



FY2024 SDS Binder

Section 06

Argon, Liquid (Roberts)

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Argon, Refrigerated Liquid

1 PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: Argon, Refrigerated Liquid
 Common Name: Argon
 SDS Number: 24
 Revision Date: 10/21/2015
 Version: 2.0
 CAS Number: 7440-37-1
 Chemical Formula: Ar
 Product Use: Industrial Use, Food Applications
 Supplier Details: Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 5507
 Rockville, MD 20855

Emergency: Chemtrec: 24 hr/day 7 days/wk (800) 424-9300: for spills, leaks, fire, exposure or accidents involving this product
 Phone: Customer Service: (301) 948-8100, Mon through Fri from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm ET
 Web: www.robertsoxygen.com

2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS):
 Physical, Gases Under Pressure, Refrigerated Liquefied Gas

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

GHS Signal Word: **WARNING**

GHS Hazard Pictograms:



GHS Hazard Statements:

H281 - Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury
 OSHA-H01 - MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION.

GHS Precautionary Statements:

P410+403 - Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.
 P271 + P403 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
 P304+340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
 P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
 P282 - Wear cold insulating gloves/face shield/eye protection.
 OSHA-PG01 - DO NOT REMOVE THIS PRODUCT LABEL (or equivalent wording).
 CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping.
 CGA-PG24 - DO NOT change or force fit connections.
 CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty.
 CGA-PG23 - Always keep container in upright position.
 CGA-PG27 - Read and follow the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

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3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients:

Cas#	%	Chemical Name
7440-37-1	100%	Argon, refrigerated liquid (cryogenic liquid)

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

- Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin Contact:** For exposure to liquid, immediately warm frostbite area with warm water not to exceed 105°F (41°C). Water temperature should be tolerable to normal skin. Maintain skin warming for at least 15 minutes or until normal coloring and sensation have returned to the affected area. In case of massive exposure, remove clothing while showering with warm water. Seek medical evaluation and treatment as soon as possible.
- Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. Get immediate medical attention.
- Ingestion:** Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed:

Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<19.5%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen may cause serious injury or death. Depending on concentration and duration of exposure to carbon dioxide may cause increased respirations, headache, mild narcotic effects, increased blood pressure and pulse, and asphyxiation. Symptoms of overexposure become more apparent when atmospheric oxygen is decreased to 15-17%. Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

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5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability: N/a
Flash Point: N/a
Flash Point Method: N/a
Burning Rate: N/a
Autoignition Temp: N/a
LEL: N/a

Fire Fighting Instructions:

DANGER! Extremely cold liquid and gas under pressure. Take care not to direct spray onto vents on top of container. Do not discharge sprays directly into liquid; cryogenic liquid can freeze water rapidly. Evacuate all personnel from the danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective clothing. Immediately cool containers with water from maximum distance. Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, while continuing cooling water spray. Remove ignition sources if safe to do so. Remove containers from area of fire if safe to do so. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 and applicable standards under 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L-Fire Protection.

Protection During Fire Fighting: Compressed gas: Asphyxiant, suffocation hazard by lack of oxygen.

Special Protective Equipment for Fire Fighters: Use SCBA. Standard protective clothing and equipment (SCBA) for fire fighters

Specific methods: Stop flow of product if safe to do so. Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems. Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible. If leaking do not spray water onto container. Water surrounding area (from protected position) to contain fire. Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.

Other information: Cryogenic liquid causes severe frostbite, a burn-like injury. Heat of fire can build pressure in a closed container and cause it to rupture. Venting vapors may obscure visibility. Air will condense on surfaces such as vaporizers or piping exposed to liquid or cold gas. Inert cryogenic gas have a lower boiling point than oxygen, and evaporate first, leaving an oxygen-enriched condensate.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Stop the release or leak if safe to do so.

Evacuate the area.

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) when entering area, unless the atmosphere is proven to be safe.

Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

Ensure adequate air ventilation.

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7 **HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling Precautions: Wear leather safety gloves and safety shoes when handling cylinders. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. Never remove or alter any tamper evident device. Slowly open the valve. If the valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. Close the container valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. Never apply flame or localized heat directly to any part of the container. High temperatures may damage the container and could cause the pressure relief device to fail prematurely, venting the container contents.

Storage Requirements: For additional handling recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlet P-1. Store in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Post No Smoking or Open Flame signs in storage and use areas. There must be no source of ignition. Separate packages to protect against potential fire and/or explosion damage following appropriate codes and requirements (e.g., NFPA 30, NFPA 55, NFPA 70 and/or NFPA 221) or according to requirements determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Firmly secure containers upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Store full and empty containers separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full containers for long periods.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: When handling product under pressure, use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand the pressures to be encountered. Never work on a pressurized system. Use a backflow preventive device in the piping. Gases can cause rapid suffocation because of oxygen deficiency; store and use with adequate ventilation. If a leak occurs, close the container valve and blow down the system in a safe and environmentally correct manner in compliance with all international, federal/national, state/provincial, and local laws; and then repair the leak. Never place a container where it may become part of an electrical circuit.

For additional storage recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlet P-1.

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8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation to prevent accumulation of high concentrations of asphyxiating gases and to maintain air-oxygen levels at or above 19.5%.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released.

Eye protection: Wear safety glasses with side shields. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166 (EU).

Hand protection: Handle gas containers with working gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use.

Respiratory Protections: Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline masks are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Skin and body protection: Wear hand, head, and body protection to help prevent injury from process-associated hazards. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace and the user process and may include arm protectors, hats, and shoulder protection worn over substantial clothing.

Thermal Protection: Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.

Hygiene measures: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Other: Wear leather safety gloves and safety shoes when handling cylinders.

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9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Colorless liquid	Odor:	No odor
Physical State:	Cryogenic Liquid	Molecular Formula:	Ar
Odor Threshold:	Not applicable	Solubility:	Water: 61 mg/l
Particle Size:	Not applicable	Softening Point:	Not applicable
Spec Grav./Density:	0.103 lb/ft ³	Percent Volatile:	Not applicable
Viscosity:	Not applicable	Heat Value:	Not applicable
Sat. Vap. Conc.:	Not applicable	Freezing/Melting Pt.:	-189°C
Boiling Point:	-185.87°C	Flash Point:	No data available
Flammability:	Non-Flammable	Octanol:	Not applicable
Partition Coefficient:	Not applicable	Vapor Density:	No data available
Vapor Pressure:	Not applicable	VOC:	Not applicable
pH:	Not applicable	Bulk Density:	Not applicable
Evap. Rate:	Not applicable	Auto-Ignition Temp:	Not applicable
Molecular weight:	40 g/mol	UFL/LFL:	Not applicable
Decomp Temp:	Not applicable		

Gas/vapor is heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

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10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: No reactivity
Conditions to Avoid: None under recommended storage and handling conditions
Materials to Avoid: None
Hazardous Decomposition: None
Hazardous Polymerization: None

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Argon, Refrigerated Liquid (7440-37-1) [100%]
Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Oral LD50: No data available
Inhalation LC50
Dermal LD50
Other information on acute toxicity
Skin corrosion/irritation: No data available
Serious eye damage/eye irritation: No data available
Respiratory or skin sensitization: No data available
Germ cell mutagenicity: No data available
Carcinogenicity: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.
Reproductive toxicity: No data available
Teratogenicity: no data available
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System): No data available
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System): No data available
Aspiration hazard: No data available
Potential health effects: Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation. Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.
Skin: May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin and eye irritation.
Medical Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Nausea, Dizziness, Headache
Synergistic effects: No data available

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Argon, Refrigerated Liquid (7440-37-1): [100%]
Information on ecological effects
Toxicity: No data available
Persistence and degradability: No data available
Bioaccumulative potential: No data available
Mobility in soil: No data available
PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available
Other adverse effects: No data available

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods:
May be vented to atmosphere in a well-ventilated place. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
Waste disposal recommendations:
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

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14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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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 cylinders, ensure there is adequate ventilation. Ensure that cylinders are firmly secured. Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking. Ensure valve outlet cap (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Component (CAS#) [%] - CODES

Argon, refrigerated liquid (cryogenic liquid) (7440-37-1) [100%] MASS, PA, TSCA, TXAIR

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory
SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes: Sudden release of pressure hazard, Fire hazard

Regulatory CODE Descriptions

MASS = MA Massachusetts Hazardous Substances List
PA = PA Right-To-Know List of Hazardous Substances
TSCA = Toxic Substances Control Act
TXAIR = TX Air Contaminants with Health Effects Screening Level

16 OTHER INFORMATION

When two or more chemicals are mixed, additional, unexpected hazards can be created. It is the User's responsibility to obtain and understand the safety information for all mixture components prior to mixing. It may be necessary for the User to consult a trained professional to determine the hazards from mixing chemicals.

The information contained in this Safety Data Sheet is believed reliable, based on technical information and industry experience. Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc. provides no warranties or guarantees pertaining to the information provided in connection with the safety suggestions made. Moreover, it should not be assumed that every acceptable safety procedure, precaution, or device is listed. Abnormal or unusual circumstances may warrant or suggest further requirements or additional precautions. Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc. requests Users to thoroughly review this SDS and become aware of the product hazards and safety information. It is the User's responsibility to determine the conditions for safe use of the product and to confirm the compatibility of any other materials in their use or processes that come in contact with this product.

User acknowledges that the chemicals listed may be hazardous and must be handled accordingly. User further acknowledges its understanding that the chemicals listed may be classified by OSHA as hazardous chemicals, and that there are hazards associated with the possession, transportation and use of the chemical(s), containers, and related equipment and that the User must take proper account of those hazards and deal with them appropriately.

User shall warn all persons who may be exposed to any hazards relating to the chemical(s), containers, and related equipment. User acknowledges that the Seller has supplied the User with all relevant (Material) Safety Data Sheets (SDS) relating to the Products, and that additional copies of the SDS are available on request. OSHA regulations require User to develop and implement a written chemical hazard communications program for its employees regarding all hazardous chemicals.

Further, federal, state and local regulations may exist that are not addressed.

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