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Methane 0.0001% to 2.5%, Oxygen 2.0% to 23% in Nitrogen

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Identification

Product Name: 0.0001% to 2.5% Methane, 2.0% to 23% Oxygen in Nitrogen
Chemical Name: Not Applicable
Chemical Family: Gas Mixture
CAS Number: N/A
Common Names/Synonyms: Calibration Gas, Bump Gas, Cal Gas Mixture, Two Part Mix.
MSDS Identification Code/Number: 2290

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Composition, Information on Ingredients

Exposure Limits¹:

Ingredient	% Volume	PEL-OSHA ²	TLV-ACGIH ³	LD ₅₀ or LC ₅₀ Route/Species
Methane Formula: CH ₄ CAS Number: 0074-82-8 RTECS#: TX2275000	0.0001% to 2.5%	None Established	1000 ppm	Not Available
Oxygen Formula: O ₂ CAS: 7782-44-7 RTECS#: RS206000	2.0% to 23%	None Established	None Established	Not Available
Nitrogen Formula: N ₂ CAS: 7727-37-9 RTECS#: QW9700000	74.4% to 97.9998%	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

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

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

³ 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.

Hazard Identification

Emergency Overview:

Colorless, odorless non-flammable gas. Mix may or may not have sufficient oxygen content to support life; therefore mix should be treated as a simple asphyxiant. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5%. Inhalation of high methane concentrations may cause central nervous system (CNS) depression and cardiac sensitization. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125°F (52°C).

Route of Entry:

Skin Contact No	Skin Absorption No	Eye Contact Yes	Inhalation Yes	Ingestion No
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Hazard Identification Continued

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

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.

Inhalation Effects:

Inhalation of high methane concentrations may cause central nervous system depression with dizziness, disorientation, in-coordination, nausea, and narcosis. High concentrations may also cause cardiac sensitization resulting in irregular heartbeat and may make the individual more susceptible to cardiac effects of substances such as epinephrine and adrenaline.

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, 2nd Edition*.

First Aid Measures

Eyes:

If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and obtain immediate medical attention.

Skin:

For frostbite, immerse skin in lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. Obtain medical attention.

Ingestion:

None required, product is a gas.

Inhalation:

PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO THIS PRODUCT. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Conscious persons 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 be given artificial respiration and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

First Aid Measures Continued

Note to physician: Monitor cardiac rhythm and treat arrhythmias as necessary. Do Not administer stimulants such as epinephrine or adrenaline.

Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Nonflammable		
Flash point: None	Method: Not Applicable	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. Product contains methane well below its flammable limits or 5% in air. Cylinders may vent rapidly or rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

Extinguishing Media:

None required. Use media appropriate for surrounding materials.

Fire Fighting Instructions:

If possible, stop the flow of gas supply. Use water spray to cool fire exposed cylinders until well after flames have been extinguished. Firefighters should wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus operated in positive pressure mode and full turnout or bunker gear.

Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment. Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to an outdoor area if this can be done without risk. Ventilate enclosed areas. 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.

Gas mixture is non-corrosive and may be used with any common structural material.

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 back flow into the cylinder.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in a 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. Post "NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAMES" signs in the storage or use area.

For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlet P-1.

Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Engineering Controls:

General ventilation used in combination with local exhaust ventilation as necessary to control air contaminants to at or below acceptable exposure guidelines.

Eye/Face Protection:

Safety goggles or glasses.

Skin Protection:

Protective gloves made of any suitable material.

Respiratory Protection:

For emergency release use a NIOSH approved positive pressure air line with mask and escape bottle or self-contained breathing apparatus using at a minimum grade D air.

Other/General Protection:

Safety shoes, safety shower, eyewash "fountain".

Physical and Chemical Properties

Parameter	Value	Units
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Not Available	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: Not Available	
Evaporation Point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: Not Available	
Freezing point	: Not Available	
pH	: Not Available	
Specific gravity	: Not Available	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H ₂ O)	: Very slight	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Odorless, colorless gas	

Stability and Reactivity

Stability:

Stable.

Incompatible Materials:

None known.

Hazardous Polymerization:

Does not occur.

Toxicological Information

Inhalation:

High concentrations of aliphatic hydrocarbon gases may cause CNS depression. Recent information suggests that C1 – C4 aliphatic (alkane) hydrocarbon gases can cause potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmias. Cardiac sensitization to adrenalin in dogs has been noted following inhalation. In dogs, the heart was more sensitive to epinephrine induced ventricular fibrillations following exposure to 15-90% propane for 10 minutes. Ventricular fibrillations have been reported in a 15 year old girl and a 14 year old boy following inhalation of n-butane (concentration not reported).

Toxicological Information Continued

Sin & Eye:

Contact with gas is not expected to cause irritation

Ecological Information

Product does not contain Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances. Not toxic. Not expected to be toxic to fish and wildlife. 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 NorLab for proper disposal. Non-refillable containers should be vented in a well-ventilated area then disposed of in compliance with local regulations, or returned to NorLab.

Transport Information

Parameter	United States DOT	Canada TDG
Proper Shipping name:	Compressed gases, n.o.s., (Methane, Nitrogen)	Compressed gases, n.o.s.,
Hazard Class:	2.2	2.2
Identification Number:	UN 1956	UN 1956
Shipping Label:	Non-flammable Gas	Non-flammable Gas

Regulatory Information

SARA Title III Notification and Information:**SARA Title III – Hazard Classes:**

Acute Health hazard

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

SARA Title III – Section 313 Supplier Notification:

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

This product contains methane which is listed under the accident prevention provisions of section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) with a threshold quantity (TQ) of 10,000 pounds.

California Proposition 65:

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

Other Information

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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