

# Material Safety Data Sheet



Nonflammable Gas Mixture: Ethanol 1000ppm-14.8% / Nitrogen 85.2-99%

## Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

**Product Name** : Nonflammable Gas Mixture: Ethanol 1000ppm-14.8% / Nitrogen 85.2-99%

**Supplier** : AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries  
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**Product use** : Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.

**MSDS#** : 002011

**Date of Preparation/Revision** : **6/12/2007.**

**In case of emergency** : 1-866-734-3438

## Section 2. Hazards identification

**Physical state** : Gas.

**Emergency overview** : Warning!  
CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.  
CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS:  
BLOOD, REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM, LIVER, RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN,  
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA.  
Do not puncture or incinerate container.  
Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.

**Routes of entry** : Inhalation

**Potential acute health effects**

**Eyes** : Irritating to eyes.

**Skin** : Irritating to skin.

**Inhalation** : Acts as a simple asphyxiant.

**Ingestion** : Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases

**Potential chronic health effects** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** Classified A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH [ethanol].  
**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS** Not available.  
**TERATOGENIC EFFECTS** Not available.

**Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure** : Acute or chronic respiratory conditions may be aggravated by overexposure to this gas.

See toxicological Information (section 11)

## Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>% Volume</u>	<u>Exposure limits</u>
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	85.2 - 99	<b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2005). Notes: 1996 Adoption Refers to Appendix A -- Carcinogens.</b> TWA: 1880 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 1000 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001).</b> TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 1000 ppm 10 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>OSHA PEL (United States, 8/1997).</b> TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 1000 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms
Ethanol	64-17-5	0.1 - 14.8	

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## Section 4. First aid measures

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If fumes are still suspected to be present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or a self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

- Eye contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.
- Frostbite** : Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.
- Inhalation** : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
- Ingestion** : Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

## Section 5. Fire fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Non-flammable.
- Products of combustion** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO<sub>2</sub>...).
- Fire fighting media and instructions** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding fires.  
  
If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk. Apply water from a safe distance to cool container and protect surrounding area.  
No specific hazard.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (Section 8). Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Do not puncture or incinerate container. High pressure gas. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.
- Storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Cylinders should be stored upright, with valve protection cap in place, and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Cylinder temperatures should not exceed 52 °C (125 °F).

## Section 8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

- Engineering controls** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.
- Personal protection**
  - Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.
  - Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

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**Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

The applicable standards are (US) 29 CFR 1910.134 and (Canada) Z94.4-93

**Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves or gauntlets complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

**Personal protection in case of a large spill** : A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product.

**Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.**

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Molecular weight** : Not applicable.

**Molecular formula** : Not applicable.

**Boiling/condensation point** : Not available.

**Melting/freezing point** : -209.99°C (-346°F) based on data for: Nitrogen.

**Critical temperature** : The lowest known value is -146.9°C (-232.4°F) (Nitrogen).

**Vapor density** : The highest known value is 0.967 (Air = 1) (Nitrogen).

**Specific Volume (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb)** : Not applicable.

**Gas Density (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)** : Weighted average: 0.06

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

**Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.

**Incompatibility with various substances** : Reactive with alkalis.

## Section 11. Toxicological information

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Species</u>
Ethanol	LD50	7060 mg/kg	Oral	Rat
	LD50	6300 mg/kg	Oral	Rabbit
	LD50	3450 mg/kg	Oral	Mouse
	LDLo	1400 mg/kg	Oral	human
	LDLo	5500 mg/kg	Oral	Dog

**Chronic effects on humans** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** Classified A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH [ethanol].  
Contains material which causes damage to the following organs: blood, the reproductive system, liver, upper respiratory tract, skin, central nervous system (CNS), eye, lens or cornea.

**Other toxic effects on humans** : Not considered to be toxic for humans.

### Specific effects

**Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Reproduction toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## Section 12. Ecological information

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Result</u>
Ethanol	Daphnia magna (EC50)	48 hour(s)	2 mg/l
	Daphnia magna (EC50)	48 hour(s)	9.3 mg/l
	Daphnia magna (EC50)	48 hour(s)	>100 mg/l
	Daphnia magna (LC50)	96 hour(s)	>100 mg/l
	Pimephales promelas (LC50)	96 hour(s)	>100 mg/l
	Oncorhynchus mykiss (LC50)	96 hour(s)	13000 mg/l




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- Products of degradation** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>) and water, nitrogen oxides (NO, NO<sub>2</sub>...).
- Toxicity of the products of biodegradation** : The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.
- Environmental fate** : Not available.
- Environmental hazards** : Practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms.
- Toxicity to the environment** : Not available.

## Section 13. Disposal considerations

Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.

## Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		-
<b>TDG Classification</b>	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		<b>Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index</b> 0.125 <b>Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index</b> 75
<b>Mexico Classification</b>	UN1956	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	2.2	Not applicable (gas).		-

## Section 15. Regulatory information

### United States

- U.S. Federal regulations** : TSCA 8(b) inventory: Nitrogen; ethanol  
SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.  
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.  
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Nitrogen; ethanol  
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Nitrogen: Sudden Release of Pressure; ethanol: Fire hazard, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard, Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard  
Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.  
Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.  
Clean air act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.  
Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.  
Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

- State regulations** : Pennsylvania RTK: Nitrogen: (generic environmental hazard); ethanol: (generic environmental hazard)  
Massachusetts RTK: Nitrogen; ethanol  
New Jersey: Nitrogen; ethanol

### Canada

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**WHMIS (Canada)** : Class A: Compressed gas.  
Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).  
Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).  
CEPA DSL: Nitrogen; ethanol

**Section 16. Other information**

**United States**

**Label Requirements** : CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.  
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NERVOUS SYSTEM, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA.

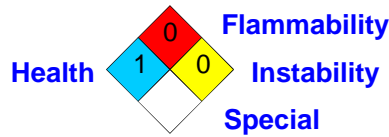
**Canada**

**Label Requirements** : Class A: Compressed gas.  
Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).  
Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)**

Health	*	1
Fire hazard		0
Reactivity		0
Personal protection		C

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)**



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