

Material Safety Data Sheet



Nonflammable Gas Mixture: Nitrogen / Nitrogen Dioxide / Oxygen

Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

Product name	: Nonflammable Gas Mixture: Nitrogen / Nitrogen Dioxide / Oxygen
Supplier	: AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries 259 North Radnor-Chester Road Suite 100 Radnor, PA 19087-5283 1-610-687-5253
Product use	: Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.
MSDS #	: 002192
Date of Preparation/Revision	: 6/23/2009.
In case of emergency	: 1-866-734-3438

Section 2. Hazards identification

Physical state	: Gas.
Emergency overview	: DANGER! MAY BE FATAL IF INHALED. CAUSES SEVERE RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN BURNS. CONTAINS MATERIAL THAT MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA. CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Do not breathe gas. Do not get on skin or clothing. Contains material that may cause target organ damage, based on animal data. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container closed. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Avoid breathing gas. Wash thoroughly after handling. Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.
Target organs	: Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: lungs, cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract, eyes.
Routes of entry	: Inhalation Dermal Eyes
Potential acute health effects	
Eyes	: Severely corrosive to the eyes. Causes severe burns. Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
Skin	: Severely corrosive to the skin. Causes severe burns. Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
Inhalation	: Very toxic by inhalation. Severely corrosive to the respiratory system.
Ingestion	: Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases
Potential chronic health effects	: CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH [Nitrogen oxide (NO ₂)]. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.
Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure	: Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.
See toxicological information (section 11)	

Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

Name	CAS number	% Volume	Exposure limits
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	74.2 - 80.5	Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant]
Oxygen	7782-44-7	19.5 - 23.5	
Nitrogen Dioxide	10102-44-0	0.0001 - 2.29	ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2008). STEL: 9.4 mg/m ³ 15 minute(s). STEL: 5 ppm 15 minute(s). TWA: 5.6 mg/m ³ 8 hour(s). TWA: 3 ppm 8 hour(s). NIOSH REL (United States, 6/2008). STEL: 1.8 mg/m ³ 15 minute(s). STEL: 1 ppm 15 minute(s). OSHA PEL (United States, 11/2006). CEIL: 9 mg/m ³ CEIL: 5 ppm OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989). STEL: 1.8 mg/m ³ 15 minute(s). STEL: 1 ppm 15 minute(s).

Section 4. First aid measures

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Frostbite** : Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.
- Inhalation** : Call medical doctor or poison control center immediately. Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.

Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Non-flammable.
- Products of combustion** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
nitrogen oxides
- Fire-fighting media and instructions** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Apply water from a safe distance to cool container and protect surrounding area. If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk.
- Contains gas under pressure. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst or explode.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Section 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (section 8). Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
- Methods for cleaning up** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Stop leak if without risk. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

Section 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. High pressure gas. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Keep container closed. Do not get on skin or clothing. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.
- Storage** : Cylinders should be stored upright, with valve protection cap in place, and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Cylinder temperatures should not exceed 52 °C (125 °F).

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

- Engineering controls** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.
- Personal protection**
- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.
- Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
The applicable standards are (US) 29 CFR 1910.134 and (Canada) Z94.4-93
- Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
- Personal protection in case of a large spill** : Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Full chemical-resistant suit and self-contained breathing apparatus should be worn only by trained and authorized persons.

Product name

Nitrogen
Oxygen
Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)

Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant]

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Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

- Melting/freezing point** : -11.2°C (11.8°F) This is based on data for the following ingredient: Nitrogen oxide (NO₂). Weighted average: -207.62°C (-341.7°F)
- Critical temperature** : Lowest known value: -146.9°C (-232.4°F) (Nitrogen).
- Vapor density** : Highest known value: 2.62 (Air = 1) (Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)). Weighted average: 1.03 (Air = 1)
- Gas Density (lb/ft³)** : Weighted average: 0.08

Section 10. Stability and reactivity

- Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.
- Incompatibility with various substances** : Extremely reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials, reducing materials, combustible materials and organic materials.
Highly reactive or incompatible with the following materials: alkalis and moisture.
- Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
- Hazardous polymerization** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Toxicity data

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Nitrogen oxide (NO ₂)	LC50 Inhalation Vapor	Rat	790 mg/m ³	5 minutes
	LC50 Inhalation Vapor	Rat	310 mg/m ³	30 minutes
	LC50 Inhalation Vapor	Rat	220 mg/m ³	1 hours
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Mouse	1000 ppm	0.67 hours
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	200 ppm	30 minutes
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	115 ppm	1 hours
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	88 ppm	4 hours
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Chronic effects on humans : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Classified A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH [Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)].
Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: lungs, cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract, eyes.

Other toxic effects on humans : Hazardous by the following route of exposure: of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of inhalation (lung irritant).

Specific effects

- Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Reproduction toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 12. Ecological information

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Species	Exposure
Nitrogen oxide (NO2)	-	Acute LC50 79450 ug/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Redtail prawn - Penaeus penicillatus - 3.58 to 4.75 cm - 0.4 to 0.69 g	48 hours
	-	Acute LC50 52930 ug/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Redtail prawn - Penaeus penicillatus - 3.58 to 4.75 cm - 0.4 to 0.69 g	48 hours
	-	Acute LC50 19600 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Tench - Tinca tinca - LARVAE - 20 days - 11.18 mm - 11.36 mg	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 8640 to 9980 ug/L Fresh water	Crustaceans - Giant river prawn - Macrobrachium rosenbergii	48 hours

Products of degradation : Products of degradation: nitrogen oxides (NO, NO₂ etc.).

Environmental fate : Not available.




Environmental hazards : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Toxicity to the environment : Not available.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.

Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		-
TDG Classification	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index 0.125 Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index 75
Mexico Classification	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		-

“Refer to CFR 49 (or authority having jurisdiction) to determine the information required for shipment of the product.”

Section 15. Regulatory information

United States

- U.S. Federal regulations** :
- United States inventory (TSCA 8b):** All components are listed or exempted.
 - SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances:** Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)
 - SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification:** Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)
 - SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals:** Nitrogen; Oxygen; Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)
 - SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification:**
Nitrogen: Sudden release of pressure; Oxygen: Fire hazard, Sudden release of pressure, Delayed (chronic) health hazard; Nitrogen oxide (NO₂): Fire hazard, Sudden release of pressure, Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard
 - Clean Water Act (CWA) 307:** No products were found.
 - Clean Water Act (CWA) 311:** Nitrogen oxide (NO₂)
 - Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention:** No products were found.
 - Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances:** No products were found.
 - Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances:** No products were found.
- State regulations** :
- Connecticut Carcinogen Reporting:** None of the components are listed.
 - Connecticut Hazardous Material Survey:** None of the components are listed.
 - Florida substances:** None of the components are listed.
 - Illinois Chemical Safety Act:** None of the components are listed.
 - Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employee Act:** None of the components are listed.
 - Louisiana Reporting:** None of the components are listed.
 - Louisiana Spill:** None of the components are listed.
 - Massachusetts Spill:** None of the components are listed.
 - Massachusetts Substances:** The following components are listed: NITROGEN; OXYGEN (LIQUID); NITROGEN DIOXIDE
 - Michigan Critical Material:** None of the components are listed.
 - Minnesota Hazardous Substances:** None of the components are listed.
 - New Jersey Hazardous Substances:** The following components are listed: NITROGEN (COMPRESSED OR LIQUIFIED); OXYGEN; NITROGEN DIOXIDE
 - New Jersey Spill:** None of the components are listed.
 - New Jersey Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act:** None of the components are listed.
 - New York Acutely Hazardous Substances:** The following components are listed: Nitric dioxide
 - New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting:** None of the components are listed.
 - Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances:** The following components are listed: NITROGEN; OXYGEN; NITROGEN OXIDE (NO₂)
 - Rhode Island Hazardous Substances:** None of the components are listed.

Canada

- WHMIS (Canada)** :
- Class A: Compressed gas.
 - Class C: Oxidizing material.
 - Class D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (Very toxic).
 - Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).
 - Class E: Corrosive material
- CEPA Toxic substances:** The following components are listed: Nitrogen dioxide
- Canadian ARET:** None of the components are listed.
- Canadian NPRI:** None of the components are listed.
- Alberta Designated Substances:** None of the components are listed.
- Ontario Designated Substances:** None of the components are listed.
- Quebec Designated Substances:** None of the components are listed.

Section 16. Other information

United States

Label requirements

: MAY BE FATAL IF INHALED.
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CONTAINS MATERIAL THAT MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.
CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.

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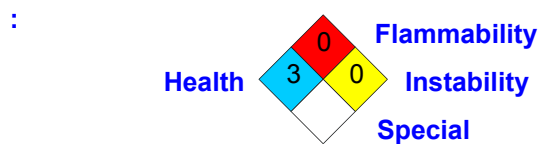
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Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)

Health	*	3
Flammability		0
Physical hazards		0

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)



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