



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT NAME: ARGON

1. Product and Company Identification

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PRODUCT NAME: ARGON
CHEMICAL NAME: Argon
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Argon, compressed

2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

EXPOSURE LIMITS:

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL- OSHA	TLV
Argon FORMULA: Ar CAS: 7440-37-1	100	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant

Refer to individual state or provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits, which may be more stringent than those listed here.
OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Odorless, colorless, nonflammable gas. Simple Asphyxiant - This product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia if released in a confined area. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5%. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 52°C.

ROUTE OF ENTRY

Skin Contact	Skin Absorption	Eye Contact	Inhalation	Ingestion
No	No	No	Yes	No

HEALTH EFFECTS:

Carcinogenicity: --OSHA: No

EYE EFFECTS: No adverse effects anticipated.

SKIN EFFECTS: No adverse effects anticipated.

INGESTION EFFECTS: No adverse effects anticipated.

INHALATION EFFECTS:

Product is a simple asphyxiant. Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from simple asphyxiants may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgement, depression of all sensations, emotional instability and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma, and death.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: None known.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Not expected to be toxic to fish and wildlife.

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4. First Aid Measures

EYES: None required.

SKIN: None required.

INGESTION: Ingestion is unlikely, as product is a gas at room temperature.

INHALATION:

PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Victims should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area, and if breathing has stopped, administer artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Nonflammable		
Flash point: None	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition Temperature: None
LEL (%):None	UEL (%):None	
Hazardous combustion products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

Nonflammable. Cylinder may vent rapidly or rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

None required. Use as appropriate for surrounding materials.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Firefighters should wear respiratory protection (SCBA) and full turnout or Bunker gear. Continue to cool fire-exposed containers until well after flames are extinguished

6. Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment (See Section 8). Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without personal risk. Ventilate enclosed areas. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest BOCI location.

7. Handling and Storage

Electrical Classification: Non-hazardous.

This gas mixture is noncorrosive and may be used with all common structural materials.

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure reducing regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure piping or systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Do not insert any object (i.e.: screwdriver) into valve cap openings as this can damage the valve causing leakage.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction

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away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 52 °C. Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders being stored for excessive periods of time.

Never carry compressed gas cylinders or a container of the gas in cryogenic liquid form in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Local exhaust to prevent accumulation of high concentrations and maintain air oxygen level at or above 19.5%.

EYE/FACE PROTECTION:

Safety goggles or glasses as appropriate for the job.

SKIN PROTECTION:

Protective gloves of material appropriate for the job.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

For emergency release use a positive pressure NIOSH approved air-supplying respirator systems (SCBA or airline/escape bottle).

OTHER/GENERAL PROTECTION:

Safety shoes or other footwear as appropriate for the job.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>UNITS</u>
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Not Available	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: 1.38	
Evaporation point	: Gas	
Boiling point	: - 189.9	°C
Freezing point	: - 189.4	°C
pH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: Not Available	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H ₂ O @ 0 °C)	: 0.56	vol/vol
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Colorless, odorless gas	

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: Stable.

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS/CONDITIONS: None.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Does not occur.

11. Toxicological Information

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SKIN AND EYE: Adverse effects are not expected.

INHALATION: Product is a simple asphyxiant. Maintain atmospheric oxygen at or above 19.5%.

OTHER: Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

12. Ecological Information

Product does not contain Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances. Not toxic. Will not bioconcentrate.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to BOCI or authorized distributor for proper disposal.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

PARAMETER	INDIA
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Argon, compressed
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1006
SHIPPING LABEL:	NONFLAMMABLE GAS

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