

Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Hydrogen, refrigerated liquid (MSDS No. P-4603-E)		Trade Name: Liquid Hydrogen	
Chemical Name: Hydrogen		Synonyms: Hydrogen (cryogenic liquid), para Hydrogen	
Formula: H ₂		Chemical Family: Permanent Gas	
Telephone:	Emergencies: 1-800-645-4633* CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300* Routine: 1-800-PRAXAIR	Company Name: Praxair, Inc. 39 Old Ridgebury Road Danbury, CT 06810-5113	

* Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

This section covers materials of manufacture only. For custom mixtures of this product, request an MSDS for each component. See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA
Hydrogen	1333-74-0	>99%	None currently established	Simple asphyxiant

* The symbol > means "greater than"; the symbol <, "less than."

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

DANGER! Extremely cold, flammable liquid and gas under pressure.

Can form explosive mixtures with air.

Can cause severe frostbite.

Burns with invisible flame.

Liquid or cold gas will freeze air in vent lines.

May cause dizziness and drowsiness.

Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.

Odor: None

THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE: TLV-TWA, simple asphyxiant (ACGIH, 1999). TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

EFFECTS OF A SINGLE (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE:

INHALATION—Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. Moderate concentrations may cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

SKIN CONTACT—No harm expected from vapor. Cold gas or liquid may cause severe frostbite.

SWALLOWING—An unlikely route of exposure, but severe frostbite of the lips and mouth may result from contact with the liquid.

EYE CONTACT—No harm expected from vapor. Cold gas or liquid may cause severe frostbite.

EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE: No harm expected.

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: Hydrogen is an asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE: The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of hydrogen suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION: None known.

CARCINOGENICITY: This product is not listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

4. First Aid Measures

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

SKIN CONTACT: For exposure to cold gas, liquid, or solid, immediately warm frostbite area with warm water not to exceed 105°F (41°C). In case of massive exposure, remove contaminated clothing while showering with warm water. Call a physician.

SWALLOWING: An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT: For exposure to cold gas, liquid, or solid, immediately flush eyes thoroughly with warm water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. See a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

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

5. Fire Fighting Measures

FLASH POINT (test method):	Flammable gas	
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:	932°F (500°C)	
FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume:	LOWER: 4%	UPPER: 75%

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: CO₂, dry chemical, water spray, or fog

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: **DANGER! Extremely cold, flammable liquid and gas under pressure.** Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately spray containers with water from maximum distance until cool, taking care not to direct spray onto vents on top of container. Do not

discharge sprays into liquid hydrogen. Liquid hydrogen will freeze water rapidly. Shut off flow of gas if without risk, while continuing cooling water spray. Remove ignition sources if without risk. If flames are accidentally extinguished, explosive re-ignition may occur. All personnel including fire and rescue workers should leave the area immediately. Reapproach with extreme caution. When containers have cooled, move them away from fire area if without risk. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Highly flammable, extremely cold cryogenic liquid and gas. Flame is nearly invisible. Escaping gas may ignite spontaneously. Hydrogen has a low ignition energy. Fireball forms if gas cloud ignites immediately after release.

Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents. Liquid causes severe frostbite, a freezing injury resembling a burn. Liquid will solidify air, concentrating oxygen and creating a potential explosion hazard. Heat of fire can build pressure in container and cause it to rupture. Liquid hydrogen containers are equipped with pressure relief devices. No part of a container should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52 C). If venting or leaking hydrogen catches fire, do not extinguish flames.

Flammable gas may spread from leak, creating an explosive re-ignition hazard. Vapors can be ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharge, or other ignition sources at locations distant from product handling point. Explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with approved explosion meter.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: None known.

6. Accidental Release Measures

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: DANGER! Extremely cold, flammable liquid and gas under pressure. Forms explosive mixtures with air. (See section 5.) Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Liquid hydrogen will condense moisture in the atmosphere, producing a vapor cloud. The zone of flammability may extend beyond this cloud, so personnel should be evacuated well beyond any visible moisture. Avoid contact with cold liquid, vapor, or frosty condensation. Liquid hydrogen can freeze air, oxygen, and other gases. Contact with liquid or solid gases can cause severe frostbite, a burn-like injury. (See section 3.) Flammable gas may spread from leak. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce gas with fog or fine water spray. Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move container to a well-ventilated area.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

7. Handling and Storage

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store and use with adequate ventilation. Do not store in a confined space. Cryogenic containers are equipped with a pressure relief device and a pressure controlling valve. Under normal conditions these containers will periodically vent product. Use adequate pressure relief devices in systems and piping to prevent pressure buildup; entrapped liquid can generate extremely high pressures when vaporized by warming. Separate hydrogen containers from oxygen, chlorine, and other oxidizers by at least 20 ft (6.1 m), or use a barricade of noncombustible material. This barricade should be at least 5 ft (1.53 m) high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour. Post

"No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. All electrical equipment in storage areas must be explosion-proof. Storage areas must meet national electric codes for Class 1 hazardous areas. For full details and requirements, see NFPA 50A, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: Never allow any unprotected part of your body to touch uninsulated pipes or vessels containing cryogenic fluids. Flesh will stick to the extremely cold metal and will tear when you try to pull free.

Use a suitable hand truck to move containers. Cryogenic containers must be handled and stored in an upright position. Do not drop or tip containers, or roll them on their sides. Hydrogen is the lightest known gas. It may leak out of systems that are air-tight for other gases and may collect in poorly ventilated upper reaches of buildings. All piped hydrogen systems and associated equipment must be grounded. Electrical equipment must be non-sparking or explosion-proof. Leak check system with soapy water; never use a flame. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions in using hydrogen, see section 16.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

LOCAL EXHAUST—An explosion-proof local exhaust system is acceptable. See SPECIAL.

MECHANICAL (general)—Inadequate; see SPECIAL.

SPECIAL—Use only in a closed system.

OTHER—See SPECIAL.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: None required under normal use. An air-supplied respirator must be used in confined spaces. Respiratory protection must conform to OSHA rules as specified in 29 CFR 1910.134.

SKIN PROTECTION: Wear loose-fitting, cryogenic gloves.

EYE PROTECTION: Safety glasses and a full face shield are recommended. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Metatarsal shoes for container handling. Protective clothing where needed. Cuffless trousers should be worn outside the shoes. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.133. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

MOLECULAR WEIGHT:	2.016
EXPANSION RATIO for liquid at boiling point to gas at 70°F (21.1°C):	1 to 850.3
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air = 1) at 32°F (0°C) and 1 atm:	0.06960
LIQUID DENSITY at boiling point and 1 atm:	4.43 lb/ft ³ (70.96 kg/m ³)
SOLUBILITY IN WATER , vol/vol at 60°F (15.6°C) and 1 atm:	0.019
PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:	100
BOILING POINT at 1 atm:	-423.0°F (-252.8°C)
MELTING POINT at 1 atm:	-434.55°F (-259.2°C)
APPEARANCE, ODOR, AND STATE: Colorless, odorless cryogenic liquid	

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: Unstable Stable

INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid): Oxidizing agents, lithium, halogens

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: May Occur Will Not Occur

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None known.

11. Toxicological Information

Hydrogen is a simple asphyxiant.

12. Ecological Information

No adverse ecological effects expected. Hydrogen does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. Hydrogen is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

13. Disposal Considerations

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return container to supplier.

14. Transport Information

DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME: Hydrogen, refrigerated liquid

HAZARD CLASS:	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	PRODUCT RQ:
2.1	UN 1966	Not applicable

SHIPPING LABEL(s): FLAMMABLE GAS

PLACARD (when required): FLAMMABLE GAS

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION: Containers should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Containers transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

Reportable Quantity (RQ): None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

SECTIONS 302/304: Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of extremely hazardous substances (40 CFR Part 355):

Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): None

Extremely Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 355): None

SECTIONS 311/312: Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

IMMEDIATE: Yes

PRESSURE: Yes

DELAYED: No

REACTIVITY: No

FIRE: Yes

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

Hydrogen does not require reporting under Section 313.

40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION: Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Hydrogen is listed as a regulated substance in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater.

TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT: Hydrogen 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.

Hydrogen is not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical. However, any process that involves a flammable gas on site in one location in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless the gas is used as a fuel.

STATE REGULATIONS:

CALIFORNIA: Hydrogen is not listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER TOXIC AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

PENNSYLVANIA: Hydrogen is subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: *Extremely cold, flammable liquid and gas under pressure. Use only in a closed system.* Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. *Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures and temperatures to be encountered.* Avoid materials incompatible with cryogenic use; some metals such as carbon steel may fracture easily at low temperature. Use only transfer lines designed for cryogenic liquids. *Prevent reverse flow.* Reverse flow

into container may cause rupture. Use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the container. ***Prevent liquid or cold gas from being trapped in piping between valves.*** Equip the piping with pressure relief devices. ***Air will condense on exposed liquid or cold-gas surfaces such as vaporizers and piping.*** Nitrogen, which has a lower boiling point than oxygen, will evaporate first, leaving oxygen-enriched condensation on the surface. To prevent possible ignition of grease, oil, or other combustibles, keep all areas of potential condensation free of these substances. ***Gas can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency.*** Store and use with adequate ventilation. Close container valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. Praxair recommends piping all vents to the exterior of the building. ***Never work on a pressurized system.*** If there is a leak, close the container valve. Blow the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws; then repair the leak. ***Never PLACE a compressed gas container where it may become part of an electrical circuit.***

MIXTURES: When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH	= 3
FLAMMABILITY	= 4
REACTIVITY	= 0
SPECIAL	= None

HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH	= 3
FLAMMABILITY	= 4
REACTIVITY	= 0

STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

THREADED:	CGA-795 (cryogenic liquid withdrawal, for pressures up to 140 psig)
PIN-INDEXED YOKE:	Not applicable
ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:	Not applicable

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlet V-1 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information about this product can be found in the following pamphlets published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4102, Telephone (703) 412-0900.

AV-1	<i>Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases</i>
G-5	<i>Hydrogen</i>
G-5.3	<i>Commodity Specification for Hydrogen</i>
P-1	<i>Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers</i>
P-12	<i>Safe Handling of Cryogenic Liquids</i>
P-14	<i>Accident Prevention in Oxygen-Rich, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres</i>
SB-2	<i>Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres</i>
V-1	<i>Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections</i>
—	<i>Handbook of Compressed Gases, Third Edition</i>

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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