

# Safety Data Sheet



## HELIUM in OXYGEN, Compressed Gas Mixture

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**Danger**



### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1. Product identifier

SDS no : AL659

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses : Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.  
Test gas/Calibration gas.  
Laboratory use.  
Contact supplier for more information on uses.

Uses advised against : Consumer use.

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification : Air Liquide Australia Limited  
Level 9 / 380 St. Kilda Road  
3004 Melbourne VIC Australia  
+61 3 9697 9888  
ALAEquiries@AirLiquide.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : 1800 812 588

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

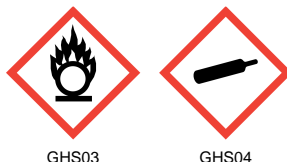
##### Classification according to WHS Regulation

Physical hazards	Oxidising Gases, Category 1	H270
	Gases under pressure : Compressed gas	H280

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### Classification according to WHS Regulation

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word :

Danger

Hazard statements :

H270 - May cause or intensify fire; oxidizer.

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements

- Prevention : P220 - Keep away from combustible materials.  
P244 - Keep valves and fittings free from oil and grease.
- Response : P370+P376 - In case of fire: stop leak if safe to do so.
- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

**2.3. Other hazards**

: None.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients****3.1. Substance** : Not applicable**3.2. Mixture**

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to WHS Regulation
Oxygen	(CAS No) 7782-44-7 (EC no) 231-956-9 (EC index no) 008-001-00-8 (REACH-no) *1	balance	Ox. Gas 1, H270 Press. Gas (Comp.), H280
Helium	(CAS No) 7440-59-7 (EC no) 231-168-5 (EC index no) (REACH-no) *1	0 - 76.5	Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

Full text of R- and H-statements: see section 16

*Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.*

\*1: Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.

\*2: Registration deadline not expired.

\*3: Registration not required: Substance manufactured or imported &lt; 1t/y.

**SECTION 4: First aid measures****4.1. Description of first aid measures**

- Inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

**4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

: Refer to section 11.

**4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

: None.

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1. Extinguishing media**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

**5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

- Specific hazards : Supports combustion.  
Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
- Hazardous combustion products : None.

**5.3. Advice for fire-fighters**

Specific methods	: Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems. If possible, stop flow of product. Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible. Move containers away from the fire area if this can be done without risk.
Special protective equipment for fire fighters	: Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask. Standard EN 469 - Protective clothing for firefighters. Standard - EN 659: Protective gloves for firefighters.
Hazchemcode	: 2S

**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

: Try to stop release.  
Evacuate area.  
Monitor concentration of released product.  
Eliminate ignition sources.  
Ensure adequate air ventilation.  
Act in accordance with local emergency plan.  
Stay upwind.

**6.2. Environmental precautions**

: Try to stop release.

**6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

: Ventilate area.

**6.4. Reference to other sections**

: See also sections 8 and 13.

**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Safe use of the product	: The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations. Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use. Do not smoke while handling product. Keep equipment free from oil and grease. Use no oil or grease. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt. Do not breathe gas. Avoid release of product into atmosphere.
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Safe handling of the gas receptacle : Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.  
Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.  
Do not allow backfeed into the container.  
Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop.  
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.  
If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.  
Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices.  
Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.  
Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water.  
Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.  
Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.  
Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.  
Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.  
Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.  
Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.

### **7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

: Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.  
Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.  
Container valve guards or caps should be in place.  
Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.  
Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.  
Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.  
Segregate from flammable gases and other flammable materials in store.  
Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition.  
Keep away from combustible materials.

### **7.3. Specific end use(s)**

: None.

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1. Control parameters**

OEL (Occupational Exposure Limits) : No data available.

DNEL (Derived-No Effect Level) : No data available.

PNEC (Predicted No-Effect Concentration) : No data available.

### **8.2. Exposure controls**

#### **8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls**

: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.  
Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages.  
Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available).  
Gas detectors should be used when oxidising gases may be released.  
Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

#### **8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment**

: A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered:  
PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.

#### **• Eye/face protection**

: Wear safety glasses with side shields.  
Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection.

- Skin protection
  - Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.  
Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.
  - Other : Consider the use of flame resistant safety clothing.  
Standard EN ISO 14116 - Limited flame spread materials.  
Wear safety shoes while handling containers.  
Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.
- Respiratory protection : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.  
Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.
- Thermal hazards : None necessary.

### 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

- : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

- Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa : Gas.
- Colour : Mixture contains one or more component(s) which have the following colour(s):  
Colourless.

#### Odour

: Odourless.

#### Odour threshold

: Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure.

#### pH value

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Molar mass

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Melting point

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Boiling point

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Flash point

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Evaporation rate (ether=1)

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Flammability range

: Non flammable.

#### Vapour pressure [20°C]

: Not applicable.

#### Vapour pressure [50°C]

: Not applicable.

#### Relative density, gas (air=1)

: Lighter or similar to air.

#### Solubility in water

: No data available

#### Partition coefficient n-octanol/water [log Kow]

: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

#### Auto-ignition temperature

: Non flammable.

#### Viscosity [20°C]

: Not applicable.

#### Explosive Properties

: Not applicable.

#### Oxidising Properties

: Oxidiser.

### 9.2. Other information

Other data : None.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

- 10.2. Chemical stability** : No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.
- 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions** : Stable under normal conditions.
- 10.4. Conditions to avoid** : Violently oxidises organic material.
- 10.5. Incompatible materials** : Oxidant. Strongly supports combustion. May react violently with combustible materials.
- 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** : May react violently with combustible materials.  
May react violently with reducing agents.
- 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

- Acute toxicity** : No toxicological effects from this product.
- Skin corrosion/irritation** : No known effects from this product.
- Serious eye damage/irritation** : No known effects from this product.
- Respiratory or skin sensitisation** : No known effects from this product.
- Germ cell mutagenicity** : No known effects from this product.
- Carcinogenicity** : No known effects from this product.
- Toxic for reproduction : Fertility** : No known effects from this product.
- Toxic for reproduction : unborn child** : No known effects from this product.
- STOT-single exposure** : No known effects from this product.
- STOT-repeated exposure** : No known effects from this product.
- Aspiration hazard** : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1. Toxicity**

- Assessment : Classification criteria are not met.

### **12.2. Persistence and degradability**

- Assessment : No data available.

### **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

- Assessment : No data available.

### **12.4. Mobility in soil**

- Assessment : No data available.

### **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- Assessment : Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

### **12.6. Other adverse effects**

Effect on ozone layer : None.  
Effect on the global warming : No known effects from this product.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1. Waste treatment methods**

Contact supplier if guidance is required.  
Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.  
Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded.  
Refer to the EIGA code of practice Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org> for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

List of hazardous waste codes (from Commission Decision 2001/118/EC) : 16 05 04: Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances.

**13.2. Additional information**

: None.

**SECTION 14: Transport information****14.1. UN number**

UN-No. : 3156

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

**Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)** : COMPRESSED GAS, OXIDIZING, N.O.S. (Oxygen, Helium)

**Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)** : Compressed gas, oxidizing, n.o.s. (Oxygen, Helium)

**Transport by sea (IMDG)** : COMPRESSED GAS, OXIDIZING, N.O.S. (Oxygen, Helium)

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)****Labelling**

2.2 : Non-flammable, non-toxic gases  
5.1 : Oxidizing substances

**Transport by road/rail (ADG)**

Class : 2  
Hazchemcode : 2S  
Hazard identification number : 25  
Tunnel Restriction : E - Passage forbidden through tunnels of category E

**Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)**

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2 (5.1)

**Transport by sea (IMDG)**

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2 (5.1)  
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire : F-C  
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage : S-W

**14.4. Packing group**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : Not applicable



Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not applicable  
Transport by sea (IMDG) : Not applicable

**14.5. Environmental hazards**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : None.  
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : None.  
Transport by sea (IMDG) : None.

**14.6. Special precautions for user****Packing Instruction(s)**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : P200  
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)  
    Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : 200  
    Cargo Aircraft only : 200  
Transport by sea (IMDG) : P200

Special transport precautions : 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.  
Before transporting product containers:  
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation.  
- Ensure that containers are firmly secured.  
- Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.  
- Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.  
- Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

HAZCHEMCODE : 2S

**14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

: Not applicable.

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****National regulations**

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

**15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

: A CSA does not need to be carried out for this product.

**SECTION 16: Other information**

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

Training advice : Receptacle under pressure.

Full text of H-statements





Ox. Gas 1	Oxidising Gases, Category 1
Press. Gas (Comp.)	Gases under pressure : Compressed gas
H270	May cause or intensify fire; oxidizer
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
R8	Contact with combustible material may cause fire
O	Oxidising

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

: Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.  
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