

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1389

Product Name **5% NITROGEN DIOXIDE BALANCE HELIUM**

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 1389 - SDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODE: 292 • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE
Use(s) CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
SDS Date 29 Mar 2010

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO ASCC CRITERIA

RISK PHRASES

R23 Toxic by inhalation.
R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

SAFETY PHRASES

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice
S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
S7/9 Keep container tightly closed and in a well ventilated place.
S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place.

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

UN No.	3303	DG Class	2.3	Subsidiary Risk(s)	5.1
Packing Group	None Allocated	Hazchem Code	2PE	EPG	2B5

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content
NITROGEN DIOXIDE	N-O2	10102-44-0	5%
HELIUM	He	7440-59-7	remainder

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
Inhalation	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.
Skin	If skin or hair contact occurs, flush affected area with copious quantities of water. Use an emergency shower for large areas. Remove affected clothing as quickly as possible. Irrigate with tap or tepid water for 15 to 30 minutes. Seek medical attention. Apply sterile dressing and treat as thermal burn. Immerse large areas or limbs in tap water or tepid water for 15 to 30 minutes. Obtain medical attention immediately.
Ingestion	Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.
Advice to Doctor	Management of pulmonary oedema. Treat eye and skin burns as corrosive. Methaemoglobin may be used as a biological monitor.
First Aid Facilities	Eye wash facilities and safety shower are recommended.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability	Non flammable.
Fire and Explosion	Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot.
Extinguishing	Use water fog to cool containers from protected area.
Hazchem Code	2PE

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spillage	If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Use personal protective equipment. Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.
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7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage	Do not store near incompatible materials. Cylinders should be stored below 45°C in a secure area, upright and restrained to prevent cylinders from falling. Cylinders should also be stored in a dry, well ventilated area constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits.
Handling	Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

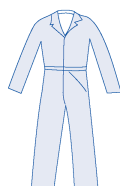
8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Stds	Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
			ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3
	Helium	ASCC (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
	Nitrogen dioxide	ASCC (AUS)	3	5.6	5	9.4

Biological Limits No biological limit allocated.

Engineering Controls Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

PPE Wear safety boots, insulated or leather gloves, coveralls, a Type NO (Nitrogen Oxides) respirator and safety glasses. Only experienced and trained person should use this product. At high vapour levels, wear: an Air-line respirator or self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	BROWN GAS	Solubility (Water)	REACTS
Odour	PUNGENT CHOKING ODOUR	Specific Gravity	NOT APPLICABLE
pH	NOT APPLICABLE	% Volatiles	100 %
Vapour Pressure	NOT AVAILABLE	Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Vapour Density	NOT AVAILABLE	Flash Point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Upper Explosion Limit	NOT RELEVANT
Melting Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Lower Explosion Limit	NOT RELEVANT
Evaporation Rate	NOT APPLICABLE		
Cylinder Pressure	13000 kPa @ 15°C		

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Material to Avoid	Nitric oxide reacts in air to form nitrogen dioxide which is highly oxidising and reacts violently with fluorine and chlorine in the presence of moisture.
Decomposition	May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.
Hazardous Reactions	Polymerization will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary	Toxic - asphyxiant. When mixed with air the concentration of nitrogen dioxide is diluted. Nitrogen dioxide concentrations above 3 ppm may have an immediate effect of irritating the nose and throat followed by delayed onset of respiratory difficulties. Over exposure to concentrations of nitrogen dioxide above 100 ppm may result in sudden onset pulmonary oedema which can be rapidly fatal. Over exposure may result in fibrotic changes in the lungs. Possible production of methaemoglobinemia may lead to drowsiness, dizziness and vomiting.
Eye	Irritant. Prolonged contact may result in corneal burns.
Inhalation	Toxic - asphyxiant. A toxic and asphyxiant mixture if directly inhaled.
Skin	Irritant. Contact may result in irritation.
Ingestion	Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form. However, ingestion of liquid may result in burns to the mouth and throat.
Toxicity Data	NITROGEN DIOXIDE (10102-44-0) LC50 (Inhalation): 88 ppm/4 hours (rat) LCLo (Inhalation): 200 ppm/1 minute (human) TCLo (Inhalation): 6200 ppb/10 minutes (man)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environment	Nitrogen oxides react with volatile organic compounds to produce ozone, a principal factor in photochemical smog. Will form nitric acid in contact with water. Nitrates can persist for prolonged periods in water. Not expected to concentrate in the food chain.
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal	Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.
Legislation	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport	Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and foodstuffs.
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UN No.	3303	DG Class	2.3	Subsidiary Risk(s)	5.1
Packing Group	None Allocated	Hazchem Code	2PE	EPG	2B5

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).
AICS	All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information	The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.
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APPLICATION METHOD: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ADB - Air-Dry Basis.

BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s)

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

CNS - Central Nervous System.

EINECS - European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.

mg/m³ - Milligrams per cubic metre.

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.

NTP - National Toxicology Program.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).

ppm - Parts Per Million.

RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a Chem Alert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this Chem Alert report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

Report Status	This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer of the product and serves as the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet ('SDS').
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It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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