

Cylinder colours - what do they mean? Colour label identifies the gas properties.

The shoulder colours inform about gas properties, but the most common pure gases have their own colours.

General colours

Pure gases

ToxToxic and/or corrosive gases	Yellow
Flammable gases	Red
Acetylene	Maroon
Oxygen	White
Argon	Dark green
Nitrogen	Black
Industrial gases	Black
Acetylene	Maroon

Oxidizing gases	Light blue	
Inert gases	Bright green	
Carbon dioxide	Grey	
Helium	Brown	
Hydrogen	Red	
Nitrous oxide	Blue	
Food gases	Green	
Speciality gases	Silver	
Medical gases	White	

Industrial gases – Pure gases

Linde's cylinder colours

Cylinder colours	Shoulder colours	Gas	Shoulder colours	GasBlackWhite
	White	Oxygen	Brown	Helium
	Bright green	Air	Blue	Nitrous oxide
	Black	Nitrogen	Yellow	Toxix and/or corrosive gases
Black	Grey	Carbon dioxide	Red	Flammable gases
	Dark green	Argon		
Whole cylinder maroon	Maroon	Acetylene		

Food gases – Pure gases

Cylinder colours	Shoulder colours	Gas	Shoulder colours	GasBlackWhite
	White	Oxygen	Grey	Carbon dioxide
Reseda green	Black	Nitrogen	Dark green	Argon

Specialty gases – Pure gases

Cylinder colours	Shoulder colours	Gas	Shoulder colours	GasBlackWhite
	White	Oxygen	Brown	Helium
	Black	Nitrogen	Yellow	Toxix and/or corrosive gases
	Bright green	Other insert gases	Red	Flammable gases
Silver grey	Grey	Carbon dioxide	Maroon	Acetylene
Whole cylinder maroon	Dark green	Argon		

Gas mixtures

Gas	Shoulder colours
Insert	White
Fire intensifier/ oxidizing	Black
Flammable	Bright green
Toxic	Grey