

# TF MULESKINNER SAFETY ALERT



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## COMPRESSED GAS SAFETY

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**DO NOT STORE CYLINDERS LYING DOWN**

### Extract from Self-Inspection Checklist

- Are cylinders stored in upright positions (empty or not) and immobilized by chains or other means to prevent them from being knocked over?
- Are charged or full cylinders labeled and stored away from empty cylinders?
- Are cylinders stored away from highly flammable substances such as oil, gasoline, or waste?
- Are flammable gases separated from oxidizing gases in storage areas?
- Do all cylinders have their contents and precautionary labeling clearly marked on their exteriors?
- Are all valve covers in place when cylinders are not in use?
- Are cylinders always moved, even short distances, by a suitable hand truck?
- Are MSDS's maintained for each type of gas on hand?
- Are cylinders always maintained at temperatures below 125 degrees? (Never store in direct sunlight)

### Hazards

- Acetylene** - Flammable Gas, may cause flash fire, may target organ damage based on animal data. Contents under pressure. Wear PPE
  - Argon** - Gas, Contents under Pressure - DO NOT puncture or incinerate container. Can cause suffocation, may cause severe frostbite. Wear PPE.
  - Nitrogen** - Gas, contents under Pressure - DO NOT puncture or incinerate container. Can cause rapid suffocation, may cause severe frostbite. Wear PPE.
  - Oxygen** - Gas, Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat. May ignite combustibles. May cause frostbite. Wear PPE.
  - Tetrafluoroethane** - Gas, Containers may rupture or explode exposed to heat. may cause severe frostbite. Wear PPE.
- PPE defined as eye-pro, gloves, respirator, etc.**

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