

## Safety Data Sheet



### Section 1: Identification

#### Product identifier

**Product Name** • Hydrogen Cyanide (0.0001 - 0.0005%), Nitrogen (Balance)

**Product Code** • MSDS No.: M-2050/E-1

#### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

**Recommended use** • Calibration Gas

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Manufacturer** • Air Liquide  
2700 Post Oak Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77056  
United States  
www.us.airliquide.com

**Telephone (Technical)** • 713-896-2896

**Telephone (Technical)** • 800-819-1704

#### Emergency telephone number

**Manufacturer** • 800-424-9300 - CHEMTREC

**Manufacturer** • +1 703-527-3887 - Outside United States

### Section 2: Hazard Identification

#### United States (US)

According to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 HCS

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

**OSHA HCS 2012** • Compressed Gas - H280  
Simple Asphyxiant

#### Label elements

**OSHA HCS 2012**

#### WARNING



**Hazard statements** • Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated - H280  
May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

#### Precautionary statements

**Storage/Disposal** • Store in a well-ventilated place. - P403

#### Other hazards

**OSHA HCS 2012**

- Under United States Regulations (29 CFR 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication Standard), this product is considered hazardous.

**Canada**

According to WHMIS

**Classification of the substance or mixture**

WHMIS

- Compressed Gas - A

**Label elements**

WHMIS



- Compressed Gas - A

**Other hazards**

WHMIS

- This material is a simple asphyxiant. May displace or reduce oxygen available for breathing especially in confined spaces.  
In Canada, the product mentioned above is considered hazardous under the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

**Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients****Substances**

- Material does not meet the criteria of a substance.

**Mixtures**

Composition					
Chemical Name	Identifiers	%	LD50/LC50	Classifications According to Regulation/Directive	Comments
Hydrocyanic acid	CAS:74-90-8	0.0001% TO 0.0005%	Eye-Rabbit LD50 • 1040 µg/kg Inhalation-Rat LC50 • 150 ppm 30 Minute(s)	OSHA HCS 2012: Flam. Liq. 1; Acute Tox 1 (Inhalation)	1 - 4.7 PPM
Nitrogen	CAS:7727- 37-9	99.9995% TO 99.9999%	NDA	OSHA HCS 2012: Press. Gas - Comp., Simp. Asphyx.	NDA

**Section 4: First-Aid Measures****Description of first aid measures****Inhalation**

- IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. If signs/symptoms continue, get medical attention.

**Skin**

- After contact with skin, take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash immediately with plenty of (to be specified by manufacturer). If irritation develops and persists, get medical attention.

- Eye**
- Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first five minutes, then continue rinsing eye.
- Ingestion**
- If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious) Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

- Refer to Section 11 - Toxicological Information.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Notes to Physician**

- All treatments should be based on observed signs and symptoms of distress in the patient. Consideration should be given to the possibility that overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred.

**Other information**

- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves. RESCUERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE VICTIMS OF EXPOSURE TO GASES WITHOUT ADEQUATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. At a minimum, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn. 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).

**Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures**

**Extinguishing media**

- Suitable Extinguishing Media**
- Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire.  
SMALL FIRES: Dry chemical or CO2.  
LARGE FIRES: Water spray or fog.

- Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**
- No data available

**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

- Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards**
- Containers may explode when heated.  
Ruptured cylinders may rocket.

- Hazardous Combustion Products**
- No data available

**Advice for firefighters**

- Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides limited protection in fire situations ONLY; it is not effective in spill situations where direct contact with the substance is possible.  
Always wear thermal protective clothing when handling refrigerated/cryogenic liquids. Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).  
Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.  
FIRE: If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.  
FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles.  
FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.  
FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Do not direct water at source of leak or safety devices; icing may occur.  
FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank.  
FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

**Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

## Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

### Personal Precautions

- Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Ventilate the area before entry.

### Emergency Procedures

- Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Keep unauthorized personnel away. Keep out of low areas. Stay upwind. Do not direct water at spill or source of leak. **LARGE SPILL:** Consider initial downwind evacuation for at least 500 meters (1/3 mile)

### Environmental precautions

- No data available

## Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

### Containment/Clean-up Measures

- Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not direct water at spill or source of leak. Use water spray to reduce vapors; do not put water directly on leak, spill area or inside container. If possible, turn leaking containers so that gas escapes rather than liquid. Isolate area until gas has dispersed. Ventilate the area. Allow substance to evaporate.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

### Precautions for safe handling

#### Handling

- Use only with adequate ventilation. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Be aware of any signs of dizziness or fatigue, especially if work is done in a poorly ventilated area; exposures to fatal concentrations of this gas mixture could occur without any significant warning symptoms, due to olfactory fatigue or oxygen deficiency. Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over. Do not attempt to repair, adjust, or in any other way modify cylinders. If there is a malfunction or another type of operational problem, contact nearest distributor immediately. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not cut, weld, puncture or incinerate container.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage

- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Protect cylinders against physical damage. Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Control parameters

Exposure Limits/Guidelines						
	Result	ACGIH	Canada Ontario	Canada Quebec	NIOSH	OSHA
Hydrocyanic acid (74-90-8)	Ceilings	4.7 ppm Ceiling (as CN)	4.7 ppm Ceiling (as CN)	10 ppm Ceiling; 11 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling	Not established	Not established
	TWAs	Not established	Not established	Not established	Not established	10 ppm TWA; 11 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA
	STELs	Not established	Not established	Not established	4.7 ppm STEL; 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	Not established

### Exposure controls

#### Engineering Measures/Controls

- Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Use explosion-proof - electrical, ventilating and/or lighting equipment.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

- Respiratory**
  - No data available
- Eye/Face**
  - Wear safety glasses.
- Skin/Body**
  - Wear leather gloves when handling cylinders.
- Environmental Exposure Controls**
  - Follow best practice for site management and disposal of waste. Controls should be engineered to prevent release to the environment, including procedures to prevent spills, atmospheric release and release to waterways.

**Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties****Information on Physical and Chemical Properties****Material Description**

Physical Form	Gas	Appearance/Description	Colorless gas with bitter almond odor.
Color	Colorless	Odor	Bitter almond.
Odor Threshold	None		

**General Properties**

Boiling Point	-196 C(-320.8 F) Nitrogen	Melting Point	-210 C(-346 F) Nitrogen
Decomposition Temperature	Data lacking	pH	Data lacking
Specific Gravity/Relative Density	0.967 Water=1 Nitrogen	Water Solubility	1.485
Viscosity	Data lacking		

**Volatility**

Vapor Pressure	Data lacking	Vapor Density	0.967 Air=1
Evaporation Rate	Data lacking		

**Flammability**

Flash Point	Not relevant	UEL	Not relevant
LEL	Not relevant	Autoignition	Not relevant
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not flammable.		

**Environmental**

Octanol/Water Partition coefficient	Data lacking		
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**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity****Reactivity**

- No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

**Chemical stability**

- Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

- No data available

**Conditions to avoid**

- No data available

**Incompatible materials**

- No data available

**Hazardous decomposition products**

- No data available

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on toxicological effects

Components		
Hydrocyanic acid (0.0001% TO 0.0005%)	74-90-8	<b>Acute Toxicity:</b> Inhalation-Rat LC50 • 150 ppm 30 Minute(s)

GHS Properties	Classification
Acute toxicity	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Aspiration Hazard	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Carcinogenicity	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Skin corrosion/Irritation	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Skin sensitization	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
STOT-RE	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
STOT-SE	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Toxicity for Reproduction	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Respiratory sensitization	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
Serious eye damage/Irritation	OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met

### Potential Health Effects

#### Inhalation

- Acute (Immediate)**
  - This material is a simple asphyxiant. May displace or reduce oxygen available for breathing especially in confined spaces.
- Chronic (Delayed)**
  - No data available

#### Skin

- Acute (Immediate)**
  - Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Chronic (Delayed)**
  - No data available

#### Eye

- Acute (Immediate)**
  - Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Chronic (Delayed)**
  - No data available

#### Ingestion

- Acute (Immediate)**
  - Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Chronic (Delayed)**
  - No data available

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Toxicity

- No data available

### Persistence and degradability

- No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

- No data available

**Mobility in Soil**

- No data available

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- PBT and vPvB assessment has not been conducted for this material.

**Other adverse effects****Section 13 - Disposal Considerations****Waste treatment methods****Product waste**

- Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

**Packaging waste**

- Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

**Section 14 - Transport Information**

	UN number	UN proper shipping name	Transport hazard class(es)	Packing group	Environmental hazards
DOT	UN1956	Compressed gas, n.o.s (Nitrogen, Hydrogen Cyanide)	2.2	NDA	NDA
TDG	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S. (Nitrogen, Hydrogen Cyanide)	2.2	NDA	NDA
IMO/IMDG	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S (NITROGEN, Hydrogen Cyanide)	2.2	NDA	NDA

**Special precautions for user**

- 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.

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

- Not relevant.

**Other information**

- DOT • Hydrogen cyanide has a reportable quantity of 10 lbs (4.54 kg) as listed in Appendix A to 49 CFR 172.101.

**Section 15 - Regulatory Information****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****SARA Hazard Classifications**

- Pressure(Sudden Release of)

State Right To Know				
Component	CAS	MA	NJ	PA
Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Yes	Yes	Yes

Inventory				
Component	CAS	Canada DSL	Canada NDSL	TSCA
Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Yes	No	Yes
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Yes	No	Yes

## Canada

### Labor

#### Canada - WHMIS - Classifications of Substances

- |                    |           |            |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | A          |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | B2, D1A, F |

#### Canada - WHMIS - Ingredient Disclosure List

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|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | 1 %        |

### Environment

#### Canada - CEPA - Priority Substances List

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|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | Not Listed |

## United States

### Labor

#### U.S. - OSHA - Process Safety Management - Highly Hazardous Chemicals

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|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed             |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | 1000 lb TQ (anhydrous) |

#### U.S. - OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

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|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | Not Listed |

### Environment

#### U.S. - CAA (Clean Air Act) - 1990 Hazardous Air Pollutants

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|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | Not Listed |

#### U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable Quantities

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|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed                       |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | 10 lb final RQ; 4.54 kg final RQ |

#### U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Radionuclides and Their Reportable Quantities

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|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | Not Listed |

#### U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances EPCRA RQs

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|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed     |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | 10 lb EPCRA RQ |

#### U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances TPQs

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|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| • Nitrogen         | 7727-37-9 | Not Listed |
| • Hydrocyanic acid | 74-90-8   | 100 lb TPQ |



<b>U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 313 - Emission Reporting</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	1.0 % de minimis concentration
<b>U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 313 - PBT Chemical Listing</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed
<b>U.S. - RCRA (Resource Conservation &amp; Recovery Act) - Basis for Listing - Appendix VII</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Included in waste streams: K011, K013
<b>U.S. - RCRA (Resource Conservation &amp; Recovery Act) - Hazardous Constituents - Appendix VIII to 40 CFR 261</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	waste number P063
<b>U.S. - RCRA (Resource Conservation &amp; Recovery Act) - P Series Wastes - Acutely Toxic Wastes</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	waste number P063

## United States - California

<b>Environment</b>		
<b>U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed
<b>U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed
<b>U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Maximum Allowable Dose Levels (MADL)</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed
<b>U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRL)</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed
<b>U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed
<b>U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed

## United States - Pennsylvania

<b>Labor</b>		
<b>U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Environmental Hazard List</b>		
• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	

**U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Special Hazardous Substances**

• Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Not Listed
• Hydrocyanic acid	74-90-8	Not Listed

## Chemical Safety Assessment

- No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out.

## Section 16 - Other Information

<b>Last Revision Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 07/October/2014</li></ul>
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**Key to abbreviations**

NDA = No Data Available