Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Material Name: Argon.

Chemical formula: Ar.

Note: This Material Safety Data Sheet addresses the compressed, gaseous form of this substance, not the refrigerated liquid.

Synonyms: None.

Manufacturer: Voltaix, LLC: Post Office Box 5357, North Branch, New Jersey 08876-5357 USA
Voice: 908-231-9060 or 800-VOLTAIX, Facsimile: 908-231-9063

Section 2: Composition/Information on Ingredients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS Registry Number</th>
<th>Molar (volume) concentration</th>
<th>Exposure Guidelines</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Argon</td>
<td>7440-37-1</td>
<td>balance</td>
<td>Simple asphyxiant</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

Argon is a colorless gas with no odor or taste. It is not toxic; the only health hazard is that it is an asphyxiant and may displace oxygen in a workplace atmosphere.

NFPA 704 Rating (determined by Voltaix): Health 0  Fire 0  Reactivity 0  Special None

Potential Health Effects

Routes of Exposure: Argon is not toxic by any route. Asphyxia may result if the oxygen concentration is reduced to below 18% by displacement.

Lengths of Exposure: None of the available data indicate toxicity for exposures of any duration.

Severity of Effect: No effect identified.

Target Organs: None identified.

Type of Effect: No effect identified.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: None identified.

Medical Conditions that may be Aggravated by Exposure: None identified.

Reported Carcinogenic and Reproductive Effects: None known to Voltaix.
Section 4: First Aid Measures

Asphyxiation
This is the primary health risk.

1) Remove the affected person from the gas source or contaminated area. Note: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including positive pressure, self contained breathing apparatus, may be required to assure the safety of the rescuer.

2) If the affected person is not breathing spontaneously, administer rescue breathing.

3) If the affected person does not have a pulse, administer CPR.

4) If medical oxygen and appropriately trained personnel are available, administer 100% oxygen to the affected person.

5) Summon an emergency ambulance. If an ambulance is not available, contact a physician, hospital, or poison control center for instruction.

6) Keep the affected person warm, comfortable, and at rest while awaiting professional medical care. Monitor the breathing and pulse continuously. Administer rescue breathing or CPR if necessary.

Skin Contact
No detrimental effect of skin contact has been reported.

Eye Contact
No detrimental effect of eye contact has been reported.

Ingestion
Ingestion is not an observed route of exposure to gaseous hazardous materials.

Chronic Effects
None is known to Voltaix.

Note to Physicians:
None.
Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Flammability and Explosivity
Flash Point: Not applicable, this material is a nonflammable gas.
Flammability Limits in Air: Not applicable, this material is a nonflammable gas.
Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable, this material is a nonflammable gas.
Known or Anticipated Hazardous Products of Combustion: Not applicable, this material is a nonflammable gas.
Properties that may Initiate or Intensify Fire: None.
Reactions that Release Flammable Gases: None known to Voltaix

Extinguishing Media
Not applicable, this material is a nonflammable gas..

Fire Fighting Instructions
Cool the cylinder and surroundings with water from a suitable distance. Excessive pressure may develop in gas cylinders exposed to fire, which may result in explosion, regardless of the cylinder's content. Cylinders with pressure relief devices (PRD's) may release their contents through such devices if the cylinder is exposed to fire. Cylinders without PRD's have no provision for controlled release and are therefore more likely to explode if exposed to fire.

Positive pressure, self contained breathing apparatus is required for all fire fighting involving hazardous materials. Full structural fire fighting (bunker) gear is the minimum acceptable attire. The need for proximity, entry, and flashover protection and special protective clothing should be determined for each incident by a competent fire fighting safety professional.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Containment
As argon is a gas at atmospheric conditions, the only means of containment is the enclosure of the space into which it is released. Containment is described in Section 7.

Clean Up
Clean up consists exhausting the enclosure to the atmosphere. As the only hazard is asphyxiation, dilution with room air until an adequate oxygen concentration (18%) is reached is all that is required.

Evacuation
If the release is not contained in an appropriate device or system, all personnel not appropriately protected (see Section 8) must evacuate the contaminated spaces. If the contents of more than one cylinder is released, consider evacuation of additional areas as a precaution against spread.

Special Instructions
None.
**Section 7: Handling and Storage**

**Handling**

Handle this material only in sealed, purged systems. The design of handling systems for hazardous materials is beyond the scope of this MSDS, and should be performed by a competent, experienced professional. Consider the use of diaphragm or bellows sealed, soft seat valves; backflow prevention devices; and flow monitoring or limiting devices. Gas cabinets, with appropriate exhaust treatment, are recommended, as is automatic monitoring of the secondary enclosures and work areas for release.

Handle sealed gas cylinders in accordance with CGA P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*.

Some material may have accumulated behind the outlet plug. Face the outlet away from you and wear appropriate protective equipment when removing the plug to connect the cylinder to your system.

Never introduce any substance into a gas cylinder. If you believe your cylinder may have been contaminated, notify Voltaix immediately. Provide as much information as possible on the nature and quantity of contamination.

**Storage**

Store cylinders in accordance with CGA P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*, local building and fire codes and other relevant regulations. Materials should be segregated by the hazards they comprise for storage.

Protect the cylinders from direct sunlight, precipitation, mechanical damage, and temperatures above 55 °C (130 °F).

Ship and store cylinders with the outlet plug and valve protective cap in place.

**Section 8: Exposure Control/Personal Protection**

**Engineering Controls**

Local exhaust is required.

Consider monitoring the work area continuously for oxygen concentration. Automatic alerting of personnel and automatic shutdown of flow are appropriate in some applications and are required in some jurisdictions.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Respiratory Protection:** Positive pressure, full face, air supplied breathing apparatus should be used for work within a confined space.

**Eye/Face Protection:** When using respiratory protection as described above, use a face mask that provides splash and impact protection for the face and eyes. Otherwise, wear safety glasses.

**Skin Protection:** Wear appropriate gloves when handling cylinders

**Other Protection:** Wear appropriate protective footwear when moving cylinders.

**Exposure Guidelines**

As argon is a simple asphyxiant, no TLV (ACGIH), PEL (OSHA), or REL (NIOSH) has been established. Workplace concentrations should be controlled to assure adequate oxygen concentration (18%).
Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Notes:
1) "N/A" means not applicable.
2) Unless otherwise specified, properties are reported at 0 °C (32 °F) and 1 atmosphere (1.0 bar, 14.7 psia).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Argon</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Appearance</td>
<td>colorless</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Odor</td>
<td>none</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physical state</td>
<td>gas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pH</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vapor Pressure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vapor Density</td>
<td>1.78 g/L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boiling point</td>
<td>-185.7 °C (-302.2 °F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Melting point</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solubility in water (v/v, at 20 °C)</td>
<td>0.0337</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specific gravity (liquid)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molecular weight</td>
<td>39.95</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Argon is stable.

Conditions to Avoid: None.

Incompatibility with Other Materials: None.

Hazardous Decomposition, Reaction and Oxidation (other than burning) Products: None.

Hazardous Polymerization: Has not been observed.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Acute Data (by route): None, argon is a simple asphyxiant.

Chronic and Subchronic Data: Argon is listed in RTECS, but no information on its carcinogenicity or other effects is included.

Special Studies: None known.

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: None known to Voltaix

Environmental Fate: None known to Voltaix

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Classification under RCRA, 40 CFR 261: This material is not listed.

US EPA waste number and descriptions: None.

Special Instructions and Limitations: Treat process and other exhaust streams appropriately before release to the atmosphere.

Notice: The information above is derived from Voltaix's interpretation of the US federal laws, regulations and policies concerning the material, as shipped by Voltaix, at the time this MSDS was prepared. Federal controls are subject to change and state and local controls may also apply. Proper waste disposal is the responsibility of the owner of the waste. The user is encouraged to consult with appropriate experts in developing a disposal plan.
Section 14: Transport Information

Basic Description: Argon, Compressed, Division 2.2 (Nonflammable Gas), UN 1006.

Additional Information for shipment by water: IMDG Page Number 2105.

Additional Information for shipment by air: Transportation by air is permitted in cargo and passenger aircraft.

Section 15: Regulatory Information

TSCA Status: This material is listed on the Inventory of Chemical Substances.

CERCLA Reportable Quantity (40CFR302.40): This material is not listed.

SARA Title III Status (Section 302 (40CFR355), Section 311/312, Section 313 (40CFR372)): No Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQ's) or Reportable Quantities (RQ's) are listed for these substances. The default federal MSDS submission and inventory requirement filing threshold of 4,540 kg (10,000 lbs.) therefore applies.

Note: State and local requirements may be more stringent.

Section 16: Other Information

References


Revision Indication

Revise to reflect company name change

Disclaimer

Voltaix cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist. Users are solely responsible for the safe storage, handling, use and disposal of this material, and for compliance with the applicable laws, regulations and accepted practices.

Voltaix makes no representations or warranties; either expressed or implied, of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or any other nature.