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## Carbon Monoxide in Air

0.0001% to 6%

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### Identification

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Products Name: CARBON MONOXIDE IN AIR 0.0001% TO 6%

Chemical Family: Gas Mixture

Chemical formula: CO in Air

MSDS identification Code/ Number: MSDS 106

### Composition/ Information on Ingredients

Concentration  
Percent by Weight  
< .0001 to 6.0

#### Ingredient Name

**CARBON MONOXIDE** CAS Number: 630-08-0

#### Exposure Limits

- ACGIH TLV-TWA: 50 ppm
- ACGIH TLV-STEL: 400 ppm
- IDLH: 1500 ppm
- OSHA PEL-TWA: 50 ppm (transitional)
- OSHA PEL-TWA: 35 ppm (final)
- OSHA PEL-STEL: 200 ppm (final)

**AIR** NONE

> 94.0

CAS Number: 25635-88-5

### Hazard Identification

No data given

### First Aid Measures

#### 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. The administering of the oxygen at an elevated pressure (up to 2 to 2.5 atmospheres) has shown to be beneficial, as has treatment in a hyperbolic chamber. The physician should be informed that the patient has inhaled toxic quantities of carbon monoxide.

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### Fire Fighting Measures

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#### Flammable Properties

**Flash Point:** None

Lower Explosive Limit (%): 12.5 for CO

Upper Explosive Limit (%): 74.0 for CO

- Fire and Explosion Hazards: Carbon Monoxide has almost the same density as air; it will not diffuse by rising as with some lighter flammables such as hydrogen or natural gas (methane). Air is nonflammable but supports combustion.  
Electrical Classification: Class 1, Group C  
Carbon Monoxide is flammable in air over a very wide range.
- Extinguishing Media: Water, dry chemical, carbon dioxide
- Fire Fighting Instructions: If possible, stop flow of gas; use water spray to cool surrounding containers

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### Accidental Release Measures

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Evacuate all personnel from affected areas. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with an inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact CHEMTREC for emergency assistance.

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### Handling and Storage

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- Handling and Storage Precautions

Use only in well – ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container 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-reducing 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 system.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well – ventilated area of noncombustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 130°F (54°C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Use a “first in, first out” inventory system to prevent full cylinders being stored for excessive periods of time. Post “NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAMES” signs in the storage area or use area. There should be no sources of ignition in the storage or use area. 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, asphyxiation or toxic exposure.

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### Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

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Engineering Controls: Hood with forced ventilation. Use local exhaust to prevent accumulation above the exposure limit.

Eye/Face Protection: Safety goggles or glasses.

Skin Protection: Protective gloves of any material.

Respiratory Protection: Positive pressure air line with mask or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.

Other/General Protection: Safety shoes.

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### Physical & Chemical Properties

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Appearance: A colorless gas.

Odor: Odorless gas.

Basic Physical Properties

Solubility (H<sub>2</sub>O): Very slightly

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### Stability & Reactivity

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Stability: Stable

Incompatible Materials: None known

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

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### Toxicological Information

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#### Acute Inhalation Effects

Depending on levels and duration of exposure, symptoms may include headache, dizziness, heart palpitations, weakness, confusion and nausea to convulsions, eventual unconsciousness and death.

The oxygen transport function of the hemoglobin of the blood is reduced since it reacts with inhaled carbon monoxide to form carboxyhemoglobin instead of its normal reaction with the oxygen in the lungs to form oxyhemoglobin. The affinity of hemoglobin for carbon monoxide is 200 to 300 times greater than its affinity for oxygen.

#### Miscellaneous Toxicological Information

All the disorders are due to the markedly reduced cellular respiration and may include central nervous system impairment, cardiovascular collapse, renal insufficiency, coma, etc.

Carcinogenicity – NTP: No            IARC: No            OSHA: No

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### Ecological Information

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No data given

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### Disposal Considerations

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Do not attempt to dispose of waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container properly labeled, with any valve outlet plugs or caps secure and valve protection cap in place to Precision Gas Products for proper disposal.

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### Transport Information

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Proper Shipping Name: Compressed Gas, n.o.s. (Air, Carbon Monoxide)

Hazardous Class: 2.2

CT (DOT) Identification Number: UN 1956

CT (DOT) Shipping Label: Nonflammable gas

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### Regulatory Information

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#### **SARA Title III Notifications and Information**

**SARA Title III – Hazard Class:** Acute Health Hazard

Chronic Health Hazard

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

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### Other Information

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Hazard Rating	Health:	3 High
	Fire:	1 Slight
	Reactivity:	0 Negligible

MSDS Identification Code/Number: MSDS 106

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### Reference Documentation

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Earth – ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with the system. All electrical equipment should be non-sparking or explosion proof.

Compressed gas cylinders should not be refilled except by qualified producers of compressed gases. Shipments of a compressed gas cylinder, which has not been filled by the owner or with his (written) consent is a violation of Federal Law (49CFR).

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