

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 1663a  
**SRM Name:** Sulfur Dioxide in Nitrogen (Nominal Amount-of-Substance 1500 µmol/mol)  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is a primary gas mixture for which the amount-of-substance fraction, expressed as concentration, may be related to secondary working standards. The SRM is intended for the calibration of instruments used for sulfur dioxide determinations and for other applications. This SRM mixture is supplied in a DOT 3AL specification aluminum (6061 alloy) cylinder with a water volume of 6 L. Mixtures are shipped with a nominal pressure exceeding 12.4 MPa (1800 psig), which provides the user with 0.73 m<sup>3</sup> (25.8 ft<sup>3</sup>) of useable mixture. The cylinder is the property of the purchaser and is equipped with a CGA-660 stainless steel valve, which is the recommended outlet for this sulfur dioxide mixture.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Compressed Gas  
**Health Hazard:** Simple Asphyxiant

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**



**Signal Word**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s)**

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
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 May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

P410+P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** None.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** None.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Sulfur dioxide in nitrogen, compressed gas.

**Other Designations:** Sulfur dioxide (sulfur oxide; SO<sub>2</sub>); Nitrogen (dinitrogen; diatomic nitrogen).

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the Certificate of Analysis.

| Hazardous Component(s)   | CAS Number | EC Number (EINECS) | Nominal Mass Concentration (%) |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nitrogen, compressed gas | 7727-37-9  | 231-783-9          | 99.7                           |
| Sulfur dioxide           | 7446-09-5  | 231-195-2          | 0.3                            |

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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#### Description of First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to well-ventilated (uncontaminated) area. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may administer oxygen. If not breathing, qualified personnel should give artificial respiration. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Not applicable.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Not applicable.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Respiratory tract burns, allergic reactions, nausea, suffocation, confusion, unconsciousness, coma.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek immediate medical attention.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Negligible fire hazard applicable to the identified NIST cylinder. Cylinder may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

#### Extinguishing Media

Suitable: Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: Not applicable.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Cylinder may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Move cylinder from fire area if it can be done without personal risk. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Refer to Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Stop leak if possible without personal risk.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Storage and Incompatible Materials:** Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Secure cylinder to prevent physical damage. Keep valve protective cap on cylinder when not in use. Store in a well-ventilated area. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity"). Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Minimize contact with material.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Exposure Limits

#### Sulfur dioxide

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| OSHA (PEL):  | 13 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (5 ppm) TWA  |
| ACGIH (TLV): | 0.25 ppm STEL                     |
| NIOSH (REL): | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm) TWA   |
|              | 13 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (5 ppm) STEL |
|              | 100 ppm IDLH                      |

#### Nitrogen, compressed gas

No occupational limits established.

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection Measures:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye Protection:** Eye protection is not required but recommended.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Protective clothing and gloves are not required but recommended.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| Descriptive Properties                   |   |
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| Molar Mass (g/mol)                       | not applicable  |
| Molecular Formula                        | not applicable  |
| Appearance (physical state, color, etc.) | colorless, gas  |
| Odor                                     | not available   |
| Odor threshold                           | not applicable  |
| pH                                       | not applicable  |
| Evaporation rate (butyl acetate = 1)     | not applicable  |
| Melting point/freezing point             | -210 °C (-346 °F) (Nitrogen)  |
| Relative Density                         | 1.2506 g/L (Nitrogen)   |
| Vapor Pressure                           | 760 mmHg at -196 °C (Nitrogen)  |
| Vapor Density (air = 1)                  | 0.967 (Nitrogen)  |
| Viscosity                                | 0.01787 cP at 27 °C (Nitrogen)  |
| Solubilities                             | water: 1.6 % at 20 °C<br>solvent: soluble in liquid ammonia; slightly soluble in alcohol (Nitrogen) |
| Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)  | not available   |
| Thermal Stability Properties             |   |
| Autoignition Temperature                 | not applicable  |
| Thermal Decomposition                    | not applicable  |
| Initial boiling point and boiling range  | -196 °C (-321 °F) (Nitrogen)  |
| Explosive Limits, LEL                    | not applicable  |
| Explosive Limits, UEL                    | not applicable  |
| Flash Point                              | not applicable  |
| Flammability (solid, gas)                | not applicable  |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**       X     Stable              Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** Not applicable.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Protect from physical damage and heat. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**Incompatible Materials:** Metals and oxidizing materials.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Oxides of nitrogen and oxides of sulfur.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**            Will Occur       X   Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**       X   Inhalation            Skin            Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** Irritation, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, disorientation, emotional disturbances, pain in extremities, tremors, loss of coordination, hearing loss, visual disturbances.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)**

### Inhalation:

Sulfur dioxide has been reported to cause increased pulse rate, and a shallow, rapid respiratory rate at concentrations of 1 ppm to 8 ppm. Higher levels may cause intense irritation of the mucous membranes, severe choking, violent cough, hoarseness, sneezing, rhinorrhea, chest pain, bronchoconstriction dyspnea, cyanosis, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, urinary incontinence, anxiety, mental confusion, and unconsciousness. Death may be due to respiratory paralysis, pulmonary edema, or systemic acidosis.

Nitrogen, compressed gas is a simple asphyxiant. Release in an enclosed space may result in asphyxiation. The symptoms of asphyxia depend on the rapidity with which the oxygen deficiency develops and how long it continues. In sudden acute asphyxia, unconsciousness may be immediate. With slow development, there may be rapid respiration and pulse, air hunger, dizziness, reduced awareness, tightness in the head, tingling sensations, incoordination, faulty judgment, emotional instability, and rapid fatigue. As the asphyxia progresses, nausea, vomiting, collapse, unconsciousness, convulsions, deep coma, and death are possible.

**Skin Contact:** Sulfur dioxide gas contact with moist skin may cause irritation or chemical burns. Prolonged exposure may cause dermatitis.

**Eye Contact:** Irritation from sulfur dioxide gas may begin around 10 ppm to 20 ppm, with smarting and lacrimation. Higher concentrations may cause intense irritation and inflammation of the conjunctiva.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of a gas is unlikely under normal conditions of use.

### Numerical Measures of Toxicity

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %.

Nitrogen, compressed gas: Simple asphyxiant.

Sulfur dioxide: Rat, Inhalation LC<sub>50</sub>: 2500 ppm (1 h).

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified.

**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:** Not classified.

Sulfur dioxide: Rabbit, Eyes: 6 ppm (32 d), mild.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %.

Sulfur dioxide may aggravate respiratory disorders.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %.

Sulfur dioxide may cause dermatitis on moist skin.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %.

Sulfur dioxide: Human, 5700 ppb; Mouse, 14 µg/L (4 h, 7 d).

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**            Yes       X   No

IARC lists sulfur dioxide as Group 3, *not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans*.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %.

No adverse effects have been reported for nitrogen, compressed gas.

Sulfur dioxide, Rat, Inhalation TCLo: 30 ppm (6 h, 21 week)

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %. Sulfur dioxide may cause reduced lung capacity and airway resistance at low concentrations.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified, concentration of sulfur dioxide is below cut-off value of 1 %. Sulfur dioxide may cause sensitization.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not applicable to this material.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity Data:

There is no ecotoxicity data available for the pure, individual components or the mixture.

**Persistence and Degradability:** Sulfur dioxide will degrade into sulfuric acid and sulfates.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No bioaccumulation expected.

**Mobility in Soil:** Not applicable.

**Other Adverse effects:** Not applicable.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s. (sulfur dioxide in nitrogen), Hazard Class 2.2.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not applicable to NIST identified cylinder.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not applicable to NIST identified cylinder.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not applicable to NIST identified cylinder.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21)

ACUTE HEALTH: Yes

CHRONIC HEALTH: No

FIRE: No

REACTIVE: No

PRESSURE: Yes

### State Regulations

California Proposition 65: Warning! This product contains a chemical (sulfur dioxide) known to the state of California to cause reproductive/developmental effects.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen, compressed gas are listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

### Canadian Regulations:

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Key of Acronyms:

|        |   |       |  |
|--------|---|-------|--|
| ACGIH  | American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists               | OSHA  | Occupational Safety and Health Administration    |
| CAS    | Chemical Abstracts Service  | PEL   | Permissible Exposure Limit                       |
| CERCLA | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act | RCRA  | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act           |
| CFR    | Code of Federal Regulations   | REL   | Recommended Exposure Limit                       |
| DOT    | Department of Transportation  | RQ    | Reportable Quantity                              |
| EINECS | European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances         | RTECS | Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances |
| EPCRA  | Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act                    | SARA  | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act     |
| IARC   | International Agency for Research on Cancer                           | SCBA  | Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus               |
| IATA   | International Air Transport Association                               | SRM   | Standard Reference Material                      |
| IDLH   | Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health                              | STEL  | Short Term Exposure Limit                        |
| LC50   | Lethal Concentration  | TLV   | Threshold Limit Value                            |
| LD50   | Median Lethal Dose or Lethal Dose, 50 %                               | TPQ   | Threshold Planning Quantity                      |
| LEL    | Lower Explosive Limit   | TSCA  | Toxic Substances Control Act                     |
| MSDS   | Material Safety Data Sheet  | TWA   | Time Weighted Average                            |
| NIOSH  | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health                 | UEL   | Upper Explosive Limit                            |
| NIST   | National Institute of Standards and Technology                        | WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |
| NTP    | National Toxicology Program   |       |  |

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