

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier : Argon

Chemical formula : Ar

Synonyms : Argon, Argon gas, Gaseous Argon, GAR

Refer to Section 3 for REACH information

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the Substance/Mixture : General Industrial

Restrictions on Use : No data available.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet : Air Products Plc
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Crewe
Cheshire

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Telephone : +44(0)8457 020202

1.4. Emergency telephone number : 1. Cylinder 0500 020202 / +44 870 190 6874
2. Bulk 0500 020202 / +44 2030 240 571
3. Medical 0500 020202 / +44 1270 218 050

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Gases under pressure - Compressed gas. H280:Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

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2.2. Label elements

Hazard pictograms/symbols



Signal Word: Warning

Hazard Statements:

H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary Statements:

Storage : P403: Store in a well-ventilated place.

2.3 Other Hazards

Use a back flow preventative device in the piping.
Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.
Close valve after each use and when empty.
Read and follow the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use.
High pressure gas.
Can cause rapid suffocation.
Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required.

Environmental Effects

Not harmful.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/Mixture : Substance

Components	EINECS / ELINCS Number	CAS Number	Concentration (Volume)
Argon	231-147-0	7440-37-1	100 %

Components	Classification (CLP)	REACH Reg. #
Argon	Press. Gas (Comp.) ;H280	

If REACH registration numbers do not appear the substance is either exempt from registration, does not meet the minimum volume threshold for registration, or the registration date has not yet come due.
Concentration is nominal. For the exact product composition, please refer to Air Products technical specifications.

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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

- General advice : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Eye contact : Not applicable.
- Skin contact : Not applicable.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Inhalation : Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped or is labored, give assisted respirations. Supplemental oxygen may be indicated. If the heart has stopped, trained personnel should begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation immediately. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- Symptoms : Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms: Dizziness. Salivation. Nausea. Vomiting. Loss of mobility/consciousness.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : All known extinguishing media can be used.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons. : No data available.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

: Upon exposure to intense heat or flame, cylinder will vent rapidly and or rupture violently. Product is nonflammable and does not support combustion. Move away from container and cool with water from a protected position. Keep containers and surroundings cool with water spray.

5.3 Advice for fire-fighters

: Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary. Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask. Standard EN 469 - Protective clothing for firefighters. Standard - EN 659: Protective gloves for firefighters.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Gas/vapor heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Monitor oxygen level. Ventilate the area.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions : Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
- 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up : Ventilate the area.
- Additional advice : If possible, stop flow of product. Increase ventilation to the release area and monitor oxygen level. If leak is from cylinder or cylinder valve, call the Air Products emergency telephone number. If the leak is in the user's system, close the cylinder valve and safely vent the pressure before attempting repairs.
- 6.4 Reference to Other Sections : For more information refer to Sections 8 & 13

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Do not allow storage area temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle compressed gases/cryogenic liquids. Before using the product, determine its identity by reading the label. Know and understand the properties and hazards of the product before use. When doubt exists as to the correct handling procedure for a particular gas, contact the supplier. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Before connecting the container, check the complete gas system for suitability, particularly for pressure rating and materials. Before connecting the container for use, ensure that back feed from the system into the container is prevented. Ensure the complete gas system is compatible for pressure rating and materials of construction. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use. Employ suitable pressure regulating devices on all containers when the gas is being emitted to systems with lower pressure rating than that of the container. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing a leak to occur. Open valve slowly. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier. Close valve after each use and when empty. Replace outlet caps or plugs and container caps as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Do not subject containers to abnormal mechanical shock. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap or guard. Do not use containers as rollers or supports or for any other purpose than to contain the gas as supplied. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit. Do not smoke while handling product or cylinders. Never re-compress a gas or a gas mixture without first consulting the supplier. Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another. Always use backflow protective device in piping. When returning cylinder install valve outlet cap or plug leak tight. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Containers should not be subjected

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to temperatures above 50°C (122°F).

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Full containers should be stored so that oldest stock is used first. Containers should be stored in a purpose built compound which should be well ventilated, preferably in the open air. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Protect containers stored in the open against rusting and extremes of weather. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent toppling. The container valves should be tightly closed and where appropriate valve outlets should be capped or plugged. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Do not allow storage temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Return empty containers in a timely manner.

Technical measures/Precautions

Containers should be segregated in the storage area according to the various categories (e.g. flammable, toxic, etc.) and in accordance with local regulations. Keep away from combustible material.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Refer to section 1 or the extended SDS if applicable

SECTION 8: Exposure controls / personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

If applicable, refer to the extended section of the SDS for further information on CSA.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering measures

Provide natural or mechanical ventilation to prevent oxygen deficient atmospheres below 19.5% oxygen.

Personal protective equipment

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| Respiratory protection | : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmosphere.
Air purifying respirators will not provide protection. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained. |
| Hand protection | : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.
Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk. |
| Eye/face Protection | : Safety glasses recommended when handling cylinders.
Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection. |
| Skin and body protection | : Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders.
Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear. |

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Special instructions for protection and hygiene : Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Environmental Exposure Controls : If applicable, refer to the extended section of the SDS for further information on CSA.

Remarks : Simple asphyxiant.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

(a/b) Physical state/Colour : Compressed gas. Colorless gas

(c) Odour : No odor warning properties.

(d) Density : 0.0017 g/cm³ (0.106 lb/ft³) at 21 °C (70 °F)
Note: (as vapor)

(e) Relative Density : No data available.

(f) Melting point / freezing point : -309 °F (-189.3 °C)

(g) Boiling point/range : -3,312 °F (-185,8 °C)

(h) Vapor pressure : Not applicable.

(i) Water solubility : 0.061 g/l

(j) Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) : Not applicable.

(k) pH : Not applicable.

(l) Viscosity : Not applicable.

(m) Particle characteristics : No data available.

(n) Lower and upper explosion / flammability limits : No data available.

(o) Flash point : Not applicable.

(p) Autoignition temperature : No data available.

(q) Decomposition temperature : No data available.

9.2. Other information

Explosive properties : No data available.

Oxidizing properties : No data available.

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Molecular Weight	: 39.95 g/mol
Odor threshold	: No data available.
Evaporation rate	: Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Refer to product classification in Section 2
Specific Volume	: 0.6043 m ³ /kg (9.68 ft ³ /lb) at 21 °C (70 °F)
Upper flammability limit	: Not applicable.
Lower flammability limit	: Not applicable.
Relative vapor density	: 1.379 (air = 1) Heavier than air.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity	: Refer to possibility of hazardous reactions and/or incompatible materials sections.
10.2. Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No data available.
10.4. Conditions to avoid	: No data available.
10.5. Incompatible materials	: No data available.
10.6 Hazardous decomposition products	: No data available.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Likely routes of exposure

Effects on Eye	: No adverse effect.
Effects on Skin	: No adverse effect.
Inhalation Effects	: In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Asphyxiation may bring about unconsciousness without warning and so rapidly that victim may be unable to protect themselves.

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Ingestion Effects : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Symptoms : Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms: Dizziness. Salivation. Nausea. Vomiting. Loss of mobility/consciousness.

Acute toxicity

Acute Oral Toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.

Acute Inhalation Toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.

Acute Dermal Toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.

Skin corrosion/irritation : No data available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation : No data available.

Sensitization. : No data available.

Chronic toxicity or effects from long term exposures

Carcinogenicity : No data available.

Reproductive toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.

Germ cell mutagenicity : No data is available on the product itself.

Specific target organ systemic toxicity (single exposure) : No data available.

Specific target organ systemic toxicity (repeated exposure) : No data available.

Aspiration hazard : No data available.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.

Toxicity to other organisms : No data is available on the product itself.

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12.2. Persistence and degradability

No data available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No data is available on the product itself.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

If applicable, refer to the extended section of the SDS for further information on CSA.

12.6 Other adverse effects

This product has no known eco-toxicological effects.

Effect on the ozone layer

Ozone Depleting Potential : No data available.

Global Warming Potential : No data available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods : Contact supplier if guidance is required. Return unused product in original cylinder to supplier. Refer to the EIGA code of practice Doc. 30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org> for more guidance on suitable disposal methods. List of hazardous waste codes: 16 05 05: Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04.

Contaminated packaging : Return cylinder to supplier.

SECTION 14: Transport information

ADR

UN/ID No. : UN1006
Proper shipping name : ARGON, COMPRESSED
Class or Division : 2
Tunnel Code : (E)
Label(s) : 2.2
ADR/RID Hazard ID no. : 20
Marine Pollutant : No

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IATA

UN/ID No. : UN1006
Proper shipping name : Argon, compressed
Class or Division : 2.2
Label(s) : 2.2
Marine Pollutant : No

IMDG

UN/ID No. : UN1006
Proper shipping name : ARGON, COMPRESSED
Class or Division : 2.2
Label(s) : 2.2
Marine Pollutant : No

RID

UN/ID No. : UN1006
Proper shipping name : ARGON, COMPRESSED
Class or Division : 2
Label(s) : 2.2
Marine Pollutant : No

Further 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. The transportation information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory data relating to this material. For complete transportation information, contact an Air Products customer service representative.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Country	Regulatory list	Notification
USA	TSCA	Included on Inventory.
EU	EINECS	Included on Inventory.
Canada	DSL	Included on Inventory.
Australia	AICS	Included on Inventory.
Japan	ENCS	Included on Inventory.
South Korea	ECL	Included on Inventory.
China	SEPA	Included on Inventory.
Philippines	PICCS	Included on Inventory.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

If this product does not contain exposure scenarios, the components in this product are either exempt from REACH, do not meet the minimum volume threshold for a CSA, or the CSA has not yet been completed.

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SECTION 16: Other information

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Hazard Statements:

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Indication of Method:

Gases under pressure Compressed gas. Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. Calculation method

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

ELINCS - European List of Notified Chemical Substances

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number

PPE - Personal Protection Equipment

Kow - octanol-water partition coefficient

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level

LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population

LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose)

NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

RMM - Risk Management Measure

OEL - Occupational Exposure Limit

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

STOT - Specific Target Organ Toxicity

CSA - Chemical Safety Assessment

EN - European Standard

UN - United Nations

ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

IATA - International Air Transport Association

IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods

RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

WGK - Water Hazard Class

Key literature references and sources for data:

ECHA - Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets

ECHA - Guidance on the application of the CLP Criteria

ARIEL database

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