

**PRODUCT NAME: OXYGEN, REFRIGERATED LIQUID****1. Chemical Product and Company Identification**

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**PRODUCT NAME: OXYGEN, REFRIGERATED LIQUID****CHEMICAL NAME: Oxygen****COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Liquid Oxygen, LOX****TDG (Canada) CLASSIFICATION: 2.2 (5.1)****WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A, C****PREPARED BY: Loss Control (908)464-8100/(905)501-1700****PREPARATION DATE: 6/1/95****REVIEW DATES: 3/22/00****2. Composition, Information on Ingredients****EXPOSURE LIMITS<sup>1</sup>:**

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL-OSHA <sup>2</sup>	TLV-ACGIH <sup>3</sup>	LD <sub>50</sub> or LC <sub>50</sub> Route/Species
Oxygen FORMULA: O <sub>2</sub> CAS: 7782-44-7 RTECS #: RS2060000	99.6 to 99.997	None Established	Not Available	Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Refer to individual state of provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits which may be more stringent than those listed here.<sup>2</sup> As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1993)<sup>3</sup> As stated in the ACGIH 1998-1999 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents.

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

**3. Hazards Identification****EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Clear odorless pale blue liquid and colorless gas. Nonflammable, oxidizer. Will accelerate combustion and increase the risk of fire and explosion in combustible or flammable materials. Elevated oxygen levels may result in cough and other pulmonary changes. Non-toxic. Prolonged inhalation of high concentrations may cause coughing and lung effects. Contact with liquid form may cause frostbite or freeze burns in exposed tissues. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125 °F.

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**ROUTE OF ENTRY:**

Skin Contact Yes	Skin Absorption No	Eye Contact Yes	Inhalation Yes	Ingestion Yes
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**HEALTH EFFECTS:**

Exposure Limits No	Irritant No	Sensitization No
Teratogen No	Reproductive Hazard No	Mutagen No
Synergistic Effects None known		

Carcinogenicity: -- NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

**EYE EFFECTS:**

Contact with evaporating liquid may cause tissue freezing.

**SKIN EFFECTS:**

Contact with evaporating liquid product can cause cryogenic "burns" or frostbite. Frostbite effects are a change in color of the skin to gray or white, possibly followed by blistering.

**INGESTION EFFECTS:**

Contact with liquid product may cause tissue freezing.

**INHALATION EFFECTS:**

Oxygen is non-toxic. Prolonged inhalation of high oxygen concentrations (> 75%) may affect coordination, attention, and cause tiredness or respiratory irritation.

Oxygen is more toxic when inhaled at elevated pressures. Depending upon pressure and duration of exposure, pure oxygen at elevated pressures (i.e.: divers) may cause cramps, dizziness, difficulty breathing, convulsions, edema, and death.

Elevated oxygen concentrations in incubators has caused visual impairment and blindness in premature infants. High oxygen concentrations primarily affect eyes which are not fully developed (see Section 11).

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** None known.

**NFPA HAZARD CODES**

**HMIS HAZARD CODES**

**RATINGS SYSTEM**

Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Reactivity: 0

0 = No Hazard  
1 = Slight Hazard  
2 = Moderate Hazard  
3 = Serious Hazard  
4 = Severe Hazard

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**4. First Aid Measures**

**EYE:**

Never introduce ointment or oil into the eyes without medical advice! In case of freezing or cryogenic "burns" caused by rapidly evaporating liquid, DO NOT WASH THE EYES WITH HOT OR EVEN TEPID WATER! Remove victim from the source of contamination. Open eyelids wide to allow liquid to evaporate. If pain is present, refer the victim to an ophthalmologist for treatment and follow up. If the victim cannot tolerate light, protect the eyes with a light bandage.

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**SKIN:**

For dermal contact or frostbite: Remove contaminated clothing and flush affected areas with lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. A physician should see the patient promptly if the cryogenic "burn" has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or deep tissue freezing.

**INGESTION:**

A physician should see the patient promptly if the cryogenic "burn" has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or deep tissue freezing.

**INHALATION:**

Overexposure to oxygen is not anticipated under normal working conditions. High oxygen concentrations in the air may present a fire and explosion hazard. PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE WHEN OXYGEN IS INHALED UNDER PRESSURE (i.e.: as in scuba diving). Conscious persons should be removed from exposure and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the source of exposure or contaminated area is most important. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. Inform the treating physician that the patient could be experiencing hyperoxia.

**5. Fire Fighting Measures**

Conditions of Flammability: Not flammable, Oxidizer		
Flash point: None	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition Temperature: None
LEL(%): None	UEL(%): None	
Hazardous combustion products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

High oxygen concentrations vigorously accelerate combustion. Will support or initiate combustion/ explosion of organic matter and other oxidizable material. Cylinder may rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Water spray to keep cylinders cool. Extinguishing agent appropriate for the combustible material.

**FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

If possible, stop the flow of oxygen which is supporting the fire. Firefighters should wear respiratory protection (SCBA) and full turnout or Bunker gear. Continue to cool fire-exposed cylinders until well after flames are extinguished.

**6. Accidental Release Measures**

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. A leak near combustible or flammable materials may represent a severe fire or explosion hazard. Eliminate all ignition sources. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest BOC location.

## **7. Handling and Storage**

### **Electrical classification:**

Nonhazardous.

Liquid oxygen cannot be handled in carbon or low alloy steel. 18-8 and 18-10 stainless steel are acceptable as are copper and its alloys, nickel and its alloys, brass bronze, silicon alloys, Monel<sup>®</sup>, Inconel<sup>®</sup> and beryllium. Teflon<sup>®</sup>, Teflon<sup>®</sup> composites, or Kel-F<sup>®</sup> are preferred non-metallic gasket materials.

Equipment to contain oxygen must be "cleaned for oxygen service". Check with supplier to verify oxygen compatibility for the service conditions. Stationary customer site vessels should operate in accordance with the manufacturer's and BOC's instruction. Do not attempt to repair, adjust or in any other way modify the operation of these vessels. If there is a malfunction or other type of operations problem with the vessel, contact the closest BOC location immediately.

Oxygen, refrigerated liquid is delivered to a customer into stationary, vacuum-jacketed vessels at the customer's location or in portable vacuum-jacketed "liquid" cylinders.

Post "NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAMES" signs in storage and use areas. There should be no sources of ignition in storage and use areas.

Liquid oxygen vessels should be used only in well ventilated areas in accordance with manufacture and BOC's instructions. Cylinders must always be kept upright. Specialized trucks are needed for their movement. Full and empty cylinders should be stored away from flammable and combustible products.

For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association Pamphlets G-4, P-12, P-2.6, PS-4, AV-10, G-4.1, G-4.3, G-4.9, O2-DIR, P-8.1, and SB-9.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid form in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

## **8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection**

### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS:**

Use local exhaust to prevent accumulation of high concentrations that increase the oxygen level in air to more than 25%.

### **EYE/FACE PROTECTION:**

Safety goggles with faceshield where contact with liquid is possible.

### **SKIN PROTECTION:**

Protective gloves made of any suitable material appropriate for the job. Insulated gloves recommended for cryogenic liquids.

### **OTHER/GENERAL PROTECTION:**

Safety shoes, safety shower

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNITS
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Cryogenic liquid	
Vapor pressure	: Above critical temp.	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: 1.11	
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: -297.3	°F
	: -182.9	°C
Freezing point	: -361.8	°F
	: -218.8	°C
PH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: 1.105	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H2O)	: Slightly soluble	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Clear, odorless, pale blue liquid.	

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### STABILITY:

Stable

### INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:

All flammable, organic, and combustible materials.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

None

### HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:

Will not occur.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### SKIN AND EYE:

The incompletely developed retinal circulation is more susceptible to toxic levels of oxygen. In premature infants, arterial oxygen tension above 150 mm Hg may cause retrolental fibroplasia. Permanent blindness may occur several months later. One case of severe retinal damage in an adult was reported. An individual suffering from myasthenia gravis developed irreversible retinal atrophy after breathing 80% oxygen for 150 days. Contact with cryogenic liquid can cause tissue freezing.

### INHALATION:

Human volunteers which inhaled 90-95% oxygen through a face mask for 6 hours showed signs of tracheal irritation and fatigue. Other symptoms (which might have been caused by placing a tube into the trachea during the experiment) included: sinusitis, conjunctivitis, fever, and symptoms of acute bronchitis.

Poisoning began in dogs 36 hours after inhalation of pure oxygen at atmospheric pressure. Distress was seen within 48 hours and death within 60 hours.

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## 12. Ecological Information

No data given.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to BOC Gases or authorized distributor for proper disposal.

## 14. Transport Information

PARAMETER	United States DOT	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Oxygen, refrigerated liquid	Oxygen, refrigerated liquid
HAZARD CLASS:	2.2	2.2, 5.1
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1073	UN 1073
SHIPPING LABEL:	NONFLAMMABLE GAS, OXIDIZER	NONFLAMMABLE GAS, OXIDIZER

## 15. Regulatory Information

### SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

#### SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES:

Acute Health Hazard

Fire Hazard

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

## 16. Other Information

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT	Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

Compressed gas cylinders shall not be refilled without the express written permission of the owner. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his/her (written) consent is a violation of transportation regulations.

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