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# Nitrogen

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### Identification

Product Name: Nitrogen  
CAS Number: 7727-37-9  
Chemical Family: Inert Gas  
Common Names/Synonyms: Nitrogen, Compressed; Nitrogen Gas  
MSDS Identification Code/Number: NL 1066  
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### Composition, Information on Ingredients, Exposure Limits

#### Exposure Limits<sup>1</sup>

Ingredient	% Volume	PEL-OSHA <sup>2</sup>	TLV-ACGIH <sup>3</sup>	LD <sub>50</sub> or LC <sub>50</sub> Route/Species
Nitrogen Formula: N <sub>2</sub> CAS: 7727-37-9 RTECS#: QW9700000	99% to 99.9999%	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Refer to individual state or provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits that may be more stringent than those listed here.

<sup>2</sup> As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1993)

<sup>3</sup> As stated in the ACGIH 2007 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

### Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview:

Colorless, odorless nonflammable compressed gas. Simple Asphyxiant – This product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia if released in a confined area. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5%. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125 °F (52°C).

#### Route of Entry:

Skin Contact	Skin Absorption	Eye Contact	Inhalation	Ingestion
No	No	No	Yes	No

#### Health Effects:

Exposure Limits Yes	Irritant No	Sensitization No
Teratogen No	Reproductive Hazard No	Mutagen No
Synergistic Effects None reported		

Carcinogenicity: NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

<b>Hazards Identification Continued</b>
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**Eye Effects:**

Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

**Skin Effects:**

Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite with redness, skin color change to gray or white, and blistering.

**Ingestion Effects:**

None known. Ingestion is unlikely as product is a gas at room temperature.

**Inhalation Effects:**

Product is a non-toxic simple asphyxiant. Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from simple asphyxiants may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgment, depression of all sensations, emotional instability, and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration, and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma, and death.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:**

None known.

**NFPA Hazard Codes**

Health: 0  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

**HMIS Hazard Codes**

Health: 0  
Flammability: 0  
Physical Hazard: 3

**Ratings System**

0: No Hazard  
1: Slight Hazard  
2: Moderate Hazard  
3: Serious Hazard  
4: Severe Hazard

Hazard ratings were assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in CGA Pamphlet P-19-2004, *CGA Recommended Hazard Ratings for Compressed Gases, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*.

<b>First Aid Measures</b>
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**Eyes:**

None required for gas. If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and obtain immediate medical attention.

**Skin:**

None required for gas. For frostbite, immerse skin in lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. Obtain medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Not anticipated; product is a gas.

**Inhalation:**

PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.

Victims should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area and, if breathing has stopped, administer artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

## Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Not flammable		
Flash Point: Not Available	Method: Not Available	Autoignition Temperature: Not Available
LEL %: None		UEL %: None
Hazardous Combustion Products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

### Fire and Explosion Hazards:

Nonflammable, non-combustible. Cylinders may rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

### Extinguishing Media:

Use media suitable for surrounding combustible or flammable materials.

### Fire Fighting Instructions:

Use water spray to cool surrounding containers. Continue to cool surrounding containers until well after flames are extinguished. Fire fighters should wear a full-facepiece NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode and full turnout gear.

## Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in section 1 or call your closest Norco/NorLab location.

## Handling and Storage

### Electrical Classification:

Non-hazardous

This gas mixture is non-corrosive and may be used with all common structural materials.

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless the cylinder is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure (<3000 PSIG) piping or systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous backflow into the cylinder.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavy traffic areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 125<sup>0</sup>F (52<sup>0</sup>C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in – first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time.

For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association Pamphlets P-1.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid from in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

## Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

### Engineering Controls:

Local exhaust to prevent accumulation of high concentrations and maintain air oxygen level at or above 19.5%.

### Eye/Face Protection:

Safety goggles or glasses as appropriate for the job.

## Exposure Controls, Personal Protection Continued

**Skin Protection:**

Protective gloves of material appropriate for the job.

**Respiratory Protection:**

Positive pressure air line with full-face mask and escape bottle or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.

**Other/General Protection:**

Safety shoes.

## Physical and Chemical Properties

Parameter	Value	Units
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Not Available	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: 0.97	
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: -320.4	<sup>0</sup> F
	: -195.8	<sup>0</sup> C
Freezing point	: -345.9	<sup>0</sup> F
	: -209.9	<sup>0</sup> C
pH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: Not Available	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H <sub>2</sub> O)	: Very slightly soluble	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Colorless, odorless gas	

## Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable

**Incompatible Materials:**

None

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

None

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

## Toxicological Information

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

## Ecological Information

Product does not contain Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances. Not toxic. Will not bioconcentrate

### Disposal Considerations

Do not attempt to dispose of waste or unused quantities in returnable cylinders. Return in the shipping container, properly labeled, with any valve outlet plugs or caps secure and valve protection cap in place, to Norco or NorLab for proper disposal. Non-refillable containers should be vented in a well ventilated area then disposed of in accordance with local regulations, or returned to NorLab.

### Transport Information

Parameter	US DOT	Canada TDG
<b>Proper Shipping Name:</b>	Nitrogen, Compressed	Nitrogen, Compressed
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	2.2	2.2
<b>Identification Number:</b>	UN 1066	UN 1066
<b>Shipping Label:</b>	Non Flammable Gas	Non Flammable Gas

### Regulatory Information

**SARA Title III Notifications and Information:**

**SARA Title III – Section 313 Supplier Notification:**

This product does not contain toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 and 40 CFR 372.

**SARA Title III – Hazard Classes:**

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

**California Proposition 65:** This product does not contain ingredient(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

### Other Information

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT	Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TLV	Threshold Limit Value

Compressed gas cylinders shall not be refilled without the express written permission of the owner. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his/her (written) consent is a violation of transportation regulations.

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