



# BUTANE ( $\leq 3.8\%$ ) in HELIUM

## Safety Data Sheet

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier

Product Name BUTANE ( $\leq 3.8\%$ ) in HELIUM

Other means of identification

Safety data sheet number LIND-M0021  
UN/ID no. UN1956  
Trade name Quench Gas; Quench Gas Butane

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended Use Industrial and professional use.  
Uses advised against Consumer use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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\* May include subsidiaries or affiliate companies/divisions.

For additional product information contact your local customer service.

Emergency telephone number

Company Phone Number 800-232-4726 (Linde National Operations Center, US)  
905-501-0802 (Canada)  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 (North America) +1-703-527-3887 (International)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification

## OSHA Regulatory Status

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Gases under pressure	Compressed gas
Simple asphyxiants	Yes

Label elements

Signal word

Warning

## Hazard Statements

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

## Precautionary Statements - Prevention

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

Use and store only outdoors or in a well ventilated place

Use a backflow preventive device in piping

Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure

Close valve after each use and when empty

## Precautionary Statements - Response

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Get medical attention/advice.

## Precautionary Statements - Storage

Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C/125°F

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Volume %	Chemical Formula
Helium	7440-59-7	BALANCE	He
Butane	106-97-8	<=3.8	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>

Composition covers range of mixtures that fall within the same hazard classifications.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

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General advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
Skin contact	None under normal use. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Eye contact	None under normal use. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Not an expected route of exposure.
Self-protection of the first aider	RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	High concentrations may cause asphyxia from lack of oxygen or act as a narcotic causing central nervous system depression. May cause nausea, dizziness, headaches, shortness of breath, lethargy, narcosis, unconsciousness and possibly cardiac arrhythmias.
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#### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians	A patient adversely affected by exposure to this product should not be given adrenaline (epinephrine) or similar heart stimulant since these would increase the risk of cardiac arrhythmias.
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## **5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### Specific extinguishing methods

Continue to cool fire exposed cylinders until flames are extinguished. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.

#### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Non-flammable gas. Cylinders may rupture under extreme heat.

Hazardous combustion products      Carbon monoxide.

#### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

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

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Monitor oxygen level. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
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#### Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions	Prevent spreading of vapors through sewers, ventilation systems and confined areas.
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#### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment	Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without risk. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number in Section 1 or call your closest Linde location.
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Methods for cleaning up

Return cylinder to Linde or an authorized distributor.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. When moving cylinders, even for short distance, use a cart designed to transport cylinders. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing leak to occur. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Use only with adequate ventilation. Use a backflow preventive device in piping. Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use.

Never put cylinders into trunks of cars or unventilated areas of passenger vehicles. Never attempt to refill a compressed gas cylinder without the owner's written consent. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit.

Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Always store and handle compressed gas cylinders in accordance with Compressed Gas Association, pamphlet CGA-P1, Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers.

For additional recommendations consult Compressed Gas Association's (CGA) Safety Bulletin SB-2, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage Conditions

Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Keep at temperatures below 52°C / 125°F. Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.

#### Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

#### Exposure Guidelines

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Butane 106-97-8	STEL: 1000 ppm	(vacated) TWA: 800 ppm (vacated) TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 800 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists - Threshold Limit Value. OSHA PEL: Occupational Safety and Health Administration - Permissible Exposure Limits. NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

#### Other Information

Vacated limits revoked by the Court of Appeals decision in AFL-CIO v. OSHA, 965 F.2d 962 (11th Cir., 1992).

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### Engineering Controls

Local exhaust ventilation to prevent accumulation of high concentrations and maintain air-oxygen levels at or above 19.5%. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).
Skin and body protection	Work gloves and safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders.
Respiratory protection	Use positive pressure airline respirator with escape cylinder or self contained breathing apparatus for oxygen-deficient atmospheres (<19.5%). If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current local regulations.
General Hygiene Considerations	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Product Information	
Physical state	Compressed gas
Appearance	Colorless.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	No information available
pH	No data available
Melting point	No data available
Evaporation rate	Not applicable
Flammability Limit in Air	(For Butane)
Lower flammability limit:	1.9%
Upper flammability limit:	8.5%
Flash point	Not flammable
Autoignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Partition coefficient	No data available
Kinematic viscosity	Not applicable

Chemical Name	Molecular weight	Boiling point	Vapor Pressure	Vapor density (air =1)	Gas Density kg/m <sup>3</sup> @20°C	Critical Temperature
Helium	4.00	-268.9 °C	Above critical temperature	0.138	0.165	-267.9 °C
Butane	58.12	-0.5 °C	2200 hPa @ 20 °C	2.11	2.52 @15°	152.03 °C

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions

Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	None.
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	None.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Temperatures above 420 °C / 788 °F.

Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO).

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	High concentrations of aliphatic hydrocarbon gases may cause CNS depression. Recent information suggest that C1-C4 aliphatic (alkane) hydrocarbon gases can cause potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmias. Cardiac sensitization to adrenalin in dogs has been noted following inhalation. In dogs, the heart is more sensitive to epinephrine induced ventricular fibrillations following exposure to 15-90% propane for 10 minutes. Ventricular fibrillations have been reported in humans following inhalation of n-butane.
Skin contact	No data available.
Eye contact	No data available.
Ingestion	Not an expected route of exposure.

Information on toxicological effects

Symptoms	High concentrations may cause asphyxia from lack of oxygen or act as a narcotic causing central nervous system depression. Symptoms of overexposure are dizziness, headache, tiredness, nausea, unconsciousness, cessation of breathing.
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Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Not classified.
Sensitization	Not classified.
Germ cell mutagenicity	Not classified.
Carcinogenicity	This product does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens listed by OSHA, IARC or NTP.
Reproductive toxicity	Not classified.
STOT - single exposure	Not classified.
STOT - repeated exposure	Not classified.
Chronic toxicity	None known.
Target Organ Effects	Central nervous system (CNS).
Aspiration hazard	Not applicable.

Numerical measures of toxicity

Component Level Information:

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50	Inhalation LC50 (CGA P-20)
Butane 106-97-8	-	-	658 mg/L (Rat) 4 h	-

Product Information

Oral LD50	No information available
Dermal LD50	No information available
Inhalation LC50	No information available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

No known acute aquatic toxicity.

Persistence and degradability

No information available.

Bioaccumulation

Will not bioconcentrate.

Chemical Name	Partition coefficient
Butane 106-97-8	2.89

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Disposal of wastes Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to Linde for proper disposal.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

UN/ID no. UN1956  
 Proper shipping name Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 2.2  
 Description UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s.(Butane, Helium), 2.2  
 Emergency Response Guide Number 126

TDG

UN/ID no. UN1956  
 Proper shipping name Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 2.2  
 Description UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s.(Butane, Helium), 2.2

MEX

UN/ID no. UN1956  
 Proper shipping name Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 2.2  
 Description UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s.(Butane, Helium), 2.2

IATA

UN/ID no. UN1956  
 Proper shipping name Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 2.2  
 ERG Code 2L  
 Description UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s.(Butane, Helium), 2.2

IMDG

UN/ID no. UN1956  
 Proper shipping name Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 2.2  
 EmS-No. F-C, S-V  
 Special Provisions 274  
 Description UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Butane, Helium), 2.2

ADR

UN/ID no.	UN1956
Proper shipping name	Compressed gas, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	2.2
Classification code	1A
Tunnel restriction code	(E)
Special Provisions	274, 655
Description	UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s.(Butane, Helium), 2.2, (E)
Labels	2.2

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### International Inventories

TSCA	Complies
DSL/NDSL	Complies
EINECS/ELINCS	Complies

### Legend:

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

### US Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	Yes
Reactive Hazard	No

#### CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

#### Clean Air Act, Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPS) (see 40 CFR 61)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

#### Risk and Process Safety Management Programs

This material, as supplied, contains one or more regulated substances with specified thresholds under 40 CFR Part 68 or regulated as a highly hazardous chemical pursuant to the 29 CFR Part 1910.110 with specified thresholds:

Chemical Name	U.S. - CAA (Clean Air Act) - Accidental Release Prevention - Toxic Substances	U.S. - CAA (Clean Air Act) - Accidental Release Prevention - Flammable Substances	U.S. - OSHA - Process Safety Management - Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Butane		10000 lb	

### US State Regulations



California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Helium 7440-59-7	X	X	X
Butane 106-97-8	X	X	X

Chemical Name	Carcinogenicity	Exposure Limits
Butane		Mexico: TWA 800 ppm Mexico: TWA 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA                      Health hazards 1                      Flammability 0                      Instability 0                      Physical and Chemical Properties -

Note: Ratings were assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in CGA Pamphlet P-19-2009, CGA Recommended Hazard Ratings for Compressed Gases, 3rd Edition.

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