ butadiene) is classified by Safe Work Australia as Carcinogen Category 1. 1,3-Butadiene is classified by IARC as a Group 1 - Recognized carcinogen.
Reproductive Toxicity	No information available.
STOT-Single Exposure	No information available.
STOT-Repeated Exposure	No information available.
Aspiration Hazard	No information available.
Routes of Exposure	Inhalation : This product is an asphyxiant. Causes disorientation, lack of coordination, rapid perspiration, headache and nausea at high concentrations. Continued exposure may result in unconsciousness, coma and possible death. Ingestion: Ingestion is not expected to occur in normal use. However, liquid can cause freeze burn similar to frostbite. Eye: Contact with liquid can cause freezing of tissue. Skin: Contact with liquid can cause frostbite.
Chronic Health Effects	None.
Existing Conditions	Respiratory disorders (asthma).
Aggravated by Exposure	

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity No information available.
Bioaccumulation, Persistence and Degradability No information available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods and containers Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused product in the container. Return it to your supplier. Dispose according to applicable local and state government regulations.

Special precautions for landfill or incineration Please consult your state Land Waste Management Authority for more information.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Classified as a dangerous good according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous goods by road or rail.

UN Number 1011
Proper Shipping Name BUTANE
Dangerous Goods Class 2.1
Subsidiary Risk Not applicable
Hazchem Code 2YE
Packing Group Not applicable
Special Provisions AU 03
Limited Quantities 0
Packagings & IBCs - Packing Instruction P200
Packagings & IBCs - Special Packing Provisions Not applicable
Portable Tanks & Bulk Containers – Instructions T50
Portable Tanks & Bulk Containers – Special Provisions Not applicable

SEA TRANSPORT – IMDG

UN Number 1011
Proper Shipping Name BUTANE
Dangerous Goods Class 2.1
Packing Group Not applicable
Marine Polutant No

AIR TRANSPORT – ICAO / IATA

UN Number 1011
Proper Shipping Name BUTANE
Dangerous Goods Class 2.1
Packing Group Not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Butane and isobutane are listed in the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Abbreviations Used
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
ASCC: National Occupational Health and Safety Commission
NTP: National Toxicology Program (U.S.)
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (U.S.)
STEL: Short term exposure limit
TWA: Time weighted average

Emergency Contacts

Bromic Group	02 9748 3900
Bromic Group – Emergency Number	1300 276 642
Police and Fire Brigade	000
Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26

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Please read instructions / label before using product.

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