



# I N S T R U C T I O N S

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1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); replace the operating nitrogen cylinder with a "purging" nitrogen cylinder (Westinghouse nitrogen P.D.S. 5622 or 6306); attach a vacuum line to the gas sampling valve in the nitrogen cabinet; and pump the gas from the space over the oil.

2. After obtaining the maximum vacuum which the pump will produce, hold for one hour and then allow nitrogen gas to flow from the second stage of the pressure reducing unit of the Inertaire system into the gas space. Do not exceed the maximum pressure of the pressure limiting device.

3. Replace the purging cylinder with the operating cylinder.

#### *Sealedaire.*

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ation (with the oil at the proper level); remove vacuum vent plug and seal with a pipe plug; attach a vacuum line to the gas sampling valve on the Sealedaire equipment; and pump the gas from the space over the oil.

2. After obtaining the maximum vacuum which the pump will produce, hold for one hour and then attach a nitrogen cylinder, with a pressure reducing unit, to the gas sampling valve and allow low pressure nitrogen to flow into the gas space. Do not exceed the maximum pressure of the pressure limiting device. Close sampling valve and remove nitrogen equipment. Replace standard vacuum vent plug.

#### *Gas-oil Seal.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); seal off the gas-oil seal compartment with the back-seating angle valve; attach a vacuum line to the gas sampling valve on the transformer; and pump the gas from the space over the oil.

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3. Repeat this operation three times, allowing a few minutes at the full pressure each time for the nitrogen to diffuse through the gas space. After the third discharge, build up the pressure to that limited by the pressure limiting valve and then close the needle valve on the transformer.

4. Allow the unit to stand for a day and then discharge the pressure, and again build up to the maximum. After another day repeat this procedure and leave the unit with this pressure.

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1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); attach a nitrogen cylinder with a pressure reducing unit, to the gas sampling valve on the transformer; open the gas sampling valve in the lower gas space of the gas-oil seal compartment; and open the back-seating angle valve in the line between the transformer and compartment.

2. Allow the nitrogen to flow into the transformer gas space, to the lower gas space of the gas-oil seal compartment, and out through the sampling valve. The nitrogen should flow until the oxygen in the escaping gas is reduced to 3 percent.

3. Return valves to normal conditions, and remove nitrogen cylinder.

*Note: For initial deoxygenation, or where the transformer oil has been open to the atmosphere for more than 48 hours, it is a waste of nitrogen to try to reduce oxygen content to less than 3 percent. This waste is due to: (1) sufficient oxygen is in the oil to require subsequent purging; (2) about four times as much nitrogen is required to purge oxygen down from 3 to 1 percent as from 20 to 3 percent.*

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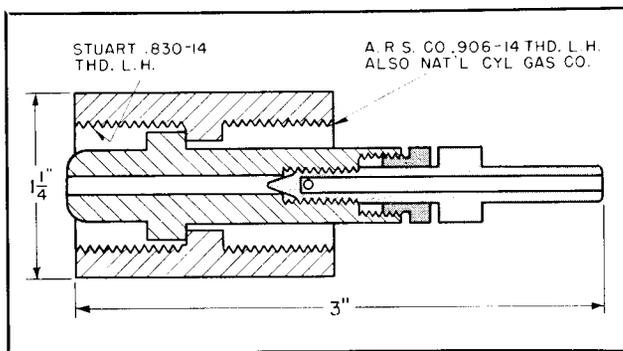


FIG. 1. Standard Pressure Reducing Unit.

quired for purging a gas space. This fitting, style number 1165 915, should be ordered from the Sharon Plant when required (see Fig. 1).

**NITROGEN**

The nitrogen used for purging oxygen from transformers must be dry. Commercial nitrogen is

not always free from moisture; therefore, only oil-pumped nitrogen or nitrogen supplied under a guarantee that the moisture content is less than 0.03 percent by weight and impurity content less than 0.30 percent by volume should be used.

If the customer has chosen to purge the transformer he may order nitrogen from the supplier as Westinghouse nitrogen, P.D.S. 5622. Do not use any other grade of nitrogen or any other gas. Purging cylinders are the property of the nitrogen supplier and should be promptly returned since demurrage will be charged after 30 days.

Operating cylinders which are furnished with Inertaire equipment are the property of the customer. Nitrogen for these cylinders is covered by Westinghouse nitrogen P.D.S. 6306. Proper ordering information is contained in the Instruction Leaflet "Inertaire Equipment".

The following is a list of recommended nitrogen suppliers. Send orders and cylinders to the addresses given, unless otherwise specified.

**LIST OF RECOMMENDED NITROGEN SUPPLIERS**

<p><b>ALABAMA</b> Air Reduction Co. 2825 No. 29th Ave. N. Birmingham 7, Ala. Send cylinders to Fairfield, Ala.</p> <p><b>ARKANSAS</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 700 Wheeler Ave. Ft. Smith, Ark.</p> <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b> Air Reduction Pacific Co. Park Ave. &amp; Halleck St. Emeryville 8, California Air Reduction Pacific Co. 2423 E. 58th St. Los Angeles, California National Cylinder Gas Co. 11705 S. Alameda St. Los Angeles 2, California National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 427 Wilmington, California</p> <p><b>CONNECTICUT</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. Main Street South Meriden, Conn.</p> <p><b>FLORIDA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 2849 Jacksonville 3, Florida</p> <p><b>GEORGIA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 471 Peters Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia</p>	<p><b>ILLINOIS</b> Air Reduction Company 3100 S. Homan Avenue Chicago 23, Ill. National Cylinder Gas Co. 1501 W. 44th Street Chicago, Illinois National Cylinder Gas Co. 10305 Torrence Ave. South Chicago, Illinois National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 350 LaGrange, Illinois National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 627 Peoria 1, Illinois</p> <p><b>INDIANA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 784 Evansville 1, Indiana National Cylinder Gas Co. 3209 Madison Ave. Indianapolis, Indiana National Cylinder Gas Co. 601 Erie Avenue Logansport, Indiana</p> <p><b>IOWA</b> Air Reduction Co. 2561 State St. Betterdorf, Ia.</p> <p><b>KANSAS</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 1614-26 State Ave. Kansas City 2, Kansas</p>	<p><b>KENTUCKY</b> Air Reduction Co. 550 So. 5th St. Louisville 1, Ky. Send cylinders to 1256 Logan St. Louisville, Ky.</p> <p><b>LOUISIANA</b> Air Reduction Co. 1406 So. Rendon St. New Orleans 2, La. National Cylinder Gas Co. 569 Felicity St. New Orleans 9, La. National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 284 Shreveport, Louisiana</p> <p><b>MARYLAND</b> Air Reduction Co. 1310 N. Calvert St. Baltimore 2, Md. Send cylinders to 4501 E. Fayette St. Baltimore, Md. National Cylinder Gas Co. 1700 S. Newkirk Street Baltimore 24, Maryland</p> <p><b>MASSACHUSETTS</b> Air Reduction Co. 122 Mt. Vernon St. Upham's Corner Boston, Mass. National Cylinder Gas Co. 205 Medford Street Malden 48, Mass.</p>
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<p><b>MICHIGAN</b> Air Reduction Co. 2994 E. Grand Blvd. Detroit 2, Mich. Send cylinders to 7991 Hartwick St. Detroit, Mich. National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 30 Ferndale 20, Michigan National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 35, Roosevelt Sq. Grand Rapids 9, Mich.</p>	<p><b>OHIO</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 4620 Este Avenue Cincinnati 32, Ohio Air Reduction Co. 1210 W. 69th St. Cleveland, Ohio National Cylinder Gas Co. 765 Woodrow Ave. Columbus 7, Ohio Air Reduction Co. P.O. Box 923 Dayton 1, Ohio Send cylinders to Sellers Rd. at Springboro Pike (Moraine City) Dayton, Ohio National Cylinder Gas Co. 1151 East 222nd St. Euclid 17, Ohio National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 86 Lowellville, Ohio</p>	<p><b>RHODE ISLAND</b> Air Reduction Co. 122 Mt. Vernon St. Upham's Corner Boston 25, Mass. Send cylinders to Central Falls, R. I.</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b> Air Reduction Co. 1111 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis 2, Minn. Send cylinders to 327 25th St., S.E. Minneapolis, Minn. National Cylinder Gas Co. 965 North Lexington Parkway St. Paul 3, Minnesota</p>	<p><b>OKLAHOMA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 1534 Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 168 Tulsa 3, Oklahoma</p>	<p><b>TENNESSEE</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 1329 Chestnut Street Chattanooga 2, Tenn. National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 3545 Memphis, Tenn.</p>
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<p><b>NEW JERSEY</b> Air Reduction Co. 181 Pacific Avenue Jersey City 4, N. J. National Cylinder Gas Co. 2136—85th Street North Bergen, N. J.</p>		<p><b>WASHINGTON</b> Air Reduction Pacific Co. 3623 East Marginal Way Seattle, Washington National Cylinder Gas Co. 5510 East Marginal Way Seattle 4, Washington</p>
<p><b>NEW YORK</b> Air Reduction Co. 730 Grant Street Buffalo 13, N. Y. National Cylinder Gas Co. South &amp; Front Streets Hornell, N. Y. National Cylinder Gas Co. Buffalo Ave. &amp; 53rd St. Niagara Falls, N. Y.</p>		<p><b>WEST VIRGINIA</b> Air Reduction Co. 94—29th St. Wheeling, W. Va.</p> <p><b>WISCONSIN</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 6313—31st Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin Air Reduction Co. 818 W. Winnebago St. Milwaukee 5, Wisc. Send cylinders to 3435 No. Buffum St. Milwaukee, Wisc. National Cylinder Gas Co. 2615 West Graves Street Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin</p>



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1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); remove vacuum vent plug and seal with a pipe plug; remove vacuum gauge; attach a vacuum line to the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch pipe mounting for the vacuum gauge and pump the gas from the space over the oil.

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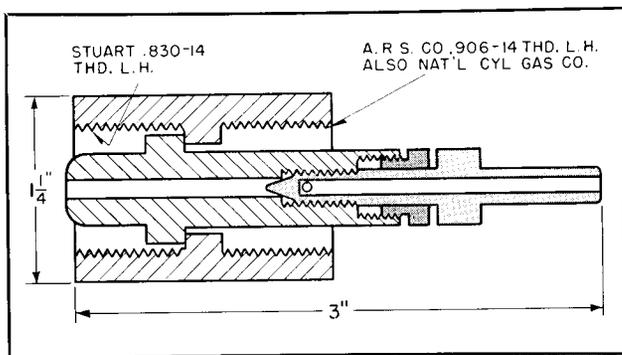
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2994 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit 2, Mich.

Send cylinders to  
7991 Hartwick St.  
Detroit, Mich.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 30  
Ferndale 20, Michigan

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 35, Roosevelt Sq.  
Grand Rapids 9, Mich.

### MINNESOTA

Air Reduction Co.  
1111 Nicollet Ave.  
Minneapolis 2, Minn.

Send cylinders to  
327 25th St., S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
965 North Lexington Parkway  
St. Paul 3, Minnesota

### MISSOURI

Air Reduction Co.  
2701 Warwick Trafficway  
Kansas City 8, Mo.

Send cylinders to  
1000 W. 26th St.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Air Reduction Co.  
630 So. 2nd Street  
St. Louis, Mo.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
1520 S. Vandeventer Ave.  
St. Louis 10, Missouri

### NORTH CAROLINA

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
2414 S. Boulevard  
Charlotte 3, N. C.

### NEW JERSEY

Air Reduction Co.  
181 Pacific Avenue  
Jersey City 4, N. J.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
2136—85th Street  
North Bergen, N. J.

### NEW YORK

Air Reduction Co.  
730 Grant Street  
Buffalo 13, N. Y.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
South & Front Streets  
Hornell, N. Y.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
Buffalo Ave. & 53rd St.  
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

### OHIO

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
4620 Este Avenue  
Cincinnati 32, Ohio

Air Reduction Co.  
1210 W. 69th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
765 Woodrow Ave.  
Columbus 7, Ohio

Air Reduction Co.  
P.O. Box 923  
Dayton 1, Ohio

Send cylinders to Sellers Rd. at  
Springboro Pike  
(Moraine City)  
Dayton, Ohio

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
1151 East 222nd St.  
Euclid 17, Ohio

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 86  
Lowellville, Ohio

### OKLAHOMA

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 1534  
Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 168  
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

### OREGON

Air Reduction Pacific Co.  
430 N.W. 10th Ave.  
Portland 9, Oregon

Send cylinders to  
2949 N.W. Front Ave.  
Portland, Oregon

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
2720 North West Yeon Ave.  
Portland 10, Oregon

### PENNSYLVANIA

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 7  
Conshohocken, Pa.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
Davis Island Yards  
McKees Rocks, Pa.

Air Reduction Co.  
Allegheny Ave. & 17th St.  
Philadelphia 40, Pa.

Send cylinders to  
Germantown & Allegheny Aves.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

or  
Bethlehem, Pa.

Air Reduction Co.  
2010 Clark Building  
Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

Send cylinders to  
Midland, Pa.

or  
1116 Ridge Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

### RHODE ISLAND

Air Reduction Co.  
122 Mt. Vernon St.  
Upham's Corner  
Boston 25, Mass.

Send cylinders to  
Central Falls, R. I.

### TENNESSEE

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
1329 Chestnut Street  
Chattanooga 2, Tenn.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 3545  
Memphis, Tenn.

### TEXAS

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 5416  
Dallas, Texas

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
319 N.E. 23rd Street  
Ft. Worth 6, Texas

Magnolia Airco Gas Products Co.  
2405 Collingsworth Ave.  
Houston 6, Texas

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 2106  
Houston 1, Texas

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
P.O. Box 1557  
Lubbock, Texas

### VIRGINIA

Air Reduction Co.  
P.O. Box 1192  
Richmond 9, Va.

Send cylinders to Bickerstaff Rd.  
East of Osborne Tpke.  
Richmond, Va.

### WASHINGTON

Air Reduction Pacific Co.  
3623 East Marginal Way  
Seattle, Washington

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
5510 East Marginal Way  
Seattle 4, Washington

### WEST VIRGINIA

Air Reduction Co.  
94—29th St.  
Wheeling, W. Va.

### WISCONSIN

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
6313—31st Avenue  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Air Reduction Co.  
818 W. Winnebago St.  
Milwaukee 5, Wisc.

Send cylinders to  
3435 No. Buffum St.  
Milwaukee, Wisc.

National Cylinder Gas Co.  
2615 West Graves Street  
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin



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# INSTRUCTIONS

## PREPARING TRANSFORMERS FOR OPERATION WITH NITROGEN GAS

**GAS-PROTECTED TRANSFORMERS** may be installed with air in the gas space when simplicity of installation is of prime importance. In time, depending upon the oil temperature, the oxygen content is depleted by oxidizing oil leaving a blanket of inert gas above the oil. The amount of oxidation caused by this oxygen is so small that it is not harmful to the oil. During the early part of this period, when the oxygen content is greater than 7 percent, the transformer is not completely protected against the possibility of secondary explosion or fire in event of an internal fault. Therefore, if the customer wishes to obtain initial increased protection to the transformer, he can do so by purging the oxygen from the transformer with nitrogen.

### METHODS OF PURGING OXYGEN FROM THE TRANSFORMER

**Vacuum Filling.** If the instruction plate specifies that the transformer tank will withstand full vacuum and a vacuum pump is available, the procedure outlined below can be followed for complete removal of oxygen from the gas space and oil:

#### *Inertaire.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); replace the operating nitrogen cylinder with a "purging" nitrogen cylinder (Westinghouse nitrogen P.D.S. 5622 or 6306); close the shut-off valve (clockwise to limit); attach a vacuum line to the gas sampling valve in the nitrogen cabinet; and pump the gas from the space over the oil.

2. After obtaining the maximum vacuum which the pump will produce, hold for one hour, open test valve and cylinder valve, and then open the shut-off valve slowly three turns to mid-position. (Do not exceed the vacuum limits of the transformer pressure indicator.) Allow nitrogen gas to flow into the gas space. Do not exceed the maximum pressure of the pressure limiting device.

3. Replace the purging cylinder with the operating cylinder.

#### *Sealedaire.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); remove vacuum gauge and attach a vacuum line to the 1/4 inch pipe mounting for the vacuum gauge. If the Sealedaire equipment is as shown on I.L. 46-710-7 remove vacuum vent plug and seal with a pipe plug. If the equipment is as shown on I.L. 46-710-11, seal the open end of the relief valve with a rubber stopper or plug. Pump the gas from the space over the oil.

2. After obtaining the maximum vacuum which the pump will produce, hold for one hour and then attach a nitrogen cylinder, with a pressure reducing unit, to the gas sampling valve and allow low pressure nitrogen to flow into the gas space. Do not exceed the maximum pressure of the pressure limiting device. Close sampling valve and remove nitrogen equipment. Replace standard vacuum gauge. Replace vacuum vent plug or remove rubber stopper.

#### *Gas-oil Seal.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); seal off the gas-oil seal compartment with the back-seating angle valve; attach a vacuum line to the gas sampling valve on the transformer; and pump the gas from the space over the oil.

2. After obtaining the maximum vacuum which the pump will produce, hold for one hour and then attach a nitrogen cylinder, with a pressure reducing unit, to the gas sampling valve and allow low pressure nitrogen to flow into the gas space. Do not exceed the maximum pressure of the pressure limiting device.

3. Reopen the back-seating angle valve. Allow enough nitrogen to flow into the lower gas space of the gas oil seal unit to force all the oil into the upper compartment (indicated by gas bubbling from the lower to the upper compartment). Close the sampling valve, and remove the nitrogen cylinder.

**Transferring Oil from One Unit to Another.** Where two units are being installed, they may be

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pipled together through their drain valves or lower filter press connections. Nitrogen pressure can then be used to force oil from the first unit into the second until the oil flows from the gas sampling valve (which must be left open before starting). This will leave less than one inch of gas space above the oil in the Sealedaire transformer. The oil can be forced back into the first unit with nitrogen pressure as mentioned above. Nitrogen pressure can then be added to the first unit with the connection between the tanks open until the oil in the two tanks is at the same level. The entire process is repeated after several hours.

When more than two units are being installed, they may be connected in series with the last unit connected to the first unit. Oil is forced from the first unit to the second unit, then to the third unit, etc. The procedure is the same as described in the previous paragraph and must also be repeated after several hours.

This method is applicable for Inertiaire, Sealedaire and Gas-Oil Sealed units.

### BLOWING OUT WITH NITROGEN

#### *Inertiaire.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); replace the operating nitrogen cylinder with a purging nitrogen cylinder; open the test valve on the pressure reducing unit; turn the shut-off valve to the mid-position (see Instruction Leaflet "Inertiaire Equipment"); open the sampling valve and open the nitrogen cylinder valve. This permits the nitrogen to flow into the gas space, forcing the air out of the sampling valve. The nitrogen should be allowed to flow until the oxygen in the escaping gas is reduced to 3 percent.

2. Continue tests specified in Instruction Leaflet "Inertiaire Equipment".

#### *Sealedaire.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); attach a nitrogen cylinder, with a pressure reducing unit, to the gas sampling valve on the Sealedaire Equipment.

2. Build up the pressure in the gas space until the pressure limiting valve opens. Disconnect the pressure hose and allow the gas to discharge through the sampling valve to the atmosphere.

3. Repeat this operation three times, allowing a few minutes at the full pressure each time for the nitrogen to diffuse through the gas space. After the third discharge, build up the pressure to

that limited by the pressure limiting valve and then close the needle valve on the transformer.

4. Allow the unit to stand for a day and then discharge the pressure, and again build up to the maximum. After another day repeat this procedure and leave the unit with this pressure.

#### *Gas-oil Sealed.*

1. Assemble the transformer complete for operation (with the oil at the proper level); attach a nitrogen cylinder with a pressure reducing unit, to the gas sampling valve on the transformer; open the gas sampling valve in the lower gas space of the gas-oil seal compartment; and open the back-seating angle valve in the line between the transformer and compartment.

2. Allow the nitrogen to flow into the transformer gas space, to the lower gas space of the gas-oil seal compartment, and out through the sampling valve. The nitrogen should flow until the oxygen in the escaping gas is reduced to 3 percent.

3. Return valves to normal conditions, and remove nitrogen cylinder.

*Note: For initial deoxygenation, or where the transformer oil has been open to the atmosphere for more than 48 hours, it is a waste of nitrogen to try to reduce oxygen content to less than 3 percent. This waste is due to: (1) sufficient oxygen is in the oil to require subsequent purging; (2) about four times as much nitrogen is required to purge oxygen down from 3 to 1 percent as from 20 to 3 percent.*

*During shipment the oil may absorb oxygen which will be replaced slowly by the nitrogen. Thus the oxygen content of the gas space may actually increase after installation requiring additional purging.*

**Caution:** If a manhole cover or handhole cover of an Inertiaire, Sealedaire, or Gas Oil Sealed unit is removed, do not enter the transformer until the gas space has been opened to the atmosphere for several minutes, as the gas will not contain sufficient oxygen to sustain life.

### PRESSURE REDUCING UNITS

The standard pressure reducing unit used on Inertiaire equipment is the preferred device for delivering low pressure gas in the deoxygenation work. However, if it is not available a special fitting should be used to reduce the cylinder pressure to a few pounds-per-square-inch which is re-

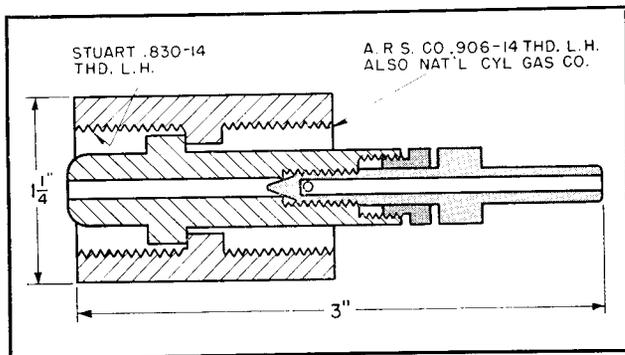


FIG. 1. Standard Pressure Reducing Unit.

quired for purging a gas space. This fitting, style number 1165 915, should be ordered from the Sharon Plant when required (see Fig. 1).

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The nitrogen used for purging oxygen from transformers must be dry. Commercial nitrogen is

not always free from moisture; therefore, only oil-pumped nitrogen or nitrogen supplied under a guarantee that the moisture content is less than 0.03 percent by weight and impurity content less than 0.30 percent by volume should be used.

If the customer has chosen to purge the transformer he may order nitrogen from the supplier as Westinghouse nitrogen, P.D.S. 5622. Do not use any other grade of nitrogen or any other gas. Purging cylinders are the property of the nitrogen supplier and should be promptly returned since demurrage will be charged after 30 days.

Operating cylinders which are furnished with Inertaire equipment are the property of the customer. Nitrogen for these cylinders is covered by Westinghouse nitrogen P.D.S. 6306. Proper ordering information is contained in the Instruction Leaflet "Inertaire Equipment".

The following is a list of recommended nitrogen suppliers. Send orders and cylinders to the addresses given, unless otherwise specified.

**LIST OF RECOMMENDED NITROGEN SUPPLIERS**

<p><b>ALABAMA</b> Air Reduction Co. 2825 No. 29th Ave. N. Birmingham 7, Ala. Send cylinders to Fairfield, Ala.</p> <p><b>ARKANSAS</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 700 Wheeler Ave. Ft. Smith, Ark.</p> <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b> Air Reduction Pacific Co Park Ave. &amp; Halleck St. Emeryville 8, California Air Reduction Pacific Co. 2423 E. 58th St. Los Angeles, California National Cylinder Gas Co. 11705 S. Alameda St. Los Angeles 2, California National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 427 Wilmington, California</p> <p><b>CONNECTICUT</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. Main Street South Meriden, Conn.</p> <p><b>FLORIDA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 2849 Jacksonville 3, Florida</p> <p><b>GEORGIA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 471 Peters Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia</p>	<p><b>ILLINOIS</b> Air Reduction Company 3100 S. Homan Avenue Chicago 23, Ill. National Cylinder Gas Co. 1501 W. 44th Street Chicago, Illinois National Cylinder Gas Co. 10305 Torrence Ave. South Chicago, Illinois National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 350 LaGrange, Illinois National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 627 Peoria 1, Illinois</p> <p><b>INDIANA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 784 Evansville 1, Indiana National Cylinder Gas Co. 3209 Madison Ave. Indianapolis, Indiana National Cylinder Gas Co. 601 Erie Avenue Logansport, Indiana</p> <p><b>IOWA</b> Air Reduction Co. 2561 State St. Betterdorf, Ia.</p> <p><b>KANSAS</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 1614-26 State Ave. Kansas City 2, Kansas</p>	<p><b>KENTUCKY</b> Air Reduction Co. 550 So. 5th St. Louisville 1, Ky. Send cylinders to 1256 Logan St. Louisville, Ky.</p> <p><b>LOUISIANA</b> Air Reduction Co. 1406 So. Rendon St. New Orleans 2, La. National Cylinder Gas Co. 569 Felicity St. New Orleans 9, La. National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 284 Shreveport, Louisiana</p> <p><b>MARYLAND</b> Air Reduction Co. 1310 N. Calvert St. Baltimore 2, Md. Send cylinders to 4501 E. Fayette St. Baltimore, Md. National Cylinder Gas Co. 1700 S. Newkirk Street Baltimore 24, Maryland</p> <p><b>MASSACHUSETTS</b> Air Reduction Co. 122 Mt. Vernon St. Upham's Corner Boston, Mass. National Cylinder Gas Co. 205 Medford Street Malden 48, Mass.</p>
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<p><b>MICHIGAN</b> Air Reduction Co. 2994 E. Grand Blvd. Detroit 2, Mich. Send cylinders to 7991 Hartwick St. Detroit, Mich. National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 30 Ferndale 20, Michigan National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 35, Roosevelt Sq. Grand Rapids 9, Mich.</p>	<p><b>OHIO</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 4620 Este Avenue Cincinnati 32, Ohio Air Reduction Co. 1210 W. 69th St. Cleveland, Ohio National Cylinder Gas Co. 765 Woodrow Ave. Columbus 7, Ohio Air Reduction Co. P.O. Box 923 Dayton 1, Ohio Send cylinders to Sellers Rd. at Springboro Pike (Moraine City) Dayton, Ohio National Cylinder Gas Co. 1151 East 222nd St. Euclid 17, Ohio National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 86 Lowellville, Ohio</p>	<p><b>RHODE ISLAND</b> Air Reduction Co. 122 Mt. Vernon St. Upham's Corner Boston 25, Mass. Send cylinders to Central Falls, R. I.</p> <p><b>TENNESSEE</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 1329 Chestnut Street Chattanooga 2, Tenn. National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 3545 Memphis, Tenn.</p> <p><b>TEXAS</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 5416 Dallas, Texas National Cylinder Gas Co. 319 N.E. 23rd Street Ft. Worth 6, Texas Magnolia Airco Gas Products Co. 2405 Collingsworth Ave. Houston 6, Texas National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 2106 Houston 1, Texas National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 1557 Lubbock, Texas</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b> Air Reduction Co. 1111 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis 2, Minn. Send cylinders to 327 25th St., S.E. Minneapolis, Minn. National Cylinder Gas Co. 965 North Lexington Parkway St. Paul 3, Minnesota</p> <p><b>MISSOURI</b> Air Reduction Co. 2701 Warwick Trafficway Kansas City 8, Mo. Send cylinders to 1000 W. 26th St. Kansas City, Mo. Air Reduction Co. 630 So. 2nd Street St. Louis, Mo. National Cylinder Gas Co. 1520 S. Vandeventer Ave. St. Louis 10, Missouri</p>	<p><b>OKLAHOMA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 1534 Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 168 Tulsa 3, Oklahoma</p> <p><b>OREGON</b> Air Reduction Pacific Co. 430 N.W. 10th Ave. Portland 9, Oregon Send cylinders to 2949 N.W. Front Ave. Portland, Oregon National Cylinder Gas Co. 2720 North West Yeon Ave. Portland 10, Oregon</p>	<p><b>VIRGINIA</b> Air Reduction Co. P.O. Box 1192 Richmond 9, Va. Send cylinders to Bickerstaff Rd. East of Osborne Tpke. Richmond, Va.</p>
<p><b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 2414 S. Boulevard Charlotte 3, N. C.</p>	<p><b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. P.O. Box 7 Conshohocken, Pa. National Cylinder Gas Co. Davis Island Yards McKees Rocks, Pa. Air Reduction Co. Allegheny Ave. &amp; 17th St. Philadelphia 40, Pa. Send cylinders to Germantown &amp; Allegheny Aves. Philadelphia, Pa. or Bethlehem, Pa. Air Reduction Co. 2010 Clark Building Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Send cylinders to Midland, Pa. or 1116 Ridge Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.</p>	<p><b>WASHINGTON</b> Air Reduction Pacific Co. 3623 East Marginal Way Seattle, Washington National Cylinder Gas Co. 5510 East Marginal Way Seattle 4, Washington</p>
<p><b>NEW JERSEY</b> Air Reduction Co. 181 Pacific Avenue Jersey City 4, N. J. National Cylinder Gas Co. 2136—85th Street North Bergen, N. J.</p>	<p><b>WEST VIRGINIA</b> Air Reduction Co. 94—29th St. Wheeling, W. Va.</p>	<p><b>WISCONSIN</b> National Cylinder Gas Co. 6313—31st Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin Air Reduction Co. 818 W. Winnebago St. Milwaukee 5, Wisc. Send cylinders to 3435 No. Buffum St. Milwaukee, Wisc. National Cylinder Gas Co. 2615 West Graves Street Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin</p>
<p><b>NEW YORK</b> Air Reduction Co. 730 Grant Street Buffalo 13, N. Y. National Cylinder Gas Co. South &amp; Front Streets Hornell, N. Y. National Cylinder Gas Co. Buffalo Ave. &amp; 53rd St. Niagara Falls, N. Y.</p>		



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