



# Argon, refrigerated liquid

according to U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 29 CFR 1910.1200, Hazard Communication.

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## SECTION 1: Product and company identification

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Substance  
Name : Argon, refrigerated liquid  
Formula : Ar  
Other means of identification : Argon, refrigerated liquid

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

Use of the substance/mixture : Industrial use. Use as directed.

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

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Knoxville, TN 37921 - USA  
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : Onsite Emergencies: 1-800-645-4633  
CHEMTREC: USA 1-800-424-9300, International 001-703-527-3887 (Collect calls accepted, contract 17729)

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification (GHS-US)

Refrigerated liquefied gas H281  
Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### 2.2. Label elements

#### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



GHS04

Signal word (GHS-US) : Warning  
Hazard statements (GHS-US) : H281 - CONTAINS REFRIGERATED GAS; MAY CAUSE CRYOGENIC BURNS OR INJURY  
OSHA-H01 - MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION.  
Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P271+P403 - Use and store only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place.  
P282 - Wear cold insulating gloves, face shield, eye protection  
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.

### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards not contributing to the classification : Asphyxiant in high concentrations. Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS-US)

No data available



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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

Name	Product identifier	%
Argon, refrigerated liquid (Main constituent)		100

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures after 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.
- First-aid measures after 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.
- First-aid measures after 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.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

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

No additional information available

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

None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

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

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

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting 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 firefighting : Compressed gas: asphyxiant. Suffocation hazard by lack of oxygen.
- Special protective equipment for fire fighters : Use self-contained breathing apparatus. Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) 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. Nitrogen, which has a lower boiling point than oxygen, evaporates first, leaving an oxygen-enriched condensate.



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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

General measures : Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Evacuate area. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Stop leak if safe to do so.

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

No additional information available

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

No additional information available

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release.

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

No additional information available

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See also sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Wear leather safety gloves and safety shoes when handling cylinders. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. While moving cylinder, always keep in place removable valve cover. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. 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. For other precautions in using this product, see section 16.

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

Storage conditions : Store in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Firmly secure containers upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Install valve protection cap, if provided, firmly in place by hand. 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 back flow 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; then repair the leak. Never place a container where it may become part of an electrical circuit.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

None.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

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ACGIH	Not established
USA OSHA	Not established



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## 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	: Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.
Hand protection	: Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.
Eye protection	: Wear safety glasses with side shields. Wear goggles and a face shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.
Respiratory protection	: Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
Thermal hazard protection	: Wear cold insulating gloves. Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.
Environmental exposure controls	: None necessary.
Other information	: Wear safety shoes while handling containers.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Physical state	: Gas
Appearance	: Colorless gas.
Molecular mass	: 40 g/mol
Color	: Colorless.
Odor	: No data available
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: Not applicable.
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: Not applicable.
Melting point	: -189 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: -185.87 °C
Flash point	: No data available
Critical temperature	: -122.4 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: Not applicable.
Critical pressure	: 4898 kPa
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.4
Specific gravity / density	: 1.654 kg/m <sup>3</sup> Vapor density, 70°F (21.1°C), 1 atm
Relative gas density	: 1.38
Solubility	: Water: 67 mg/l
Log Pow	: Not applicable.
Log Kow	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, dynamic	: Not applicable.
Explosive properties	: Not applicable.
Oxidizing properties	: None.
Explosive limits	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

Gas group	: Refrigerated liquefied gas
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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

None.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

None.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified pH: Not applicable.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified pH: Not applicable.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified No known effects from this product.
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified Not applicable.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

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

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)

Persistence and degradability	No ecological damage caused by this product.
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### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

#### Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)

Log Pow	Not applicable.
Log Kow	Not applicable.
Bioaccumulative potential	No ecological damage caused by this product.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

#### Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)

Mobility in soil	No data available.
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.



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## 12.5. Other adverse effects

- Other adverse effects : Can cause frost damage to vegetation.  
Effect on ozone layer : None.  
Effect on the global warming : No known effects from this product.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

- Waste treatment methods : May be vented to atmosphere in a well ventilated place. Consult supplier for specific recommendations.  
Waste disposal recommendations : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

- In accordance with DOT  
Transport document description : UN1951 Argon, refrigerated liquid, 2.2  
UN-No.(DOT) : UN1951  
Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Argon, refrigerated liquid  
Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazard Classes : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-flammable compressed gas 49 CFR 173.115  
Hazard labels (DOT) : 2.2 - Non-flammable gas



- DOT Special Provisions (49 CFR 172.102) : T75 - When portable tank instruction T75 is referenced in Column (7) of the 172.101 Table, the applicable refrigerated liquefied gases are authorized to be transported in portable tanks in accordance with the requirements of 178.277 of this subchapter.  
TP5 - For a portable tank used for the transport of flammable refrigerated liquefied gases or refrigerated liquefied oxygen, the maximum rate at which the portable tank may be filled must not exceed the liquid flow capacity of the primary pressure relief system rated at a pressure not exceeding 120 percent of the portable tank's design pressure. For portable tanks used for the transport of refrigerated liquefied helium and refrigerated liquefied atmospheric gas (except oxygen), the maximum rate at which the tank is filled must not exceed the liquid flow capacity of the pressure relief device rated at 130 percent of the portable tank's design pressure. Except for a portable tank containing refrigerated liquefied helium, a portable tank shall have an outage of at least two percent below the inlet of the pressure relief device or pressure control valve, under conditions of incipient opening, with the portable tank in a level attitude. No outage is required for helium.

## Additional information

- Emergency Response Guide (ERG) Number : 121 (UN1006);120 (UN1951)  
Other information : No supplementary information available.  
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.

## Transport by sea

- UN-No. (IMDG) : 1951  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID  
Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases  
MFAG-No : 120



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## Air transport

UN-No.(IATA)	: 1951
Proper Shipping Name (IATA)	: ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID
Class (IATA)	: 2
Civil Aeronautics Law	: Gases under pressure/Gases nonflammable nontoxic under pressure

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard Sudden release of pressure hazard

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	
WHMIS Classification	Class A - Compressed Gas

#### EU-Regulations

Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)	
Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)	

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

Refrigerated liquefied gas H281

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#### Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC [DSD] or 1999/45/EC [DPD]

Not classified

#### 15.2.2. National regulations

Argon, refrigerated liquid (7440-37-1)	
Listed on the AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)	
Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)	
Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)	
Listed on NZIoC (New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals)	
Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances)	

### 15.3. US State regulations

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U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	No
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	No
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	No
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No
State or local regulations	U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

## SECTION 16: Other information

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## Other information

: When you mix two or more chemicals, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Before using any plastics, confirm their compatibility with this product.

Holston Gases asks users of this product to study this SDS and become aware of the product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this SDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information

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## Full text of H-phrases:

Refrigerated liquefied gas	Gases under pressure Refrigerated liquefied gas
H281	CONTAINS REFRIGERATED GAS; MAY CAUSE CRYOGENIC BURNS OR INJURY

## NFPA health hazard

: 3 - Short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury even though prompt medical attention was given.

## NFPA fire hazard

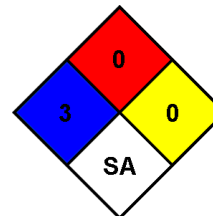
: 0 - Materials that will not burn.

## NFPA reactivity

: 0 - Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water.

## NFPA specific hazard

: SA - This denotes gases which are simple asphyxiants.



## HMIS III Rating

Health : 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given

Flammability : 0 Minimal Hazard

Physical : 2 Moderate Hazard

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