

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Germane

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1/13**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**

## 1.1 Product identifier

Product name: Germane

Trade name: Germane 5.0

Additional identification

Chemical name: Germanium tetrahydride

Chemical formula: GeH<sub>4</sub>

INDEX No. -

CAS-No. 7782-65-2

EC No. 231-961-6

REACH Registration No. Not available.

## 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.  
Use as an Intermediate (transported, on-site isolated).  
Use for electronic component manufacture.  
Using gas alone or in mixtures for the calibration of analysis equipment.  
Using gas as feedstock in chemical processes.  
Formulation of mixtures with gas in pressure receptacles.

Uses advised against: Consumer use.

## 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

## Supplier

AGA AS  
Postboks 13 Nydalen  
N-0409 Oslo Norway

Telephone: +4723177200

E-mail: kundeservice@no.aga.com

## 1.4 Emergency telephone number: +47 22 59 13 00 (24h - Giftinformasjonssentralen)

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

## 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended.

## Physical Hazards

Flammable gas	Category 1	H220: Extremely flammable gas.
Gases under pressure	Liquefied gas	H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

## Health Hazards

Acute toxicity (Inhalation - gas)	Category 2	H330: Fatal if inhaled.
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## 2.2 Label Elements

Contains: Germanium tetrahydride



Signal Words: Danger

Hazard Statement(s): H220: Extremely flammable gas.  
H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
H330: Fatal if inhaled.

## Precautionary Statements

Prevention: P210: Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
P260: Do not breathe gas/vapors.

Response: P304+P340+P315: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.  
P377: Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
P381: In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.

Storage: P403: Store in a well-ventilated place.  
P405: Store locked up.

Disposal: None.

2.3 Other hazards: Contact with evaporating liquid may cause frostbite or freezing of skin.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

## 3.1 Substances

Chemical name	Germanium tetrahydride
INDEX No.:	-
CAS-No.:	7782-65-2
EC No.:	231-961-6
REACH Registration No.:	Not available.
Purity:	100%
	The purity of the substance in this section is used for classification only, and does not represent the actual purity of the substance as supplied, for which other documentation should be consulted.
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3/13**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**General:** Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**Inhalation:** Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

**Eye contact:** Rinse the eye with water immediately. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Get immediate medical assistance. If medical assistance is not immediately available, flush an additional 15 minutes.

**Skin Contact:** Contact with evaporating liquid may cause frostbite or freezing of skin.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:** May be fatal if inhaled. Contact with liquefied gas can cause damage (frostbite) due to rapid evaporative cooling.

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Hazards:** May be fatal if inhaled. Contact with liquefied gas can cause damage (frostbite) due to rapid evaporative cooling.

**Treatment:** Treat with a corticosteroid spray as soon as possible after inhalation. Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

**General Fire Hazards:** Heat may cause the containers to explode.

**5.1 Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift. Water Spray or Fog. Dry powder. Foam.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** Carbon Dioxide.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:** Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products. Escaping gas fire cannot be extinguished.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition: Germanium and its oxides

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### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

**Special fire fighting procedures:**

In case of fire: Stop leak if safe to do so. Use of water may result in the formation of very toxic aqueous solutions. Keep run-off water out of sewers and water sources. Dike for water control. Continue water spray from protected position until container stays cool. Use extinguishants to contain the fire. Isolate the source of the fire or let it burn out.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:**

Gas tight chemically protective clothing (Type 1) in combination with self contained breathing apparatus.  
Guideline: EN 943-2 Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, aerosols and solid particles. Performance requirements for gas-tight (Type 1) chemical protective suits for emergency teams (ET)

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:**

Evacuate area. Provide adequate ventilation. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres. In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources. Monitor the concentration of the released product. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. EN 137 Respiratory protective devices - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask - Requirements, testing, marking.

**6.2 Environmental Precautions:**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Reduce vapour with fog or fine water spray. Keep run-off water out of sewers and water sources. Dike for water control.

**6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Provide adequate ventilation. Eliminate sources of ignition. Wash contaminated equipment or sites of leaks with copious quantities of water.

**6.4 Reference to other sections:**

Refer to sections 8 and 13.

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**SECTION 7: Handling and storage:**

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling:** Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Purge system with dry inert gas (e.g. helium or nitrogen) before gas is introduced and when system is placed out of service. Purge air from system before introducing gas. Containers, which contain or have contained flammable or explosive substances, must not be inerted with liquid carbon dioxide. Assess the risk of a potentially explosive atmosphere and the need for suitable equipment i.e. explosion-proof. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Keep away from ignition sources (including static discharges). Provide electrical earthing of equipment and electrical equipment usable in explosive atmospheres. Use non-sparking tools. Installation of a cross purge assembly between the container and the regulator is recommended. Excess pressure must be vented through an appropriate scrubber system. Refer to supplier's handling instructions. The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Ensure the complete system has been (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use. Protect containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the container contents. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Secure cylinders in an upright position at all times, close all valves when not in use. Provide adequate ventilation. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Avoid suckback of water, acid and alkalis. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Store in accordance with. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminates particularly oil and water. If user experiences any difficulty operating container valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Never attempt to transfer gases from one container to another. Container valve guards or caps should be in place.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** All electrical equipment in the storage areas should be compatible with the risk of a potentially explosive atmosphere. Segregate from oxidant gases and other oxidants being stored. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general conditions and leakage. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep away from combustible material.
- 7.3 Specific end use(s):** None.

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6/13**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

## 8.1 Control Parameters

## Occupational Exposure Limits

Chemical name	Type	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Germanium tetrahydride	NORMEN	0,2 ppm 0,6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Norway. Regulation No. 1358 on Measures and Limit Values for Physical and Chemical Factors in Work Environment and Infection Groups for Biological Factors (12 2011)

## 8.2 Exposure controls

## Appropriate engineering controls:

Consider a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Keep concentrations well below occupational exposure limits. Gas detectors should be used when toxic quantities may be released. Gas detectors should be used when quantities of flammable gases or vapours may be released. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Product to be handled in a closed system and under strictly controlled conditions. Only use permanent leak tight installations (e.g. welded pipes). Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product.

## Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

## General information:

A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered. Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use. Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved. Protect eyes, face and skin from contact with product. Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

## Eye/face protection:

Safety eyewear, goggles or face-shield to EN166 should be used to avoid exposure to liquid splashes. Wear eye protection to EN 166 when using gases. Guideline: EN 166 Personal Eye Protection.

## Skin protection

## Hand Protection:

Wear working gloves while handling containers  
Guideline: EN 388 Protective gloves against mechanical risks.

## Body protection:

Wear fire resistant or flame retardant clothing. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use.  
Guideline: ISO/TR 2801:2007 Clothing for protection against heat and flame -- General recommendations for selection, care and use of protective clothing. Guideline: EN 943 Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, including liquid aerosols and solid particles.

## Other:

Wear safety shoes while handling containers  
Guideline: ISO 20345 Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

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<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	Reference should be made to European Standard EN 689 for methods for the assessment of exposure by inhalation to chemical agents and national guidance documents for methods for the determination of hazardous substances. The selection of the Respiratory Protective Device (RPD) must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected RPD. Material: Filter B Guideline: EN 14387 Respiratory protective devices. Gas filter(s) and combined filter(s). Requirements, testing, marking. Guideline: EN 136 Respiratory protective devices. Full face masks. Requirements, testing, marking. Guideline: EN 137 Respiratory protective devices - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask - Requirements, testing, marking.
<b>Thermal hazards:</b>	No precautionary measures are necessary.
<b>Hygiene measures:</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Specific risk management measures are not required beyond good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product.
<b>Environmental exposure controls:</b>	For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

## 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

## Appearance

Physical state:	Gas
Form:	Liquefied gas
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Highly disagreeable, Moldy odor
Odor Threshold:	Odor threshold is subjective and is inadequate to warn of over exposure.
pH:	not applicable.
Melting Point:	-166 °C
Boiling Point:	-88,5 °C
Sublimation Point:	not applicable.
Critical Temp. (°C):	34,8 °C
Flash Point:	Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures.
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures.
Flammability (solid, gas):	Flammable Gas
Flammability Limit - Upper (%):	99 %(V)
Flammability Limit - Lower (%):	1 %(V)
Vapor pressure:	No reliable data available.
Vapor density (air=1):	2,6
Relative density:	No data available.
Solubility(ies)	

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Solubility in Water:	No data available.
Solubility (other):	water: Insoluble/Insoluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not known.
Autoignition Temperature:	< 85 °C Pyrophoric - catches fire if exposed to air.
Decomposition Temperature:	Not known.
Viscosity	
Kinematic viscosity:	No data available.
Dynamic viscosity:	No data available.
Explosive properties:	Not applicable.
Oxidizing properties:	not applicable.

9.2 Other information: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

Molecular weight: 76,6 g/mol (GeH4)

#### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity:	No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-section below.
10.2 Chemical Stability:	Stable under normal conditions.
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Can form a potentially explosive atmosphere in air. May react violently with oxidants. Can ignite spontaneously in air (fire cannot be put out). Can form violent, spontaneously explosive mixture in air.
10.4 Conditions to avoid:	Avoid moisture in the installation. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
10.5 Incompatible Materials:	Air and oxidizers. Moisture. For material compatibility see latest version of ISO-11114.
10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

#### SECTION 11: Toxicological information

General information: None.

##### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity - Oral Product Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - Dermal Product Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.



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LC 50 (Rat, 1 h): 620 ppm**Skin Corrosion/Irritation****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.**Germ Cell Mutagenicity****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.**Carcinogenicity****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.**Reproductive toxicity****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Germanium tetrahydride Causes damage to kidneys and liver. Causes damage to red blood cells (haemolytic poison).

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure****Product** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Germanium tetrahydride Causes damage to kidneys and liver. Causes damage to red blood cells (haemolytic poison).

**Aspiration Hazard****Product** Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures..**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity****Acute toxicity****Product** No ecological damage caused by this product.

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**12.2 Persistence and Degradability****Product**

Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures..

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential****Product**

The subject product is expected to biodegrade and is not expected to persist for long periods in an aquatic environment.

**12.4 Mobility in soil****Product**

Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution.

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****Product**

Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

**12.6 Other adverse effects:**

No ecological damage caused by this product.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****General information:**

Must not be discharged to atmosphere. Consult supplier for specific recommendations.

**Disposal methods:**Refer to the EIGA code of practice (Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org>) for more guidance on suitable disposal methods. Dispose of container via supplier only. Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws. Toxic and corrosive gases formed during combustion should be scrubbed before discharge to atmosphere.**European Waste Codes****Container:**

16 05 04\*: Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances.

**SECTION 14: Transport information****ADR**

14.1 UN Number:	UN 2192
14.2 UN Proper Shipping Name:	GERMANE
14.3 Transport Hazard Class(es)	
Class:	2
Label(s):	2.3, 2.1
Hazard No. (ADR):	263
Tunnel restriction code:	(B/D)
14.4 Packing Group:	-
14.5 Environmental hazards:	not applicable
14.6 Special precautions for user:	-

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14.1 UN Number: UN 2192  
14.2 UN Proper Shipping Name: GERMANE  
14.3 Transport Hazard Class(es):  
Class: 2  
Label(s): 2.3, 2.1  
14.4 Packing Group: -  
14.5 Environmental hazards: not applicable  
14.6 Special precautions for user: -

**IMDG**

14.1 UN Number: UN 2192  
14.2 UN Proper Shipping Name: GERMANE  
14.3 Transport Hazard Class(es):  
Class: 2.3  
Label(s): 2.3, 2.1  
EmS No.: F-D, S-U  
14.3 Packing Group: -  
14.5 Environmental hazards: not applicable  
14.6 Special precautions for user: -

**IATA**

14.1 UN Number: UN 2192  
14.2 Proper Shipping Name: Germane  
14.3 Transport Hazard Class(es):  
Class: 2.3  
Label(s): -  
14.4 Packing Group: -  
14.5 Environmental hazards: not applicable  
14.6 Special precautions for user: -  
Other information  
Passenger and cargo aircraft: Forbidden.  
Cargo aircraft only: Forbidden.

**14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code:** not applicable

**Additional identification:** Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured. Ensure that the container valve is closed and not leaking. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Ensure adequate air ventilation.

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12/13**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture:****National Regulations**

Council Directive 89/391/EEC on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work Directive 89/686/EEC on personal protective equipment Directive 94/9/EC on equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX) Only products that comply with the food regulations (EC) No. 1333/2008 and (EU) No. 231/2012 and are labelled as such may be used as food additives.  
This Safety Data Sheet has been produced to comply with Regulation (EU) 2015/830.

**15.2 Chemical safety assessment:** No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out.**SECTION 16: Other information****Revision Information:** Not relevant.

**Key literature references and sources for data:** Various sources of data have been used in the compilation of this SDS, they include but are not exclusive to:  
Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>).  
European Chemical Agency: Guidance on the Compilation of Safety Data Sheets.  
European Chemical Agency: Information on Registered Substances <http://apps.echa.europa.eu/registered/registered-sub.aspx#search>  
European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) Doc. 169 Classification and Labelling guide.  
International Programme on Chemical Safety (<http://www.inchem.org/>)  
ISO 10156:2010 Gases and gas mixtures - Determination of fire potential and oxidizing ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets.  
Matheson Gas Data Book, 7th Edition.  
National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard Reference Database Number 69.  
The ESIS (European chemical Substances Information System) platform of the former European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) ESIS (<http://ecb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/esis/>).  
The European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) ERICards.  
United States of America's National Library of Medicine's toxicology data network TOXNET (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/index.html>)  
Threshold Limit Values (TLV) from the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).  
Substance specific information from suppliers.  
Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of publication.

**Wording of the H-statements in section 2 and 3**

H220	Extremely flammable gas.
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.

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**Training information:** Users of breathing apparatus must be trained. Ensure operators understand the toxicity hazard.

**Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended.**

Flam. Gas 1, H220

Press. Gas Liq. Gas, H280

Acute Tox. 2, H330

**Other information:** Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Whilst proper care has been taken in the preparation of this document, no liability for injury or damage resulting from its use can be accepted.

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**Disclaimer:** This information is provided without warranty. The information is believed to be correct. This information should be used to make an independent determination of the methods to safeguard workers and the environment.