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1,1-Dichloroethane

CAS 75-34-3

$CHCl_2CH_3$

RTECS KI0175000

Synonyms & Trade Names
Asymmetrical dichloroethane; Ethylidene chloride; 1,1-Ethylidene dichloride

DOT ID & Guide
2362 130

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: TWA 100 ppm (400 mg/m^3) See Appendix C (Chloroethanes)

OSHA PEL: TWA 100 ppm (400 mg/m^3)

IDLH 3000 ppm See: 75343

Conversion 1 ppm = 4.05 mg/m^3

Physical Description
Colorless, oily liquid with a chloroform-like odor.

MW: 99.0	BP: 135°F	FRZ: -143°F	Sol: 0.6%
VP: 182 mmHg	IP: 11.06 eV		Sp.Gr: 1.18
Fl.P: 2°F	UEL: 11.4%	LEL: 5.4%	

Class IB Flammable Liquid: Fl.P. below 73°F and BP at or above 100°F.

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Strong oxidizers, strong caustics

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 1003; OSHA 7
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Prevent skin contact
Eyes: Prevent eye contact
Wash skin: When contaminated
Remove: When wet (flammable)
Change: No recommendation

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Irrigate immediately
Skin: Soap flush promptly
Breathing: Respiratory support
Swallow: Medical attention immediately

Respirator Recommendations NIOSH/OSHA
Up to 1000 ppm:
(APF = 10) Any supplied-air respirator
Up to 2500 ppm:
(APF = 25) Any supplied-air respirator operated in a continuous-flow mode
Up to 3000 ppm:
(APF = 50) Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece
(APF = 50) Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece
Emergency or planned entry into unknown concentrations or IDLH conditions:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, ingestion, skin and/or eye contact

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Ethyl chloride

CAS 75-00-3

CH_3CH_2Cl

RTECS KH7525000

Synonyms & Trade Names
Chloroethane, Hydrochloric ether, Monochloroethane, Muriatic ether

DOT ID & Guide
1037 115

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: Handle with caution in the workplace. See Appendix C (Chloroethanes)

OSHA PEL: TWA 1000 ppm (2600 mg/m^3)

IDLH 3800 ppm [10%LEL] See: 75003

Conversion 1 ppm = 2.64 mg/m^3

Physical Description
Colorless gas or liquid (below 54°F) with a pungent, ether-like odor. [Note: Shipped as a liquefied compressed gas.]

MW: 64.5	BP: 54°F	FRZ: -218°F	Sol: 0.6%
VP: 1000 mmHg	IP: 10.97 eV	RGasD: 2.23	Sp.Gr: 0.92 (Liquid at 32°F)
Fl.P: NA (Gas) -58°F (Liquid)	UEL: 15.4%	LEL: 3.8%	

Flammable Gas

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Chemically-active metals such as sodium, potassium, calcium, powdered aluminum, zinc & magnesium; oxidizers; water or steam [Note: Reacts with water to form hydrochloric acid.]

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 2519
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Prevent skin contact (liquid)
Eyes: Prevent eye contact (liquid)
Wash skin: No recommendation
Remove: When wet (flammable)
Change: No recommendation

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Irrigate immediately (liquid)
Skin: Water flush promptly (liquid)
Breathing: Respiratory support
Swallow: Medical attention immediately (liquid)

Respirator Recommendations OSHA
Up to 3800 ppm:
(APF = 10) Any supplied-air respirator*
(APF = 50) Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece
Emergency or planned entry into unknown concentrations or IDLH conditions:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, skin absorption (liquid), ingestion (liquid), skin and/or eye contact

Symptoms Incoordination, inebriation; abdominal cramps; cardiac arrhythmias, cardiac arrest; liver, kidney damage

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Methyl chloroform

CAS 71-55-6

CH_3CCl_3

RTECS KJ2975000

Synonyms & Trade Names
Chlorothene; 1,1,1-Trichloroethane; 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (stabilized)

DOT ID & Guide
2831 160

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: C 350 ppm (1900 mg/m^3) [15-minute] See Appendix C (Chloroethanes)

OSHA PEL†: TWA 350 ppm (1900 mg/m^3)

IDLH 700 ppm See: 71556

Conversion 1 ppm = 5.46 mg/m^3

Physical Description
Colorless liquid with a mild, chloroform-like odor.

MW: 133.4	BP: 165°F	FRZ: -23°F	Sol: 0.4%
VP: 100 mmHg	IP: 11.00 eV		Sp.Gr: 1.34
FI.P: ?	UEL: 12.5%	LEL: 7.5%	

Combustible Liquid, but burns with difficulty.

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Strong caustics; strong oxidizers; chemically-active metals such as zinc, aluminum, magnesium powders, sodium & potassium; water [Note: Reacts slowly with water to form hydrochloric acid.]

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 1003
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Prevent skin contact
Eyes: Prevent eye contact
Wash skin: When contaminated
Remove: When wet or contaminated
Change: No recommendation

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Irrigate immediately
Skin: Soap wash promptly
Breathing: Respiratory support
Swallow: Medical attention immediately

Respirator Recommendations NIOSH/OSHA
Up to 700 ppm:
(APF = 10) Any supplied-air respirator*
(APF = 50) Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece
Emergency or planned entry into unknown concentrations or IDLH conditions:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, ingestion, skin and/or eye contact

Symptoms Irritation eyes, skin; headache, lassitude (weakness, exhaustion), central nervous system depression, poor equilibrium; dermatitis; cardiac arrhythmias; liver damage

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Tetrachloroethylene

CAS 127-18-4

$Cl_2C=CCl_2$

RTECS KX3850000

Synonyms & Trade Names
Perchlorethylene, Perchloroethylene, Perk, Tetrachlorethylene

DOT ID & Guide
1897 160

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: Ca Minimize workplace exposure concentrations. See Appendix A

OSHA PEL†: TWA 100 ppm C 200 ppm 300 ppm (5-minute maximum peak in any 3-hours)

IDLH Ca [150 ppm] See: 127184

Conversion 1 ppm = 6.78 mg/m^3

Physical Description
Colorless liquid with a mild, chloroform-like odor.

MW: 165.8	BP: 250°F	FRZ: -2°F	Sol: 0.02%
VP: 14 mmHg	IP: 9.32 eV		Sp.Gr: 1.62
Fl.P: NA	UEL: NA	LEL: NA	

Noncombustible Liquid, but decomposes in a fire to hydrogen chloride and phosgene.

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Strong oxidizers; chemically-active metals such as lithium, beryllium & barium; caustic soda; sodium hydroxide; potash

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 1003; OSHA 1001
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Prevent skin contact
Eyes: Prevent eye contact
Wash skin: When contaminated
Remove: When wet or contaminated
Change: No recommendation
Provide: Eyewash, Quick drench

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Irrigate immediately
Skin: Soap wash promptly
Breathing: Respiratory support
Swallow: Medical attention immediately

Respirator Recommendations NIOSH
At concentrations above the NIOSH REL, or where there is no REL, at any detectable concentration:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, skin absorption, ingestion, skin and/or eye contact

Symptoms Irritation eyes, skin, nose, throat, respiratory system; nausea; flush face, neck; dizziness, incoordination; headache, drowsiness; skin erythema (skin redness); liver damage; [potential occupational carcinogen]

Target Organs Eyes, skin, respiratory system, liver, kidneys, central nervous system

Cancer Site [in animals: liver tumors]

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Trichloroethylene

CAS 79-01-6

$ClCH=CCl_2$

RTECS KX4550000

Synonyms & Trade Names
Ethylene trichloride, TCE, Trichloroethene, Trilene

DOT ID & Guide
1710 160

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: Ca See Appendix A See Appendix C

OSHA PEL†: TWA 100 ppm C 200 ppm 300 ppm (5-minute maximum peak in any 2 hours)

IDLH Ca [1000 ppm] See: 79016

Conversion 1 ppm = 5.37 mg/m^3

Physical Description
Colorless liquid (unless dyed blue) with a chloroform-like odor.

MW: 131.4	BP: 189°F	FRZ: -99°F	Sol(77°F): 0.1%
VP: 58 mmHg	IP: 9.45 eV		Sp.Gr: 1.46
Fl.P: ?	UEL(77°F): 10.5%	LEL(77°F): 8%	

Combustible Liquid, but burns with difficulty.

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Strong caustics & alkalis; chemically-active metals (such as barium, lithium, sodium, magnesium, titanium & beryllium)

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 1022, 3800; OSHA 1001
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Prevent skin contact
Eyes: Prevent eye contact
Wash skin: When contaminated
Remove: When wet or contaminated
Change: No recommendation
Provide: Eyewash, Quick drench

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Irrigate immediately
Skin: Soap wash promptly
Breathing: Respiratory support
Swallow: Medical attention immediately

Respirator Recommendations NIOSH
At concentrations above the NIOSH REL, or where there is no REL, at any detectable concentration:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, skin absorption, ingestion, skin and/or eye contact

Symptoms Irritation eyes, skin; headache, visual disturbance, lassitude (weakness, exhaustion), dizziness, tremor, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting; dermatitis; cardiac arrhythmias, paresthesia; liver injury; [potential occupational carcinogen]

Target Organs Eyes, skin, respiratory system, heart, liver, kidneys, central nervous system

Cancer Site [in animals: liver & kidney cancer]

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Vinyl chloride

CAS 75-01-4

CH_2=CHCl

RTECS KU9625000

Synonyms & Trade Names
Chloroethene, Chloroethylene, Ethylene monochloride, Monochloroethene, Monochloroethylene, VC, Vinyl chloride monomer (VCM)

DOT ID & Guide
1086 116P (inhibited)

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: Ca See Appendix A

OSHA PEL: [1910.1017] TWA 1 ppm C 5 ppm [15-minute]

IDLH Ca [N.D.] See: IDLH INDEX

Conversion 1 ppm = 2.56 mg/m^3

Physical Description
Colorless gas or liquid (below 7°F) with a pleasant odor at high concentrations. [Note: Shipped as a liquefied compressed gas.]

MW: 62.5	BP: 7°F	FRZ: -256°F	Sol(77°F): 0.1%
VP: 3.3 atm	IP: 9.99 eV	RGasD: 2.21	
Fl.P: NA (Gas)	UEL: 33.0%	LEL: 3.6%	

Flammable Gas

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Copper, oxidizers, aluminum, peroxides, iron, steel [Note: Polymerizes in air, sunlight, or heat unless stabilized by inhibitors such as phenol. Attacks iron & steel in presence of moisture.]

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 1007; OSHA 4, 75
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Frostbite
Eyes: Frostbite
Wash skin: No recommendation
Remove: When wet (flammable)
Change: No recommendation
Provide: Frostbite wash

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Frostbite
Skin: Frostbite
Breathing: Respiratory support

Respirator Recommendations (See Appendix E) NIOSH
At concentrations above the NIOSH REL, or where there is no REL, at any detectable concentration:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted canister providing protection against the compound of concern/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, skin, and/or eye contact (liquid)

Symptoms Lassitude (weakness, exhaustion); abdominal pain, gastrointestinal bleeding; enlarged liver; pallor or cyanosis of extremities; liquid: frostbite; [potential occupational carcinogen]

Target Organs Liver, central nervous system, blood, respiratory system, lymphatic system

Cancer Site [liver cancer]

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Vinylidene chloride

CAS 75-35-4

$CH_2=CCl_2$

RTECS KV9275000

Synonyms & Trade Names
1,1-DCE; 1,1-Dichloroethene; 1,1-Dichloroethylene; VDC; Vinylidene chloride monomer; Vinylidene dichloride

DOT ID & Guide
1303 130P (inhibited)

Exposure Limits

NIOSH REL: Ca See Appendix A

OSHA PEL†: none

IDLH Ca [N.D.] See: IDLH INDEX

Conversion

Physical Description
Colorless liquid or gas (above 89°F) with a mild, sweet, chloroform-like odor.

MW: 96.9	BP: 89°F	FRZ: -189°F	Sol: 0.04%
VP: 500 mmHg	IP: 10.00 eV		Sp.Gr: 1.21
Fl.P: -2°F	UEL: 15.5%	LEL: 6.5%	

Class IA Flammable Liquid: Fl.P. below 73°F and BP below 100°F.

Incompatibilities & Reactivities
Aluminum, sunlight, air, copper, heat [Note: Polymerization may occur if exposed to oxidizers, chlorosulfonic acid, nitric acid, or oleum. Inhibitors such as the monomethyl ether of hydroquinone are added to prevent polymerization.]

Measurement Methods
NIOSH 1015; OSHA 19
See: NMAM or OSHA Methods

Personal Protection & Sanitation (See protection)
Skin: Prevent skin contact
Eyes: Prevent eye contact
Wash skin: When contaminated
Remove: When wet (flammable)
Change: No recommendation
Provide: Eyewash, Quick drench

First Aid (See procedures)
Eye: Irrigate immediately
Skin: Soap flush immediately
Breathing: Respiratory support
Swallow: Medical attention immediately

Respirator Recommendations NIOSH
At concentrations above the NIOSH REL, or where there is no REL, at any detectable concentration:
(APF = 10,000) Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
(APF = 10,000) Any supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus
Escape:
(APF = 50) Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style, front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister/Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus
Important additional information about respirator selection

Exposure Routes inhalation, skin absorption, ingestion, skin and/or eye contact

Symptoms Irritation eyes, skin, throat; dizziness, headache, nausea, dyspnea (breathing difficulty); liver, kidney disturbance; pneumonitis; [potential occupational carcinogen]

Target Organs Eyes, skin, respiratory system, central nervous system, liver, kidneys