Safety Data Sheet

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This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared in accordance with the Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals Code of Practice (Safe Work Australia, December 2011)

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier
3M Steri-Gas Sterilisation Cartridges

Product Identification Numbers
70-2007-8377-0 70-2007-8383-8

1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Recommended use
Gas to sterilise in a 3M Steri-Vac(TM) Ethylene Oxide Sterilizer

For Industrial or Professional use only.

1.3. Supplier's details
Address: 3M Australia - Building A, 1 Rivett Road, North Ryde NSW 2113
Telephone: 136 136
E Mail: productinfo.au@mmm.com
Website: www.3m.com.au

1.4. Emergency telephone number
EMERGENCY: 1800 097 146 (Australia only)

SECTION 2: Hazard identification

This product is classified as a hazardous chemical according to the Model Work Health and Safety Regulations, 2011, in accordance with applicable State and Territory legislation.

Refer to Section 14 of this Safety Data Sheets for product Dangerous Goods Classification.

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture
Flammable Gas: Category 1A.
Gas under pressure: Liquefied gas.
Acute Toxicity (oral): Category 3.
Acute Toxicity (inhalation): Category 3.
Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 1.
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 1.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Category 1B.
Carcinogenicity: Category 1A.
Reproductive Toxicity: Category 1.
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (single exposure): Category 1.
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (repeated exposure): Category 1.
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (single exposure): Category 3

2.2. Label elements
The label elements below were prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals (Safe Work Australia, December 2011). This information may be different from the actual product label.

Signal word
Danger

Symbols
Flame |Gas cylinder |Corrosion |Skull and crossbones |Health Hazard |

Pictograms

Hazard statements

H220	Extremely flammable gas.
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H370	Causes damage to organs: respiratory system.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure: nervous system.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure: kidney/urinary tract | sensory organs.

Precautionary statements

Prevention:

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280D	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye/face protection.

Response:

P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P377	Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
P381	In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.

Storage:

P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P410 + P403	Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

Disposal:

P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable local/regional/national/international regulations.

2.3. Other assigned/identified product hazards

May cause frostbite. - May cause chemical gastrointestinal burns.

2.4. Other hazards which do not result in classification

Harmful to aquatic life.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

This material is a substance.

Ingredient	CAS Nbr	% by Weight
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	100

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Inhalation

Remove person to fresh air. Get medical attention.

Skin contact

Immediately flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Get immediate medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse.

Eye contact

Immediately flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately get medical attention.

If swallowed

Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Toxic if inhaled. Irritating to the respiratory tract (coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, headache, hoarseness, and nose and throat pain). Skin burns (localized redness, swelling, itching, intense pain, blistering, and tissue destruction). Serious damage to the eyes (corneal

cloudiness, severe pain, tearing, ulcerations, and significantly impaired or loss of vision). Toxic if swallowed. Central nervous system depression (headache, dizziness, drowsiness, incoordination, nausea, slurred speech, giddiness, and unconsciousness). Target organ effects. See Section 11 for additional details. Target organ effects following prolonged or repeated exposure. See Section 11 for additional details.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment required
Not applicable

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable extinguishing media
In case of fire: Use a water spray or fog to extinguish, do not use straight streams. If water is not available use dry chemical, CO2, or foam to extinguish. Refer to other precautionary advice in SDS section 5. Use a fire fighting agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Closed containers exposed to heat from fire may build pressure and explode.

Hazardous Decomposition or By-Products

Substance	Condition
Carbon monoxide.	During combustion.
Carbon dioxide.	During combustion.

5.3. Special protective actions for fire-fighters
Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Wear full protective clothing, including helmet, self-contained, positive pressure or pressure demand breathing apparatus, bunker coat and pants, bands around arms, waist and legs, face mask, and protective covering for exposed areas of the head.

Hazchem Code: 2PE

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Evacuate area. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Ventilate the area with fresh air. For large spill, or spills in confined spaces, provide mechanical ventilation to disperse or exhaust vapors, in accordance with good industrial hygiene practice. Refer to other sections of this SDS for information regarding physical and health hazards, respiratory protection, ventilation, and personal protective equipment.

6.2. Environmental precautions
Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up
If possible, seal leaking container. Place leaking containers in a well-ventilated area, preferably an operating exhaust hood, or if necessary outdoors on an impermeable surface until appropriate packaging for the leaking container or its contents is available. Close cylinder. Place in a metal container approved for transportation by appropriate authorities. Dispose of collected material as soon as possible in accordance with applicable local/regional/national/international regulations.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling
For industrial/occupational use only. Not for consumer sale or use. Do not use in a confined area with minimal air exchange. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Avoid contact with oxidising agents (eg. chlorine, chromic acid etc.) Use

personal protective equipment (eg. gloves, respirators…) as required. Recommendations for storing Steri-Gas cartridges are stringent. Check your local fire protection codes for additional requirements. Keep all sources of ignition such as matches, lighted cigarettes, sparks and static discharge away from the sterilzer and cartridges. Store cartridges in an upright position. Keep only one day's requirement or a maximum of twelve(12) cartridges (one box) in the immediate sterilizer area. This area needs to have at least ten air changes per hour. Additional Steri-Gas cartridges should be stored in an approved flammable liquid storage cabinet vented to the outside atmosphere, or in an area suitable for storage of flammable liquids appropriately vented to the outside atmosphere, or into a non-recirculating, continuously operating, dedicated exhaust system.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage including any incompatibilities
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Protect from sunlight. Store away from heat. Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50 °C. Store away from acids. Store away from oxidising agents. Store away from areas where product may come into contact with food or pharmaceuticals.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits
If a component is disclosed in section 3 but does not appear in the table below, an occupational exposure limit is not available for the component.

Ingredient	CAS Nbr	Agency	Limit type	Additional comments
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	ACGIH	TWA:1 ppm	A2: Suspected human carcin.
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	Australia OELs	TWA(8 hours): 1.8 mg/m3 (1 ppm)	

ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
AIHA : American Industrial Hygiene Association
Australia OELs : Australia. Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment
CMRG : Chemical Manufacturer's Recommended Guidelines
TWA: Time-Weighted-Average
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
CEIL: Ceiling
Sen: Sensitiser
Sk: Absorption through the skin may be a significant source of exposure.

8.2. Exposure controls

8.2.1. Engineering controls
Use general dilution ventilation and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne exposures to below relevant Exposure Limits and/or control dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. If ventilation is not adequate, use respiratory protection equipment.

8.2.2. Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection

Select and use eye/face protection to prevent contact based on the results of an exposure assessment. The following eye/face protection(s) are recommended:
Full face shield.
Indirect vented goggles.

Select and use eye protection in accordance with AS/NZS 1336. Eye protection should comply with the performance specifications of AS/NZS 1337.

Skin/hand protection
Select and use gloves and/or protective clothing approved to relevant local standards to prevent skin contact based on the results of an exposure assessment. Selection should be based on use factors such as exposure levels, concentration of the substance or mixture, frequency and duration, physical challenges such as temperature extremes, and other use conditions.

Consult with your glove and/or protective clothing manufacturer for selection of appropriate compatible gloves/protective clothing. Note: Nitrile gloves may be worn over polymer laminate gloves to improve dexterity.
Gloves made from the following material(s) are recommended: Polymer laminate

if this product is used in a manner that presents a higher potential for exposure (eg. spraying, high splash potential etc.), then use of protective coveralls may be necessary. Select and use body protection to prevent contact based on the results of an exposure assessment. The following protective clothing material(s) are recommended: Apron - polymer laminate

Select and use gloves according to AS/NZ 2161.

Respiratory protection

An exposure assessment may be needed to decide if a respirator is required. If a respirator is needed, use respirators as part of a full respiratory protection program. Based on the results of the exposure assessment, select from the following respirator type(s) to reduce inhalation exposure:
Half facepiece or full facepiece supplied-air respirator.

For questions about suitability for a specific application, consult with your respirator manufacturer.
Select and use respirators according to AS/NZS 1715. Respirators should comply with AS/NZS 1716 performance specifications. For information about respirators, call 3M on 1800 024 464.

Thermal hazards
Wear cold insulating gloves/face shield/eye protection.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Gas.
Specific Physical Form:	Compressed gas.
Colour	Colourless
Odour	Sweet Odour
Odour threshold	*No data available.*
pH	7
Melting point/Freezing point	*Not applicable.*
Boiling point/Initial boiling point/Boiling range	10.6 ºC
Flash point	-20 ºC [*Test Method:*Tagliabue closed cup]
Evaporation rate	*Not applicable.*
Flammability (solid, gas)	Flammable gas: Category 1.
Flammable Limits(LEL)	3 % volume
Flammable Limits(UEL)	100 % volume
Vapour pressure	145,854.3 Pa [@ 20 ºC]
Vapor Density and/or Relative Vapor Density	1.49 [*Ref Std:*AIR=1]
Density	*Not applicable.*
Relative density	0.87 [*Ref Std:*WATER=1] [*Details:*@ 20 °C]
Water solubility	Complete
Solubility- non-water	*No data available.*
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	*No data available.*
Autoignition temperature	428.9 ºC [*Details:*CONDITIONS: Burns in the absence of air]
Decomposition temperature	*Not applicable.*
Viscosity/Kinematic Viscosity	*Not applicable.*
Volatile organic compounds (VOC)	100 %
Percent volatile	100 %
VOC less H2O & exempt solvents	100 %

Molecular weight	*No data available.*

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
This material is considered to be non reactive under normal use conditions

10.2 Chemical stability
Stable.

10.3. Conditions to avoid
Heat.

10.4. Possibility of hazardous reactions
Hazardous polymerisation may occur.

10.5 Incompatible materials
None known.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Substance	**Condition**
None known.	

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

The information below may not be consistent with the material classification in Section 2 if specific ingredient classifications are mandated by a competent authority. In addition, toxicological data on ingredients may not be reflected in the material classification and/or the signs and symptoms of exposure, because an ingredient may be present below the threshold for labelling, an ingredient may not be available for exposure, or the data may not be relevant to the material as a whole.

11.1 Information on Toxicological effects

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Based on test data and/or information on the components, this material may produce the following health effects:

Inhalation
Toxic if inhaled.
Respiratory tract irritation: Signs/symptoms may include cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, headache, hoarseness, and nose and throat pain. May cause additional health effects (see below).

Skin contact
Frostbite: Signs/symptoms may include intense pain, discoloration of skin, and tissue destruction. Corrosive (skin burns): Signs/symptoms may include localised redness, swelling, itching, intense pain, blistering, ulceration, and tissue destruction.

Eye contact
Frostbite: Signs/symptoms may include intense pain, clouding of the cornea, redness, swelling, and blindness. Corrosive (eye burns): Signs/symptoms may include cloudy appearance of the cornea, chemical burns, severe pain, tearing, ulcerations, significantly impaired vision or complete loss of vision.

Ingestion
Toxic if swallowed.
Gastrointestinal corrosion: Signs/symptoms may include severe mouth, throat and abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea; blood in the faeces and/or vomitus may also be seen.

Additional Health Effects:

Single exposure may cause target organ effects:
Central nervous system (CNS) depression: Signs/symptoms may include headache, dizziness, drowsiness, incoordination, nausea, slowed reaction time, slurred speech, giddiness, and unconsciousness. Respiratory effects: Signs/symptoms may include cough, shortness of breath, chest tightness, wheezing, increased heart rate, bluish coloured skin (cyanosis), sputum production, changes in lung function tests, and respiratory failure.

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause target organ effects:
Ocular effects: Signs/symptoms may include blurred or significantly impaired vision. Peripheral neuropathy: Signs/symptoms may include tingling or numbness of the extremities, incoordination, weakness of the hands and feet, tremors and muscle atrophy. Kidney/Bladder effects: Signs/symptoms may include changes in urine production, abdominal or lower back pain, increased protein in urine, increased blood urea nitrogen (BUN), blood in urine, and painful urination.

Reproductive/Developmental Toxicity:
Contains a chemical or chemicals which can cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Genotoxicity:
Genotoxicity and Mutagenicity: May interact with genetic material and possibly alter gene expression.

Carcinogenicity:
Contains a chemical or chemicals which can cause cancer.

Toxicological Data
If a component is disclosed in section 3 but does not appear in a table below, either no data are available for that endpoint or the data are not sufficient for classification.

Acute Toxicity

Name	Route	Species	Value
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation-Gas (4 hours)	official classification	LC50 700 ppm
Ethylene Oxide	Ingestion	official classification	LD50 100 mg/kg

ATE = acute toxicity estimate

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Name	Species	Value
Ethylene Oxide	Human and animal	Corrosive

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

Name	Species	Value
Ethylene Oxide	similar health hazards	Corrosive

Skin Sensitisation

Name	Species	Value
Ethylene Oxide	Human and animal	Not classified

Respiratory Sensitisation

Name	Species	Value
Ethylene Oxide	Human	Not classified

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

Name	Route	Value
Ethylene Oxide	In vivo	Mutagenic

Carcinogenicity

Name	Route	Species	Value
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	Multiple animal species	Carcinogenic.

Reproductive Toxicity

Reproductive and/or Developmental Effects

Name	Route	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	Toxic to development	Rat	NOAEL 33 ppm	during organogenesis
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	Toxic to female reproduction	Rat	NOAEL 33 ppm	1 generation
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	Toxic to male reproduction	Monkey	LOAEL 50 ppm	2 years

Target Organ(s)

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - single exposure

Name	Route	Target Organ(s)	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	respiratory system	Causes damage to organs	Human and animal	NOAEL Not available	
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	central nervous system depression	May cause drowsiness or dizziness	Human	NOAEL Not available	
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	respiratory irritation	May cause respiratory irritation		NOAEL Not available	

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - repeated exposure

Name	Route	Target Organ(s)	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	peripheral nervous system	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure	Human and animal	NOAEL Not available	
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	kidney and/or bladder	May cause damage to organs though prolonged or repeated exposure	Mouse	LOAEL 100 ppm	14 weeks
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	eyes	May cause damage to organs though prolonged or repeated exposure	Human and animal	NOAEL Not available	
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	respiratory system	Some positive data exist, but the data are not sufficient for classification	Mouse	LOAEL 200 ppm	14 weeks
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	endocrine system	Not classified	Rat	NOAEL 100 ppm	2 years

Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	liver	Not classified	Multiple animal species	NOAEL 841 ppm	not available
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	hematopoietic system	Not classified	Mouse	NOAEL 250 ppm	10 weeks
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	immune system	Not classified	Mouse	LOAEL 200 ppm	14 weeks
Ethylene Oxide	Inhalation	heart	Not classified	Monkey	NOAEL 100 ppm	2 years

Aspiration Hazard
For the component/components, either no data are currently available or the data are not sufficient for classification.

Exposure Levels
Refer Section **8.1 Control Parameters** of this Safety Data Sheet.

Interactive Effects
Not determined.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

The information below may not be consistent with the material classification in Section 2 if specific ingredient classifications are mandated by a competent authority. Additional information leading to material classification in Section 2 is available upon request. In addition, environmental fate and effects data on ingredients may not be reflected in this section because an ingredient is present below the threshold for labelling, an ingredient is not expected to be available for exposure, or the data is considered not relevant to the material as a whole.

12.1. Toxicity

Acute aquatic hazard:
GHS Acute 3: Harmful to aquatic life.

Chronic aquatic hazard:
Not chronically toxic to aquatic life by GHS criteria.

Material	Organism	Type	Exposure	Test endpoint	Test result
3M Steri-Gas Sterilisation Cartridges	Water flea	Laboratory	48 hours	N/A	137 mg/l
3M Steri-Gas Sterilisation Cartridges	Fathead minnow	Laboratory	96 hours	N/A	84 mg/l
3M Steri-Gas Sterilisation Cartridges	Goldfish	Laboratory	24 hours	N/A	90 mg/l

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Material	CAS Number	Test type	Duration	Study Type	Test result	Protocol
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	Experimental Biodegradation	28 days	BOD	107 %BOD/ThOD	OECD 301C - MITI test (I)
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	Experimental Hydrolysis		Hydrolytic half-life (pH 7)	12.9 days (t 1/2)	

12.3 : Bioaccumulative potential

Material	CAS Number	Test type	Duration	Study Type	Test result	Protocol
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	Experimental Bioconcentration		Log Kow	-0.3	OECD 107 log Kow shke flsk mtd

12.4. Mobility in soil
Please contact manufacturer for more details

12.5 Other adverse effects
No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods
Dispose of contents/ container in accordance with the local/regional/national/international regulations.

Incinerate in a permitted waste incineration facility. As a disposal alternative, utilize an acceptable permitted waste disposal facility. The facility should be equipped to handle gaseous waste.

SECTION 14: Transport Information

Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG) - Road/Rail Transport
UN No.: UN1040
Proper shipping name: ETHYLENE OXIDE
Class/Division: 2.3
Sub Risk: 2.1
Packing Group: Not applicable.

Hazchem Code: 2PE
IERG: O5P

International Air Transport Association (IATA) - Air Transport
UN No.: UN1040
Proper shipping name: ETHYLENE OXIDE
Class/Division: 2.3
Sub Risk: 2.1
Packing Group: Not applicable.
Special Instructions: FORBIDDEN NOT ALLOWED BY THE REGULATORY AGENT

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)- Marine Transport
UN No.: UN1040
Proper shipping name: ETHYLENE OXIDE
Class/Division: 2.3
Sub Risk: 2.1
Packing Group: Not applicable.
Marine Pollutant: Not applicable.
Special Instructions: TOXIC-INHALATION HAZARD, ZONE D, VENTILATE FREIGHT CONTAINER 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO UNLOADING

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Australian Inventory Status:
The chemical components contained within this product are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances and

are in compliance with the requirements of the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 as amended. This product is regulated by the Therapeutics Goods Administration and is exempt from compliance with the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 as amended.

Poison Schedule: This product is intended for Industrial or Professional Use only and therefore is not packaged and labelled in accordance with the requirements of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

SECTION 16: Other information

Revision information:
Complete document review.

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Greenguard ® is a United States based program. The 'Low VOC' reference related to United States Federal and State regulations exemptions for some solvents.

3M Australia SDSs are available at www.3m.com.au