

Material Safety Data Sheet



Nonflammable Gas Mixture: Carbon Dioxide / Helium / Nitric Oxide / Nitrous Oxide

Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

- Product name** : Nonflammable Gas Mixture: Carbon Dioxide / Helium / Nitric Oxide / Nitrous Oxide
- Supplier** : AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries
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Suite 100
Radnor, PA 19087-5283
1-610-687-5253
- Product use** : Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.
- MSDS #** : 012471
- Date of Preparation/ Revision** : **12/12/2014.**
- In case of emergency** : 1-866-734-3438

Section 2. Hazards identification

- Physical state** : Gas.
WARNING!
CONTAINS MATERIAL THAT MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.
CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.
Do not puncture or incinerate container. Contains material that may cause target organ damage, based on animal data.
Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.
- Target organs** : Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: blood, kidneys, lungs, the nervous system, the reproductive system, liver, upper respiratory tract, central nervous system (CNS).
- Routes of entry** : Inhalation
- Potential acute health effects**
- Eyes** : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
- Skin** : Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
- Inhalation** : Acts as a simple asphyxiant.
- Ingestion** : Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases
- Potential chronic health effects**
- Chronic effects** : Contains material that may cause target organ damage, based on animal data.
- Target organs** : Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: blood, kidneys, lungs, the nervous system, the reproductive system, liver, upper respiratory tract, central nervous system (CNS).
- 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>% Volume</u>	<u>Exposure limits</u>
Helium	7440-59-7	48.5 - 99	Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant]
Nitrous Oxide	10024-97-2	1 - 50	ACGIH TLV (United States, 6/2013). TWA: 90 mg/m ³ 8 hours. TWA: 50 ppm 8 hours. NIOSH REL (United States, 4/2013). TWA: 46 mg/m ³ 10 hours. TWA: 25 ppm 10 hours.
Carbon Dioxide	124-38-9	0.0001 - 0.9999	ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2012). Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant]. STEL: 54000 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. STEL: 30000 ppm 15 minutes. TWA: 9000 mg/m ³ 8 hours. TWA: 5000 ppm 8 hours. NIOSH REL (United States, 1/2013). STEL: 54000 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. STEL: 30000 ppm 15 minutes. TWA: 9000 mg/m ³ 10 hours. TWA: 5000 ppm 10 hours. OSHA PEL (United States, 6/2010). TWA: 9000 mg/m ³ 8 hours. TWA: 5000 ppm 8 hours. OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989). STEL: 54000 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. STEL: 30000 ppm 15 minutes. TWA: 18000 mg/m ³ 8 hours. TWA: 10000 ppm 8 hours.
Nitric Oxide	10102-43-9	0.0001 - 0.5	ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2012). TWA: 25 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 31 mg/m ³ 8 hours. OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989). TWA: 25 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 30 mg/m ³ 8 hours. NIOSH REL (United States, 1/2013). TWA: 25 ppm 10 hours. TWA: 30 mg/m ³ 10 hours. OSHA PEL (United States, 6/2010). TWA: 25 ppm 8 hours. TWA: 30 mg/m ³ 8 hours.

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** : 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** : High pressure gas. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. 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. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields.
- 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

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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. Considering the parameters specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are still retaining their protective properties. It should be noted that the time to breakthrough for any glove material may be different for different glove manufacturers. In the case of mixtures, consisting of several substances, the protection time of the gloves cannot be accurately estimated.

Personal protection in case of a large spill : Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) should be used to avoid inhalation of the product.

Product name

helium
dinitrogen oxide

Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant]
ACGIH TLV (United States, 6/2013).

TWA: 90 mg/m³ 8 hours.
TWA: 50 ppm 8 hours.

NIOSH REL (United States, 4/2013).

TWA: 46 mg/m³ 10 hours.
TWA: 25 ppm 10 hours.

Carbon dioxide

ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2012). Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant].

STEL: 54000 mg/m³ 15 minutes.
STEL: 30000 ppm 15 minutes.
TWA: 9000 mg/m³ 8 hours.
TWA: 5000 ppm 8 hours.

NIOSH REL (United States, 1/2013).

STEL: 54000 mg/m³ 15 minutes.
STEL: 30000 ppm 15 minutes.
TWA: 9000 mg/m³ 10 hours.
TWA: 5000 ppm 10 hours.

OSHA PEL (United States, 6/2010).

TWA: 9000 mg/m³ 8 hours.
TWA: 5000 ppm 8 hours.

OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989).

STEL: 54000 mg/m³ 15 minutes.
STEL: 30000 ppm 15 minutes.
TWA: 18000 mg/m³ 8 hours.
TWA: 10000 ppm 8 hours.

nitrogen monoxide

ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2012).

TWA: 25 ppm 8 hours.
TWA: 31 mg/m³ 8 hours.

OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989).

TWA: 25 ppm 8 hours.
TWA: 30 mg/m³ 8 hours.

NIOSH REL (United States, 1/2013).

TWA: 25 ppm 10 hours.
TWA: 30 mg/m³ 10 hours.

OSHA PEL (United States, 6/2010).

TWA: 25 ppm 8 hours.
TWA: 30 mg/m³ 8 hours.

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Melting/freezing point : -90.8°C (-131.4°F) This is based on data for the following ingredient: dinitrogen oxide. Weighted average: -211.33°C (-348.4°F)

Critical temperature : Lowest known value: -267.9°C (-450.2°F) (helium).

Vapor density : Highest known value: 1.53 (Air = 1) (dinitrogen oxide). Weighted average: 0.61 (Air = 1)

Gas Density (lb/ft³) : Weighted average: 0.01

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 and combustible materials.
- 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
Carbon dioxide	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	470000 ppm	30 minutes
nitrogen monoxide	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	115 ppm	1 hours

- Chronic effects on humans** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Classified A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for humans.) by IARC [dinitrogen oxide]. Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: blood, kidneys, lungs, the nervous system, the reproductive system, liver, upper respiratory tract, central nervous system (CNS).

- Other toxic effects on humans** : No specific information is available in our database regarding the other toxic effects of this material to humans.

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

Not available.

- 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

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DOT Classification	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		Reportable quantity 2000 lbs / 908 kg Package sizes shipped in quantities less than the product reportable quantity are not subject to the RQ (reportable quantity) transportation requirements.
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 : TSCA 8(a) CDR Exempt/Partial exemption: Not determined
 United States inventory (TSCA 8b): All components are listed or exempted.
 SARA 302/304: nitrogen monoxide
 SARA 311/312 Hazards identification: Sudden release of pressure, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

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: HELIUM; NITROUS OXIDE
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: HELIUM;

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NITROUS OXIDE; NITROGEN OXIDE (N2O)

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: None of the components are listed.

New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting: None of the components are listed.

Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances: The following components are listed:

HELIUM; NITROUS OXIDE

Rhode Island Hazardous Substances: None of the components are listed.

California Prop. 65

: **WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Ingredient name

Cancer

Reproductive

No significant risk level

Maximum acceptable dosage level

Nitrous Oxide

No.

Yes.

No.

No.

Canada

WHMIS (Canada)

: Class A: Compressed gas.

Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (Very toxic).

CEPA Toxic substances: The following components are listed: Nitrous oxide

Canadian ARET: None of the components are listed.

Canadian NPRI: The following components are listed: Nitrogen oxides (expressed as nitrogen dioxide)

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

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

Canada

Label requirements

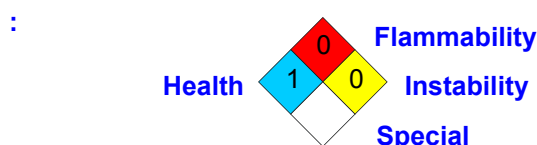
: Class A: Compressed gas.

Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (Very toxic).

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

Health	1
Flammability	0
Physical hazards	3

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



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Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.