



# Nitrogen trifluoride

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## SECTION 1: Product and company identification

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Substance  
Name : Nitrogen trifluoride  
  
Formula : F<sub>3</sub>N  
Other means of identification : Nitrogen Fluoride, Trifluoroamine, Trifluoroammonia  
Chemical Family = Inorganic Halide

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : Industrial use. Use as directed.

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Holston Gases, Inc.  
545 W Baxter Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37921 - USA  
T 1-865-573-1917 - F 1-865-573-0063  
[www.holstongases.com](http://www.holstongases.com)

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : Onsite Emergency: 1-800-645-4633

CHEMTREC, 24hr/day 7days/week  
— Within USA: 1-800-424-9300, Outside USA: 001-703-527-3887  
(collect calls accepted, Contract 17729)

## SECTION 2: Hazard identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS-US classification

Ox. Gas 1                    H270  
Compressed gas            H280  
Acute Tox. 4 (Inhalation:gas) H332  
STOT RE 2                 H373

### 2.2. Label elements

#### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



Signal word (GHS-US) :

DANGER

Hazard statements (GHS-US) :

H270 - MAY CAUSE OR INTENSIFY FIRE; OXIDIZER  
H280 - CONTAINS GAS UNDER PRESSURE; MAY EXPLODE IF HEATED  
H332 - HARMFUL IF INHALED  
H371 - MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO ORGANS (KIDNEYS, LIVER, SPLEEN, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)  
CGA-HG10 - ASPHYXIATING EVEN WITH ADEQUATE OXYGEN  
CGA-HG11 - SYMPTOMS MAY BE DELAYED

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) :

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P220 - Keep/Store away from clothing, combustible materials  
P244 - Keep reduction valves/valves and fittings free from oil and grease  
P260 - Do not breathe gas  
P271+P403 - Use and store only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place



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P370+P376 - In case of fire: Stop leak if safe to do so  
CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping  
CGA-PG20+CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment of compatible materials of construction and rated for cylinder pressure  
CGA-PG22 - Use only with equipment cleaned for oxygen service  
CGA-PG21 - Open valve slowly  
CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty  
CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F)

## 2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

## 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

No data available

## SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

Name	Product identifier	%
Nitrogen trifluoride (Main constituent)		100

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should give oxygen. Call a physician.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash with plenty of soap and water. If irritation persists, consult a doctor.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. Contact an ophthalmologist immediately.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No additional information available

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

CONTACT WITH THIS PRODUCT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION! Symptoms may be delayed. Seek medical attention even if no symptoms are present.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Fire hazard : Oxidizer. May accelerate the burning of other combustible materials.
- Reactivity : MAY INTENSIFY FIRE; OXIDIZER.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting instructions : Evacuate all personnel from the danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective clothing. Immediately cool containers with water from maximum distance. Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, while continuing cooling water spray. Remove ignition sources if safe to do so. Remove containers from area of fire if safe to do so. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 and applicable standards under 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L—Fire Protection.
- Special protective equipment for fire fighters : Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters.



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- Specific methods : Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas containers to rupture. Cool endangered containers with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems
- Stop flow of product if safe to do so
- Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : **DANGER: High-pressure, oxidizing gas.** Evacuate personnel to a safe area. Appropriate self-contained breathing apparatus may be required. Remove all sources of ignition. Vapor can spread from spill. Contact with flammable materials may cause fire or explosion. When containers have cooled, move them away from fire area if safe to do so. Before entering the area, especially a confined area, check the atmosphere with an appropriate device. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 and applicable standards under 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L—Fire Protection.

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

No additional information available

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

No additional information available

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release. Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Prevent soil and water pollution. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment : On land, sweep or shovel into suitable containers.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See also sections 8 and 13. See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Do not breathe gas/vapor. Avoid all contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure

Wear leather safety gloves and safety shoes when handling cylinders. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. While moving cylinder, always keep in place removable valve cover. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Slowly open the valve. If the valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. Close the container valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. Never apply flame or localized heat directly to any part of the container. High temperatures may damage the container and could cause the pressure relief device to fail prematurely, venting the container contents. For other precautions in using this product, see section 16.



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## 7.2. Conditions for safe storage

Storage conditions (including any incompatibilities)

: Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Post "No Smoking/No Open Flames" signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. Separate packages and protect against potential fire and/or explosion damage following appropriate codes and requirements (e.g. NFPA 30, NFPA 55, NFPA 70, and/or NFPA 221 in the U.S.) or according to requirements determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). Always secure containers upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Install valve protection cap, if provided, firmly in place by hand when the container is not in use. Store full and empty containers separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full containers for long periods. For other precautions in using this product, see section 16

**OTHER PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:** When handling product under pressure, use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand the pressures to be encountered. Never work on a pressurized system. Use a back flow preventive device in the piping. Gases can cause rapid suffocation because of oxygen deficiency; store and use with adequate ventilation. If a leak occurs, close the container valve and blow down the system in a safe and environmentally correct manner in compliance with all international, federal/national, state/provincial, and local laws; then repair the leak. Never place a container where it may become part of an electrical circuit.

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

None.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)		
ACGIH	ACGIH TLV-TWA (ppm)	10 ppm
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	29 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (ppm)	10 ppm
USA IDLH	US IDLH (ppm)	1000 ppm

### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Use corrosion-proof equipment. A canopy-type, forced-draft fume hood is preferred. Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.

Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.

Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields. Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders; vapor-proof goggles and a face shield during cylinder changeout or whenever contact with product is possible. Select eye protection in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

Respiratory protection : When workplace conditions warrant respirator use, follow a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134, ANSI Z88.2, or MSHA 30 CFR 72.710 (where applicable). Use an air-supplied or air-purifying cartridge if the action level is exceeded. Ensure that the respirator has the appropriate protection factor for the exposure level. If cartridge type respirators are used, the cartridge must be appropriate for the chemical exposure. For emergencies or instances with unknown exposure levels, use a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Environmental exposure controls : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere.

Other information : Do not eat, drink or smoke during use. Wear safety shoes while handling containers.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Gas

Molecular mass : 71 g/mol

Color : Colorless.

Odor : Moldy.

Odor threshold : No data available

pH : Not applicable.

Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1) : No data available

Relative evaporation rate (ether=1) : Not applicable.



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Melting point	: -207 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: -129 °C
Flash point	: Not applicable.
Critical temperature	: -39.3 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: 33400 mm Hg (at -50 °C)
Critical pressure	: 4460 kPa
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.5
Relative gas density	: 2.4
Solubility	: Water: 61 mg/l
Log Pow	: Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Log Kow	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, dynamic	: Not applicable.
Explosive properties	: Not applicable.
Oxidizing properties	: Oxidizer.
Explosion limits	: Non flammable.

## 9.2. Other information

Additional information : Gas/vapor heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

MAY INTENSIFY FIRE; OXIDIZER.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

May occur. On decomposition may produce fumes of fluorides. The presence of certain metals at elevated temperatures may form tetrafluorohydrazine (N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>), a material sensitive to heat and shock.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Diborane. Hydrogen. Hydrogen sulfide. Methane. Tetrafluorohydrazine. Natural rubber. Avoid oil, grease and all other combustible materials. Reducing agents. May react violently with combustible materials. Carbon dioxide. Ammonia.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

No additional information available

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Inhalation:gas: HARMFUL IF INHALED.

Nitrogen trifluoride ( \f )7783-54-2	
LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	6700 ppm/1h
ATE US (gases)	3350.000 ppmV/4h



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Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
	pH: Not applicable.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified
	pH: Not applicable.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO ORGANS THROUGH PROLONGED OR REPEATED EXPOSURE.
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms	: HARMFUL IF INHALED.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : No data available.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

Persistence and degradability	Not applicable for inorganic gases. Not established.
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### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

#### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

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Bioaccumulative potential	No data available. Not established.
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### 12.4. Mobility in soil

#### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

Ecology - soil	Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution.
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### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer : None

Global warming potential [CO2=1] : 17200

Other information : Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment methods : Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.

Waste disposal recommendations : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

Additional information : None.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN2451 Nitrogen trifluoride, 2.2

UN-No.(DOT) : UN2451

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Nitrogen trifluoride

Class (DOT) : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-flammable compressed gas 49 CFR 173.115



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Hazard labels (DOT) : 2.2 - Non-flammable gas  
5.1 - Oxidizer



## Additional information

Emergency Response Guide (ERG) Number : 122

Other information : No supplementary information available.

Special transport precautions : 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. Before transporting product containers:  
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation. - Ensure that containers are firmly secured. - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking. - Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

## Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : 2451  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : NITROGEN TRIFLUORIDE  
Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases  
MFAG-No : 122

## Air transport

UN-No. (IATA) : 2451  
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Nitrogen trifluoride  
Class (IATA) : 2  
Civil Aeronautics Law : Gases under pressure/Gases nonflammable nontoxic under pressure

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard Fire hazard Sudden release of pressure hazard
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### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

#### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

#### EU-Regulations

#### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)





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## 15.2.2. National regulations

### Nitrogen trifluoride (7783-54-2)

Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)  
 Listed on the Japanese ENCS (Existing & New Chemical Substances) inventory  
 Listed on the Japanese ISHL (Industrial Safety and Health Law)  
 Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)  
 Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances)  
 Listed on the Canadian IDL (Ingredient Disclosure List)  
 Listed on INSQ (Mexican National Inventory of Chemical Substances)

## 15.3. US State regulations

### Nitrogen trifluoride(7783-54-2)

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	No
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	No
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	No
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No
State or local regulations	U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

## SECTION 16: Other information

Other information : This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Union legislation

When you mix two or more chemicals, 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. Before using any plastics, confirm their compatibility with this product

Holston Gases asks users of this product to study this SDS and become aware of the 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 SDS 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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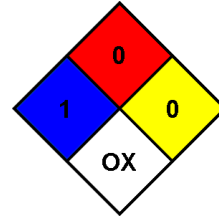


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- NFPA health hazard : 1 - Exposure could cause irritation but only minor residual injury even if no treatment is given.
- NFPA fire hazard : 0 - Materials that will not burn.
- NFPA reactivity : 0 - Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water.
- NFPA specific hazard : OX - This denotes an oxidizer, a chemical which can greatly increase the rate of combustion/fire.



## HMIS III Rating

- Health : 1 Slight Hazard - Irritation or minor reversible injury possible
- Flammability : 0 Minimal Hazard
- Physical : 3 Serious Hazard

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012) - Holston Gases Inc.

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