Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Compressed gases, flammable, n.o.s. (hydrogen, nitrogen) (MSDS No. P-4857-D)	**Trade Name:** Anaerobic Mixture
Chemical Name: Mixture of hydrogen, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen	**Synonyms:** Anaerobic atmosphere mixture, biologic atmosphere mixture
Formula: Mixture of H_2, CO_2, & N_2	**Chemical Family:** Not applicable
Telephone: **Emergencies:** 1-800-645-4633* **CHEMTREC:** 1-800-424-9300* **Routine:** 1-800-PRAXAIR	**Company Name:** Praxair, Inc. 39 Old Ridgebury Road Danbury, CT 06810-5113

** Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).*

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCEN-TRATION	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA (2001)
Carbon Dioxide	124-38-9	5%	5000 ppm	5000 ppm; 30,000 ppm, 15-min STEL
Hydrogen	1333-74-0	10%	None currently established	Simple asphyxiant
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	85%	None currently established	Simple asphyxiant

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

DANGER! Flammable high-pressure gas.
May form explosive mixtures with air.
Can cause rapid suffocation.
May increase respiration and heart rate.
May cause dizziness and drowsiness.
Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.
Odor: None

THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE: TLV-TWA, 5,000 ppm; 30,000 ppm, 15 min STEL, carbon dioxide (ACGIH, 2001). TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

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EFFECTS OF A SINGLE (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE:

INHALATION–Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. The carbon dioxide component is also physiologically active, affecting circulation and breathing. Moderate concentrations may cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, rapid breathing, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

SKIN CONTACT–No harm expected.

SWALLOWING–This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT–No harm expected.

EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE: No harm expected.

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: None known.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE: The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of this product suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION: A single study has shown an increase in heart defects in rats exposed to 6% carbon dioxide in air for 24 hours at different times during gestation. There is no evidence that carbon dioxide is teratogenic in humans.

CARCINOGENICITY: None of the components of this mixture is listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

4. First Aid Measures

INHALATION: Immediately remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

SKIN CONTACT: Wash with soap and water. If discomfort persists, get medical attention.

SWALLOWING: An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT: Flush with water. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. Get medical attention if discomfort persists.

***NOTES TO PHYSICIAN*:** *There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.*

5. Fire Fighting Measures

FLASH POINT (test method)**:**	Flammable gas	
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:	Unknown	
FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume**:**	**LOWER:** 40%	**UPPER:** 77%

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: CO_2, dry chemicals, water spray, or fog.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: DANGER! Flammable high-pressure gas. Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately deluge cylinders with water from maximum distance until cool, taking care not to extinguish flames. Remove sources of ignition if without risk. Remove all cylinders from fire area if without risk; continue cooling water spray while moving cylinders. Do not extinguish any flames emitted from cylinders; stop flow of gas if without risk, or allow flames to burn out. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Flammable gas mixture. Flame may be nearly invisible. Escaping gas may ignite spontaneously. Hydrogen component has a low ignition energy. Fireball may form if gas cloud ignites immediately after release.

Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents. Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. No part of a cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). Cylinders containing this product are equipped with pressure relief devices. (Exceptions may exist where authorized by DOT.) If venting or leaking product catches fire, do not extinguish flames. Flammable gas may spread from leak, creating an explosive reignition hazard. Vapors can be ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharge, or other ignition sources at locations distant from product handling point. Explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: None known.

6. Accidental Release Measures

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: DANGER! Flammable high-pressure gas. Forms explosive mixtures with air. (See section 5.) Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce vapors with fog or fine water spray. Reverse flow into cylinder may cause rupture. (See section 16.) Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move cylinder to a well-ventilated area. Flammable vapors may spread from leak. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

7. Handling and Storage

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store and use with adequate ventilation. Separate cylinders containing this product from oxygen, chlorine, and other oxidizers by at least 20 ft (6.1 m) or use a barricade of noncombustible material. This barricade should be at least 5 ft (1.53 m) high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Post “No Smoking or Open Flames” signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. All electrical equipment in storage areas must be explosion-proof. Storage areas must meet national electric codes for Class 1 hazardous areas. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods. For full details and requirements, see NFPA 50A, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: Protect cylinders from damage. Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. All piped systems and associated equipment must be grounded. Electrical equipment must be non-sparking or explosion-proof. Leak check system with soapy water; never use a flame. Do not crack cylinder valves before opening them; escaping gas may ignite spontaneously. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions in using this mixture, see section 16.

For additional information on storage and handling, refer to Compressed Gas Association (CGA) pamphlet P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*, available from the CGA. Refer to section 16 for the address and phone number along with a list of other available publications.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

LOCAL EXHAUST–Use an explosion-proof local exhaust system with sufficient air flow velocity to prevent oxygen deficiency and keep gas concentrations below applicable TLVs in the worker's breathing zone.

MECHANICAL (general)–Under certain conditions, general exhaust ventilation may be acceptable if it can maintain an adequate supply of air and control worker exposure to concentrations of carbon dioxide above the applicable TLVs.

SPECIAL–None

OTHER–None

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: None required for normal use. Air-supplied respirators must be used in confined spaces or oxygen-deficient atmospheres. Respiratory protection must conform to OSHA rules as specified in 29 CFR 1910.134.

SKIN PROTECTION: Wear work gloves when handling cylinders.

EYE PROTECTION: Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders. Select eye protection in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.133. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air = 1) at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm**:**	0.905
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Negligible
PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:	100

APPEARANCE, ODOR, AND STATE: Colorless, odorless gas at normal temperature and pressure.

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: ☐ Unstable ☒ Stable

INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid): Oxygen, oxidizing agents.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None known.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: ☐ May Occur ☒ Will Not Occur

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None known.

11. Toxicological Information

Carbon Dioxide Component. Carbon dioxide is an asphyxiant. It initially stimulates respiration and then causes respiratory depression. High concentrations result in narcosis. Symptoms in humans are as follows:

EFFECT:	CONCENTRATION:
Breathing rate increases slightly.	1%
Breathing rate increases to 50% above normal level. Prolonged exposure can cause headache, tiredness.	2%
Breathing increases to twice normal rate and becomes labored. Weak narcotic effect. Impaired hearing, headache, increased blood pressure and pulse rate.	3%
Breathing increases to approximately four times normal rate, symptoms of intoxication become evident, and slight choking may be felt.	4 - 5%

12. Ecological Information

No adverse ecological effects expected. This mixture does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. None of the mixture components is listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

13. Disposal Considerations

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

14. Transport Information

DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME: Compressed gases, flammable, n.o.s. (hydrogen, nitrogen)

HAZARD CLASS: 2.1	**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** UN 1954	**PRODUCT RQ:** None
SHIPPING LABEL(s):	FLAMMABLE GAS	
PLACARD (when required):	FLAMMABLE GAS	

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION: Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

Reportable Quantity (RQ): None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

SECTIONS 302/304: Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) (40 CFR Part 355):

Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): None
EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): None

SECTIONS 311/312: Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

IMMEDIATE: Yes
DELAYED: No
PRESSURE: Yes
REACTIVITY: No
FIRE: Yes

SECTION 313: Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

The mixture components do not require reporting under Section 313.

40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION: Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

The hydrogen component is listed as a regulated substance in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater.

TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT: The components of this mixture are listed on the TSCA inventory.

OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**:**

29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS: Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

None of the components of this mixture is listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical. However, any process that involves a flammable gas on site in one location in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless the gas is used as a fuel.

STATE REGULATIONS:

CALIFORNIA: None of the mixture components is listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

PENNSYLVANIA: The components of this mixture are subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

NOTE: This mixture is used for growth of biological cultures. Users must be familiar with the equipment used with this gas mixture.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: ***Flammable high-pressure gas.*** Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. ***May form explosive mixtures with air.*** Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Ground all equipment. ***Gas can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency.*** Store and use with adequate ventilation at all times. Keep away from oxidizing agents and other flammables. Use only in a closed system. ***Never work on a pressurized system.*** If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws; then repair the leak. ***Follow safe practices when returning cylinder to supplier.*** Be sure valve is closed; then tightly install valve outlet plug. ***Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.***

MIXTURES: When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can 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 evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

NFPA RATINGS:		**HMIS RATINGS:**	
HEALTH	= 1	HEALTH	= 0
FLAMMABILITY	= 4	FLAMMABILITY	= 4
REACTIVITY	= 0	REACTIVITY	= 0
SPECIAL	= None		

STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

THREADED:	0-3000 psig	CGA-350
PIN-INDEXED YOKE:	0-3000 psig	CGA-981
ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:		Not applicable

Use the proper CGA connections. Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlets V-1, V-7, and V-7.1 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information about this product can be found in the following pamphlets published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5th Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700.

AV-1	*Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases*
G-5	*Hydrogen*
G-6	*Carbon Dioxide*
P-1	*Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*
P-9	*Inert Gases – Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium*
P-14	*Accident Prevention in Oxygen-Rich, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres*
SB-2	*Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres*
V-1	*Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections*
V-7	*Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Industrial Gas Mixtures*
V-7.1	*Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Medical Gases*
—	*Handbook of Compressed Gases, Fourth Edition*

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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