

# **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

# 2382

Product Name <62% HYDROGEN CHLORIDE IN NITROGEN

# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 2382 - SDS NUMBER • PRODUCT CODE: 16020D, 16029D • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE

Use(s) CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

**SDS Date** 29 Oct 2010

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

# CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

# **RISK PHRASES**

R23 Toxic by inhalation.R35 Causes severe burns.

#### **SAFETY PHRASES**

S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place.

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

#### CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

UN No. 1956 DG Class 2.2 Subsidiary Risk(s) None Allocated

Packing Group None Allocated Hazchem Code 2TE

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content (v/v)
HYDROGEN CHLORIDE	CI-H	7647-01-0	<62%
NITROGEN	N2	7727-37-9	remainder



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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a

Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained

Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice,

contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.

Skin If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue

flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely. Ingestion

**Advice to Doctor** Treat symptomatically.

First Aid Facilities Eye wash facilities and safety shower are recommended.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammability** Non flammable.

Fire and Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying **Explosion** 

water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot.

Extinguishing Use water fog to cool containers from protected area.

**Hazchem Code** 2TF

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spillage** 

If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Use personal protective equipment. Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

# 7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage Do not store near incompatible materials. Cylinders should be stored below 45°C in a secure area, upright and restrained to prevent cylinders from falling. Cylinders should also be stored in a dry, well ventilated area

constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic

and emergency exits.

Handling Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide

or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand

truck for cylinder movement.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

# **Exposure Stds**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL		
Hydrogen chloride	SWA (AUS)	5 ppm	7.5 mg/m3			
Nitrogen	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant				

Biological Limits No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering Controls** 

Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**PPE** 

Wear safety or safety boots, cotton or leather gloves and safety glasses. In poorly ventilated areas or where a significant inhalation risk exists (ie. oxygen deficient atmosphere), wear a Full-face Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).







## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance COLOURLESS GAS** Solubility (water) **INSOLUBLE** 



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Odour ODOURLESS Specific Gravity NOT APPLICABLE

pH NOT APPLICABLE % Volatiles 100 %

Vapour PressureNOT AVAILABLEFlammabilityNON FLAMMABLEVapour Density0.91 (1 % HCl) to 1.15 (62 % HCl) (Air =Flash PointNOT APPLICABLE

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 Boiling Point
 NOT RELEVANT
 Upper Explosion Limit
 NOT RELEVANT

 Melting Point
 NOT RELEVANT
 Lower Explosion Limit
 NOT RELEVANT

Evaporation Rate NOT APPLICABLE

#### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability** Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**Conditions to Avoid** Avoid shock, friction, heavy impact, heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

Material to Avoid Incompatible with alkalis (eg. hydroxides). May be corrosive to most metals.

Hazardous Decomposition Products This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present.

Hazardous Reactions Polymerization will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Health Hazard Summary

Highly corrosive - asphyxiant. May replace oxygen in the inhaled air and cause asphyxiation. As the amount of oxygen inhaled is reduced from 21-14% volume, the pulse rate may accelerate and the rate and volume of breathing may increase. The ability to maintain attention and think clearly is diminished, muscular co-ordination is somewhat disturbed. As oxygen decreases from 14-10% volume, judgement becomes faulty, severe injuries may result in no pain. Muscular effort may lead to rapid fatigue. Further reduction to 6% may result in nausea and vomiting. Ability to move may be lost. Permanent brain damage may result even after resuscitation from exposure to this low level of oxygen. Below 6% breathing is in gasps and convulsions may occur. Inhalation of a mixture containing no oxygen may result in unconsciousness from the first breath and death may follow in minutes. Hydrogen chloride (2%) causes severe burns.

Eye Highly corrosive. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, conjunctivitis and corneal burns with

possible permanent damage.

Inhalation Corrosive - asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement with symptoms of air hunger, rapid

breathing, elevated heart rate, drowsiness and loss of mental alertness. Hydrogen chloride may burns. High level exposure may result in incoordination, vomiting, mental instability, lung damage, convulsions, coma and death.

**Skin** Corrosive. Contact may result in burns.

**Ingestion** Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form. Inhalation may lead to irritation of mouth and throat.

Toxicity Data HYDROGEN CHLORIDE (7647-01-0) LC50 (Inhalation): 3124 ppm/1 hour (rat)

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environment** Limited ecotoxicity data was available for this product at the time this report was prepared. Ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent this product from entering the environment.

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

## **Transport**

Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed. Refer to Commonwealth, State and Territory Dangerous Goods Legislation which contain requirements which affect gas storage and transport.



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Shipping Name COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S. (Contains nitrogen)

**UN No.** 1956 **DG Class** 2.2 **Subsidiary Risk(s)** None Allocated

Packing Group None Allocated Hazchem Code 2TE GTEPG 2C1

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule Classified as a Schedule 6 (S6) Poison using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and

Poisons (SUSDP).

All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

#### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

# Additional Information

The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.

ASPHYXIANT GASES: Asphyxiant gases may displace oxygen, leading to oxygen deficiency. Where oxygen content is low, effects may include: 12-16% oxygen: increased breathing/ pulse rate, lack of coordination; 10-14%: mental disturbance, fatigue, breathing stress; 6-10%: vomiting, collapse and possible unconsciousness; 0-6%: convulsions, respiratory collapse and death.

ASPHYXIANTS (1): When present in the atmospheres in high concentrations, asphyxiants reduce the oxygen concentration by displacement. Atmospheres deficient in oxygen do not provide adequate sensory warning of danger and most simple asphyxiants are odourless. Therefore it is not appropriate to recommend an exposure standard for each asphyxiant, but to maintain oxygen concentrations. However, some asphyxiants may be given an exposure standard due to the potential for narcotic effects at high concentrations or an explosion hazard.

ASPHYXIANTS (2): There is a significant hazard associated with workers entering poorly ventilated areas (eg. tanks) where oxygen may be deficient. An air supplied breathing apparatus may be required if adequate ventilation is not ensured.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

ACGIH - American Conference of Industrial Hygienists.

ADG - Australian Dangerous Goods.

BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s).

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

CNS - Central Nervous System.

EC No - European Community Number.

HSNO - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

mg/m3 - Milligrams per Cubic Metre.

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).

ppm - Parts Per Million.

RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

STEL - Short Term Exposure Limit.

SWA - Safe Work Australia.

TWA - Time Weighted Average.

#### **HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a Chem Alert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this Chem Alert report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is



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made.

#### **Report Status**

This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer of the product and serves as the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet ('SDS').

It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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