



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Prepared to U.S. OSHA, CMA, ANSI and Canadian WHMIS Standards

## 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**CHEMICAL NAME; CLASS: NONFLAMMABLE GAS MIXTURE**

**Containing the Following Component in An Air Balance Gas:  
Propane < 1.2%**

**SYNONYMS:** Not Applicable

**CHEMICAL FAMILY NAME:** Not Applicable

**FORMULA:** Not Applicable

**Document Number:** 50042

**Note:** The Material Safety Data Sheet is for this gas mixture supplied in cylinders with 33 cubic feet (935 liters) or less gas capacity (DOT - 39 cylinders). This MSDS has been developed for various gas mixtures with the composition of components within the ranges listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Refer to the product label for information on the actual composition of the product.

<b>PRODUCT USE:</b>	Calibration of Monitoring and Research Equipment
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## 2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	mole %	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH-TLV		OSHA-PEL		NIOSH IDLH	OTHER
			TWA ppm	STEL ppm	TWA ppm	STEL ppm		
Propane	74-98-6	< 1.2%	2500 NIC = 1000	NE	1000	NE	2100	NIOSH REL: TWA = 1000 DFG MAKs: TWA = 1000 PEAK = 2•MAK 15 min., average value, 1 hr interval
Air	132259-10-0	Balance	The composition of Air is as follows: 79% Nitrogen and 21% Oxygen. These components and their concentrations have been incorporated into this MSDS. There are no specific exposure limits for Oxygen or Nitrogen.					

NE = Not Established.

NIC = Notice of Intended Change

See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.

**NOTE (1):** ALL WHMIS required information is included in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1998 format. This gas mixture has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

## 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** This gas mixture is a colorless, odorless gas mixture. The main health hazard associated with a release of this gas mixture is related to the high pressure. Because of its composition, this gas mixture is generally considered non-flammable; however, due to the presence of Oxygen, this gas mixture will support combustion. A moderate cylinder rupture hazard exists when this gas mixture, which is under pressure, is subject to heat or flames.

**SYMPTOMS OF OVER-EXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:** The most significant route of over-exposure to this gas mixture is via inhalation.

**INHALATION:** Due to the small size of an individual cylinder of this gas mixture, and the specific composition of this gas mixture, no unusual health effects from over-exposure to the product are anticipated under routine circumstances of use. This gas mixture is non-toxic and it is not anticipated that releases of this gas mixture will lead to the development of an Oxygen-deficient environment.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE: An Explanation in Lay Terms.** Over-exposure to this gas mixture may cause the following health effects:

**ACUTE:** The most significant hazards associated with this gas mixture is the pressure hazard.

**CHRONIC:** There are currently no known adverse health effects associated with chronic exposure to this gas mixture.

**TARGET ORGANS:** ACUTE: Not applicable.

CHRONIC: Not applicable.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

<b>HEALTH HAZARD</b>	(BLUE)	0
<b>FLAMMABILITY HAZARD</b>	(RED)	0
<b>PHYSICAL HAZARD</b>	(YELLOW)	0

### PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

EYES    RESPIRATORY    HANDS    BODY

See Section 8

For Routine Industrial Use and Handling Applications

## 4 FIRST-AID MEASURES

As the opportunity for injury from exposure to this gas mixture is limited to its pressure hazards, the first-aid measures would be for over-pressure accidents. In the event of such accidents, seek immediate and qualified medical attention.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT:** Not applicable.

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** Not applicable.

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):**

Lower (LEL): Not applicable.

Upper (UEL): Not applicable.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:** Non-flammable gas mixture. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

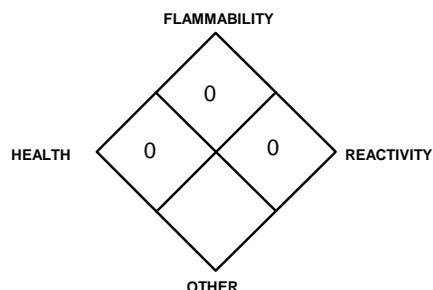
**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** This gas mixture is not flammable; however, containers, when involved in fire, may rupture or burst in the heat of the fire.

Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.

Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.

**SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Structural firefighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment. If water is not available for cooling or protection of cylinder exposures, evacuate the area.

### NFPA RATING



## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**LEAK RESPONSE:** Due to the small size and content of the cylinder, an accidental release of this gas mixture presents significantly less risk of safety hazards than a similar release from a larger cylinder. However, as with any chemical release, extreme caution must be used during emergency response procedures. In the event of a release in which the atmosphere is unknown, and in which other chemicals are potentially involved, evacuate immediate area. Such releases should be responded to by trained personnel using pre-planned procedures. Proper protective equipment should be used. In case of a leak, clear the affected area, protect people, and respond with trained personnel.

Allow the gas mixture to dissipate. If necessary, monitor the surrounding area (and the original area of the release) for oxygen. Oxygen levels must be above 19.5% before non-emergency personnel are allowed to re-enter area.

If leaking incidentally from the cylinder, contact your supplier.

## 7. HANDLING and USE

**WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES:** Do not attempt to repair, adjust, or in any other way modify the cylinders containing this gas mixture. If there is a malfunction or another type of operational problem, contact nearest distributor immediately.

**STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES:** Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over. Cylinders must be protected from the environment, and preferably kept at room temperature (approximately 21°C [70°F]). Cylinders should be stored in dry, well-ventilated areas, away from sources of heat, ignition, and direct sunlight. Protect cylinders against physical damage.

Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent full containers from being stored for long periods of time. These cylinders are not refillable. **WARNING! Do not refill DOT 39 cylinders. To do so may cause personal injury or property damage.**

**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING GAS CYLINDERS: WARNING!** Compressed gases can present significant safety hazards. During cylinder use, use equipment designed for these specific cylinders. Ensure all lines and equipment are rated for proper service pressure.

**PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT:** Follow practices indicated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures). Make certain that application equipment is locked and tagged-out safely. Always use product in areas where adequate ventilation is provided.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION

**VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** No special ventilation systems or engineering controls are needed under normal circumstances of use. As with all chemicals, use this gas mixture in well-ventilated areas.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** No special respiratory protection is required under normal circumstances of use. If respiratory protection is needed, use only protection authorized in the U.S. Federal OSHA Standard (29 CFR 1910.134), applicable U.S. State regulations, or the Canadian CSA Standard Z94.4-93 and applicable standards of Canadian Provinces. Oxygen levels below 19.1633% are considered IDLH by OSHA. In such atmospheres, use of a full-facepiece pressure/demand SCBA or a full facepiece, supplied air respirator with auxiliary self-contained air supply is required under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134-1998).

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133 or appropriate Canadian Standards.

**HAND PROTECTION:** No special protection is needed under normal circumstances of use. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.138 or appropriate Standards of Canada.

**BODY PROTECTION:** No special protection is needed under normal circumstances of use. If a hazard of injury to the feet exists due to falling objects, rolling objects, where objects may pierce the soles of the feet or where employee's feet may be exposed to electrical hazards, use foot protection, as described in U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136.

## 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The following information is for Air, a balance gas:

**BOILING POINT:** -317.8°F (-194.3°C)

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER Vol/Vol at 0°C (32°F):** 0.0292

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (air = 1) @ 70°F (21.1°C):** 1

**EVAPORATION RATE (nBuAc = 1):** Not applicable.

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not applicable.

**VAPOR PRESSURE @ 21.1°C; 70°F (psig):** Not applicable.

**FREEZING/MELTING POINT (@ 10 psig):** -216.2°C (-357.2°F)

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 28.975

**pH:** Not applicable.

**EXPANSION RATIO:** Not applicable.

**SPECIFIC VOLUME (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb):** Not applicable for Air; 13.8 (for Nitrogen)

**COEFFICIENT WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable.

The following information is for the gas mixture:

**APPEARANCE AND COLOR:** This gas mixture is a colorless, odorless gas.

**HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties):** In terms of leak detection, fittings and joints can be painted with a soap solution to detect leaks, which will be indicated by a bubble formation.

## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Normally stable in gaseous state.

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** The thermal decomposition products of Propane include carbon oxides. The other components of this gas mixture do not decompose, per se, but can react with other compounds in the heat of a fire.

**MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE:** Titanium will burn in Nitrogen (the main component of this gas mixture). Lithium reacts slowly with Nitrogen at ambient temperatures. Propane is incompatible with strong oxidizers (i.e. chlorine, bromine pentafluoride, oxygen difluoride, and nitrogen trifluoride).

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Contact with incompatible materials. Cylinders exposed to high temperatures or direct flame can rupture or burst.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TOXICITY DATA:** The following toxicology data are available for the components of this gas mixture:

**PROPANE:**

**Skin Contact (Rabbit):** Several formulations containing an isobutane-propane mixture were tested for skin irritation effects. All formulations contained less than 13% propane. All of the formulations containing propane caused only mild irritation.

**Effects on Short-Term Inhalation:** Guinea-pigs breathing 5.5% propane by volume developed tremors after 5 minutes. Nausea, retching, and stupefaction were observed when animals were exposed for 30-120 minutes. All the animals survived a two-hour exposure and had no significant tissue damage. A gas concentration of 89% did not cause anesthesia, but depressed the blood pressure of cats. Inhalation of 10 percent propane by mice and 15% by dogs cause weak cardiac sensitization. Presumably, all of these effects are reversible when exposure ceases. In primates, 10% propane caused some change in heart function. At 20% there was aggravation of these symptoms and respiratory depression.

**Effects of Long-Term Inhalation:** No toxicity or abnormalities were observed when monkeys were exposed to approximately 750 ppm for 90 days. Similar results were obtained when monkeys were exposed to an aerosol spray containing 65% propane and isobutane.

**SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT:** The components of this gas mixture are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, CAL/OSHA, and IARC; therefore, they are not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (Continued)

**IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT:** Contact with rapidly expanding gases can be irritating to exposed skin and eyes.

**SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT:** This gas mixture is not known to cause respiratory or skin sensitization in humans.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION:** Listed below is information concerning the effects of this gas mixture and its components on the human reproductive system.

**Mutagenicity:** No mutagenicity effects have been described for the components of this gas mixture.

**Embryotoxicity:** No embryotoxic effects have been described for the components of this gas mixture.

**Teratogenicity:** No teratogenicity effects have been described for the components of this gas mixture.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** No reproductive toxicity effects have been described for the components of this gas mixture.

A **mutagen** is a chemical which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generation lines. An **embryotoxin** is a chemical which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **teratogen** is a chemical which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **reproductive toxin** is any substance which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.

**BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES (BEIs):** Currently, Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) have not been determined for the components of this gas mixture.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY:** The components of this gas mixture occur naturally in the atmosphere. The gas will be dissipated rapidly in well-ventilated areas. The following environmental data are applicable to the components of this gas mixture.

**OXYGEN:** Water Solubility = 1 volume Oxygen/32 volumes water at 20°C. Log  $K_{ow}$  = -0.65

**NITROGEN:** Water Solubility = 2.4 volumes Nitrogen/100 volumes water at 0°C. 1.6 volumes Nitrogen/100 volumes water at 20°C.

**EFFECT OF MATERIAL ON PLANTS or ANIMALS:** No evidence is currently available on this gas mixture's effects on plant and animal life.

**EFFECT OF CHEMICAL ON AQUATIC LIFE:** No evidence is currently available on this gas mixture's effects on aquatic life.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL:** Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. Cylinders with undesired residual product may be safely vented outdoors with the proper regulator. For further information, refer to Section 16 (Other Information).

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**THIS GAS MIXTURE IS HAZARDOUS AS DEFINED BY 49 CFR 172.101 BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Compressed gases, n.o.s. (Oxygen, Nitrogen)

**HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:** 2.2 (Non-Flammable Gas)

**UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** UN 1956

**PACKING GROUP:** Not applicable.

**DOT LABEL(S) REQUIRED:** Non-Flammable Gas

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**MARINE POLLUTANT:** The components of this gas mixture are not classified by the DOT as Marine Pollutants (as defined by 49 CFR 172.101, Appendix B).

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:** 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.

**Note:** DOT 39 Cylinders ship in a strong outer carton (overpack). Pertinent shipping information goes on the outside of the overpack. DOT 39 Cylinders do not have transportation information on the cylinder itself.

**TRANSPORT CANADA TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS:** This gas is considered as Dangerous Goods, per regulations of Transport Canada.

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Compressed gases, n.o.s. (Oxygen, Nitrogen)

**HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:** 2.2 (Non-Flammable Gas)

**UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** UN 1056

**PACKING GROUP:** Not Applicable

**HAZARD LABEL:** Class 2.2 (Non-Flammable Gas)

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** None

**EXPLOSIVE LIMIT AND LIMITED QUANTITY INDEX:** 0.12

**ERAP INDEX:** None

**PASSENGER CARRYING SHIP INDEX:** None

**PASSENGER CARRYING ROAD VEHICLE OR PASSENGER CARRYING RAILWAY VEHICLE INDEX:** 75

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**NOTE:** Shipment of compressed gas cylinders via Public Passenger Road Vehicle is a violation of Canadian law (Transport Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992).

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**ADDITIONAL U.S. REGULATIONS:**

**U.S. SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The components of this gas mixture are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act., as follows:

**U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY:** There are no specific Threshold Planning Quantities for the components of this gas mixture. The default Federal MSDS submission and inventory requirement filing threshold of 10,000 lb (4,540 kg) may apply, per 40 CFR 370.20.

**U.S. TSCA INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of this gas mixture are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

**U.S. CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (RQ):** Not applicable.

**OTHER U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:**

- Propane is subject to the requirements of CFR 29 1910.1000. Propane is listed on Table Z.1.
- The regulations of the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals (29 CFR 1910.119) are not applicable to this gas mixture.
- Propane is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The Threshold Quantity for this gas is 10,000 pounds.
- This gas mixture does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone depleting chemicals (40 CFR part 82).
- Nitrogen and Oxygen are not listed as Regulated Substances, per 40 CFR, Part 68, of the Risk Management for Chemical Releases. Propane is listed under this regulation in Table 3 as a Regulated Substance (Flammable Substance), in quantities of 10,000 lbs (4,553 kg) or greater.

**U.S. STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION:** The components of this gas mixture are covered under the following specific State regulations:

**Alaska - Designated Toxic and Hazardous Substances:** Propane.

**California - Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants:** Nitrogen, Propane.

**Florida - Substance List:** Oxygen.

**Illinois - Toxic Substance List:** Propane.

**Kansas - Section 302/313 List:** No.

**Massachusetts - Substance List:** Oxygen, Propane.

**Minnesota - List of Hazardous Substances:** Propane.

**Missouri - Employer Information/Toxic Substance List:** Propane.

**New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List:** Oxygen, Nitrogen, Propane.

**North Dakota - List of Hazardous Chemicals, Reportable Quantities:** No.

**Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List:** Oxygen, Nitrogen, Propane.

**Rhode Island - Hazardous Substance List:** Oxygen, Nitrogen, Propane.

**Texas - Hazardous Substance List:** Propane.

**West Virginia - Hazardous Substance List:** Propane.

**Wisconsin - Toxic and Hazardous Substances List:** Propane.

**CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT (PROPOSITION 65):** No component of this gas mixture is on the California Proposition 65 lists.

**ADDITIONAL CANADIAN REGULATIONS:**

**CANADIAN DSL/NDSL INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of this gas mixture are listed on the DSL Inventory.

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA) PRIORITIES SUBSTANCES LISTS:** The components of this gas mixture are not on the CEPA Priorities Substances Lists.

**CANADIAN WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:** This gas mixture is categorized as a Controlled Product, Hazard Class A, as per the Controlled Product Regulations.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### INFORMATION ABOUT DOT-39 NRC (Non-Refillable Cylinder) PRODUCTS

DOT 39 cylinders ship as hazardous materials when full. Once the cylinders are relieved of pressure (empty) they are not considered hazardous material or waste. Residual gas in this type of cylinder is not an issue because toxic gas mixtures are prohibited. Calibration gas mixtures typically packaged in these cylinders are Nonflammable n.o.s., UN 1956. A small percentage of calibration gases packaged in DOT 39 cylinders are flammable or oxidizing gas mixtures.

For disposal of used DOT-39 cylinders, it is acceptable to place them in a landfill if local laws permit. Their disposal is no different than that employed with other DOT containers such as spray paint cans, household aerosols, or disposable cylinders of propane (for camping, torch etc.). When feasible, we recommended recycling for scrap metal content. CALGAZ, LLC will do this for any customer that wishes to return cylinders to us prepaid. All that is required is a phone call to make arrangements so we may anticipate arrival. Scrapping cylinders involves some preparation before the metal dealer may accept them. We perform this operation as a service to valued customers who want to participate.

**MIXTURES:** When two or more gases or liquefied gases are mixed, their hazardous properties may combine to 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 make your safety evaluation of the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties which can cause serious injury or death.

Further information about the handling of compressed gases can be found in the following pamphlets published by: Compressed Gas Association Inc. (CGA), 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22202-4102. Telephone: (703) 412-0900.

P-1                    *"Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers"*  
AV-1                  *"Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases"*  
                          *"Handbook of Compressed Gases"*

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This Material Safety Data Sheet is offered pursuant to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR, 1910.1200. Other government regulations must be reviewed for applicability to this gas mixture. To the best of CALGAZ, LLC's knowledge, the information contained herein is reliable and accurate as of this date; however, accuracy, suitability or completeness are not guaranteed and no warranties of any type, either express or implied, are provided. The information contained herein relates only to this specific product. If this gas mixture is combined with other materials, all component properties must be considered. Data may be changed from time to time. Be sure to consult the latest edition.