

# Safety Data Sheet

## Argon

according to Regulation (EC) No. 453/2010

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

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Argon, High purity argon  
SDS Nr : EIGA003A  
Chemical description : Argon  
CAS No : 7440-37-1  
EC no : 231-147-0  
Registration-No. : Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.  
Chemical formula : Ar

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

Relevant identified uses : Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.  
Test gas/Calibration gas.  
Laboratory use.  
Purging.  
Shield gas for welding processes.  
Use for manufacture of electronic/photovoltaic components.  
Contact supplier for more information on uses.

Uses advised against : No additional information available

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification : Oy Woiikoski Ab  
Virransalmentie 2023  
52920 Voikoski Finland  
+358 15 7700 700

E-Mail address (competent person) : info@woikoski.fi

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Country	Official advisory body	Address	Emergency number
FINLAND	Myrkytystietokeskus Gif tinformationscentralen, Poison Information Centre	P.O.B 790 (Tukholmankatu 17) HUS SF - 00029 Helsinki	+358 9 471 977

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Compressed gas H280

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

#### 2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms (CLP) :



GHS04

Signal word (CLP) :

Warning

Hazard statements (CLP) :

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

Precautionary statements (CLP) :

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

#### 2.3. Other hazards

: Asphyxiant in high concentrations.



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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Argon	(CAS No) 7440-37-1 (EC no) 231-147-0 (Registration-No.) *1	100	Not classified	Compressed gas, H280

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

\*1: Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.

\*2: Registration deadline not expired.

\*3: Registration not required: Substance manufactured or imported < 1t/y.

Full text of R-, H- and EUH-phrases: see section 16

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- Inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- : In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

- : None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Specific hazards : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
- Hazardous combustion products : None.

### 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

- Specific methods : 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.  
If possible, stop flow of product.  
Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.



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

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- : Try to stop release.  
Evacuate area.  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.  
Ensure adequate air ventilation.  
Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

- : Try to stop release.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- : Ventilate area.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

- : See also sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Safe use of the product : The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.  
Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure.  
Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations.  
Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use.  
Do not smoke while handling product.  
Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.
- Safe handling of the gas receptacle : Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.  
Do not allow backfeed into the container.  
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.  
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.  
If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.  
Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices.  
Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.  
Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water.  
Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.  
Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.  
Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.  
Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.  
Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.  
Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities



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- : Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent toppling. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep away from combustible materials.

## **7.3. Specific end use(s)**

- : None.

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1. Control parameters**

No additional information available

### **8.2. Exposure controls**

#### **8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls**

- : Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

#### **8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment**

- : A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered:
  - PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.
- Eye/face protection
  - : Wear safety glasses with side shields. Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection.
- Skin protection
  - Hand protection
    - : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers. Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.
  - Other
    - : Wear safety shoes while handling containers. Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.
- Respiratory protection
  - : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres. Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.

Thermal hazards : None necessary.

#### **8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls**

- : None necessary.

## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Appearance

- Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa : Gas
- Colour : Colourless.

Odour : No odour warning properties.

Odour threshold : Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn for overexposure.



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pH value	: Not applicable.
Molar mass	: 40 g/mol
Melting point	: -189 °C
Boiling point	: -186 °C
Critical temperature	: -122 °C
Flash point	: Not applicable for gases and gas-mixtures.
Evaporation rate (ether=1)	: Not applicable for gases and gas-mixtures.
Flammability range [vol% in air]	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure [20°C]	: Not applicable.
Relative density, gas (air=1)	: 1,38
Relative density, liquid (water=1)	: Not applicable.
Solubility in water [mg/l]	: 61 mg/l
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water [log Kow]	: Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Auto-ignition temperature [°C]	: Not applicable.
Viscosity at 20°C	: Not applicable.
Explosive Properties	: Not applicable.
Oxidising Properties	: None.
Coefficient of oxygen equivalency (Ci)	: No data available

## **9.2. Other information**

Other data	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.
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## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### **10.1. Reactivity**

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

### **10.2. Chemical stability**

: Stable under normal conditions.

### **10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

: None.

### **10.4. Conditions to avoid**

: None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

### **10.5. Incompatible materials**

: For additional information on compatibility refer to ISO 11114.

### **10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

: None.

## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	: No known toxicological effects from this product.
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	: No known effects from this product.
<b>Serious eye damage/irritation</b>	: No known effects from this product.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitisation</b>	: No known effects from this product.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	: No known effects from this product.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	: No known effects from this product.
<b>Toxic for reproduction : Fertility</b>	: No known effects from this product.



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**Toxic for reproduction : unborn child** : No known effects from this product.  
**STOT-single exposure** : No known effects from this product.  
**STOT-repeated exposure** : No known effects from this product.  
**Aspiration hazard** : Not applicable for gases and gas-mixtures.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : No ecological damage caused by this product.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

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### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Log Pow	Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Bioaccumulative potential	No ecological damage caused by this product.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

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Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.
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### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

### 12.6. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer : None.  
Ozone depletion factor [R11=1] : No additional information available  
Global warming potential [CO2=1] : No additional information available  
Effect on the global warming : None.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. 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.

List of hazardous wastes : 16 05 05: Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04.

### 13.2. Additional information

: None.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with ADR / RID / ADNR / IMDG / ICAO / IATA

### 14.1. UN number

UN-No. : 1006

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Proper Shipping Name : ARGON, COMPRESSED  
Transport document description : UN 1006 ARGON, COMPRESSED, 2, (E)

### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class (UN) : 2

### 14.4. Packing group



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Not applicable

## **14.5. Environmental hazards**

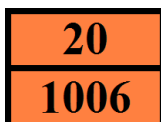
IMDG-Marine pollutant : No  
Environmental hazards : None.  
Other information : No supplementary information available.

## **14.6. Special precautions for user**

Special transport precautions : 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 there is adequate ventilation.  
- Ensure that containers are firmly secured.  
- Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.  
- Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.  
- Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

### **14.6.1. Overland transport**

Hazard identification number (Kemler No.) : 20  
Classification code (UN) : 1A  
Orange plates :



Transport category (ADR) : 3  
Tunnel restriction code : E  
Limited quantities (ADR) : 120ml  
Excepted quantities (ADR) : E1

### **14.6.2. Transport by sea**

MFAG-No. : 121

### **14.6.3. Air transport**

No additional information available

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

No additional information available

## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

#### **EU-Regulations**

No REACH Annex XVII restrictions

Restrictions on use : None.  
Seveso directive 96/82/EC : Not covered.

#### **National regulations**

National legislation : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.  
Water hazard class (WGK) : -  
Kenn-Nr. : 1348

### **15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

A CSA does not need to be carried out for this product.

## **SECTION 16: Other information**

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 453/2010.



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- Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.
- Other information : This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Union legislation.

Full text of R-, H- and EUH-phrases:

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

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