

Safety Data Sheet

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1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY

Product name Argon
Chemical formula Ar
Company identification see heading and/or footer
Emergency phone numbers see heading and/or footer

2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Preparation Substance.
Components/Impurities Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.
CAS Nr 07440-37-1
EC Nr (from EINECS) 231-147-0

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazards identification Compressed gas
In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation.

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.
Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
Ingestion Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Specific hazards Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
Non flammable
Hazardous combustion products None
Suitable extinguishing media All known extinguishants can be used.
Specific methods If possible, stop flow of product.
Move away from the container and cool with water from a protected position.
Special protective equipment for fire fighters In confined space use self-contained breathing apparatus.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions Evacuate area.
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
Ensure adequate air ventilation.
Environmental precautions Try to stop release.
Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

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Clean up methods

Ventilate area.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling and storage

Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

Do not allow backfeed into the container.

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.

Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.

Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protection

Ensure adequate ventilation.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Molecular weight

40

Melting point

-189 °C

Boiling point

-186 °C

Critical temperature

-122 °C

Relative density, gas

1.38 (air=1)

Relative density, liquid

Not applicable.

Vapour Pressure 20°C

Not applicable.

Solubility mg/l water

61 mg/l

Appearance/Colour

Colourless gas

Odour

None

Other data

Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability and reactivity

Stable under normal conditions.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General

No known toxicological effects from this product.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General

No known ecological damage caused by this product.

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13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General

To atmosphere in a well ventilated place.

Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.

Contact supplier if guidance is required.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Nr	1006
Class	2.2
ADR/RID Classification code	1A
ADR/RID Hazard Nr	20
Labelling ADR	Label 2.2: non flammable non toxic gas
Other transport information	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 that they are firmly secured and: - cylinder valve is closed and not leaking - valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted - valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted - there is adequate ventilation. - compliance with applicable regulations.

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548	Not included in Annex I.
EC Classification	Not classified as dangerous preparation.
EC Labelling (Symbols, R&S phrases)	No EC labelling required.
Labelling of cylinders	
-Symbols	Label 2.2: non flammable non toxic gas

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Asphyxiant in high concentrations.

Keep container in well ventilated place.

Do not breathe the gas.

The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.

Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.

Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

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