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**Abstract:** Air breathing was compared with oxygen breathing

during decompression from an 80-20 percent

helium-oxygen dive to a depth equivalent to 120 fsw (4.6 ATA) in a dry chamber to see which was the most efficient gas for helium elimination. Helium elimination was measured in a closed circuit system

for 90 min at the 40-fsw (2.2 ATA) stop. No

significant difference was found in the efficiency of helium elimination breathing either air or oxygen in

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