



# Material Safety Data Sheet

## R290 PROPANE

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** PROPANE  
**DISTRIBUTOR:** National Refrigerants, Inc.  
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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:**  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

### 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| <u>INGREDIENT NAME</u> | <u>CAS NUMBER</u> | <u>WEIGHT %</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Propane                | 74-98-6           | 100             |

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: WARNING! Flammable gas. Contents under pressure. Causes damage to the following organs: Nervous System. Vapor may cause flash fire. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.**

#### POTENTIAL ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS:

- SKIN:** No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- EYES:** No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- INHALATION:** Acts as simple asphyxiant.
- INGESTION:** Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases.

#### POTENTIAL CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS:

- CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available.
- MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available.
- TERATOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available.



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**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE:** Acute or chronic respiratory conditions may be aggravated by overexposure to this gas.

See Toxicological Information (section 11)

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If fumes are still suspected to be present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or a self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

**SKIN:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**EYES:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of warm water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**INHALATION:** Immediately remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

**INGESTION:** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**FROSTBITE:** Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

#### FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES

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| <b>Flammability of product:</b>                        | FLAMMABLE   |
| <b>Autoignition temperature:</b>                       | 841.7°F (449.85°C)  |
| <b>Upper flame limit (volume % in air):</b>            | 9.5%  |
| <b>Lower flame limit (volume % in air):</b>            | 2.1%  |
| <b>Products of combustion:</b>                         | These products are carbon oxides (CO,CO <sub>2</sub> ).   |
| <b>Fire hazards in presence of various substances:</b> | Extremely flammable in presence of open flames, sparks and static discharge of oxidizing materials.   |
| <b>Fire fighting media and instructions:</b>           | CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemicals, water spray, or fog.<br>If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk. Apply water from a safe distance to cool container and protect surrounding area.<br>Extremely flammable. Gas may accumulate in confined areas, travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back causing fire or explosion. |
| <b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:</b> | Fire fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.  |



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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:** Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (Section 8). Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS:** Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**NORMAL HANDLING:**

Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. To avoid fire, minimize ignition sources. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Do not puncture or incinerate container. High pressure gas. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

**STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Cylinders should be stored upright, with valve protection cap in place, and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Cylinder temperatures should not exceed 52°C (125°F).

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:**

Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment

**PERSONAL PROTECTION:**

**SKIN:** 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.

**EYE:** Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.

**RESPIRATORY:** Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. The applicable standards are (US) 29 CFR 1910.134 and (Canada) Z94.4-93

**HANDS:** Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves or gauntlets complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.



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**Personal protection in case of a large spill:** A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product.

**Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.**

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| <b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b>                    | 44.11 g/mole                  |
| <b>MOLECULAR FORMULA:</b>                   | C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> |
| <b>BOILING/CONDENSATION POINT :</b>         | -43.2°F (-41.79°C)            |
| <b>MELTING/FREEZING POINT:</b>              | -302.6°F (-185.89°C)          |
| <b>CRITICAL TEMPERATURE:</b>                | 205.9°F (96.6°C)              |
| <b>VAPOR PRESSURE :</b>                     | 109 psig                      |
| <b>VAPOR DENSITY:</b>                       | 1.6 (Air=1)                   |
| <b>SPECIFIC VOLUME (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb):</b> | 8.62069                       |
| <b>GAS DENSITY(lb/ft<sup>3</sup>):</b>      | 0.116                         |
| <b>PHYSICAL CHEMICAL COMMENTS:</b>          | Not available                 |

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**STABILITY and REACTIVITY:** The product is stable.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES with various substances:** Extremely reactive or incompatible with oxidizing agents.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### TOXICITY DATA:

**IDLH:** 2100 ppm

**Chronic effects on humans:** Causes damage to the following organs: the nervous system.

**Other toxic effects on humans:** No specific information is available in our database regarding the other toxic effects of this material for humans.

#### SPECIFIC EFFECTS:

**Carcinogenic effects:** No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Mutagenic effects:** No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Reproductive toxicity:** No known significant effects or critical hazards.



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### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Products of degradation:** These products are carbon oxides (CO,CO<sub>2</sub>) and water.

**Toxicity of the products of biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

**Environmental fate:** Not available

**Environmental hazards:** No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Toxicity to the environment:** Not available.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Propane, see also Petroleum Gases, Liquefied  
**SHIPPING LABEL(s):** FLAMMABLE GAS  
**PACKING GROUP:** Not applicable (gas)  
**HAZARD CLASS:** 2.1  
**UN NUMBER:** UN 1978

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

TSCA 8(b) inventory: Propane

SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.

SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.

SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Propane

SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution – chemical inventory – hazard identification: Propane: Fire hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure

Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.

Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: Propane

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: Propane

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

#### STATE REGULATIONS:

Pennsylvania RTK: Propane: (generic environmental hazard)

Massachusetts RTK: Propane

New Jersey: Propane

#### CANADA

**WHMIS (Canada):** Class A: Compressed gas  
Class B-1: Flammable gas  
CEPA DSL: Propane



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### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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#### UNITED STATES

**LABEL REQUIREMENTS:** Flammable Gas  
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Vapor may cause flash fire

#### CANADA

**LABEL REQUIREMENTS:** Class A: Compressed Gas  
Class B-1: Flammable gas

#### HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

##### NFPA RATINGS:

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| HEALTH       | =1    |
| FLAMMABILITY | =4    |
| INSTABILITY  | =0    |
| SPECIAL      | =None |

##### HMIS RATINGS:

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| HEALTH              | =1 |
| FIRE HAZARD         | =4 |
| REACTIVITY          | =0 |
| PERSONAL PROTECTION | =C |

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