Safety Data Sheet



Section 1: Identification of the Substance/Mixture and of the Company/Undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Product Name • Argon (Refrigerated Liquid)

Synonyms • Ar; Argon; Cryogenic Liquid Argon; LAR

CAS Number • 7440-37-1

Product Code MSDS No. 10017

EC Number • 231-147-0
Molecular Formula • :Ar 1:

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

Relevant identified use(s)

 Inert gas shield for all welding and cutting, and for general analytical/synthetic chemical uses.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer • Air Liquide

2700 Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77056 United States

www.us.airliquide.com sds@airliquide.com

Telephone (Technical) • 713-896-2896 Telephone (Technical) • 800-819-1704

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Manufacturer 800-424-9300 - CHEMTREC

Manufacturer • +1 703-527-3887 - Outside United States

Section 2: Hazards Identification

EU/EEC

According to EU Directive 1272/2008 (CLP)/REACH 1907/2006 [amended by 453/2010] According to EU Directive 67/548/EEC (DSD) or 1999/45/EC (DPD)

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP • Refrigerated Liquefied Gas - H281

DSD/DPD • Not classified

2.2 Label Elements

CLP

WARNING



Hazard statements • H281 - Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury

Precautionary statements

Prevention • P282 - Wear cold insulating gloves, face shield and/or eye protection.

Response • P315 - Get immediate medical advice/attention.

P336 - Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area.

Storage/Disposal • P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

DSD/DPD

Risk phrases . No label element(s) required

2.3 Other Hazards

CLP

 This material is a simple asphyxiant. May displace or reduce oxygen available for breathing especially in confined spaces.
 Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.

According to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP) this material is considered

hazardous.

DSD/DPD• This material is a simple asphyxiant. May displace or reduce oxygen available for breathing especially in confined spaces.

Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite. This product is not considered dangerous under the European Directive 67/548/EEC

United States (US)

According to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 HCS

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

OSHA HCS 2012

 Refrigerated Liquefied Gas - H281 Simple Asphyxiant

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified - Health Hazard - Frostbite

2.2 Label elements

OSHA HCS 2012

WARNING



Hazard statements • Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury - H281 May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Precautionary statements

Prevention . Wear cold insulating gloves, face shield and/or eye protection. - P282

Response Get immediate medical advice/attention. - P315

Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. - P336

Storage/Disposal • Store in a well-ventilated place. - P403

2.3 Other hazards

OSHA HCS 2012

 Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite. Under United States Regulations (29 CFR 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication Standard), this product is considered hazardous.

Canada

According to WHMIS

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

WHMIS

Compressed Gas - A

2.2 Label elements

WHMIS



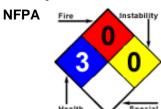
Compressed Gas - A

2.3 Other hazards WHMIS

Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.
This material is a simple asphyxiant. May displace or reduce oxygen available for
breathing especially in confined spaces.
In Canada, the product mentioned above is considered hazardous under the
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

2.4 Other information

Mixtures containing carbon dioxide can increase respiration and heart rate.



Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

3.1 Substances

Hazardous Components						
Chemical Name	Identifiers	%(weight)	LD50/LC50	Classifications According to Regulation/Directive	Comments	
Argon	CAS:7440-37-1 EC Number:231- 147-0	> 99.99%	NDA	EU DSD/DPD: Not Classified - Classification criteria not met EU CLP: Self Classified - Press. Gas - Refr. Liq., H281 OSHA HCS 2012: Press. Gas - Refr. Liq; Simple Asphyxiant; HNOC - Frostbite	Maximum Impurities < 0.01%*	

3.2 Mixtures

Material does not meet the criteria of a mixture.

Key to abbreviations

None of the trace impurities in this product contribute significantly to the hazards associated with the product. All hazard information pertinent to this *= product has been provided in the Safety Data Sheet, per the requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) and state equivalent standards.

See Section 11 for Toxicological Information.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation

• IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. If signs/symptoms continue, get medical attention.

Skin

 If frostbite has occurred, seek medical attention immediately; do NOT rub the affected area(s) or flush them with water. In order to prevent further tissue damage, do NOT attempt to remove frozen clothing from frostbitten areas. If frostbite has not occurred, immediately and thoroughly wash contaminated skin with soap and water.

Eye

If eve tissue is frozen, seek medical attention immediately: if tissue is not frozen, immediately and thoroughly flush the eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. If irritation, pain, swelling, lacrimation or photophobia persist, get medical attention as soon as possible.

Ingestion

If frostbite has occurred, seek medical attention immediately; do NOT rub the affected area(s) or flush them with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Refer to Section 11 - Toxicological Information.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes to Physician

 All treatments should be based on observed signs and symptoms of distress in the patient. Consideration should be given to the possibility that overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred.

4.4 Other information

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves. RESCUERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE VICTIMS OF EXPOSURE TO GASES WITHOUT ADEQUATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. At a minimum, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn. Victim(s) who experience any adverse effect after overexposure to this gas mixture must be taken for medical attention. Rescuers should be taken for medical attention if necessary. Take a copy of the label and the MSDS to physician or other health professional with victim(s).

Section 5 - Firefighting Measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media . Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire. SMALL FIRES: Dry chemical or CO2.

LARGE FIRES: Water spray or fog.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

No data available

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

Containers may explode when heated. Ruptured cylinders may rocket.

Hazardous Combustion Products

No data available

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides limited protection in fire situations ONLY; it is not effective in spill situations where direct contact with the substance is possible.

Always wear thermal protective clothing when handling refrigerated/cryogenic liquids. Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.

FIRE: If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.

FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles.

FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.

FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Do not direct water at source of leak or safety devices; icing may occur.

FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank.

FIRE INVOLVING TANKS: ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal Precautions

 Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Ventilate the area before entry.

Emergency Procedures

Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Keep unauthorized personnel away. Keep out of low areas. Stay upwind. Do not direct water at spill or source of leak. LARGE SPILL: Consider initial downwind evacuation for at least 500 meters (1/3 mile)

6.2 Environmental precautions

No special environmental precautions necessary.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Containment/Clean-up Measures

Stop leak if you can do it without risk.

Do not direct water at spill or source of leak.

Use water spray to reduce vapors; do not put water directly on leak, spill area or inside container.

If possible, turn leaking containers so that gas escapes rather than liquid.

Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

Ventilate the area.

Allow substance to evaporate.

CAUTION: When in contact with refrigerated/cryogenic liquids, many materials become brittle and are likely to break without warning.

6.4 Reference to other sections

 Refer to Section 8 - Exposure Controls/Personal Protection and Section 13 - Disposal Considerations.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Handling

• Use only with adequate ventilation. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Be aware of any signs of dizziness or fatigue, especially if work is done in a poorly ventilated area; exposures to fatal concentrations of this gas mixture could occur without any significant warning symptoms, due to olfactory fatigue or oxygen deficiency. Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over. Do not attempt to repair, adjust, or in any other way modify cylinders. If there is a malfunction or another type of operational problem, contact nearest distributor immediately. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not cut, weld, puncture or incinerate container.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Protect cylinders against physical damage.
 Cylinders should be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked-over.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Refer to Section 1.2 - Relevant identified uses.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure Limits/Guidelines

Currently there are no applicable exposure limits established for this material.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering Measures/Controls

 Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.
 If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Use explosion-proof - electrical, ventilating and/or lighting equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory

• In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Eye/Face

Wear safety glasses.

Skin/Body

Wear leather gloves when handling cylinders.

Environmental Exposure Controls

 Follow best practice for site management and disposal of waste. Controls should be engineered to prevent release to the environment, including procedures to prevent spills, atmospheric release and release to waterways.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on Physical and Chemical Properties

Material Description				
Physical Form	Gas	Appearance/Description	Colorless, odorless, nonflammable compressed liquified gas.	
Color	Colorless	Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	Not relevant			
General Properties		-		
Boiling Point	-185.9 C(-302.62 F)	Melting Point	-189.2 C(-308.56 F)	
Decomposition Temperature	Data lacking	рН	Not relevant	
Specific Gravity/Relative Density	1.38 Water=1 @ 21.1 C(69.98 F)	Density	0.103 lb(s)/ft ³ @ 21.1 C(69.98 F	
Water Solubility	0.056 @ 0 C(32 F) vol/vol	Viscosity	Data lacking	
Explosive Properties	Not explosive.	Oxidizing Properties:	Not an oxidizer.	
Volatility			<u>.</u>	
Vapor Pressure	Not relevant	Vapor Density	Data lacking	
Evaporation Rate Not relevant				
Flammability	-	-		
Flash Point	Flash Point Not relevant		Not relevant	
LEL	Not relevant	Autoignition	Not relevant	
Flammability (solid, gas)	bility (solid, gas) Not flammable.			
Environmental				
Octanol/Water Partition coefficient	Data lacking			

9.2 Other Information

No additional physical and chemical parameters noted.

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Excess heat.

10.5 Incompatible materials

None

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

None

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

GHS Properties	Classification		
Acute toxicity	EU/CLP • Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met		
Aspiration Hazard	EU/CLP Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 Classification criteria not met		
Carcinogenicity	EU/CLP • Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met		
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	EU/CLP • Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met		
Skin corrosion/Irritation	EU/CLP Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 Classification criteria not met		
Skin sensitization	EU/CLP Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 Classification criteria not met		
STOT-RE	EU/CLP Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 Classification criteria not met		
STOT-SE	EU/CLP Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 Classification criteria not met		
Toxicity for Reproduction	EU/CLP ◆ Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 ◆ Classification criteria not met		
Respiratory sensitization	EU/CLP • Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met		

Serious eve damage/Irritation		EU/CLP ◆ Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 ◆ Classification criteria not met
Route(s) of entry/exposure	Inhalation, Sk	xin. Eve. Ingestion

Potential Health Effects Inhalation

Acute (Immediate)

If this material is released in a small, poorly ventilated area (i.e. an enclosed or confined space), an oxygen-deficient environment may occur. Individuals breathing such an atmosphere may experience symptoms which include headaches, ringing in ears, dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, nausea, vomiting, and depression of all the senses. Under some circumstances of over-exposure, death may occur. The following effects associated with decreased levels of oxygen: increase in breathing and pulse rate, emotional upset, abnormal fatigue, nausea, vomiting, collapse, loss of consciousness, convulsive movements, respiratory collapse and death.

Chronic (Delayed)

Skin

Acute (Immediate)

Chronic (Delayed)

Eye

Acute (Immediate)

Chronic (Delayed)

Ingestion

Acute (Immediate)

Chronic (Delayed)

Carcinogenic Effects

Key to abbreviations

TD = Toxic Dose LC = Lethal Concentration

- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.
- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.
- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Ingestion can cause burns similar to frostbite.
- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.
- Not classified or listed by IARC, NTP, OSHA, EU and ACGIH

Section 12 - Ecological Information

12.1 Toxicity

Argon occurs naturally in the atmosphere. The gas will be dissipated rapidly in wellventilated areas.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Material data lacking.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Material data lacking.

12.4 Mobility in Soil

Material data lacking.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT and vPvB assessment has not been conducted for this material.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Potential Environmental Effects

As an inert gas, this product would have no effect on aquatic life.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product waste

- Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.
- **Packaging waste**
- Dispose of content and/or container in accordance with local, regional, national, and/or international regulations.

Section 14 - Transport Information

	14.1 UN number	14.2 UN proper shipping name	14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	14.4 Packing group	14.5 Environmental hazards
DOT	UN1951	Argon, refrigerated liquid (cryogenic liquid)	2.2	NDA	NDA
TDG	UN1951	ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID	2.2	NDA	NDA
IMO/IMDG	UN1951	ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID	2.2	NDA	NDA
IATA/ICAO	UN1951	Argon, refrigerated liquid	2.2	NDA	NDA

14.6 Special precautions for user

Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. The
transportation of compressed gas cylinders in automobiles or in closed-body vehicles
can present serious safety hazards. If transporting these cylinders in vehicles, ensure
these cylinders are not exposed to extremely high temperatures (as may occur in an
enclosed vehicle on a hot day). Additionally, the vehicle should be well-ventilated
during transportation.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not relevant.

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

SARA Hazard Classifications • Acute, Pressure(Sudden Release of)

State Right To Know					
Component CAS MA NJ PA					
Argon	NDA	No	No	No	

Inventory						
Component	CAS	Canada DSL	Canada NDSL	China	EU EINECS	EU ELNICS
Argon	NDA	No	No	No	No	No
Inventory (Con't.)						
Component			CAS		TSCA	
Argon	rgon NDA No			_		

Canada

Labor

Canada - WHMIS - Classifications of Substances

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% A

Canada - WHMIS - Ingredient Disclosure List

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

Environment

Canada - CEPA - Priority Substances List

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

China

Environment

China - Ozone Depleting Substances - First Schedule

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

China - Ozone Depleting Substances - Second Schedule

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

China - Ozone Depleting Substances - Third Schedule

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

Other

China - Annex I & II - Controlled Chemicals Lists

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

China - Dangerous Goods List

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% UN1006; UN1951

China - Export Control List - Part I Chemicals

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

Europe

Other

EU - CLP (1272/2008) - Annex VI - Table 3.2 - Classification

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

EU - CLP (1272/2008) - Annex VI - Table 3.2 - Concentration Limits

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

EU - CLP (1272/2008) - Annex VI - Table 3.2 - Labelling

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

EU - CLP (1272/2008) - Annex VI - Table 3.2 - Notes - Substances and Preparations

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

EU - CLP (1272/2008) - Annex VI - Table 3.2 - Safety Phrases

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

Germany

Environment

Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS) - Annex 1

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% ID Number 1348, not considered hazardous to water

Other

Germany - Specifically Regulated Chemicals in TRGS

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

Portugal

Other

Portugal - Prohibited Substances

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

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United Kingdom

Environment

United Kingdom - Substances Contained in Dangerous Substances or Preparations

Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

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United States

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U.S. - OSHA - Process Safety Management - Highly Hazardous Chemicals

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

Environment

U.S. - CAA (Clean Air Act) - 1990 Hazardous Air Pollutants

Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable Quantities

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Radionuclides and Their Reportable Quantities

Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances EPCRA RQs

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances TPQs

Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 313 - Emission Reporting

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Section 313 - PBT Chemical Listing

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

United States - California

-Environment

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Maximum Allowable Dose Levels (MADL)

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRL)

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

United States - Pennsylvania

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U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Environmental Hazard List

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Special Hazardous Substances

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out.

Section 16 - Other Information

Last Revision Date Preparation Date Disclaimer/Statement of

06/February/2013

- 05/February/2013
- To the best of Air Liquide's knowledge, the information contained herein is reliable and accurate as of this date; however, accuracy, suitability or completeness are not guaranteed and no warranties of any type, either express or implied, are provided. The information contained herein relates only to this specific product. If this gas mixture is combined with other materials, all component properties must be considered. Data may be changed from time to time. Be sure to consult the latest edition.

Key to abbreviations NDA = No Data Available

Liability