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## Ethylene Oxide in Nitrogen 0.0005-0.2%

### MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

#### Identification

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#### Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	Mole %	Exposure Limits in Air					Other Ppm	
			ACGIH		OSHA				
			TLV ppm	STEL ppm	PEL ppm	STEL Ppm	IDLH ppm		
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	0.0005 - 0.2%	1,A2	NE	1	5 (15 minute excursion)	800	NIOSH:<0.1REL;5C (10 minute/day); Carcinogen IARC-2A;MAK; NTP- 2A; OSHA-X	
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. C=Ceiling Limit. A4=Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen. See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.

Note: All WHMIS required information is included.

#### Hazardous Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** This product is a colorless, odorless gas. The most significant, acute health hazard associated with release of this product is the potential for development of oxygen-deficient atmospheres (especially in confined spaces or other poorly ventilated environments); individuals in such atmospheres may be asphyxiated. Low concentrations of Ethylene Oxide (a component of this product) can be irritating to eyes and upper respiratory system; inhalation of low levels of this gas may also cause nausea, vomiting, and numbing of the sense of smell. Additionally, Ethylene oxide is potentially carcinogenic to humans.

#### Hazardous Material Information

❖ HEALTH	(Blue)	2
❖ FLAMMABILITY	(Red)	0
❖ REACTIVITY	(Yellow)	0

**INHALATION:** Due to the small size of an individual cylinder of this product, no unusual health effects from over-exposure to the product are anticipated under routine circumstances of use. The chief health hazard associated with this gas mixture for which Nitrogen is the balance gas and is released in a small, poorly-ventilated area (i.e. an enclosed or confined space) is the development of an oxygen-deficient environment. Individuals breathing such an atmosphere may experience symptoms that include headache, ringing in ears, dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, nausea, vomiting, and depression of all the senses. Under some circumstances of over-exposure, death may occur.

The presence of Ethylene Oxide in this gas mixture in concentrations of 5–200 ppm, inhalation over-exposures may cause upper respiratory system irritation. Symptoms of such over-exposure may include coughing, sneezing, and nasal congestion. Additionally, prolonged inhalation of low concentrations of Ethylene Oxide can cause nausea, vomiting, and numbing of the sense of smell.

Contact with Skin and Eyes: Due to the presence of Ethylene Oxide in this gas mixture, over-exposures to the eyes may cause irritation (i.e. redness, stinging).

Health Effects or Risks From Exposure: Over-exposure to this gas mixture may cause the following health effects:

- ❖ **Acute:** Due to the small size of the individual cylinder of this product, no unusual health effects from exposure to the product are anticipated under routine circumstances of use. The most significant hazard associated with this gas mixture is the potential for exposure to oxygen-deficient atmospheres. Symptoms of oxygen deficient include respiratory difficulty, ringing in ears, headache, shortness of breathing, wheezing, headaches, dizziness, indigestion, nausea, unconsciousness, and death. The skin of a victim of over-exposure may have a blue color. Due to the presence of Ethylene Oxide (<200 ppm) in the gas mixture, inhalation over-exposures may cause upper respiratory system and eye irritation. Over-exposure to low levels of Ethylene Oxide can cause nausea, vomiting, and numbing of the sense of smell.
- ❖ **Chronic:** Due to the presence of Ethylene Oxide, this product must be considered a potential carcinogen and reproductive hazard to humans.
- ❖ **Target Organs:** Respiratory system

### First Aid Measures

Rescuers should not attempt to retrieve victims of exposure to this product without adequate protective equipment. *If necessary, Self - Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn.* No unusual health effects are anticipated after exposure to this product, due to the small cylinder size. If any adverse symptom develops after over-exposure to this product, 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 product 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).

**EYE EXPOSURE:** If irritation of the eye develops after exposure to this gas mixture, open victim's eyes while under gently running water. Use sufficient force to open eyelids. Have victim "roll" eyes. Minimum flushing is 15 minutes

### Fire Fighting Measures

**Flash Point, (method):** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits (in air by volume %):**

Lower (LEL): Not applicable

Upper (LEL): Not applicable

- Fire Extinguishing Materials: Non – flammable gas mixture. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.
- Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: This gas mixture is not flammable; however, containers, when involved in fire, may rupture or burst in the heat of the fire. Additionally, mixtures of this gas for which Air is the balance gas, can support combustion.
  - Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.
  - Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.
- Special Fire – Fighting Procedures: Structural firefighters must wear Self – Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment.

### Accidental Release Measures

**Leak Response:** Due to the small size and content of the cylinder, an accidental release of this product presents significantly less risk of over-exposure to Ethylene Oxide, an oxygen deficiency 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 immediately area. Such release should be responded to by trained personnel using pre – planned procedures. Proper protective equipment should be used. In case of a leak, clear the affected area, protect people, and respond with trained personnel.

Allow the gas mixture to dissipate. If necessary, monitor the surrounding area (and the original area of the release) for levels of Ethylene Oxide and Oxygen. Oxygen levels must be above 19.5% before non – emergency personnel are allowed to re – enter area.

If leaking comes from the cylinder, contact your supplier.

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### Handling and Use

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- **Work Practices and Hygiene Practice:** Be aware of any signs of dizziness or fatigue; exposures to fatal concentrations of this product could occur without any significant warning symptom, due to oxygen deficiency. Do not attempt to repair, adjust, or in any other way modify cylinders contained with this gas mixture. If there is a malfunction or another type of operational problem, contact nearest distributor immediately.
- **Storage and Handling Practices:** Entrances to regulated areas must be posted with legible signs which read as follow:

DANGER ETHYLENE OXIDE  
CANCER HAZARD AND REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD  
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY  
RESPIRATORS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING MAYBE REQUIRED TO BE WORN IN THIS AREA

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. Protect cylinders against physical damage. 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 CT 39(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 is rated for proper service pressure.
- **Protective Practices During Maintenance of Contaminated Equipment:** Follow practices indicated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures). Make certain that application equipment is locked and tagged – out safely. Always use product in areas where adequate ventilation is provided.

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### Exposure Controls – Personal Protection

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**Ventilation and Engineering Controls:** No specific ventilation systems or engineering controls are needed under normal circumstances of use. As with all chemicals, use this product in well – ventilated areas. If this product is used in a poorly – ventilated area, install automatic monitoring to detect the levels of oxygen.

**Respiratory Protection:** Maintain exposure levels of Ethylene Oxide below the levels listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients) and Oxygen levels above 19.5% in the workplace. Use supplied air respiratory protection if Ethylene Oxide levels exceed exposure limits and if Oxygen levels are below 19.5% or unknown during emergency response to a release of this product. If respiratory protection is required for emergency response to this product, follow the requirements of the Federal OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134) or equivalent State standards.

**Up to 5ppm:** Gas mask with canister to protect against Ethylene Oxide; or full- face piece Self - Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCAB); or full -face piece Supplied Air Respirator (SAR).

- **Eye Protection:** Safety glasses
- **Hand Protection:** No special protection is needed under normal circumstances of use.
- **Body Protection:** No special protection is needed under normal circumstances of use.

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### Physical and Chemical Properties

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

BIOLING POINT: -320.4°F (-195.8°C)

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

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

EVAPORATING RATE (nBuAc = 1): Not applicable.

ODOR THRESHOLD: 0.06 ppm (Chlorine)

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

COEFFICIENT WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION: Not applicable.

pH: Not applicable.

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 28.01

EXPANSION RATIO: Not applicable

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

**Appearance and Color:** This product is colorless, odorless gas.

**How to Detect this Substance (warning properties):** 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.

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### Stability and Reactivity

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Stability: Normally stable in gaseous state.

Decomposition Products: The thermal decomposition products of Ethylene Oxide include carbon oxide. Nitrogen does not decompose, per se, but can react with other compounds in the heat of fire.

Materials with which Substance is Compatible: Titanium will burn in Nitrogen. Lithium reacts slowly with Nitrogen at ambient temperatures.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will no occur. Ethylene Oxide can undergo violent polymerization in the presence of an initiating agent (i.e. acids, alcohol, bases, and metals); however, due to this component's low concentration in the gas mixture, this is not anticipated to be a significant safety hazard.

Conditions to Avoid: Contact with incompatible materials. Cylinders exposed to high temperature or direct flame can rupture or burst.

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### Toxicological Information

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#### ETHYLENE OXIDE:

Skin contact with a 1% solution in water causes visible reddening or blistering injury in 7 seconds.

Mutation in Microorganism-other microorganisms=540

Unscheduled DNA Syntesis-Human:leukocyte=4mmol/L.

Sister Chromatid Exchange-Human:lymphocyte=4pph

DNA Damage-Mouse-intraperitoneal=100mg/kg.

Sister Chromatid Exchange-Human:lymphocyte=10mg/L

Dominant Lethal Test-Mouse-Inhalation 500ppm/6hr/4days.

Inhalation-Rat TC:50 ppm/7H/2Y-I: Carcinogenic effects.

Oral-Rat TD:5112 mg/kg/2Y-I: carcinogenic effects.

Inhalation-Rat TC:33 ppm/6H/2Y-I: Equivocal tumorigenic agent.

Inhalation-Human TClO:12,500 ppm/10S: NOSE.

Inhalation-Rat TClO:33 ppm/6H/2Y-I: Carcinogenic effects.

Inhalation-Mouse TDL0:750mg/kg (male 25D pre):Reproductive effects.

Inhalation-Mouse TClO:1200 ppm/90M (female 1D post): Teratogenic effects.

Subcutaneous-Mouse TDL0:292 mg/kg/95W-I: Carcinogenic effects.

Subcutaneous-Mouse TD:1090 mg/kg/91W-I: Neoplastic effects.

Subcutaneous-Mouse TD:908 mg/kg/95W-I: Carcinogenic effects.

Intraperitoneal-Mouse TDL0:750mg/kg (male 25D pre): Reproductive effects

- This gas mixture may be irritating to contaminated eyes and the upper respiratory system.
- This gas mixture is not known to cause sensitization in humans.
- Eye conditions and respiratory conditions may be aggravated by over-exposure to the components of this product.

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### Ecological Information

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- Effects of Material on Plants or Animals: No evidence is currently available on this product's effects on plant and animal life.
- Effects of Chemical on Aquatic Life: No evidence is currently available on this product's effects on aquatic life.

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### Disposal Considerations

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Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. Cylinders with undesired residual product may be safely vented outdoors with the proper regulator. For further information, refer to Section 16 (Other Information).

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### Transportation Information

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Proper Shipping Name:	Compressed Gas N.O.S. (Nitrogen, Ethylene Oxide)
Hazard Class Number and Description:	2.2 (Non – Flammable Gas)
UN Identification Number:	UN 1956
CT (DOT) Label(s) Required:	Non – Flammable Gas

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**Regulatory Information**

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Ethylene Oxide

SARA Section 302 (40CFR355.30): Yes

SARA Section 304 (40CFR355.40): Yes

SARA Section 313 (40CFR372.65): Yes

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**Other Information**

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**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 injury or death.

CT 39 (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 packed in these cylinders are Nonflammable n.o.s., UN 1956. A small percentage of calibration gases packed in CT 39 (DOT 39) cylinders are flammable or oxidizing gas mixtures.

For disposal of used CT 39 (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 CT (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. Precision Gas Products Inc. 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 to valued customers who want to participate.

<p>This Material Safety Data Sheet is offered pursuant to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200. Other government regulations must be reviewed for applicability to this product. To the best of Precision Gas Products Inc. knowledge, the information contained herein is reliable and accurate as of this date; however, accuracy, stability or completeness are not guaranteed and no warranties of any type, either express or implied, are provided. The information contained herein relates only to this specific product. If this product is combined with other materials, all component properties must be considered. Data may be changed from time to time.</p>
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