# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

#### **SECTION 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

PRODUCT NAME: Carbon Dioxide

CHEMICAL NAME: Carbon Dioxide FORMULA: CO<sub>2</sub>
SYNONYMS: Carbonic Anhydride, Carbonic Acid Gas, Carbon Anhydride

MANUFACTURER: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

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**PRODUCT INFORMATION:** 1 - 800 - 752 - 1597

MSDS NUMBER: 1005 REVISION: 5

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#### **SECTION 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**CONCENTRATION:** Carbon dioxide is sold as pure product > 99%.

CAS NUMBER: 124-38-9 EXPOSURE LIMITS:

OSHA: PEL-TWA = 5000 ppm ACGIH: TLV-TWA = 5000 ppm NIOSH: None

established

#### **SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

### **EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Carbon dioxide is a nonflammable liquefied compressed gas packaged in cylinders under its own vapor pressure of 838 psig at 70 °F (21.1 °C). High concentrations can cause rapid suffocation and can also increase respiration and heart rate. Contact with liquid may cause frostbite. Avoid breathing gas. Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required by rescue workers.

#### **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

800 - 523 - 9374 Continental U.S., Canada, or Puerto Rico

610 - 481 - 7711 other locations

## **POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**INHALATION:** Carbon dioxide is an asphyxiant. Concentrations of 10% or more can produce unconsciousness or death.

EYE CONTACT: Contact with liquid or cold vapor can cause freezing of tissue.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Contact with liquid or cold vapor can cause frostbite.

**EXPOSURE INFORMATION:** 

**ROUTE OF ENTRY: Inhalation** 

TARGET ORGANS: Central nervous system

EFFECT: Asphyxiation (suffocation). Overexposure may cause damage to retinal ganglion

cells and central nervous system.

**SYMPTOMS:** Headache, sweating, rapid breathing, increased heartbeat, shortness of breath, dizziness, mental depression, visual disturbances, and shaking.

CHRONIC EFFECTS: None established.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE:** None **CARCINOGENICITY:** Carbon dioxide is not listed by NTP, OSHA or IARC.

#### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID**

**INHALATION:** Persons suffering from overexposure should be moved to fresh air. If victim is not breathing, administer artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. Obtain prompt medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** Contact with liquid or cold vapor can cause freezing of tissue. Gently flush eyes with lukewarm water. Obtain medical attention immediately.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Contact with liquid or cold vapor can cause frostbite. Immediately warm affected area with lukewarm water not to exceed 107 °F.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:** There is no specific antidote. Treatment for overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition.

### **SECTION 5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION**

FLASH POINT: AUTOIGNITION: FLAMMABLE LIMITS:

Not Applicable Nonflammable

Nonflammable

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Carbon dioxide is nonflammable and does not support combustion. Carbon dioxide is an extinguishing agent for class B and C fires. Use extinguishing media appropriate for the surrounding fire.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: None known.

**FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Evacuate personnel from danger area. Carbon dioxide is nonflammable. If possible, without risk, remove cylinders from fire area or cool with water. Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required for rescue workers.

**UNUSUAL HAZARDS:** Upon exposure to intense heat or flame, cylinder will vent rapidly and or rupture violently. Most cylinders are designed to vent contents when exposed to elevated temperatures. Pressure in a container can build up due to heat and it may rupture if pressure relief devices should fail to function.

#### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Increase ventilation to release area and monitor oxygen level. Use appropriate protective equipment (SCBA). If leak is from cylinder or cylinder valve call the Air Products emergency telephone number. If leak is in user's system close cylinder valve and vent pressure before attempting repairs.

## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**STORAGE:** Cylinders should be stored upright in a well-ventilated, secure area, protected from the weather. Storage area temperatures should not exceed 125 °F (52 °C). Storage should be away from heavily traveled areas and emergency exits. Avoid areas where salt or other corrosive materials are present. Valve protection caps and valve outlet seals should remain on cylinders not connected for use. Separate full from empty cylinders. Avoid excessive inventory and storage time. Use a first-in first-out system. Keep good inventory records.

**HANDLING:** Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection valve cap. Never apply flame or localized heat directly to any part of the cylinder. Do not

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allow any part of the cylinder to exceed 125 °F (52 °C). High temperature may cause damage to cylinder and/or premature failure of pressure relief device which will result in venting of cylinder contents. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve causing a leak to occur. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps.

Only the proper CGA connections should be used, never use adapters. Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. If liquid product is being used ensure steps have been taken to prevent entrapment of liquid in closed systems. The use of pressure relief devices may be necessary. Use a check valve or other protective apparatus in any line or piping from the cylinder to prevent reverse flow.

Carbon dioxide is compatible with all common materials of construction. Pressure requirements should be considered when selecting materials and designing systems.

Use a "FULL", "IN USE", and "EMPTY" tag system on cylinders. This will reduce the chances of inadvertently connecting or operating the wrong cylinder.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Always store and handle compressed gases in accordance with Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (ph. 703-979-0900) pamphlet CGA P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*. Local regulations may require specific equipment for storage or use.

CAUTION: Compressed gas cylinders shall not be refilled except by qualified producers of compressed gases. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with the owner's written consent is a violation of federal law.

### SECTION 8. PERSONAL PROTECTION / EXPOSURE CONTROL

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Provide ventilation and/or local exhaust to prevent accumulation of carbon dioxide concentrations above 5000 ppm.

### RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

**Emergency Use:** Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask and escape pack are to be used in oxygen deficient atmosphere. Air purifying respirators will not provide protection.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses are recommended when handling, connecting, or disconnecting cylinders, and when pressurizing systems

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Safety shoes and leather work gloves when handling cylinders.

### **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**APPEARANCE, ODOR AND STATE:** Colorless and odorless. A slightly acid gas. It is felt by some to have a slight pungent odor and biting taste.

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 44.01** 

GAS DENSITY (at 70 °F (21.1 °C) and 1 atm): 0.1144 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1.832 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

VAPOR PRESSURE (at 70 °F (21.1 °C)): 838 psig

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air =1): 1.522

**SPECIFIC VOLUME (at 70 °F (21.1 °C) and 1 atm):** 8.74 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.5457 m<sup>3</sup>/kg)

**BOILING POINT:** -109.3 °F (-78.5 °C)

**TRIPLE POINT (At 60.4 psig):** -69.9 °F (-56.6 °C)

SOLUBILITY IN WATER (Vol./Vol. at 68 °F (20 °C)): 0.90

### **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**STABILITY:** Stable

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None** 

INCOMPATIBILITY (Materials to Avoid): None

**REACTIVITY:** 

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur

### **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Carbon dioxide is an asphyxiant. It initially stimulates respiration and then causes respiratory depression. High concentrations result in narcosis. Symptoms in humans are as follows:

CONCENTRATION	EFFECT
1%	Slight increase in breathing rate
2%	Breathing rate increases to 50% above normal. Prolonged exposure can cause headache and tiredness.
3%	Breathing increases to twice the normal rate and becomes labored. Weak narcotic effect. Impaired hearing, headache, increase in blood pressure and pulse rate.
4-5%	Breathing increases to approximately four times the normal rate, symptoms of intoxication become evident and slight choking may be felt.
5-10%	Characteristic sharp odor noticeable. Very labored breathing, headache, visual impairment and ringing in the ears. Judgment may be impaired, followed within minutes by loss of consciousness.
50-100%	Unconsciousness occurs more rapidly above 10% level. Prolonged exposure to high concentrations may eventually result in death from asphyxiation.

#### **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No adverse ecological effects are expected. No adverse ecological effects are expected. Carbon dioxide does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone depleting chemicals. Carbon dioxide is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT (49 CFR 171).

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL**

**UNUSED PRODUCT / EMPTY CYLINDER:** Return cylinder and unused product to supplier. Do not attempt to dispose of unused product. Ensure cylinder valve is properly closed, valve outlet cap has been reinstalled, and valve protection cap is secured before shipping cylinder.

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS:** For emergency disposal, secure the cylinder and slowly discharge gas to the atmosphere in a well ventilated area or outdoors. Small amounts may be disposed of by reacting with a mild base.

### **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT SHIPPING NAME:** Carbon dioxide **HAZARD CLASS:** 2.2 (Nonflammable Gas)

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN1013** 

PRODUCT RQ: None

SHIPPING LABEL(s): Nonflammable gas

PLACARD (when required): Nonflammable gas

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION: Cylinders should be transported in a secure upright position

in a well ventilated truck. Never transport in passenger compartment of a vehicle.

#### **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

#### **U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA):**

**CERCLA:** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 requires notification to the National Response Center of a release of quantities of hazardous substances equal to or greater than the reportable quantities (RQ's) in 40 CFR 302.4.

CERCLA Reportable Quantity: None.

SARA TITLE III: Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986

**SECTION 302/304:** Requires emergency planning on threshold planning quantities (TPQ) and release reporting based on reportable quantities (RQ) of EPA's extremely hazardous substances (40 CFR 355).

Extremely Hazardous Substances: None Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): None

**SECTIONS 311/312:** Require submission of material safety data sheets (MSDSs) and chemical inventory reporting with identification of EPA defined hazard classes. The hazard classes for this product are:

IMMEDIATE HEALTH: Yes PRESSURE: Yes DELAYED HEALTH: No REACTIVITY: No FLAMMABLE: No

**SECTION 313:** Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR 372.

Carbon dioxide does not require reporting under Section 313

**40 CFR Part 68 - Risk Management for Chemical Accident Release Prevention:** Requires the development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Carbon dioxide is not listed as a regulated substance.

TSCA - TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT: Carbon dioxide is listed on the TSCA inventory.

## **OSHA - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:**

**29 CFR 1910.119:** Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals. Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Carbon dioxide is not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical.

### **STATE REGULATIONS:**

CALIFORNIA:

Proposition 65: This product does NOT contain any listed substances which the State of California requires warning under this statute.

SCAQMD Rule: VOC = Not applicable

## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

## **HAZARD RATINGS:**

NFPA RATINGS: HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH: 1 HEALTH: 0
FLAMMABILITY: 0 FLAMMABILITY: 0
REACTIVITY: 0 REACTIVITY: 0

SPECIAL: SA\*

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<sup>\*</sup>Compressed Gas Association recommendation to designate simple asphyxiant.