

Safety Data Sheet



NITROUS OXIDE, Compressed & Liquefied Gas (N₂O)

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SDS reference: AL612

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Nitrous oxide
SDS no : AL612
Chemical description : Nitrous oxide
CAS No : 10024-97-2
EC no : 233-032-0
EC index no : ---
Registration-No. : 01-2119970538-25
Chemical formula : N₂O

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses : Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.
Test gas/Calibration gas.
Laboratory use.
Chemical reaction / Synthesis.
Aerosol propellant.
Use for manufacture of electronic/photovoltaic components.
Contact supplier for more information on uses.

Uses advised against : Do not inhale product on purpose because of the risk of asphyxiation.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification : Air Liquide Australia Limited
Level 9 / 380 St. Kilda Road
3004 Melbourne VIC Australia
+61 3 9697 9888
ALAEquiries@AirLiquide.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : 1800 812 588

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to WHS Regulation

Physical hazards	Oxidising Gases, Category 1	H270
	Gases under pressure : Liquefied gas	H280

2.2. Label elements

Classification according to WHS Regulation

Hazard pictograms :



GHS03

GHS04

Signal word :

Danger

Hazard statements :

H270 - May cause or intensify fire; oxidizer.

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements

- Prevention : P220 - Keep away from combustible materials.
P244 - Keep valves and fittings free from oil and grease.
- Response : P370+P376 - In case of fire: stop leak if safe to do so.
- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

2.3. Other hazards

: Asphyxiant in high concentrations.
Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substance

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to WHS Regulation
Nitrous oxide	(CAS No) 10024-97-2 (EC no) 233-032-0 (EC index no) --- (Registration-No.) 01-2119970538-25	100	Ox. Gas 1, H270 Press. Gas (Liq.), H280

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

Full text of R-phrases see section 16. Full text of H-statements see section 16.

3.2. Mixture : Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

- Inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Skin contact : In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance.
For liquid spillage - flush with water for at least 15 minutes.
- Eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

: In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.
In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

: None.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**5.1. Extinguishing media**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Specific hazards : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
Supports combustion.
- Hazardous combustion products : If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition:
Nitric oxide/nitrogen dioxide.

5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

- Specific methods : Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.
If possible, stop flow of product.
Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.
Move containers away from the fire area if this can be done without risk.
- Special protective equipment for fire fighters : Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters.
Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.
Standard EN 469 - Protective clothing for firefighters. Standard - EN 659: Protective gloves for firefighters.
- Hazchemcode : 2P

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

- : Try to stop release.
Evacuate area.
Monitor concentration of released product.
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
Eliminate ignition sources.
Ensure adequate air ventilation.
Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.
Act in accordance with local emergency plan.
Stay upwind.

6.2. Environmental precautions

- : Try to stop release.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- : Ventilate area.

6.4. Reference to other sections

- : See also sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage**7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

- Safe use of the product** :
- The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.
 - Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure.
 - Consult supplier for specific recommendations.
 - Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations.
 - Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use.
 - Do not smoke while handling product.
 - Use no oil or grease.
 - Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.
 - Avoid suck back of water, acid and alkalis.
 - Do not breathe gas.
 - Avoid release of product into atmosphere.
 - For more guidance on safe use, refer to the EIGA Doc.176 "Safe practices for storage and handling of Nitrous oxide", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org> and consult your supplier.
 - Temperatures above 150°C (300°F) shall be avoided by all practical means, to reduce the likelihood of an explosive decomposition of the nitrous oxide.
 - Clean all surfaces in direct contact with nitrous oxide as for oxygen service.
 - Nitrous oxide transfer pumps shall be provided with an interlock to prevent dry running.
 - Use self-limiting heating devices. Direct contact electric immersion heaters are not allowed.
- Safe handling of the gas receptacle** :
- Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.
 - Do not allow backfeed into the container.
 - Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop.
 - When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders.
 - Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use.
 - If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.
 - Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices.
 - Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.
 - Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water.
 - Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.
 - Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.
 - Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.
 - Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.
 - Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.
 - Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.
- Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.
- Container valve guards or caps should be in place.
- Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.
- Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.
- Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.
- Segregate from flammable gases and other flammable materials in store.
- Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition.
- Keep away from combustible materials.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

: None.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

NITROUS OXIDE, Compressed & Liquefied Gas (N₂O)		
OEL : Occupational Exposure Limits		
Australia	TWA (mg/m ³)	45 mg/m ³
	TWA (ppm)	25 mg/m ³

Nitrous oxide (10024-97-2)

DNEL: Derived no effect level (Workers)

Long-term - systemic effects, inhalation

 183 mg/m³
Nitrous oxide (10024-97-2)
8.2. Exposure controls
8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.
Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages.
Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available).
Gas detectors should be used when oxidising gases may be released.
Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment

: A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered:
PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.

• Eye/face protection

: Wear safety glasses with side shields.
Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.
Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection.

• Skin protection

- Hand protection

: Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.
Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.

- Other

: Consider the use of flame resistant safety clothing.
Standard EN ISO 14116 - Limited flame spread materials.
Wear safety shoes while handling containers.
Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

• Respiratory protection

: None necessary.

• Thermal hazards

: None necessary.

8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

: Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties
9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

• Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa : Gas.

• Colour : Colourless.

Odour : Sweetish. Poor warning properties at high concentrations.

Odour threshold : Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure.

pH value : Not applicable.

Molar mass : 44 g/mol

Melting point : -90.81 °C

Boiling point : -88.5 °C

Flash point : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Critical temperature [°C] : 36.4 °C

Evaporation rate (ether=1) : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.



Flammability range	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure [20°C]	: 50.8 bar(a)
Vapour pressure [50°C]	: Not applicable.
Relative density, gas (air=1)	: 1.5
Relative density, liquid (water=1)	: 1.2
Solubility in water	: 1500 mg/l
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water [log Kow]	: 0.4
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable.
Viscosity [20°C]	: Not applicable.
Explosive Properties	: Not applicable.
Oxidising Properties	: Oxidiser.
- Coefficient of oxygen equivalency (Ci)	: 0.6

9.2. Other information

Other data	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.
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SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**10.1. Reactivity**

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

10.2. Chemical stability

: Stable under normal conditions.
At temperatures over 575°C and at atmospheric pressure, nitrous oxide decomposes into nitrogen and oxygen.
In the presence of catalysts (e.g. halogen products, mercury, nickel, platinum) the rate of decomposition increases and decomposition can occur at even lower temperatures.
Nitrous oxide dissociation is irreversible and exothermic, leading to a considerable rise in pressure.
Temperatures above 150°C (300°F) shall be avoided by all practical means, to reduce the likelihood of an explosive decomposition of the nitrous oxide.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

: Violently oxidises organic material.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

: Heat.

10.5. Incompatible materials

: May react violently with combustible materials.
May react violently with reducing agents.
Keep equipment free from oil and grease.
For additional information on compatibility refer to ISO 11114.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information**11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

Acute toxicity : Classification criteria are not met.
Inhalation causes narcotic effects.

LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	> 30000 ppm/4h
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Skin corrosion/irritation : No known effects from this product.

Serious eye damage/irritation	: No known effects from this product.
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: No known effects from this product.
Germ cell mutagenicity	: No known effects from this product.
Carcinogenicity	: No known effects from this product.
Toxic for reproduction : Fertility	: Classification criteria are not met, Reduced fertility in occupationally exposed personnel (healthcare) has been reported in some epidemiological studies. The effect was related to repeated exposure to levels of nitrous oxide above the specified occupational exposure limits in inadequately ventilated rooms.
Toxic for reproduction : unborn child	: No known effects from this product.
STOT-single exposure	: No known effects from this product.
STOT-repeated exposure	: Classification criteria are not met. At low concentrations: Neurologic effect. Hemotoxic effect.
Target organ(s)	: Erythrocytes. Kidneys. liver Central nervous system.
Aspiration hazard	: Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Assessment : Classification criteria are not met.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Assessment : Not applicable for inorganic gases. Study scientifically unjustified.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment : Product / Substance is a gas. Not expected to bioaccumulate due to the low log Kow (log Kow < 4). Refer to section 9. Partition into water is unlikely.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Assessment : Product / Substance is a gas. Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution. Partition into soil is unlikely.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Assessment : Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer : None.

Global warming potential [CO₂=1] : 298

Effect on the global warming : When discharged in large quantities may contribute to the greenhouse effect.
Contains greenhouse gas(es) not covered by Regulation (EC) 842/2006.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

May be vented to atmosphere in a well ventilated place.
Discharge to atmosphere in large quantities should be avoided.
Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded.
Refer to the EIGA code of practice Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at
<http://www.eiga.org> for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

List of hazardous waste codes (from
Commission Decision 2001/118/EC)

: 16 05 04: Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances.

13.2. Additional information

: None.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1. UN number

UN-No. : 1070

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail (ADG) : NITROUS OXIDE

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : NITROUS OXIDE

Transport by sea (IMDG) : NITROUS OXIDE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Labelling :



2.2 : Non-flammable, non-toxic gases

5.1 : Oxidizing substances

Transport by road/rail (ADG)

Class : 2

Hazchemcode : 2P

Hazard identification number : 25

Tunnel Restriction : C/E - Tank carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category C, D and E. Other carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category E

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2 (5.1)

Transport by sea (IMDG)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2 (5.1)

Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire : F-C

Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage : S-W

14.4. Packing group

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : Not applicable

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not applicable

Transport by sea (IMDG) : Not applicable

14.5. Environmental hazards

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : None.
 Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : None.
 Transport by sea (IMDG) : None.

14.6. Special precautions for user
Packing Instruction(s)

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : P200
 Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)
 Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : 200
 Cargo Aircraft only : 200
 Transport by sea (IMDG) : P200

Special transport precautions : Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment.
 Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.
 Before transporting product containers:
 - Ensure there is adequate ventilation.
 - Ensure that containers are firmly secured.
 - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.
 - Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.
 - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

HAZCHEMCODE : 2P

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

: Not applicable.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information
15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
National regulations

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

: A CSA has been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.

Full text of H-statements

Ox. Gas 1	Oxidising Gases, Category 1
Press. Gas (Liq.)	Gases under pressure : Liquefied gas
H270	May cause or intensify fire; oxidizer
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
R8	Contact with combustible material may cause fire



AIR LIQUIDE

**NITROUS OXIDE,
Compressed & Liquefied
Gas (N₂O)**

SDS Ref.: AL612

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