

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

### Product Identifier

**SRM Number:** 2740a  
**SRM Name:** Carbon Monoxide in Nitrogen (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction 10 % mol/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 of carbon monoxide in nitrogen provided as a compressed gas in a DOT 3AL-specification aluminum (6061 alloy) cylinder equipped with a CGA-350 brass valve at a nominal pressure of 12.4 Pa (1800 psi). This cylinder with a water volume of 6 L provides the user with 0.73 m<sup>3</sup> (25.8 ft<sup>3</sup>) of useable mixture. NIST recommends that this cylinder **NOT** be used below 0.7 MPa (100 psi).

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification

**Physical Hazard:** Compressed Gas  
**Health Hazard:** Acute Toxicity, Inhalation, Category 4  
 Reproductive Toxicity, Category 1  
 Specific Target Organ Toxicity – Repeat Exposure, Category 1

### Label Elements

#### Symbol



**Signal Word**  
DANGER

#### Hazard Statement(s)

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
 H332 Harmful if inhaled.  
 H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.  
 H372 Causes damage to organs (central nervous system; cardiovascular system) through prolonged or repeated exposure (inhalation).

#### Precautionary Statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
 P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
 P260 Do not breathe gas.  
 P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
 P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
 P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves and eye protection.  
P304+P340 If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P308 + P312 If exposed or concerned: Call a doctor.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P410 + P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.  
P501 Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Carbon monoxide in nitrogen, compressed gas

**Other Designations:**

Carbon Monoxide: Carbon oxide, CO.

Nitrogen: Dinitrogen, nitrogen compressed.

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

Hazardous Components	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	231-783-9	90
Carbon Monoxide	630-08-0	211-128-3	10

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**Description of First Aid Measures:**

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention, if needed.

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

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of a gas is unlikely. As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Harmful if inhaled, difficulty breathing, and suffocation.

**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. Cylinders may rupture or explode if exposed to heat. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Oxides of nitrogen, oxides of carbon.

**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 byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 2                  Fire = 0                  Reactivity = 0

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection". Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Close valve after each use and when empty. Keep valve protection cap on cylinder when not in use.

**Storage:** Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Secure cylinder to prevent physical damage. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity"). Store in well-ventilated area. Subject to storage regulations, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Exposure Limits:

#### Carbon Monoxide

OSHA (PEL):	55 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(50 ppm) TWA
ACGIH (TLV):	30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(25 ppm) TWA
NIOSH (REL):	40 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(35 ppm) TWA
	1375 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(1200 ppm) IDLH
	229 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(200 ppm) Ceiling

#### Nitrogen

ACGIH (TLV): Simple asphyxiant.

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

**Personal Protection:** 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 29 CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear safety goggles. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**Note:** The physical and chemical data provided here are for the pure components. No physical or chemical data is available for the mixture. The actual behavior of the gas mixture may differ from the individual components.

### Descriptive Properties:

	<b>Nitrogen (90 %)</b>	<b>Carbon Monoxide (10 %)</b>
<b>Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)</b>	colorless compressed gas	colorless compressed gas
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	N <sub>2</sub>	CO
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol)</b>	28	28
<b>Odor</b>	odorless	odorless
<b>Odor threshold</b>	not available	not available
<b>pH</b>	not applicable	not applicable
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	not applicable	not applicable
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	-210 °C (-346 °F)	-199 °C (-326 °F)
<b>Relative Density (g/L)</b>	1.2506	1.25 at 0 °C
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg)</b>	760 at -196 °C	760 at -191 °C

<b>Descriptive Properties:</b>	<b>Nitrogen (90 %)</b>	<b>Carbon Monoxide (10 %)</b>
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1)</b>	0.967	0.968
<b>Viscosity (cP)</b>	0.01787 at 27 °C	0.01657 at 0 °C
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	water, 1.6 % at 20 °C; liquid ammonia	water: 2.3 % at 20 °C soluble in alcohol, benzene, acetic acid, ethyl acetate, chloroform, cuprous chloride solutions not available
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	not available	not available
<b>Thermal Stability Properties</b>		
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	not applicable	609 °C to 650 °C (1128 °F to 1202 °F)
<b>Thermal Decomposition</b>	not applicable	not available
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	-196 °C (-321 °F)	-192 °C (-314 °F) liquid
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL</b>	not applicable	12 % to 12.5 %
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL</b>	not applicable	74 %
<b>Flash Point</b>	not applicable	not available
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	not applicable	not available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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

**Stability:**  Stable  Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition. Minimize contact with material. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizing materials, halogens, metal oxides, metals, combustible materials, lithium.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Miscellaneous decomposition products.

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

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Route of Exposure:**  Inhalation  Skin  Ingestion

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

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

**Inhalation:**

**Carbon Monoxide:** Acute and chronic exposure may result in changes in body temperature, change in blood pressure, eye damage, suffocation, blood disorders, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma, and death. Chronic exposure may also result in heart damage, nerve damage, birth defects, and brain damage.

**Nitrogen:** 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:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Eye Contact:** Exposure may result in irritation, blurred vision.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of a gas is unlikely under normal conditions of use. As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.

#### **Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Category 4.

Carbon monoxide; Rat, Inhalation LC50: 1807 ppm (4 h)  
Nitrogen; Simple asphyxiant

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

**Serious Eye damage/Eye Irritation:** Not applicable.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified.

Carbon monoxide; Mouse: 1500 ppm (10 min)

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

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

Nitrogen and carbon monoxide are not listed by NTP, IARC, or OSHA as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Category 1, known or presumed human reproductive toxicant. Concentration of carbon monoxide is above cut off value of 0.1 %.

Carbon monoxide; Mouse, Inhalation TClO: 103 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (pregnant, 1 d to 22 d)

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Category 1.

Chronic inhalation exposure results in cardiovascular or central nervous system damage.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No data available.

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## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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### **Ecotoxicity Data**

Carbon Monoxide: Minnows and sunfish species, lethal dose: 1.5 ppm (1 h to 6 h, fresh water)

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Carbon monoxide subject to disposal regulations, U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Number: D001.

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## **14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** UN1956; Compressed gas, n.o.s. (carbon monoxide 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): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Identified cylinder not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Identified cylinder not regulated.

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

ACUTE HEALTH: Yes.  
CHRONIC HEALTH: Yes.  
FIRE: No.  
REACTIVE: No.  
PRESSURE: Yes.

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: WARNING! This product contains a chemical (carbon monoxide) known to the state of California to cause reproductive/developmental effects.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Carbon monoxide and nitrogen are listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** No components are listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Sources:** ChemADVISOR, Inc., SDS, *Nitrogen, Compressed Gas*, 09 December 2015.

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**Key of Acronyms:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transport Association	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Median Lethal Dose or Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	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

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