



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Prepared to U.S. OSHA, CMA, ANSI and Canadian WHMIS Standards

## 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**CHEMICAL NAME; CLASS: FLAMMABLE GAS MIXTURE**

Containing the Following Component in a Nitrogen Balance Gas:

Methane, 14.3 - > 99%; Carbon Dioxide, 0.0005 - 50.0%

SYNONYMS: Not Applicable      CHEMICAL FAMILY NAME: Not Applicable      FORMULA: Not Applicable

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Note: The Material Safety Data Sheet is for this gas mixture supplied in cylinders with 33 cubic feet (935 liters) or less gas capacity (DOT - 39 cylinders). This MSDS has been developed for various gas mixtures with the composition of components within the ranges listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Refer to the product label for information on the actual composition of the product.

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| <b>PRODUCT USE:</b>                         | Calibration of Monitoring and Research Equipment |
| <b>U.S. SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER'S NAME:</b>   | CALGAZ   |
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| <b>EMERGENCY PHONE:</b>                     |  |
| Chemtrec: United States/Canada/Puerto Rico: | 1-800-424-9300 [24-hours]                        |
| Chemtrec International:                     | 1-703-527-3887 [24-hours]                        |

## 2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| CHEMICAL NAME  | CAS #     | mole %           | EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR  |   |   |                                 |                      |  |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
|                |           |                  | ACGIH-TLV   |   | OSHA-PEL                                |                                 | NIOSH<br>IDLH<br>ppm | OTHER<br>ppm   |
|                |           |                  | TWA<br>ppm  | STEL<br>ppm   | TWA<br>ppm                              | STEL<br>ppm                     |                      |  |
| Methane        | 74-82-8   | 14.3 -<br>> 99%  | NIC = 1000  | There are no specific exposure limits for Methane. Methane is a simple asphyxiant (SA). Oxygen levels should be maintained above 19.5%. |   |                                 |                      |  |
| Carbon Dioxide | 124-38-9  | 0.0005-<br>50.0% | 5000  | 30,000  | 5000<br>10,000<br>(Vacated<br>1989 PEL) | 30,000<br>(Vacated<br>1989 PEL) | 40,000               | NIOSH RELs:<br>TWA = 5000<br>STEL = 30,000<br>DFG MAKs:<br>TWA = 5000<br>PEAK = 2•MAK, 60 min.,<br>momentary value |
| Nitrogen       | 7727-37-9 | Balance          | There are no specific exposure limits for Nitrogen. Nitrogen is a simple asphyxiant (SA). Oxygen levels should be maintained above 19.5%. |   |   |                                 |                      |  |

NE = Not Established.      NIC = Notice of Intended Change See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.  
NOTE (1): ALL WHMIS required information is included in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1998 format. This gas mixture has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

## 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** This is a colorless, odorless, flammable gas mixture. A significant hazard associated with releases of this gas mixture is the potential for over-exposure to the Carbon Dioxide component. Inhalation of Carbon Dioxide can increase respiration and heart rate, possibly resulting in circulatory insufficiency (which may lead to coma and death). At concentrations between 2-10%, Carbon Dioxide can cause nausea, dizziness, headache, mental confusion, increased blood pressure and respiratory rate. If the concentration of Carbon Dioxide reaches 10% or more, suffocation can occur within minutes. Additionally, releases of this gas mixture may produce oxygen-deficient atmospheres (especially in confined spaces or other poorly-ventilated environments); individuals in such atmospheres may be asphyxiated. The gas poses a serious fire hazard when accidentally released. The gas may spread long distances; distant ignition and flashback are possible. Provide adequate fire protection during emergency response situations.

**SYMPTOMS OF OVER-EXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:** The most significant route of over-exposure for this gas mixture is by inhalation.  
**INHALATION:** Due to the small size of an individual cylinder of this gas mixture, no unusual health effects from over-exposure to the product are anticipated under routine circumstances of use. It should be noted that before adverse health effects or suffocation could occur, the lower flammability limit of Methane in air may be exceeded; possibly causing an explosive atmosphere, as well as an atmosphere with high concentrations of Carbon Dioxide or an oxygen-deficient environment. A significant hazard associated with releases of this gas mixture is the potential for over-exposure to Carbon Dioxide, a component of this gas mixture. If this gas mixture is released in a small, poorly ventilated area (i.e. an enclosed or confined space), and if the concentration of Carbon Dioxide reaches 10% or more, suffocation can occur within minutes. At concentrations between 2-10%, Carbon Dioxide can cause nausea, dizziness, headache, mental confusion, increased blood pressure and respiratory rate. Carbon Dioxide initially stimulates respiration and then causes respiratory depression. High concentrations result in narcosis. Symptoms in humans are as follows:

**CONCENTRATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE**

1%  
2%  
3%  
4-5%  
5-10%  
50-100%

**OBSERVED EFFECT**

Slight increase in breathing rate.  
Breathing rate increases to 50% above normal level. Prolonged exposure can cause headache, tiredness.  
Breathing increases to twice normal rate and becomes labored. Weak narcotic effect. Impaired hearing, headache, increase in blood pressure and pulse rate.  
Breathing increases to approximately four times normal rate, symptoms of intoxication become evident and slight choking may be felt.  
Characteristic sharp odor noticeable. Very labored breathing, headache, visual impairment and ringing in the ears. Judgment may be impaired, followed within minutes by loss of consciousness.  
Unconsciousness occurs more rapidly above 10% level. Prolonged exposure to high concentrations may eventually result in death from asphyxiation.

### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION (Continued)

**INHALATION (continued):** Additionally, if mixtures of this gas mixture are released in a small, poorly-ventilated area (i.e. an enclosed or confined space), an oxygen-deficient environment may occur. Individuals breathing such an atmosphere may experience symptoms which include headaches, ringing in ears, dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, nausea, vomiting, and depression of all the senses. Under some circumstances of over-exposure, death may occur. The effects associated with various levels of oxygen are as follows:

**CONCENTRATION**

**OF OXYGEN**

12-16% Oxygen:

10-14% Oxygen:

6-10% Oxygen:

Below 6%:

**OBSERVED EFFECT**

Breathing and pulse rate increased, muscular coordination slightly disturbed.

Emotional upset, abnormal fatigue, disturbed respiration.

Nausea, vomiting, collapse, or loss of consciousness.

Convulsive movements, possible respiratory collapse, and death.

**CONTACT WITH SKIN or EYES:** Due to the presence of Carbon Dioxide, exposure to high concentrations of this gas mixture may cause eye irritation with symptoms such as pain, redness, and tearing. Prolonged contact of high concentrations of Carbon Dioxide with the eyes can cause damage to the retinal ganglion cells.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE:** An Explanation in Lay Terms. Over-exposure to this gas mixture may cause the following health effects:

**ACUTE:** Due to the small size of the individual cylinder of this gas mixture, no unusual health effects from exposure to the product are anticipated under routine circumstances of use. Due to the presence of Carbon Dioxide, inhalation of high concentrations of this gas mixture can cause nausea, dizziness, headache, mental confusion, increased blood pressure and respiratory rate. High concentrations of Carbon Dioxide may cause eye irritation, and potential eye damage. Another significant hazard associated with this gas mixture when it contains less than 19.5% oxygen is the potential for exposure to oxygen-deficient atmospheres. Symptoms of oxygen deficiency include respiratory difficulty, ringing in ears, headaches, shortness of breath, wheezing, headache, dizziness, indigestion, nausea, unconsciousness, and death. The skin of a victim of over-exposure may have a blue color.

**CHRONIC:** Chronic exposure to oxygen-deficient atmospheres (below 18% oxygen in air) may affect the heart and nervous system.

**TARGET ORGANS:** ACUTE: Respiratory system, eyes. CHRONIC: Heart, cardiovascular system, central nervous system, reproductive system.

| HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM             |             |       |      |
|--|-------------|-------|------|
| HEALTH HAZARD  | (BLUE)      | 1     |      |
| FLAMMABILITY HAZARD                                  | (RED)       | 4     |      |
| PHYSICAL HAZARD                                      | (YELLOW)    | 0     |      |
| PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT                                 |             |       |      |
| EYES   | RESPIRATORY | HANDS | BODY |
| See Section 8  |             |       |      |
| For Routine Industrial Use and Handling Applications |             |       |      |

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**RESCUERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE VICTIMS OF EXPOSURE TO THIS GAS MIXTURE WITHOUT ADEQUATE FIRE-RETARDANT AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. At a minimum, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn.**

No unusual health effects are anticipated after exposure to this gas mixture, due to the small cylinder size. If any adverse symptom develops after over-exposure to this gas mixture, remove victim(s) to fresh air as quickly as possible. Only trained personnel should administer supplemental oxygen and/or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation if necessary. Victim(s) who experience any adverse effect after over-exposure to this gas mixture must be taken for medical attention. Rescuers should be taken for medical attention if necessary. Take a copy of the label and the MSDS to physician or other health professional with victim(s).

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** Acute or chronic respiratory conditions may be aggravated by over-exposure to the components of this gas mixture. Additionally, due to the presence of Carbon Dioxide, over-exposure to of this gas mixture may aggravate eye disorders and central nervous system conditions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PHYSICIANS:** Administer oxygen, if necessary; treat symptoms and eliminate exposure.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

The following information is for Methane, the flammable component of this gas mixture.

**FLASH POINT:** -187.7°C (-306°F)

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** 650°C (1202°F)

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):**

Lower (LEL): 5%

Upper (UEL): 15%

The following information is for the gas mixture.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:** Extinguish fires of this gas mixture by shutting-off the source of the gas. Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers, structures, and equipment.

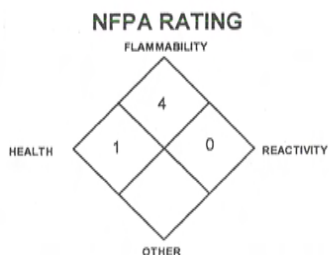
**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** When involved in a fire, Methane (the flammable component of this gas mixture) will ignite and decompose to produce toxic gases including carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

**DANGER!** Fires impinging (direct flame) on the outside surface of unprotected cylinders of this gas mixture can be very dangerous. Exposure to fire could cause a catastrophic failure of the cylinder releasing the contents into a fireball and explosion of released gas. The resulting fire and explosion can result in severe equipment damage and personnel injury or death over a large area around the cylinder. For massive fires in large areas, use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles; if this is not possible, withdraw from area and allow fire to burn.

**Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact:** Not sensitive.

**Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge:** Static discharge may cause this gas mixture to ignite explosively, if released.

**SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Structural fire-fighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment. Because of the potential for a fire, evacuation of non-emergency personnel is essential. If water is not available for cooling or protection of cylinder exposures, evacuate the area. Refer to the North American Emergency Response Guidebook (Guide #115).



### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**LEAK RESPONSE:** Due to the small size and content of the cylinder, an accidental release of this gas mixture presents significantly less risk of over-exposure to Carbon Dioxide, an oxygen-deficient environment, and other safety hazards than a similar release from a larger cylinder. However, as with any chemical release, extreme caution must be used during emergency response procedures. In the event of a release in which the atmosphere is unknown, and in which other chemicals are potentially involved, evacuate immediate area. Uncontrolled releases should be responded to by trained personnel using pre-planned procedures. Proper protective equipment should be used. In case of a gas release, clear the affected area, protect people, and respond with trained personnel.

Eliminate any possible sources of ignition, and provide maximum explosion-proof ventilation. If the gas is leaking from cylinder contact the supplier. Adequate fire protection must be provided. Use only non-sparking tools and equipment during the response.

Monitor the surrounding area (and the original area of the release) for the flammable gas concentration and the level of oxygen. Combustible gas concentration must be below 10% of the LEL (5% Methane) prior to entry. Additionally, Oxygen levels must be above 19.5% before non-emergency personnel are allowed to re-enter area.

If leaking incidentally from the cylinder, contact your supplier.

**THIS IS AN EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE GAS.** Protection of all personnel and the area must be maintained.

### 7. HANDLING and USE

**WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES:** Be aware of any signs of dizziness or fatigue; exposures to fatal concentrations of this gas mixture could occur without any significant warning symptoms, due to carbon dioxide over-exposure and oxygen deficiency. Use non-sparking tools when working with this gas mixture. Do not attempt to repair, adjust, or in any other way modify the cylinders containing this gas mixture. If there is a malfunction or another type of operational problem, contact nearest distributor immediately.



## 7. HANDLING and USE (Continued)

**STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES:** Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over. Cylinders must be protected from the environment, and preferably kept at room temperature (approximately 21°C [70°F]). Cylinders should be stored in dry, well-ventilated areas away from sources of heat, ignition and direct sunlight. Keep storage area clear of materials which can burn. Protect cylinders against physical damage.

Cylinders should be separated from oxygen cylinders, or other oxidizers, by a minimum distance of 20 ft., or by a barrier of non-combustible material at least 5 ft. high, having a fire-resistance rating of at least 0.5 hours. Isolate from other incompatible chemicals (refer to Section 10, Stability and Reactivity).

Storage areas must meet national electrical codes for Class 1 Hazardous Areas. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in storage or use areas. Consider installation of leak detection for combustible gas levels and alarm for storage and use areas. Have appropriate extinguishing equipment in the storage area (i.e. sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers).

Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent full containers from being stored for long periods of time. These cylinders are not refillable. **WARNING!** Do not refill DOT 39 cylinders. To do so may cause personal injury or property damage.

**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING GAS CYLINDERS:** **WARNING!** Compressed gases can present significant safety hazards. During cylinder use, use equipment designed for these specific cylinders. Ensure all lines and equipment are rated for proper service pressure.

**PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT:** Follow practices indicated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures). Make certain application equipment is locked and tagged-out safely. Purge gas handling equipment with inert gas (i.e. nitrogen) before attempting repairs. Always use product in areas where adequate ventilation is provided.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION

**VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** No special ventilation systems or engineering controls are needed under normal circumstances of use. As with all chemicals, use this gas mixture in well-ventilated areas. If this gas mixture is used in a poorly-ventilated area, install automatic monitoring equipment to detect if the levels of Methane exceeds 10% of the LEL in air (5%, Methane), as well as the concentration of oxygen in the atmosphere.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** No special respiratory protection is required under normal circumstances of use. Maintain Methane levels below 50% of the TLV (TLV = 1000 ppm), Carbon Dioxide levels below the exposure limits given in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients) and oxygen levels above 19.5% in the workplace. Use supplied air respiratory protection when Methane levels exceed 50% of the TLV (TLV = 1000 ppm), oxygen levels are below 19.5%, or during emergency response to a release of this gas mixture. During an emergency situation, before entering the area, check the concentration of Methane and Oxygen. If respiratory protection is needed, use only protection authorized in the U.S. Federal OSHA Standard (29 CFR 1910.134), applicable U.S. State regulations, or the Canadian CSA Standard Z94.4-93 and applicable standards of Canadian Provinces. Oxygen levels below 19.5% are considered IDLH by OSHA. In such atmospheres, use of a full-facepiece pressure/demand SCBA or a full facepiece, supplied air respirator with auxiliary self-contained air supply is required under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134-1998). Respiratory selection guidelines from NIOSH for Carbon Dioxide are provided below for information.

### CARBON DIOXIDE CONCENTRATION

Up to 40,000 ppm:

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**  
Any Supplied-Air Respirator (SAR), or any Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with a full facepiece.  
Emergency or Planned Entry into Unknown Concentrations or IDLH Conditions: Any SCBA that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode, or any SAR that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary SCBA operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Escape:

Any appropriate escape-type, SCBA.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133 or appropriate Canadian Standards.

**HAND PROTECTION:** Wear leather gloves when handling cylinders. Chemically resistant gloves should be worn when using this gas mixture. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.138 or appropriate Standards of Canada.

**BODY PROTECTION:** No special protection is needed under normal circumstances of use. If a hazard of injury to the feet exists due to falling objects, rolling objects, where objects may pierce the soles of the feet or where employee's feet may be exposed to electrical hazards, use foot protection, as described in U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136.

## 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The following information is for Methane, a main component of this gas mixture.

**GAS DENSITY @ 60°F (15.6°C) and 1 atm:** 0.042 35 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (0.6784 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

**BOILING POINT:** -161°C (-258.7°F)

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (air = 1) @ 70°F (21.1°C):** 0.555

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER vol/vol at 100°F (37.8°C):** Very slight.

**EVAPORATION RATE (nBuAc = 1):** Not applicable.

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not determined.

**VAPOR PRESSURE @ 70°F (21.1°C) (psig):** Not applicable.

**FREEZING/MELTING POINT (@ 10 psig):** -182°C (-296.5°F)

**pH:** Not applicable.

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 16.042

**EXPANSION RATIO:** Not applicable.

**SPECIFIC VOLUME (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb):** 23.6

**COEFFICIENT WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable.

The following information is for Nitrogen, a main component of this gas mixture.

**GAS DENSITY @ 32°F (0°C) and 1 atm:** 0.072 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> (1.153 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

**BOILING POINT:** -195.8°C (-320.4°F)

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (air = 1) @ 70°F (21.1°C):** 0.906

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER vol/vol @ 32°F (0°C) and 1 atm:** 0.023

**EVAPORATION RATE (nBuAc = 1):** Not applicable.

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not applicable.

**VAPOR PRESSURE @ 70°F (21.1°C) psig:** Not applicable.

**FREEZING/MELTING POINT @ 10 psig:** -210°C (-345.8°F)

**pH:** Not applicable.

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 28.01

**EXPANSION RATIO:** Not applicable.

**SPECIFIC VOLUME (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb):** 13.8

**COEFFICIENT WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable.

The following information is for the gas mixture.

**APPEARANCE AND COLOR:** This is a colorless, odorless gas mixture.

**HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties):** There are no unusual warning properties associated with a release of this gas mixture. In terms of leak detection, fittings and joints can be painted with a soap solution to detect leaks, which will be indicated by a bubble formation.

## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Normally stable in gaseous state. Moisture in the air could lead to the formation of carbonic acid from Carbon Dioxide.

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Methane, a component of this gas mixture, will thermally decompose in air to generate carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. The other components of this gas mixture do not decompose, per se, but may react with other compounds in the heat of a fire.

**MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE:** Methane, the flammable component of this gas mixture, is incompatible with strong oxidizers (i.e. chlorine, bromine pentafluoride, oxygen difluoride, and nitrogen trifluoride). Titanium will burn in Nitrogen (a component of this gas mixture). Lithium reacts slowly with Nitrogen at ambient temperatures.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Contact with incompatible materials. Cylinders exposed to high temperatures or direct flame can rupture or burst.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TOXICITY DATA:** There are no toxicological data for the Methane and Nitrogen components, which are simple asphyxiant gases. Carbon Dioxide gas is an asphyxiant gas, which has physiological effects at high concentrations:

### CARBON DIOXIDE:

LCLo (Inhalation-Human) 9 ppH/5 minutes

LCLo (Inhalation-Mammal-species unspecified) 90000 ppm/5 minutes

TCLo (Inhalation-Rat) 10000 ppm/24 hours/days-continuous: Blood: other changes

TCLo (Inhalation-Rat) 6 ppH/24 hours: female 10 day(s) after conception: Reproductive: Specific

Developmental Abnormalities: musculoskeletal system, cardiovascular (circulatory) system, respiratory system

### CARBON DIOXIDE (continued):

TCLo (Inhalation-Rabbit) 27,000 ppm/24 hours/30 days-continuous: Behavioral: somnolence (general depressed activity)

TCLo (Inhalation-Rat) 6 ppH/24 hours: female 10 day(s) after conception: Reproductive: Effects on Newborn: growth statistics (e.g.%, reduced weight gain)

TCLo (Inhalation-Rabbit) 13 ppH/4 hours: female 9-12 day(s) after conception: Reproductive: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: musculoskeletal system

### CARBON DIOXIDE (continued):

TCLo (Inhalation-Mouse) 55 ppH/2 hours: male 3 day(s) pre-mating: Reproductive: Paternal

Effects: spermatogenesis (incl. genetic material, sperm morphology, motility, and count)

TCLo (Inhalation-Mouse) 55 ppH/4 hours: male 6 day(s) pre-mating: Reproductive: Fertility: male

fertility index (e.g. # males impregnating females per # males exposed to fertile non-pregnant females)



## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (Continued)

### TOXICITY DATA (continued):

#### CARBON DIOXIDE (continued):

TCLo (Inhalation-Mouse) 2 pph/8 hours;  
female 10 day(s) after conception;  
Reproductive: Fertility: post-implantation  
mortality (e.g. dead and/or resorbed implants  
per total number of implants); Specific  
Developmental Abnormalities

#### METHANE:

There are no specific toxicology data for  
Methane. Methane is a simple asphyxiant,  
which acts to displace oxygen in the  
environment.

#### NITROGEN:

There are no specific toxicology data for  
Nitrogen. Nitrogen is a simple asphyxiant,  
which acts to displace oxygen in the  
environment.

**SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT:** The components of this gas mixture are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, CAL/OSHA, and IARC; therefore, are not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

**IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT:** Contact with rapidly expanding gases can be irritating to exposed skin and eyes.

**SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT:** The components of this gas mixture are not known to be human skin or respiratory sensitizers.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION:** Listed below is information concerning the effects of this gas mixture and its components on the human reproductive system.

**Mutagenicity:** The components of this gas mixture are not reported to cause mutagenic effects in humans.

**Embryotoxicity:** The components of this gas mixture are not reported to cause embryotoxic effects in humans.

**Teratogenicity:** The components of this gas mixture are not reported to cause teratogenic effects in humans. Clinical studies involving test animals exposed to high concentrations of Carbon Dioxide indicate teratogenic effects.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** The components of this gas mixture are not reported to cause adverse reproductive effects in humans. Clinical studies involving test animals exposed to high concentrations of Carbon Dioxide indicate reproductive effects.

A **mutagen** is a chemical which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generation lines. An **embryotoxin** is a chemical which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **teratogen** is a chemical which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **reproductive toxin** is any substance which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.

**BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES (BEIs):** Currently, Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) have not been determined for the components of this gas mixture.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY:** The components of this gas mixture occur naturally in the atmosphere. The gas will be dissipated rapidly in well-ventilated areas. The following environmental data are applicable to the components of this gas mixture.

**CARBON DIOXIDE:** Food chain concentration potential: None. Biological Oxygen Demand: None

**NITROGEN:** Water Solubility = 2.4 volumes Nitrogen/100 volumes water at 0°C. 1.6 volumes Nitrogen/100 volumes water at 20°C.

**EFFECT OF MATERIAL ON PLANTS or ANIMALS:** No evidence is currently available on the effects of this gas mixture on plant and animal life.

**EFFECT OF CHEMICAL ON AQUATIC LIFE:** No evidence is currently available on the effects of this gas mixture on aquatic life. Additional aquatic toxicity data are available on this gas mixture's components, as follows:

**CARBON DIOXIDE:**

Aquatic toxicity: 100-200 mg/L/no time specified/various organisms/fresh water.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL:** Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate U.S. Federal, State, and local regulations and those of Canada and its Provinces. Cylinders with undesired residual product may be safely vented outdoors with the proper regulator. For further information, refer to Section 16 (Other Information).

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**THIS GAS MIXTURE IS HAZARDOUS AS DEFINED BY 49 CFR 172.101 BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Compressed gases, flammable, n.o.s. (Methane, Nitrogen)

**HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:** 2.1 (Flammable Gas)

**UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** UN 1954

**PACKING GROUP:** Not applicable.

**DOT LABEL(S) REQUIRED:** Class 2.1 (Flammable Gas)

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**MARINE POLLUTANT:** The components of this gas mixture are not classified by the DOT as Marine Pollutants (as defined by 49 CFR 172.101, Appendix B).

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:** Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. The transportation of compressed gas cylinders in automobiles or in closed-body vehicles can present serious safety hazards. If transporting these cylinders in vehicles, ensure these cylinders are not exposed to extremely high temperatures (as may occur in an enclosed vehicle on a hot day). Additionally, the vehicle should be well-ventilated during transportation.

**Note:** DOT 39 Cylinders ship in a strong outer carton (outer package). Pertinent shipping information goes on the outside of the outer package. DOT 39 Cylinders do not have transportation information on the cylinder itself.

**TRANSPORT CANADA TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS:** This gas is considered as Dangerous Goods, per regulations of Transport Canada.

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Compressed gases, flammable, n.o.s. (Methane, Nitrogen)

**HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:** 2.1 (Flammable Gas)

**UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** UN 1954

**PACKING GROUP:** Not Applicable

**HAZARD LABEL:** Class 2.1 (Flammable Gas)

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** 16

**EXPLOSIVE LIMIT AND LIMITED QUANTITY INDEX:** 0.12

**ERAP INDEX:** 3000

**PASSENGER CARRYING SHIP INDEX:** Forbidden

**PASSENGER CARRYING ROAD VEHICLE OR PASSENGER CARRYING RAILWAY VEHICLE INDEX:** Forbidden

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**NOTE:** Shipment of compressed gas cylinders via Public Passenger Road Vehicle is a violation of Canadian law (Transport Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992).

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### ADDITIONAL U.S. REGULATIONS:

**U.S. SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The components of this gas mixture are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, as follows:

**U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY:** There are no specific Threshold Planning Quantities for the components of this gas mixture. The default Federal MSDS submission and inventory requirement filing threshold of 10,000 lb (4,540 kg) may apply, per 40 CFR 370.20.

**U.S. TSCA INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of this gas mixture are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

**U.S. CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (RQ):** Not applicable.

### OTHER U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

- Methane is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The Threshold Quantity for this gas is 10,000 lb (454 kg). Due to the small size of the cylinder for this mixture, this regulation should not apply.
- Depending on specific operations involving the use of this gas mixture, the regulations of the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals may be applicable (29 CFR 1910.119). Under this regulation The components of this gas mixture are not listed in Appendix A, however, any process that involves a flammable gas on-site, in one location, in quantities of 10,000 lb (4,554 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless it is used as a fuel. Due to the small size of the cylinder for this mixture, this regulation should not apply.
- This gas mixture does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone depleting chemicals (40 CFR part 82).
- Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide are not listed as Regulated Substances, per 40 CFR, Part 68, of the Risk Management for Chemical Releases. Methane is listed under this regulation in Table 3, as a Regulated Substance (Flammable Substance), in quantities of 10,000 lbs (4,553 kg) or greater. Due to the small size of the cylinder for this mixture, this regulation should not apply.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (Continued)

### ADDITIONAL U.S. REGULATIONS (continued):

**U.S. STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION:** The components of this gas mixture are covered under the following specific State regulations:

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| <b>Alaska - Designated Toxic and Hazardous Substances:</b> Methane, Carbon Dioxide.                           | <b>Massachusetts - Substance List:</b> Methane, Carbon Dioxide.                                | <b>Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List:</b> Nitrogen, Methane, Carbon Dioxide. |
| <b>California - Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants:</b> Nitrogen, Methane, Carbon Dioxide. | <b>Minnesota - List of Hazardous Substances:</b> Methane, Carbon Dioxide.                      | <b>Rhode Island - Hazardous Substance List:</b> Nitrogen, Methane, Carbon Dioxide. |
| <b>Florida - Substance List:</b> Carbon Dioxide.  | <b>Missouri - Employer Information/Toxic Substance List:</b> Methane, Carbon Dioxide.          | <b>Texas - Hazardous Substance List:</b> Carbon Dioxide.                           |
| <b>Illinois - Toxic Substance List:</b> Carbon Dioxide.   | <b>New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List:</b> Nitrogen, Methane, Carbon Dioxide. | <b>West Virginia - Hazardous Substance List:</b> Carbon Dioxide.                   |
| <b>Kansas - Section 302/313 List:</b> No.   | <b>North Dakota - List of Hazardous Chemicals, Reportable Quantities:</b> No.                  | <b>Wisconsin - Toxic and Hazardous Substances:</b> Carbon Dioxide.                 |

**CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT (PROPOSITION 65):** No component of this gas mixture is on the California Proposition 65 lists.

### ADDITIONAL CANADIAN REGULATIONS:

**CANADIAN DSL/NDL INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of this gas mixture are listed on the DSL Inventory.

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA) PRIORITIES SUBSTANCES LISTS:** The components of this gas mixture are not on the CEPA Priorities Substances Lists.

**CANADIAN WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:** This gas mixture is categorized as a Controlled Product, Hazard Classes A and B1, as per the Controlled Product Regulations.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### INFORMATION ABOUT DOT-39 NRC (Non-Refillable Cylinder) PRODUCTS

DOT 39 cylinders ship as hazardous materials when full. Once the cylinders are relieved of pressure (empty) they are not considered hazardous material or waste. Residual gas in this type of cylinder is not an issue because toxic gas mixtures are prohibited. Calibration gas mixtures typically packaged in these cylinders are Nonflammable n.o.s., UN 1956. A small percentage of calibration gases packaged in DOT 39 cylinders are flammable or oxidizing gas mixtures.

For disposal of used DOT-39 cylinders, it is acceptable to place them in a landfill if local laws permit. Their disposal is no different than that employed with other DOT containers such as spray paint cans, household aerosols, or disposable cylinders of propane (for camping, torch etc.). When feasible, we recommended recycling for scrap metal content. CALGAZ will do this for any customer that wishes to return cylinders to us prepaid. All that is required is a phone call to make arrangements so we may anticipate arrival. Scrapping cylinders involves some preparation before the metal dealer may accept them. We perform this operation as a service to valued customers who want to participate.

**MIXTURES:** When two or more gases or liquefied gases are mixed, their hazardous properties may combine to create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an Industrial Hygienist or other trained person when you make your safety evaluation of the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties which can cause serious injury or death.

Further information about the handling of compressed gases can be found in the following pamphlets published by: Compressed Gas Association Inc. (CGA), 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22202-4102. Telephone: (703) 412-0900.

P-1 "Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers"  
AV-1 "Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases"  
"Handbook of Compressed Gases"



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