

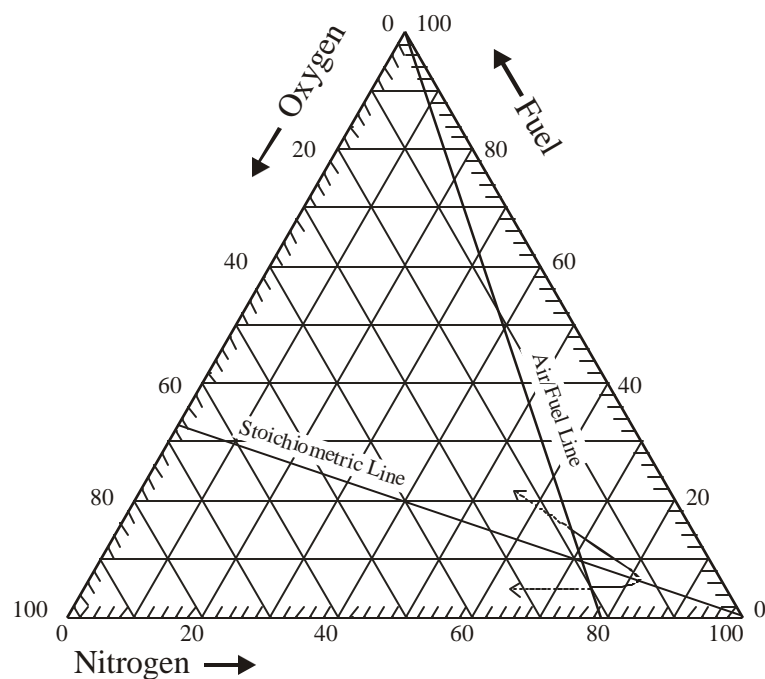
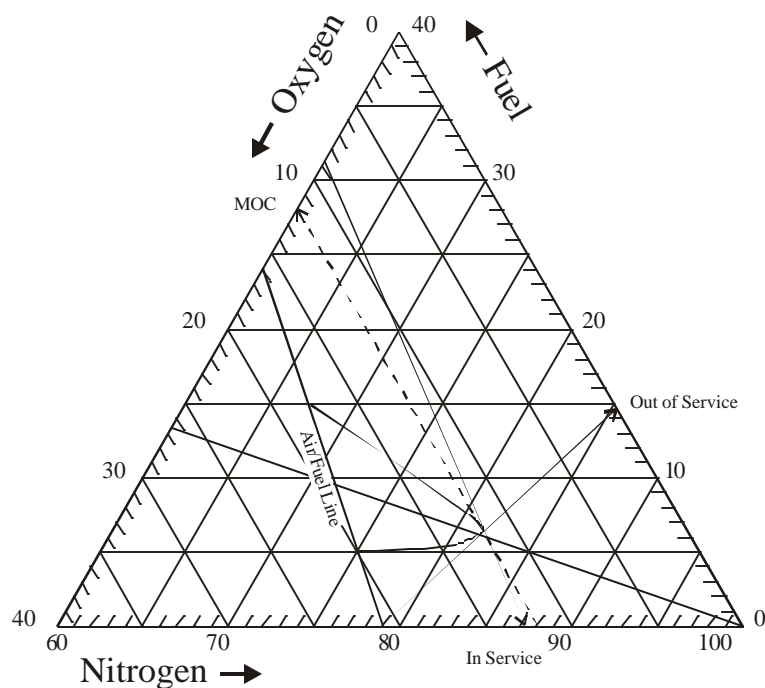
# Methane



25°C and Atmospheric Pressure



Triangular Plot Data From Reference 2



Molecular weight:	16.04
Boiling point: <sup>1</sup>	-161.45°C
LFL: <sup>2</sup>	5%
UFL: <sup>2</sup>	15%
MOC:	12% O <sub>2</sub>
Flash point: <sup>3</sup>	-222.56°C

Vapor Pressure Equation: <sup>4</sup>	$\ln P = A - \frac{B}{T(K) + C}$
	P (mmHg)
	93 to 120K
	A = 15.2243
	B = 897.84
	C = -7.16

Concentration of vapor in air at 1 atm.: \*\*%

From Figure:

In service Concentrations:	87% N <sub>2</sub> 13% O <sub>2</sub>
Out of service Concentrations:	14.5% Fuel 85.5% N <sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>Lide, D. R., Editor in chief, *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 71<sup>st</sup> ed., CRC Press, Inc., Boston, 1991

<sup>2</sup>Zabetakis, M. G., *Flammability Characteristics of Combustible Gases and Vapors*, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, No. 627, 1965

<sup>3</sup>Stephenson, R. M., *Flash Points of Organic and Organometallic Compounds*, Elsevier Science Publishing Co., Inc., New York, 1987

<sup>4</sup>Reid, R. C., Prausnitz, J. M., and Sherwood, T. R., *The Properties of Gases and Liquids*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. McGraw Hill, New York, 1977