

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT

PRODUCT NAME: **ARGON**

SYNONYMS: None

## 2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Exposure Limits (PPM)

<u>Ingredient Name</u>	<u>Formula</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Concentration</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>MAC</u>	<u>Other STEL</u>
<b>ARGON</b>	Ar	7440-37-1	99+%	S/A	S/A	S/A	S/A

Note: NE = NONE ESTABLISHED

S/A = SIMPLE ASPHYXIANT

## 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

\*\*\* EMERGENCY OVERVIEW \*\*\*

High pressure gas.

Can cause rapid suffocation.

## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ROUTES OF ENTRY: Inhalation

ACUTE EFFECTS: Material acts as a simple asphyxiant by displacing air necessary for life. Symptoms include rapid respiration, muscular incoordination, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, unconsciousness, and death. Diminished mental alertness.

CHRONIC EFFECTS: None known

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE: None known

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: None

CARCINOGENICITY (US ONLY):

NTP - No

IARC MONOGRAPHS - No

OSHA REGULATED - No

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

INHALATION: Immediately remove victim to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

EYE CONTACT: None

SKIN CONTACT: None  
INGESTION: None  
IN EVENT OF EXPOSURE, CONSULT A PHYSICIAN  
NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: None

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT: Nonflammable  
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: N/Av  
FLAMMABLE LIMITS: Nonflammable  
LOWER:  
UPPER:  
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Use what is appropriate for surrounding fire.  
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Keep fire exposed cylinders cool with water spray. If possible, stop the product flow.  
HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: None  
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Cylinder rupture may occur under fire conditions. Excessive pressure can build up due to heat.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

CLEAN UP PROCEDURES: Evacuate and ventilate area. Remove leaking cylinder to exhaust hood or safe outdoor area.  
SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT: None

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: Secure cylinder when using to protect from falling. Use suitable hand truck to move cylinders. No part of cylinder should be exposed to temperatures above 52 degrees celsius.  
PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store in well ventilated areas. Keep valve protection cap on cylinders when not in use.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation to avoid asphyxiation.  
EYE / FACE PROTECTION: Safety glasses  
SKIN PROTECTION: None  
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: In case of leakage, use self-contained breathing apparatus.  
OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Safety shoes when handling cylinders.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE: Colorless  
ODOR: Odorless  
PHYSICAL PRESSURE: Gas  
VAPOR PRESSURE: N/Av  
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1): 1.38  
BOILING POINT (C): -186  
SOLUBILITY IN WATER: 3.35%

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H<sub>2</sub>O=1): 1.40

EVAPORATION RATE: Gas

ODOR THRESHOLD: N/Ap

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable under normal storage conditions.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Storage in poorly ventilated areas. Storage near a heat source.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: None

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: None

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

LETHAL CONCENTRATION (LC<sub>50</sub>): NONE ESTABLISHED

LETHAL DOSE 50 (LD<sub>50</sub>): N/Ap

TERATOGENICITY: N/Ap

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: N/Ap

MUTAGENICITY: N/Ap

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse ecological effects are expected.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Non-returnable cylinders must not be refilled. Dispose of non-refillable cylinders in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Allow gas to discharge at a moderate rate. If the cylinders are the refillable type, return cylinders to supplier with any valve outlet plugs or caps secured and valve protection cap in place.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CONCENTRATION: 99+%

DOT DESCRIPTION (US ONLY):

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: **Argon**, compressed

HAZARD CLASS: 2.2 (nonflammable)

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN1006

REPORTABLE QUANTITIES: None

LABELING: NONFLAMMABLE GAS

ADR / RID (EU Only): Class 2,1a

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: Cylinders should be transported in a secure upright position in a well ventilated truck.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA: Process Safety Management: Material is not listed in appendix A of 29 CFR 1910.119 as highly hazardous chemical.

TSCA: Material is listed in TSCA inventory.  
SARA: The threshold planning quantity for material is 10,000 lbs.  
EU NUMBER: 231-147-0  
NUMBER IN ANNEX 1 OF DIR 67/548: Not listed in annex 1.  
EU CLASSIFICATION: N/Av  
R: As  
S: 9,23

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

OTHER PRECAUTIONS: Protect containers from physical damage. Do not deface cylinders or labels. Cylinders should be refilled by qualified producers of compressed gas. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his written consent is a violation of federal law (49 CFR).

ABBREVIATIONS: N/Av - Not Applicable N/Av - Not Available SA - Simple Asphyxiant NE - None Established

**Use proper connections; do not use adapters. Do not force fit!!**

#### **DISCLAIMER**

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