
HEALTH HAZARDS

HEALTH HAZARDS - Gaseous NO₂ is a severe pulmonary irritant. Overexposure produces pulmonary edema, which may occur within one or two hours and may re-occur with increased severity sometime later. The Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) concentration is 50 ppm.

Note: While NO₂ is a highly toxic and irritating gas (Human LC₁₀200 ppm/1 minute) the small quantity available from a calibration cylinder (34 liters of 10 ppm NO₂ in air or approx. 0.65 milligram NO₂) is insufficient to sustain a material volume above the TLV if accidentally released to ambient air. Content of one cylinder diluted by 1 cubic meter of ambient air would yield 0.34 ppm NO₂.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE - Irritation of respiratory tract and eyes, cough, frothy sputum. The following effects are reportedly expected for a 60-minute exposure.

100 ppm -	pulmonary edema and death
50 ppm -	pulmonary edema, possible lesions in lungs, moderate irritation of eyes and nose
25 ppm -	respiratory irritation, chest pain

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY - inhalation, eyes

TARGET ORGANS - lungs eyes

MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS BEING AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE - No Information

EXPOSURE LIMITS - ACGIH 2001 TLV-TWA NO₂ 3 ppm, STEL 5 ppm; OSHA STEL 1 ppm; NIOSH 1 ppm/15 minutes recommended ceiling

CARCINOGENICITY DATA - Not listed by RTECS, OSHA, NTP or IARC.

MUTATION DATA - References in RTECS

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS DATA - References in RTECS

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES - Overexposure to NO₂ is not indicated with intended product use due to the limited quantity of NO₂ contained in an individual cylinder of P/N 711068 (0.65 milligram NO₂). Nevertheless, first aid procedure for NO₂ vapor is presented should overexposure somehow occur.

FIRST AID - Remove the victim to fresh air. Apply artificial respiration if the victim is not breathing. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Get medical attention immediately, even if the victim is not complaining of discomfort. Immediate medical attention is advisable in all cases where appreciable inhalation of NO₂ is believed to have occurred, as pulmonary edema may develop.

SAFE HANDLING AND USE

HYGIENIC PRACTICES - Avoid breathing gas.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES DURING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT - N/A

PROCEDURES FOR SPILL OR LEAK CLEANUP - Ventilate area. Avoid breathing gas.

WASTE DISPOSAL - Do not puncture or incinerate cylinder. Before discarding cylinder, slowly release contents to a safe exhaust.

STORAGE - Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Do not exceed 120°F.

CONTROL MEASURES

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - Due to the limited amount of gas in the cylinder, and the low release rate employed in instrument calibration, respiratory protection is not indicated under conditions of intended use.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS - Mechanical ventilation is suitable.

WORK PRACTICES - Avoid breathing gas. Use in well-ventilated areas. Follow the calibration procedure detailed in the MSA instruction manual provided with the instrument under calibration.

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