

Safety Data Sheet

Product :

Argon

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MSDS Nr : 300-00-0031BOC(U)

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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
EEC Nr (from EINECS)	231-147-0

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazards identification	Compressed gas In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation.
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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.

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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.
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.
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8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protection	Ensure adequate ventilation.
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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.

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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.

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

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Class/Div

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ADR/RID Item Nr

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ADR/RID Hazard Nr

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Labelling ADR

Label 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 substance.

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Labelling of cylinders

-Symbols

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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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