

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.
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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 eye 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 over-exposure 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	pH	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			
Vapor Pressure	Not relevant	Vapor Density	Data lacking
Evaporation Rate	Not relevant		
Flammability			
Flash Point	Not relevant	UEL	Not relevant
LEL	Not relevant	Autoignition	Not relevant
Flammability (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 eye damage/Irritation	EU/CLP • Classification criteria not met OSHA HCS 2012 • Classification criteria not met
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Route(s) of entry/exposure • Inhalation, Skin, Eye, 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)

- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.

Skin

Acute (Immediate)

- Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.

Chronic (Delayed)

- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.

Eye

Acute (Immediate)

- Contact with gas or liquefied gas will cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.

Chronic (Delayed)

- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.

Ingestion

Acute (Immediate)

- Ingestion can cause burns similar to frostbite.

Chronic (Delayed)

- Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.

Carcinogenic Effects

- Not classified or listed by IARC, NTP, OSHA, EU and ACGIH

Key to abbreviations

TD = Toxic Dose

LC = Lethal Concentration

Section 12 - Ecological Information

12.1 Toxicity

- Argon occurs naturally in the atmosphere. The gas will be dissipated rapidly in well-ventilated 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/MDG	UN1951	ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID	2.2	NDA	NDA
IATA/CAO	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	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

United Kingdom

Environment

United Kingdom - Substances Contained in Dangerous Substances or Preparations

• Argon 7440-37-1 > 99.99% Not Listed

United States

Labor

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

Labor

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

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- 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