

Safety Data Sheet

Argon

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) with its amendment Regulation (EU) 2015/830
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Warning



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

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Argon, High purity argon
SDS no : AWO003
Other means of identification : Argon
CAS-No. : 7440-37-1
EC-No. : 231-147-0
EC Index-No. : ---

REACH 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 uses. 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.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Country	Organisation/Company	Address	Emergency number	Comment
	Myrkytystietokeskus Giftinformationscentralen, 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]

Physical hazards Gases under pressure : Compressed gas H280

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)

- Storage

: P410+P403 - Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

2.3. Other hazards

Asphyxiant in high concentrations.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Argon	CAS-No.: 7440-37-1 EC-No.: 231-147-0 EC Index-No.: --- REACH registration No: *1	100	Press. Gas (Comp.), 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.

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

Not applicable

3.2. Mixtures

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. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation 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.



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- 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 firefighters

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.

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 product 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 containers 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 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 content of the container.
- Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- 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 them from falling over.
- 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 the use of a 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 - specifications.
- Skin protection
 - Hand protection
 - : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.
 - Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk, performance level 1 or higher.
 - Other
 - : Wear safety shoes while handling containers.
 - Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

- Respiratory protection : Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.
Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
- 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.
Melting point / Freezing point	: -189 °C -189 °C
Boiling point	: -186 °C
Flammability	: Not available
Lower explosion limit	: Not available
Upper explosion limit	: Not available
Flash point	: Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	: Not available
pH	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable.
Water solubility [20°C]	: 61 mg/l
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: Not available
Vapour pressure [20°C]	: Not applicable.
Vapour pressure [50°C]	: Not available
Density and/or relative density	: Not applicable.
Relative vapour density (air=1)	: 1.38
Particle characteristics	: Not applicable.

9.2. Other information

9.2.1. Information with regard to physical hazard classes

Explosive properties	: Not applicable.
Explosion limits	: Non flammable.
Oxidising properties	: None.
Critical temperature [°C]	: -122 °C

9.2.2. Other safety characteristics

Molar mass	: 40 g/mol
Evaporation rate	: Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.
Gas group	: Compressed gas.
Other data	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

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.



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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 hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

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

11.2. Information on other hazards

No additional information available

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Assessment	: No ecological damage caused by this product.
EC50 48h - Daphnia magna	: No data available.
EC50 72h Algae	: No data available.
LC50-96 h - fish	: No data available.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Assessment	: No ecological damage caused by this product.
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12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment	: No ecological damage caused by this product.
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12.4. Mobility in soil

Assessment	: No ecological damage caused by this product.
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12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Assessment	: Not classified as PBT or vPvB.
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12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

Assessment	:
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12.7. Other adverse effects

Effect on the ozone layer	: None.
Effect on 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 waste codes (from Commission Decision 2000/532/EC as amended) : 16 05 05 : Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04.

13.2. Additional information

None.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1. UN number or ID number

In accordance with ADR / RID / IMDG / IATA / ADN
UN-No. : 1006

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : ARGON, COMPRESSED
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Argon, compressed
Transport by sea (IMDG) : ARGON, COMPRESSED

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Labelling



2.2 : Non-flammable, non-toxic gases.

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)

Class : 2
Classification code : 1A
Hazard identification number : 20
Tunnel Restriction : E - Passage forbidden through tunnels of category E

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2

Transport by sea (IMDG)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire : F-C
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage : S-V

14.4. Packing group

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : Not applicable.
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not applicable.
Transport by sea (IMDG) : Not applicable.

14.5. Environmental hazards

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : None.
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : None.
Transport by sea (IMDG) : None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

Packing Instruction(s)

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : P200.
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)
Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : 200.
Cargo Aircraft only : 200.
Transport by sea (IMDG) : P200.



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- 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 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.

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

EU-Regulations

- Restrictions on use : None.
Other information, restriction and prohibition regulations : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.
Argon, High purity argon is not subject to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals.
Seveso Directive : 2012/18/EU (Seveso III) : Not covered.

National regulations

No additional information available

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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

SECTION 16: Other information

- Indication of changes : Safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 2020/878.
Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.
Further information : This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Union legislation.

Full text of H- and EUH-statements

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
Press. Gas (Comp.)	Gases under pressure : Compressed gas

- DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY : 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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