

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Hydrogen (Refrigerated)
Chemical formula : H₂
Synonyms : Hydrogen (refrigerated), Cryogenic Liquid Hydrogen, Liquid Hydrogen
Product Use Description : General Industrial
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)
Hydrogen	1333-74-0	100 %

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

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

Burns with an invisible flame.
Extremely cold liquid and gas under pressure.
Extremely flammable liquefied gas.
Vapors may spread long distances and ignite.
Direct contact with liquid can cause frostbite.
Avoid breathing gas.
Can cause rapid suffocation.
Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required.
High concentrations that can cause rapid suffocation are within the flammable range and should not be entered.
Immediate fire and explosion hazard exists when mixed with air at concentrations exceeding the lower flammability limit (LFL).

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation : In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. Asphyxiation may bring about unconsciousness without warning and so rapidly that victim may be unable to protect themselves.

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- Eye contact : Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite.
- Skin contact : Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite. May cause severe frostbite.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Chronic Health Hazard : Not applicable.

Exposure Guidelines

- Primary Routes of Entry : Inhalation
Eye and skin contact.
- Target Organs : None.
- Symptoms : Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms:
Dizziness. Salivation. Nausea. Vomiting. Loss of mobility/consciousness.

Aggravated Medical Condition

None.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Eye contact : In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Seek medical advice.
- Skin contact : In case of frostbite, obtain medical treatment immediately. Wash frost-bitten areas with plenty of water. Do not remove clothing. Cover wound with sterile dressing. Do not rub frozen parts as tissue damage may result. As soon as practical, place the affected area in a warm water bath- which has a temperature not to exceed 40 °C (105 °F).
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Inhalation : Move to fresh air. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : All known extinguishing media can be used.
- Specific hazards : Ignitable by static electricity. Burns with an invisible flame. Gas is lighter than air and can accumulate in the upper sections of enclosed spaces. Spill will rapidly vaporize and create an immediate flammable atmosphere. Keep area evacuated and free from ignition sources until any spilled liquid has evaporated. (Ground free from frost). Move away from container and cool with water from a protected position. Keep containers and surroundings cool with water spray. Do

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not direct water spray at container vent. Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire. If possible, shut off the source of gas and allow the fire to burn itself out. Vapor cloud may obscure visibility.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Further information : The presence of a hydrogen flame can be detected by approaching cautiously with an outstretched straw broom to make the flame visible.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions : Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Approach suspected leak areas with caution. Remove all sources of ignition. Ventilate the area. Never enter a confined space or other area where the flammable gas concentration is greater than 10% of its lower flammable limit.

Environmental precautions : Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.

Methods for cleaning up : Ventilate the area. Do not spray water directly at leak.

Additional advice : If possible, stop flow of product. Increase ventilation to the release area and monitor concentrations. Do not direct water spray at container vent. Liquid spillages can cause embrittlement of structural materials. 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, safely vent the pressure, and purge with an inert gas before attempting repairs.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

May ignite if valve is opened to air. Know and understand the properties and hazards of the product before use. Before using the product, determine its identity by reading the label. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents. 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. 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. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Do not remove or interchange connections. Only transfer lines designed for cryogenic liquids shall be used. Do not smoke while handling product or cylinders. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use. Prevent entrapment of cryogenic liquid in closed systems not protected with relief device. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. When doubt exists as to the correct handling procedure for a particular gas, contact the supplier. 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. Do not subject containers to abnormal mechanical shocks which may cause damage to their valve or safety devices. Remove all sources of ignition. All piped systems and associated equipment must be grounded.

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Storage

WARNING! Do not change or force fit connections. Always keep container in upright position. Do not allow storage temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Containers should be stored in a purpose built compound which should be well ventilated, preferably in the open air. Do not store in a confined space. Full containers should be stored so that oldest stock is used first. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Return empty containers in a timely manner. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Protect containers stored in the open against rusting and extremes of weather. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. All vents should be piped to the exterior of the building. Cryogenic containers are equipped with pressure relief devices to control internal pressure. Under normal conditions these containers will periodically vent product. Display "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in the storage areas. Flammable storage areas should be separated from oxygen and other oxidizers by a minimum distance of 20 ft. (6.1 m.) or by a barrier of non-combustible material at least 5 ft. (1.5 m.) high, having a fire resistance rating of at least 1/2 hour. All electrical equipment should be explosion-proof in the storage areas. Smoking should be prohibited within storage areas or while handling product or containers. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering measures

Provide natural or explosion-proof ventilation that is adequate to ensure flammable gas does not reach its lower explosive limit.
Use explosion-proof equipment.
Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.

Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : High concentrations that can cause rapid suffocation are within the flammable range and should not be entered. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained. Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmosphere.
- Hand protection : Sturdy work gloves are recommended for handling cylinders. Loose fitting thermal insulated or leather gloves. The breakthrough time of the selected glove(s) must be greater than the intended use period.
- Eye protection : Safety glasses recommended when handling cylinders. Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes. Polycarbonate full faceshield over safety glasses when connecting, disconnecting or opening cylinders.
- Skin and body protection : Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders. Flame retardant protective clothing. Never allow any unprotected part of the body to touch uninsulated pipes or vessels which contain cryogenic fluids. The extremely cold metal will cause the flesh to stick fast and tear when one attempts to withdraw from it.
- Special instructions for protection and hygiene : Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form	: Liquefied gas.
Color	: Colorless.
Odor	: None.
Molecular Weight	: 2 g/mol
Relative vapor density	: 0.07 (air = 1)
Relative density	: 0.07 (water = 1)
Boiling point/range	: -423 °F (-253 °C)
Critical temperature	: -400 °F (-240 °C)
Melting point/range	: -434 °F (-259 °C)
Autoignition temperature	: 1,040 °F (560 °C)
Upper flammability limit	: 75 %(V)
Lower flammability limit	: 4 %(V)
Water solubility	: 0.0016 g/l

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to avoid	: Heat, flames and sparks.
Materials to avoid	: Oxygen. Oxidizing agents. Carbon steel.

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.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Ecotoxicity effects

Aquatic toxicity : Not applicable.

Toxicity to other organisms : Not applicable.

Persistence and degradability

Mobility : No data available.

Bioaccumulation : No data is available on the product itself.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products : Return unused product in original cylinder to supplier. Contact supplier if guidance is required. Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air. Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor.

Contaminated packaging : Return cylinder to supplier.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CFR

Proper shipping name : Hydrogen, refrigerated liquid
Class : 2.1
UN/ID No. : UN1966

IATA

Proper shipping name : Hydrogen, refrigerated liquid
UN/ID No. : UN1966

IMDG

Proper shipping name : HYDROGEN, REFRIGERATED LIQUID
Class : 2.1
UN/ID No. : UN1966

CTC

Proper shipping name : HYDROGEN, REFRIGERATED LIQUID
Class : 2.1
UN/ID No. : UN1966

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.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) Hazard Class(es)
Cryogenic (refrigerated) Liquid Flammable.

Country	Regulatory list	Notification
USA	TSCA	Included on Inventory.
EU	EINECS	Included on Inventory.
Canada	DSL	Included on Inventory.
Australia	AICS	Included on Inventory.
South Korea	ECL	Included on Inventory.
China	SEPA	Included on Inventory.
Philippines	PICCS	Included on Inventory.
Japan	ENCS	Included on Inventory.

EPA SARA Title III Section 312 (40 CFR 370) Hazard Classification:
Fire Hazard. Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard.

US. California Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or any other harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Rating

Health : 3
Fire : 4
Instability : 0

HMIS Rating

Health : 3
Flammability : 4
Physical hazard : 1

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