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SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)
Nitrogen
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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Synonym	Nitrogen Nitrogen
Chemical Formula	N_2
Trade Name	Technical Nitrogen Baseline Nitrogen Nitrogen Pharma Grade Nitrogen PCC
Colour Coding	Grey with black shoulder
Product Code	42-SE 511203-SE-C 511206-SE-A 511201-PA-N
Company Identification	African Oxygen Limited Grayston Office Park Building 7 128 Peter Road Sandown, Sandton, 2196 Tel. No: (011) 490-0400 Fax No: (011) 490-0530 Email: customer.service@afrox.linde.com www.afrox.com
Emergency Numbers	**0860 02 02 02 (Afrox)**

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Classification	- Classification under South African Hazardous Chemical Substances Regulations subsequently amended. (HCS) - Classification under the Globally Harmonized System of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS)
Emergency Overview	Colour: None Odour: None Taste: None Physical State: Compressed Gas Form: Gas under pressure
	- All cylinders are portable gas containers and must be regarded as pressure vessels at all times. - Nitrogen does not support life.
Adverse Health Effects	- Asphixiant
Chemical Hazards	- Asphyxiant.
Biological Hazards	- The greatest physiological effect of Nitrogen is to cause asphyxiation.
Vapour Inhalation	- Asphyxiation
GHS Classification	- Gas under pressure
GHS Pictogram	
GHS Signal Words	Warning
GHS Hazard Statements	- H280: Contains gas under pressure, may explode if heated
GHS Precautionary Statements	**Storage:** - P403 : Store in a well-ventilated place. **Prevention:** - P280 : Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection. **Response:** - None **Disposal** - None
Other Hazards that do not result in classification	- Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

3. COMPOSITION OF INGREDIENTS

Chemical name **Chemical family**	Nitrogen Nitrogen
CAS No	7727-37-9
UN No	1066 (gas) 1977 (liquid)
ERG No	121 (gas) 120 (liquid)
Hazard class	Class 2.1
Hazchem Warning	Compressed gas

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact	The liquid may cause frostbite - Rinse the eye with water immediately. - Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. - Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. - Get immediate medical assistance. If medical assistance is not immediately available, flush an additional 15 minutes.
Skin Contact	The liquid may cause frostbite. - For exposure to liquid, immediately warm frostbite area with warm water not to exceed 41°C. Water temperature should be tolerable to normal skin. - Maintain skin warming for at least 15 minutes or until normal colouring and sensation have returned to the affected area. - In case of massive exposure, remove clothing while showering with warm water. Seek medical evaluation and treatment as soon as possible.
Ingestion	- Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
Inhalation	- In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. - Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self-contained breathing apparatus.

	- Keep victim warm and rested. Seek medical attention. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped. - Low concentrations of Nitrogen will not cause irritation .

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	- Material will not burn. In case of fire in the surroundings: use appropriate extinguishing agent.
Unsuitable extinguishing media:	- None.
Specific Hazards	- Asphyxiant - Liquid may cause cryogenic burns.
Special fire fighting procedures:	- In case of fire: Stop leak if safe to do so. Continue water spray from protected position until container stays cool. Use extinguishants to contain the fire.
Special protective equipment for firefighters:	- Exposed Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces a self-contained breathing apparatus

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	- WARNING! Liquid and gas under pressure. Rapid release of gaseous Nitrogen through a pressure relief device (PRD) or valve can result is very cold and can cause frostbite. - Evacuate area. - Provide adequate ventilation. - Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. - In an enclosed or non-ventilated space, a self-contained breathing apparatus must be used.
Environmental Precautions	- Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:	- Provide adequate ventilation.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Safe Handling	- Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Refer to supplier's handling instructions. The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Protect
	containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the container contents. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Secure cylinders in an upright position at all times, close all valves when not in use. Provide adequate ventilation. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Store in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps were supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water. If user experiences any difficulty operating container valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Never attempt to transfer gases from one container to another. Container valve guards or caps should be in place.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	- Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general conditions and leakage. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep pressure containers away from combustible material.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Hazards (HCS)	- Not specified
Engineering Control Measures	- Engineering control measures are preferred to reduce exposures. General methods include mechanical ventilation, process or personal enclosure, and control of process conditions.

	Administrative controls and personal protective equipment may also be required. **A Risk assessment should be conducted to evaluate the suitability of PPE to the task being performed**
Personal Protection	- When allowed by a risk assessment Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) may be used. The selection of the Respiratory Protective Device (RPD) must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected RPD. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
Eyes	- Wear safety glasses
Hands	- Guideline: Protective gloves against mechanical risks. - Additional Information: Wear working gloves while handling containers
Body protection:	- Wear leather apron when handling liquid containers
Feet	- Wear safety shoes while handling containers

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Chemical Name	**Nitrogen**
Chemical Symbol	N_2
Physical state	Gas
Form:	Gas
Colour:	Colourless
Odour:	Odourless
Odour Threshold:	No odour
pH:	No effect in water
Melting Point:	-210 °C
Boiling Point:	-196 °C
Sublimation Point:	NA
Critical Temp. (°C):	-147 °C
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable.
Flammability (gas):	Non Flammable
Flammability limit - upper (%):	NA
Flammability limit - lower(%):	NA
Vapour pressure:	Permanent gas
Vapour density	1.16 @ 20°C
Relative density: Air=1	0.95 @ 20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in Water:	0.015 l/kg water 20°C
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	0.67
Autoignition Temperature:	Not applicable.
Decomposition Temperature:	Not known.
Viscosity	
Kinematic viscosity:	No data available.
Dynamic viscosity:	Not applicable
Explosive properties:	Not applicable
Oxidising Properties:	Not applicable
Molecular weight	28.014 g/mol

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	- Not reactive
Chemical stability	- Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	- Gas under high pressure.
Conditions to avoid	- Overheating of cylinders. Never use cylinders as rollers or supports; or for any other purpose than the storage of Nitrogen
Incompatible Materials	None
Hazardous Decomposition of Products	Will not decompose

11. TOXOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity	Non toxic
Skin & eye contact	No adverse effect
Chronic Toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Carcinogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Mutagenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Reproductive Hazards	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity	No ecological damage caused by this product.
Persistence and degradability	Not applicable
Bioaccumulative Potential Product	No bio-accumulating hazard.
Mobility in soil	No hazard
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	Not classified as persistent, bioaccumulating and toxic (PBT).
Other adverse effects	No ecological damage caused by this product.
Effect on ozone layer	None
Effect on the global warming (CO2=1)	0

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods	- Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Vent to atmosphere in a well-ventilated place. .

Disposal of Packaging	- The container is the property of the supplier and the disposal of the containers must only be handled by the supplier.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Road Transportation	
UN No.	1066 gas 1977 liquid
Shipping Name	Nitrogen
ERG No.	121 gas 120 liquid
Class	2.1
Subsidiary Risk	Non- flammable, toxic gases
Hazchem Warning	Non-Toxic, non-flammable Gas
Sea Transportation	
IMDG	1066 gas 1977 liquid
Shipping Name	Nitrogen
ERG No.	121 gas 120 liquid
Class	2.1
Subsidiary Risk	Non- flammable, toxic gases
Label	Non-Toxic non-flammable Gas
Air Transportation	
ICAO/IATA Code	1066 gas 1977 liquid
Class	2.1
Packing Group:	-
Packaging instructions	- Cargo: 150 kg - Passenger: 75 kg

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

EEC Hazard class: non-Toxic, non-Corrosive gas.
National legislation OHSact and Regulations 85 of 1993.

SANS 11014:2010 Edition 1	Safety data sheet for chemical products - Content and order of sections
SANS 10228:2012 Edition 6	The identification and classification of dangerous goods for transport by road and rail modes
SANS 10234:2019 Edition 2	Globally Harmonized System of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS)
SUPPLEMENT TO SANS 10234 Edition 1	List of classification and labelling of chemicals in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

16. OTHER INFORMATION

- Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.
- Ensure users and relevant persons understand the asphyxiation hazard
- Regularly check supplier's information sources for updated versions of SDS's

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SANS 10265 – Classification and Labelling of Dangerous Substances

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY