SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Identification of the substance/preparation	:	Ammonia
Chemical formula	:	NH3
Synonyms	:	Ammonia, Anhydrous
Use of the Substance/Preparation	:	General Industrial
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Emergency telephone number	:	1. Cylinder 0500 020202 / + 44 1270 53 1605 2. Bulk 0500 020202 / + 44 1270 506 100 3. Medical 0500 020202 / + 44 1270 53 1605

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Preparation : Substance

Components	EINECS / ELINCS	CAS Number	Concentration (Volume)	Classification
Ammonia, anhydrous	231-635-3	7664-41-7	100 %	T ; N R10 ; R23 ; R34 ; R50

Refer to section 16 for full text of each relevant R-phrase.

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

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification

R10 Flammable.
R23 Toxic by inhalation.
R34 Causes burns.
R50 Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

Emergency Overview

Flammable.
Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.
Immediate fire and explosion hazard exists when mixed with air at concentrations exceeding the lower flammability limit (LFL).
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.

Direct contact with liquid can cause frostbite.
May react violently with water.
Do not breathe gas.
Corrosive to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
Compressed liquefied gas.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation	:	Corrosive to respiratory tract Irritating to respiratory system. Irritating to respiratory system. Can cause severe lung damage. May be fatal if inhaled. Delayed adverse effects possible. Prolonged exposure to small concentrations may result in pulmonary edema. Delayed fatal pulmonary edema possible.
Eye contact	:	Causes eye burns. Causes eye irritation. Irritating to eyes. Causes severe eye burns. May cause permanent eye injury.
Skin contact	:	Causes skin burns. Irritating to skin. Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite. Causes skin irritation. Causes skin burns.
Aggravated Medical Condition	:	Asthma. Skin disorders and Allergies. Eye disease Asthma.
Target Organs	:	Eyes. Respiratory tract. Skin.

Environmental Effects

Dangerous for the environment.

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. Use chemically protective clothing.
Eye contact	:	Rinse immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
Skin contact	:	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Cover wound with sterile dressing. If skin irritation persists, call a physician. Flush with copious amounts of water until treatment is available. Immediate medical treatment is necessary as untreated wounds from corrosion of the skin heal slowly and badly.
Ingestion	:	Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
Inhalation	:	Move to fresh air. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. If symptoms persist, call a physician. Keep patient warm and at rest. Move to fresh air. If breathing has stopped or is labored, give assisted respirations. Supplemental oxygen may be indicated. If the heart has stopped, trained personnel should begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation immediately. Mouth to mouth resuscitation is not recommended. If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. Consult a doctor.

Notes to physician

Treatment : Treat bronchospasm and laryngeal edema if present. Observe for delayed chemical pneumonitis, pulmonary hemorrhage or edema.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : All known extinguishing media can be used.

Specific hazards : Extinguish fire only if gas flow can be stopped. Keep adjacent cylinders cool by spraying with large amounts of water until fire burns itself out. If possible, shut-off source of gas and allow the fire to burn itself out. Upon exposure to intense heat or flame, cylinder will vent rapidly and or rupture violently. Use of water may result in the formation of very toxic aqueous solutions. Move away from container and cool with water from a protected position. Keep adjacent cylinders cool by spraying with large amounts of water until the fire burns itself out. If possible, stop flow of product.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing.

Further information : Use of water may result in the formation of very toxic aqueous solutions., Combustion by-products may be toxic., If flames are accidently extinguished, explosive re-ignition may occur; therefore, appropriate measures should be taken (e.g. total evacuation to protect persons from cylinder fragments and toxic fumes) should a rupture occur.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions : Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ventilate the area. Approach suspected leak areas with caution. Use self-contained breathing apparatus or positive pressure air line with mask and escape pack in areas where concentration is unknown or above the exposure limits.

Environmental precautions : Should not be released into the environment. 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.

Methods for cleaning up : Keep area evacuated and free from ignition sources until any spilled liquid has evaporated. (Ground free from frost.) Ventilate the area. Wash contaminated equipment or sites of leaks with copious quantities of water. Reduce vapor with fog or fine water spray.

Additional advice : If possible, stop flow of product. Increase ventilation to the release area and monitor concentrations. 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

Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Do not allow storage area temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle compressed gases. Before using the product, determine its identity by reading the label. Know and understand the properties and hazards of the product before use. When doubt

exists as to the correct handling procedure for a particular gas, contact the supplier. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents. 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. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. 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. Ensure the complete gas system is compatible for pressure rating and materials of construction. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use. 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. 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. Open valve slowly. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. 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. Close valve after each use and when empty. Replace outlet caps or plugs and container caps as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Do not subject containers to abnormal mechanical shocks which may cause damage to their valve or safety devices. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap or guard. Do not use containers as rollers or supports or for any other purpose than to contain the gas as supplied. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminates particularly oil and water. Do not smoke while handling product or cylinders. Never re-compress a gas or a gas mixture without first consulting the supplier. Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another. Always use backflow protective device in piping. Purge air from system before introducing gas. Purge system with dry inert gas (e.g. helium or nitrogen) before gas is introduced and when system is placed out of service. Avoid suckback of water, acid and alkalis. Installation of a cross purge assembly between the cylinder and the regulator is recommended. When returning cylinder install valve outlet cap or plug leak tight. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Containers should not be subjected to temperatures above 50°C (122°F). Prolonged periods of cold temperature below -30°C (-20°F) should be avoided. Never attempt to increase liquid withdrawal rate by pressurizing the container without first checking with the supplier. Never permit liquefied gas to become trapped in parts of the system as this may result in hydraulic rupture.

Storage

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. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in the storage areas. Full containers should be stored so that oldest stock is used first. Containers should be stored in a purpose build compound which should be well ventilated, preferably in the open air. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Local codes may have special requirements for toxic gas storage. Protect containers stored in the open against rusting and extremes of weather. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent toppling. The container valves should be tightly closed and where appropriate valve outlets should be capped or plugged. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Do not allow storage temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Return empty containers in a timely manner.

Technical measures/Precautions

Containers containing flammable gases should be stored away from other combustible materials. Where necessary containers containing oxygen and oxidants should be separated from flammable gases by a fire resistant partition. Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. Containers should be segregated in the storage area according to the various categories (e.g. flammable, toxic, etc.) and in accordance with local regulations.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering measures

Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery.
Provide natural or explosion-proof ventilation adequate to ensure concentrations are kept below exposure limits.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection	:	Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use. Use self-contained breathing apparatus or positive pressure air line with mask and escape pack in areas where concentration is unknown or above the exposure limits. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.
Hand protection	:	Sturdy work gloves are recommended for handling cylinders. The breakthrough time of the selected glove(s) must be greater than the intended use period.
Eye protection	:	Safety glasses recommended when handling cylinders. A full faceshield should be worn in addition to safety glasses when connecting, disconnecting or opening cylinders.
Skin and body protection	:	Use chemically protective clothing. Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders. Encapsulated chemical protective suit in emergency situations.
Special instructions for protection and hygiene	:	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Provide good ventilation and/or local exhaust to prevent accumulation of concentrations above exposure limits.

Exposure limit(s)

Ammonia, anhydrous	Time Weighted Average (TWA): EH40 OES	25 ppm	18 mg/m3
Ammonia, anhydrous	Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL): EH40 OES	35 ppm	25 mg/m3
Ammonia, anhydrous	Time Weighted Average (TWA): EU ELV	20 ppm	14 mg/m3
Ammonia, anhydrous	Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL): EU ELV	50 ppm	36 mg/m3

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form	:	Liquefied gas.
Color	:	Colorless gas
Odor	:	Ammoniacal.
Molecular Weight	:	17.03 g/mol
Relative vapor density	:	0.588 (air = 1)
Relative density	:	0.7 (water = 1)
Vapor pressure	:	124.73 psia (8.60 bar) at 20 °C
Density	:	0.044 lb/ft3 (0.0007 g/cm3) at 70 °F (21 °C) Note: (as vapor)
Specific Volume	:	22.49 ft3/lb (1.4040 m3/kg) at 70 °F (21 °C)
Boiling point/range	:	-33.5 °C

Critical temperature	:	132.3 °C
Melting point/range	:	-77.7 °C
Autoignition temperature	:	630 °C
Upper flammability limit	:	28 %(V)
Lower flammability limit	:	15 %(V)
Water solubility	:	Hydrolyses.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	:	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to avoid	:	Heat, flames and sparks.
Materials to avoid	:	Copper, silver, cadmium and zinc and their alloys; mercury, tin, acids, alcohols, aldehydes, halogens and oxidizers. Ammonia can form explosive compounds when combined with mercury. May react violently with oxidants. May react violently with acids. Reacts with water to form corrosive alkalis.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Health Hazard

Ingestion	:	No data is available on the product itself.
Inhalation	:	LC50 (1 h) : 7338 ppm Species : Rat.
Skin.	:	No data is available on the product itself.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity effects

Aquatic toxicity	:	May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.
Toxicity to other organisms	:	No data available.

Persistence and degradability

Mobility	:	No data available.
Bioaccumulation	:	No data is available on the product itself.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products	:	In accordance with local and national regulations. Return unused product in orginal cylinder to supplier. Contact supplier if guidance is required. Must not be discharged to atmosphere.
Contaminated packaging	:	Return cylinder to supplier.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ADR

Proper shipping name	:	AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS
Class	:	2.3 (8)
UN/ID No.	:	UN1005
ADR/RID Hazard ID no.	:	268

IATA

Proper shipping name	:	Ammonia, anhydrous
Class	:	2.3 (8)
UN/ID No.	:	UN1005

IMDG

Proper shipping name	:	AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS
Class	:	2.3 (8)
UN/ID No.	:	UN1005

RID

Proper shipping name	:	AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS
Class	:	2.3 (8)
UN/ID No.	:	UN1005

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

Labelling according to EEC Directive

Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548	:	007-001-00-5
Hazard symbol	:	N Dangerous for the environment T Toxic
R-phrase(s)	:	R10 Flammable. R23 Toxic by inhalation. R34 Causes burns. R50 Very toxic to aquatic organisms.
S-phrase(s)	:	S61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheets. S 9 Keep container in a well-ventilated place. S16 Keep away from sources of ignition. - No smoking. S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show label where possible).
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

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

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

R-phrase(s) - Components

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

This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Directives and applies to all countries that have translated the Directives in their national laws.