

Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Compressed gases, flammable, n.o.s. (diethyltelluride, hydrogen) (MSDS No. P-4933-E) **Trade Names:** Diethyltelluride-Hydrogen Gas Mixture

Chemical Name: Mixture of diethyltelluride and hydrogen **Synonyms:** For diethyltelluride: ethyl telluride, ethane 1,1,-tellurobis, diethyltellurium

Chemical Family: Organometallic and permanent gas **Product Grades:** None assigned.

Telephone: **Emergencies:** 1-800-645-4633* **Company Name:** Praxair, Inc.
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300* 39 Old Ridgebury Road
Routine: 1-800-PRAXAIR Danbury, CT 06810-5113

**Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).*

2. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW



DANGER! Toxic, flammable, high-pressure gas.

Can form explosive mixtures with air.

May ignite if valve is opened to air. Burns with an invisible flame.

Harmful or fatal if inhaled. Symptoms may be delayed.

Can cause rapid suffocation.

May cause skin and eye irritation.

May cause dizziness and drowsiness.

Self-contained breathing apparatus must be worn by rescue workers.

Under ambient conditions, this is a colorless gas with a garlic-like odor.



OSHA REGULATORY STATUS: The components of this mixture are considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

Effects of a Single (Acute) Overexposure

Inhalation. The diethyltelluride component is highly toxic. Exposure can cause bronchospasm, bronchitis, and peribronchial edema. Can also cause baldness; weight loss; liver, kidney, heart, and central nervous system damage; anemia; neutrophilia (an excess of white blood cells); and damage to blood vessels. Causes garlic-like breath odor. May cause asphyxia, with headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

Skin Contact. Tellurium compounds can cause irritation with dermatitis and skin ulceration.

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Swallowing. An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

Eye Contact. Tellurium compounds can cause eye irritation and burns.

Effects of Repeated (Chronic) Overexposure. Repeated exposure to low concentrations can damage the blood vessels and heart.

Other Effects of Overexposure. None known.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure. Inhalation may aggravate asthma and inflammatory or fibrotic pulmonary disease. Skin irritation may aggravate an existing dermatitis.

CARCINOGENICITY: Neither diethyltelluride nor hydrogen is listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: None known. For further information, see section 12, Ecological Information.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

COMPONENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION
Diethyltelluride	627-54-3	0-500 ppm
Hydrogen	1333-74-0	Balance

4. First Aid Measures

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Get immediate medical attention, even if no symptoms are present. Keep under medical observation. Symptoms may be delayed. Consider any exposure as a potentially lethal dose.

SKIN CONTACT: Wash with soap and water. If contact has been prolonged or irritation persists, call a physician.

SWALLOWING: This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT: Flush eyes thoroughly with plenty of water. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly for at least 15 minutes. If discomfort persists, see a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN: *There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.*

Contact the Poison Control Center in your area for additional information on patient management and follow-up.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES: Flame is nearly invisible. Escaping gas may ignite spontaneously on contact with air: hydrogen has a low ignition energy; diethyltelluride is spontaneously flammable in air. Fireball is formed if gas cloud is ignited immediately after release. Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents.

SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: CO₂, dry chemicals, water spray, or fog.

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PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION: See section 10.

PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS: DANGER! Toxic, flammable, high-pressure gas (see section 3). Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Do not approach area without self-contained breathing apparatus. Immediately cool cylinders with water spray from maximum distance, taking care not to extinguish flames. Remove ignition sources if without risk. If flames are accidentally extinguished, explosive reignition may occur. Stop flow of gas if without risk, while continuing cooling water spray. Remove all cylinders from area of fire if without risk. Allow fire to burn out. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

Specific Physical and Chemical Hazards. Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. Cylinders containing this mixture may be equipped with a pressure relief device. No part of cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters. Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turnout gear.

6. Accidental Release Measures

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:

DANGER! Toxic, flammable, high-pressure gas.

Personal Precautions. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Do not approach area without self-contained breathing apparatus. Gas forms explosive mixtures with air (see section 5). Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce gas with fog or fine water spray. Shut off leak if without risk. Ventilate area of leak or move leaking cylinder to well-ventilated area. Prevent runoff from contaminating surrounding environment. Toxic, flammable gas may spread from spill. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

Environmental Precautions. This mixture can be disposed of by slowly passing it through a properly designed column of 13x activated molecular sieve. The molecular sieve will retain the diethyltelluride but allow the hydrogen to pass through unabsorbed. Use plenty of ventilation. Prevent waste from contaminating surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

7. Handling and Storage

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: May be fatal if inhaled. Do not breathe gas. **Forms explosive mixtures with air.** Keep away from heat, sparks, or open flame. Keep away from oxidizing agents. Protect cylinders from damage. Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Electrical equipment must be non-sparking or explosion-proof. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Do not open valve until connected to utilization equipment. Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. For other precautions in using this mixture, see section 16.

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PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store and use with adequate ventilation. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Separate cylinders of diethyltelluride-hydrogen mixture from oxygen and other oxidizers by at least 20 ft (6.1 m) or use a barricade of noncombustible material. This barricade should be at least 5 ft (1.53 m) high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Post “No Smoking or Open Flames” signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. All electrical equipment in storage areas must be explosion-proof. Storage areas must meet national electric codes for Class 1 hazardous areas. Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS: For further information on storage, handling, and use, see Praxair publication P-14-153, *Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers*. Obtain from your local supplier. For further information specific to hydrogen, see NFPA 50A, *Standard for Gaseous Hydrogen Systems at Consumer Sites*, published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101; 1-800-344-3555; www.nfpa.org.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

COMPONENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA (2007)
Diethyltelluride	Tellurium and compounds (as Te) 0.1 mg/m ³	Tellurium and compounds (as Te) 0.1 mg/m ³
Hydrogen	None currently established	Simple asphyxiant

*N.E.—Not Established.

TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

IDLH = Not available.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Local Exhaust. Use explosion-proof local exhaust ventilation with sufficient air flow to keep the concentration of diethyltelluride-hydrogen gas mixture below all applicable exposure limits the TLV in the worker’s breathing zone.

Mechanical (General). Inadequate, see SPECIAL.

Special. Use in a closed system. Keep personnel exposure below all applicable exposure limits.

Other. None

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Skin Protection. Wear work gloves when handling cylinders.

Eye/Face Protection. Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders. Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.133. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

Respiratory Protection. Use an air-supplied respirator or a full-face, positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus. Respiratory protection must conform to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134. Select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

APPEARANCE:	Colorless gas
ODOR:	Garlic-like
ODOR THRESHOLD:	Not available.
PHYSICAL STATE:	Gas at normal temperature and pressure
pH:	Not applicable.
MELTING POINT at 1 atm:	H ₂ : -434.55°F (-259.2°C)
BOILING POINT at 1 atm:	H ₂ : -423°F (-252.8°C)
FLASH POINT (test method):	Flammable gas
EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate = 1):	High
FLAMMABILITY:	Flammable
FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR , % by volume:	LOWER: 4% UPPER: 75%
VAPOR PRESSURE at 68°F (20°C):	Not available.
VAPOR DENSITY at 68°F (20°C) and 1 atm:	H ₂ : 0.00521 lb/ft ³ (0.08342 kg/m ³)
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H ₂ O = 1) at 19.4°F (-7°C):	Not available.
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air = 1) at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:	H ₂ : 0.0696
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Negligible
PARTITION COEFFICIENT: n-octanol/water:	Not available.
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:	H ₂ : 932°F (500°C)
DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:	Not available.
PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:	100
MOLECULAR WEIGHT:	185.7 (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ Te; 2.016 (H ₂)
MOLECULAR FORMULA:	Mixture of (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ Te & H ₂

10. Stability and Reactivity

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Unstable Stable

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Diethyltelluride is spontaneously flammable in air.

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS: Oxygen, oxidizing agents, lithium, halogens.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Tellurium and tellurium compounds.

POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS: May Occur Will Not Occur

Diethyltelluride is spontaneously flammable in air.

11. Toxicological Information

ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS: LC₅₀ = 24 mg/m³, diethyltelluride, rat

STUDY RESULTS: No known effects.

12. Ecological Information

ECOTOXICITY: No information available on ecological effects.

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OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS: This mixture does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals.

13. Disposal Considerations

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

Emergency Disposal.

CAUTION: Any disposal must be conducted in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

Emergency disposal procedure from input or existing section 6.

14. Transport Information

DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME: Compressed gases, flammable, n.o.s. (diethyltelluride, hydrogen)

HAZARD CLASS:	PACKING GROUP/Zone:	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	PRODUCT RQ:
2.1	*NA	UN1954	None

SHIPPING LABEL(s): FLAMMABLE GAS

PLACARD (when required): FLAMMABLE GAS

*NA=Not available.

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION: Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

MARINE POLLUTANTS: Neither component is listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

Reportable Quantity (RQ): None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

SECTIONS 302/304: Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) (40 CFR Part 355):

TPQ: None

EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): None

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SECTIONS 311/312: Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

IMMEDIATE: Yes

DELAYED: Yes

PRESSURE: Yes

REACTIVITY: No

FIRE: Yes

SECTION 313: Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

The components of this mixture are not subject to reporting under Section 313.

40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION: Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Neither component of this mixture is listed as a regulated substance.

TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT: Diethyltelluride and hydrogen are listed on the TSCA inventory.

OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:

29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS: Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

The components of this mixture are not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical. However, any process that involves a flammable gas on site in one location in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless the gas is used as a fuel.

STATE REGULATIONS:

CALIFORNIA: The components of this mixture are not listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

PENNSYLVANIA: The components of this mixture are subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: *Toxic, flammable, high-pressure gas.* Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Use a backflow preventive device in the piping. Use only with equipment purged with inert gas or evacuated prior to discharge from cylinder. Ground all equipment. Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Store and use with adequate ventilation at all times. Use only in a closed system. **Follow safe practices when returning cylinder to supplier.** Be sure valve is closed; then tightly install valve outlet plug or cap. **Never work on a pressurized system.** If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, state and local laws; then repair the leak. **Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.**

Mixtures. When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before

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you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT: In semiconductor process gas and other suitable applications, Praxair recommends the use of engineering controls such as gas cabinet enclosures, automatic gas panels (used to purge systems on cylinder changeout), excess-flow valves throughout the gas distribution system, double containment for the distribution system, and continuous gas monitors.

HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0
FLAMMABILITY = 4
INSTABILITY = 0
SPECIAL = None

HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0
FLAMMABILITY = 4
PHYSICAL HAZARD = 0

STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

THREADED: CGA-350
PIN-INDEXED YOKE: Not applicable.
ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION: CGA-726

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlet V-1 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information can be found in the following materials published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5th Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700, <http://www.cganet.com/Publication.asp>.

AV-1 *Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases*
G-5 *Hydrogen*
P-1 *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*
SB-2 *Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres*
V-1 *Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections*
V-7 *Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Industrial Gas Mixtures*
— *Handbook of Compressed Gases, Fourth Edition*

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Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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