

# Material Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : AIR

Synonyms : Medical Air

Product Use Description : Medical Applications

Company : Air Products and Chemicals, Inc  
7201 Hamilton Blvd.  
Allentown, PA 18195-1501

Telephone : 800-345-3148

Emergency telephone number : 800-523-9374 USA  
01-610-481-7711 International

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Concentration (Volume)
Oxygen	7782-44-7	20.4% - 21.4 %
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	78.6% - 79.6 %

Concentration is nominal. For the exact product composition, please refer to Air Products technical specifications.

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Emergency Overview

High pressure gas.

### Potential Health Effects

Inhalation : No adverse effect.

Eye contact : No adverse effect.

Skin contact : No adverse effect.

Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### Exposure Guidelines

Primary Routes of Entry : Inhalation

Target Organs : None.

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## Aggravated Medical Condition

None.

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact : Not applicable.  
Skin contact : Not applicable.  
Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.  
Inhalation : Move to fresh air.

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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : All known extinguishing media can be used.  
Specific hazards : Can support combustion. Upon exposure to intense heat or flame, cylinder will vent rapidly and or rupture violently. Move away from container and cool with water from a protected position. If possible, stop flow of product. Keep adjacent cylinders cool by spraying with large amounts of water until the fire burns itself out. Most cylinders are designed to vent contents when exposed to elevated temperatures.  
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions : Ventilate the area.  
Environmental precautions : Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
Methods for cleaning up : Ventilate the area.  
Additional advice : If possible, stop flow of product. If leak is from cylinder or cylinder valve, call the Air Products emergency telephone number. If the leak is in the user's system, close the cylinder valve and safely vent the pressure before attempting repairs.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Handling

Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Do not allow storage area temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle compressed gases. Before using the product, determine its identity by reading the label. Know and understand the properties and hazards of the product before use. When doubt exists as to the correct handling procedure for a particular gas, contact the supplier. Do not remove or deface

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labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. 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. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Before connecting the container, check the complete gas system for suitability, particularly for pressure rating and materials. Before connecting the container for use, ensure that back feed from the system into the container is prevented. Ensure the complete gas system is compatible for pressure rating and materials of construction. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use. Employ suitable pressure regulating devices on all containers when the gas is being emitted to systems with lower pressure rating than that of the container. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing a leak to occur. Open valve slowly. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact 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. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier. Close valve after each use and when empty. Replace outlet caps or plugs and container caps as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Do not subject containers to abnormal mechanical shocks which may cause damage to their valve or safety devices. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap or guard. Do not use containers as rollers or supports or for any other purpose than to contain the gas as supplied. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit. Do not smoke while handling product or cylinders. Never re-compress a gas or a gas mixture without first consulting the supplier. Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another. Always use backflow protective device in piping. When returning cylinder install valve outlet cap or plug leak tight. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Containers should not be subjected to temperatures above 50°C (122°F). Prolonged periods of cold temperature below -30°C (-20°F) should be avoided.

## Storage

Containers should be stored in a purpose build compound which should be well ventilated, preferably in the open air. Full containers should be stored so that oldest stock is used first. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Protect containers stored in the open against rusting and extremes of weather. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent toppling. The container valves should be tightly closed and where appropriate valve outlets should be capped or plugged. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Do not allow storage temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Return empty containers in a timely manner.

## Technical measures/Precautions

Containers should be segregated in the storage area according to the various categories (e.g. flammable, toxic, etc.) and in accordance with local regulations.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Personal protective equipment

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| Respiratory protection | : Not required for properly ventilated areas.  |
| Hand protection        | : Sturdy work gloves are recommended for handling cylinders.<br>The breakthrough time of the selected glove(s) must be greater than the intended use period. |
| Eye protection         | : Safety glasses recommended when handling cylinders.  |

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Skin and body protection : Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders.  
Special instructions for protection and hygiene : Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form : Compressed gas.  
Color : Colorless gas  
Odor : None.  
Molecular Weight : 28.96 g/mol  
Relative vapor density : 1 (air = 1)  
Density : 0.081 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (0.0013 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) at 70 °F (21 °C)  
Note: (as vapor)  
Specific Volume : 12.35 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.7710 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) at 70 °F (21 °C)  
Boiling point/range : -318 °F (-194.3 °C)  
Water solubility : Not known, but considered to have low solubility.

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability : Stable under normal conditions.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Health Hazard

Ingestion : No data is available on the product itself.  
Inhalation : No data is available on the product itself.  
Skin. : No data is available on the product itself.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity effects

Aquatic toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.  
Toxicity to other organisms : No data available.

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## Persistence and degradability

Mobility : No data available.  
Bioaccumulation : No data is available on the product itself.

## Further information

No ecological damage caused by this product.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products : Return unused product in original cylinder to supplier. Contact supplier if guidance is required.  
Contaminated packaging : Return cylinder to supplier.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### CFR

Proper shipping name : Air, compressed  
Class : 2.2  
UN/ID No. : UN1002

### IATA

Proper shipping name : Air, compressed  
Class : 2.2  
UN/ID No. : UN1002

### IMDG

Proper shipping name : AIR, COMPRESSED  
Class : 2.2  
UN/ID No. : UN1002

### CTC

Proper shipping name : AIR, COMPRESSED  
Class : 2.2  
UN/ID No. : UN1002

### Further Information

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space 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. Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space 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.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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Country	Regulatory list	Notification
USA	TSCA	Included on Inventory.
EU	EINECS	Included on Inventory.
Canada	DSL	Included on Inventory.
Australia	AICS	Included on Inventory.
Japan	ENCS	Included on Inventory.
South Korea	ECL	Included on Inventory.
China	SEPA	Included on Inventory.
Philippines	PICCS	Included on Inventory.
USA	TSCA	Included on Inventory.
EU	EINECS	Included on Inventory.
Canada	DSL	Included on Inventory.
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Japan	ENCS	Included on Inventory.
South Korea	ECL	Included on Inventory.
China	SEPA	Included on Inventory.
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EPA SARA Title III Section 312 (40 CFR 370) Hazard Classification:  
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard.

US. California Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Prepared by : Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Global EH&S Product Safety Department

For additional information, please visit our Product Stewardship web site at  
<http://www.airproducts.com/productstewardship/>