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# Oxygen 5.0% to 23.5% in Nitrogen

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### Identification

Product Name: Oxygen 5.0% to 23.5% in Nitrogen  
Chemical Name: Oxygen in Nitrogen  
Chemical Family: Gas Mixture  
CAS Number: N/A  
Common Names/Synonyms: N/A  
MSDS Identification Code/Number: 2250  
Prepared By: Quality Dept.

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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
Oxygen Formula: O <sub>2</sub> CAS: 7782-44-7 RTECS#: RS2060000	5.0 to 23	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Nitrogen Formula: N <sub>2</sub> CAS: 7727-37-9 RTECS#: QW9700000	77 to 95	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 July1, 1993)

<sup>3</sup> As stated in the ACGIH 2006 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:

Odorless, colorless nonflammable gas. Mixtures with less than 19.5% oxygen act as a simple asphyxiant. Effects may include headaches, dizziness and loss of consciousness. Non-toxic. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125<sup>0</sup>F (52<sup>0</sup>C).

#### Route of Entry:

Skin Contact No	Skin Absorption No	Eye Contact No	Inhalation Yes	Ingestion No
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#### Health Effects:

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

**Hazards Identification Continued**

Carcinogenicity: NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

**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:**

**Note:** Not to be used as breathing air!

Mixtures which contain < 19.5% oxygen may act as simple asphyxiants. 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

Note: 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*.

**First Aid Measures**

**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:**

None required.

**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: None	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition Temperature: None
LEL % None		UEL % None
Hazardous Combustion Products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:**

Nonflammable. Cylinder may rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

**Extinguishing Media:**

None required. Use as appropriate for surrounding materials.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:**

If possible, stop the flow of gas supply. Use water spray to cool adjacent cylinders and areas. Fire fighters should wear a full-face piece 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.

Do not use as breathing air.

Gas mixture is non-corrosive and may be used with all materials of construction. Moisture causes metal oxides which are formed with air to be hydrated so that they include volume and lose their protective role (rust formation). Concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, salt, etc. in the moisture enhances the rusting of metals in air.

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°F (52°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 Pamphlet P-1.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid form 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:**

Use local exhaust to prevent accumulation of high concentrations and maintain atmospheric oxygen at or above 19.5%.

**Eye/Face Protection:**

Safety goggles or glasses as appropriate for the job.

<b>Exposure Controls, Personal Protection Continued</b>
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**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.

<b>Physical and Chemical Properties</b>
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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	°F
	: -195.8	°C
Freezing point	: -345.9	°F
	: -209.9	°C
pH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: 1	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H <sub>2</sub> O)	: Slightly Soluble	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Colorless, odorless gas	

<b>Stability and Reactivity</b>
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**Stability:**

Stable

**Incompatible Materials:**

None

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

None

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Does not occur.

<b>Toxicological Information</b>
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**Inhalation:**

These mixtures of oxygen and nitrogen are not intended for breathing use since the oxygen concentration in the mixture may be below that which supports life. Oxygen levels should be maintained at greater than 19.5% at normal atmospheric pressure which is equivalent to a partial pressure of 135 mm Hg.

High concentrations of Nitrogen and low concentrations of oxygen in these gas mixtures may exclude adequate supply of oxygen to the lungs which causes dizziness, deeper breathing due to air hunger, possible nausea and eventual unconsciousness.

<b>Toxicological Information Continued</b>
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Mixtures with less than 19.5% oxygen are relatively inactive biologically and essentially nontoxic. The major hazard is the exclusion of an adequate supply of oxygen to the lungs.

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

No data given in the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS or Sax, Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Reproductive:**

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

<b>Ecological Information</b>
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No data given.

<b>Disposal Considerations</b>
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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.

<b>Transport Information</b>
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Parameter	United States DOT	Canada TDG
<b>Proper Shipping Name:</b>	Compressed gas, N.O.S., (Oxygen, Nitrogen)	Compressed gases, N.O. S.,
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	2.2	2.2
<b>Identification Number:</b>	UN 1956	UN 1956
<b>Shipping Label:</b>	Nonflammable Gas	Nonflammable Gas

<b>Regulatory Information</b>
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**SARA Title III Notifications and Information:****SARA Title III- Section 313 Supplier Notification**

This product does not contain any ingredients which are regulated on the U.S. EPA List of Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372), and is therefore no subject to release reporting under Section 313 of EPCRA/SARA Title III.

**SARA Title III – Hazard Classes:**

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

Acute Health Hazard

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

<b>Other Information</b>
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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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