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COMPRESSED GAS NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:
BTEX STANDARD**



IDENTIFICATION:

Chemical Name: Compressed Gas, Not Otherwise Specified (Contains Nitrogen)

Synonyms: BTEX Standard

UN Number: 1956

Use: Industrial and Speciality Gas Applications

HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

Dangerous Goods Class and Subsidiary Risk: 2.2

HSNO Classification: Not Hazardous

Hazard Statement:

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary Statements:

Read label before use.

Read Safety Data Sheet before use.

Protect from sunlight and heat.

Store in a well-ventilated place.

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

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COMPOSITION / INGREDIENTS:

Chemical Entity	CAS Number	Proportion
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	Balance Gas
Benzene	71-43-2	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Toluene	108-88-3	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Xylene	106-42-34	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Hexaflouorobenzene	392-56-3	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Octafluorotoluene	434-64-0	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Tetrafluorobenzene	327-54-8	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Dodecane	112-40-3	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Isobutane	75-28-5	200 ppb – 2 ppm
Ethylene	74-85-1	200 ppb – 2 ppm

Contains no other components or impurities that will influence the classification of the product.

FIRST AID MEASURES:

Health Effects

Acute

Swallowed: Not applicable to gases.

Eye: Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.

Skin: Not irritating to the skin.

Inhaled: BTEX is non-toxic at normal temperature and pressure.

By diluting the oxygen concentration in air below the level necessary to support life, it can act as an asphyxiant.

Effects of oxygen deficiency are:

16%: breathing and pulse rate increased, impaired thinking and attention, reduced coordination;

14%: Abnormal fatigue upon exertion, emotional upset, faulty coordination, poor judgement;

12.5%: Very poor judgement and coordination, impaired respiration that can cause permanent hear damage, nausea and vomiting;

below 10%: Inability to perform various movements, loss of consciousness, convulsions, and death.

First Aid

Inhalation:

In high concentrations may cause headaches, nausea and vomiting which may lead to unconsciousness as well as asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of

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mobility/consciousness. Remove victim to uncontaminated area whilst wearing self-contained breathing apparatus.

Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.

Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

Advice to Doctor

Advise doctor that victim has been exposed to an oxygen deficient atmosphere.

General:

Rescuers should not enter an oxygen deficient atmosphere without using self-contained full face positive pressure breathing equipment.

FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:

Flammability:

Non Flammable.

Fire/Explosion Hazard:

Non-flammable, however exposure to fire may cause container to rupture/explode. Cylinders involved in a fire/explosion may rocket. Move cylinders from vicinity of fire if safe to do so.

Cool cylinders by spraying flooding quantities of water from a protected location. If unable to keep cylinders cool, evacuate area, minimum distance 200 meters.

Extinguishing Media:

Use appropriate media to extinguish source of surrounding fire. Cool cylinders with water if possible.

Hazchem Code: 2 TE

ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:

Personal Protection:

Personnel engaged in the movement of cylinders shall be provided with safety footwear, safety glasses and leather or PVC gloves. Full cover overalls are recommended. If cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel.

Reference Guide:

Standard SNZ HB 76:2008 Dangerous Goods – Initial Emergency Response Guide.
 AS/NZS 1337 – Eye Protection for Industrial Applications
 AS/NZS 2161.1 – Occupational Protective Gloves – Selection, use and maintenance
 AS/NZS 1715 – Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices
 AS/NZS 1716 – Respiratory Protective Devices



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General:

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HANDLING AND STORAGE:

Handling

Flammability: Non Flammable.

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Approved Handlers:

Approved handlers are not required, non-hazardous gas (HSNO).

Storage:

Storage of compressed gas cylinders shall be in compliance with New Zealand HSNO Regulations.

Cylinders will be kept away from ignition sources (including static discharges).

Cylinders shall be stored in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight and away from heat and ignition sources.

No part of cylinders shall be exposed to temperatures above 50°C.

Cylinders shall be stored upright on a level, fireproof floor, secured in position, and protected from damage.

Full cylinders shall be stored separately from empties.

Cylinders should be moved by hand-truck or cart designed for that purpose.

Separation:

Avoid any contact with oil or grease particularly to the cylinder valve.

Southern Shield can be stored with most common substances.

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EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION:

Exposure Standards:

INGREDIENT	REFERENCE	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Nitrogen	SW	ASPHYXIANT			
Benzene		1	3.2	-	-
Toluene		50	191	150	574
Xylene		80	350	150	655
Hexafluorobenzene		0.8	6.6		
Octafluorotoluene		3	30		
Tetrafluorobenzene		4.8	30		
Dodecane		N/E	N/E	N/K	N/K
Isobutane		1000	-	-	-
Ethylene		ASPHYXIANT			

Engineering Controls:

Provide adequate local exhaust and dilution via general ventilation and supply sufficient replacement air to maintain oxygen levels above 19%.

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature.

Provide adequate local exhaust and dilution (general) ventilation and supply sufficient replacement air to maintain oxygen concentration above 19%.

Personal Protection:

Personnel engaged in the movement of cylinders shall be provided with safety footwear, safety glasses and leather or PVC gloves.

Full cover overalls are recommended. In areas where equipment failure may cause an immediate high concentration of BTEX ensure adequate ventilation and have approved self-contained, full face respiratory equipment readily available for emergencies.

Equipment employed shall be designed to withstand process pressure and temperature.

Reference Guide:

AS/NZS 1337 – Eye Protection for Industrial Applications

AS/NZS 2161.1 – Occupational Protective Gloves – Selection, use and maintenance

AS/NZS 1715 – Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices

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PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:
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Physical Properties

Appearance: Colourless Gas
Odour: Slight Odour,
Flammability: Non Flammable
Flash Point: Not relevant
Boiling Point: Not Applicable
Melting Point: Not Available
Evaporation Rate: Not Available
pH: Not Available
Vapour Density: Not Available
Specific Gravity: Not Available
Solubility (water): Not Available
Vapour Pressure: Not Available
Upper Explosion Limit: Not Relevant
Lower Explosion Limit: Not Relevant
Partial Coefficient: Not Available
Autoignition Temperature: Not Available
Decomposition Temperature: Not Available
Viscosity: Not Available
Explosive Properties: Not Available
Oxidising Properties: Not Available
Odour Threshold: Not Available

Other Properties

% Volatiles: 100%

STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:

Flammability:

BTEX is non- flammable.

Materials Compatibility: Not applicable.

Stability: Stable under normal conditions

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TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION:

Acute Toxicity:

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Isopentane	< 2000 m/kg (rat)	-	> 20 mg/L (rat)
N-Hexane	25 g/kg (rat)	3000 mg/kg (rabbit)	48000 ppm /4 hours (rat)
Benzene	930 mg/kg (rat)	48 mg/kg (mouse)	9980 ppm (mouse)
Cyclohexane	813 mg/kg (mouse)	-	70 g/m ³ (mammal)
Ethybenzene	3500 mg/kg (rat)	17800 mg/kg (rabbit)	50 mg/m ³ /2 hours (mouse)
Toluene	5580 mg/kg (rat)	5000 mg/kg (rabbit)	25.7 – 30 mg/L/4 hours (rat)

Skin:	Not classified as a skin irritant
Eye:	Not classified as an eye irritant
Sensitivity:	Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitization
Mutagenicity:	Not classified as a mutagen
Carcinogenicity:	Contains trace quantities of Benzene. Benzene is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1)
Reproductive:	Not classified as a reproductive toxin
STOT- Single exposure:	Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to Oxygen displacement. Over exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness
STOT – Repeated exposure:	Not classifies as causing organ damage from repeated exposure
Aspiration:	Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Toxicity:

No ecological damage caused by this product

Persistence and Degradability:

The product is expected to biodegrade and is not expected to persist for long periods in an aquatic environment.

Bio Accumulative Potential:

This product does not bioaccumulation

Mobility in Soil:

The substance is a gas, this is not applicable.



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Adverse effects:

Not other adverse effects

DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Cylinders to be returned to manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

Dispose in accordance with relevant local legislation

Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.

Discharge to atmosphere in in large quantities should be avoided

TRANSPORT INFORMATION:

UN Number: 1956

Proper Shipping Name: COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S (contains Nitrogen)

Dangerous Goods Class and Subsidiary Risk: 2.2

Packing Group: Not applicable

Hazchem Code: 2 TE

Other Information:

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load is not separated from the driver's compartment.
Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.

Before transporting product containers:

Ensure that containers are firmly secured.
Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.
Ensure there is adequate ventilation.
Compliance with applicable regulations.

REGULATORY INFORMATION:

Environmental Protection Agency Register Approval No: HSR002533

HSNO Controls:

Hazardous Substances (Compressed Gases) Regulations 2004.
Hazardous Substances (Tank Wagon and Transportable Containers) Regulations 2004.

Approved Handlers: Approved handlers are not required, non-hazardous gas (HSNO).

Approved Fillers: If you fill a compressed gas cylinder, you are required to be an Approved Filler.



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OTHER INFORMATION:

Compressed BTEX is supplied in high pressure gas cylinders

Cylinder Valve Outlet:

Industrial: AS 2473.2 Type 50

References:

NZS 5433:2007 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land
EPA Website – Approvals Register – www.epa.govt.nz
SNZ HB76:2008 Dangerous Goods – Initial Emergency Response Guide
AS1678 2C1 Emergency Procedure Guide – Transport – Non-Flammable, Compressed Gas
AS 4484-2004 - Gas Cylinders for Industrial, Scientific, medical and refrigerant use -
Labelling and colour coding
AS 2473.2-2007 - Valves for compressed gas outlets - Part 2 Outlet connections (threaded)
and stem (inlet) threads
AS 2473.3-2007 - Valves for compressed gas outlets - Part 3 Outlet connections for medical
gases (including pin-indexed yoke connections)
Operators Handbook for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road – NZ Road Transport &
Logistics Industry Training Organisation
NZCIC Code of Practice – Preparation of Safety Data Sheets

MSDS SUMMARY:

This MSDS summarises to our best knowledge, at the date of issue, the health and safety hazard information regarding this product and general guidance on how to safely handle the product in the workplace. All due care has been taken to include accurate and up-to-date information in this MSDS.

Each user should read this MSDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace in conjunction with other products. If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact Southern Gas Services Limited.

As far as lawfully possible, no liability for any loss, injury or damage (including consequential loss) which may be suffered or incurred by any person as a consequence of their reliance on the information contained in this MSDS can be accepted.

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