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Properties of Ethylene Oxide

Appearance: Colorless Liquid or Gas Odor:

Sweet, ether-like 250-700 ppm

Boiling Point: 50.9°F (10.5°C)

Vapor Density: 1.5 (Air=1)

Solubility in Water: 100%

OSHA Pel 8 hour weighted average 1 part per million

OSHA 15 Minute Excursion Limit 15 Minute Time Weighted Average 5 parts per million

Humans can smell Ethylene Oxide 700 parts per million

Immediately Dangerous to Life & Health (IDLH) 800 parts per million

Lower Explosion Limit 2.6% - 100% in atmosphere





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	Liquid	Gas
Boiling Point (760mm)	50.9° F (10.5° C)	-
Coefficient of Expansion		
20° C (69° F)	0.00161 per ° C	_
55° C (130° F)	0.00170 per ° C	
73.9° C (165° F)	0.002095 per ° C	_
Color	Colorless	Colorless
Corrosiveness	Non-Corrosive	Non-Corrosive
Critical Density	2.7 lbs per gallon	-
Critical Pressure (lbs./sq abs)	-	1043
Critical Temperature	-	196° C (385° F)
Density at 20/20° lbs/gal.	7.25	-
Explosive Limits	Non-Explosive	Explosive
Percent by volume in air:		
Upper	-	100%
	-	3%
Flash Point (Open cup)	<0° F	-
Heat of Combustion	-	312.15
Kg. Cal./gm. mol.		
Heat of Vaporization	250	-
1atm, BTU/lb.		
Hyproscopicity	Light	-
Auto-ignition temperature in air	-	444° C (832° F)
(1 atm)		
Decomposition temperature in	-	560° C (1040° F)
absence of air		
Freezing Point	-112.6° C (170.7° F)	-
Molecular Weight	44.05	-
Odor	Characteristic ether-like	Characteristic ether-like
	odor, but irritating in high	odor, but irritating in high
	concentration	concentration