
1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name	Argon
Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use	
Identified uses	Fire Extinguishing Agent
Restrictions on use	Consult applicable fire protection codes
Company Identification	Kidde-Fenwal, Inc. 400 Main Street Ashland, MA 01721 USA
Customer Information Number	(508) 881-2000
Emergency Telephone Number	
CHEMTREC Number	(800) 424-9300 (703) 527-3887 (International)
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2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Hazard Classification

Gas under pressure – compressed gas
Simple Asphyxiant

Label Elements

Hazard Symbols



Signal Word: Warning

Hazard Statements

Contents under pressure; may explode if heated.
May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Precautionary Statements**Prevention**

Do not enter confined space unless adequately ventilated.
In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

Response

None

Storage

Keep container tightly closed.
Protect from sunlight and store in well-ventilated place.

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Disposal

None

Other Hazards

Avoid direct inhalation of undiluted gas. Can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. Breathing very high concentrations can cause dizziness, shortness of breath, unconsciousness or asphyxiation.

Specific Concentration Limits

The values listed below represent the percentages of ingredients of unknown toxicity.

Acute oral toxicity	0%
Acute dermal toxicity	0%
Acute inhalation toxicity	0%
Acute aquatic toxicity	100%

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

This product is a substance.

Component	CAS Number	Concentration
Argon	7440-37-1	>99.5%

4. FIRST- AID MEASURES

Description of necessary first-aid measures**Eyes**

No specific measures.

Skin

No specific measures.

Ingestion

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Inhalation

Remove from exposure. If there is difficulty in breathing, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Aside from the information found under Description of necessary first aid measures (above) and Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, no additional symptoms and effects are anticipated.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**Notes to Physicians**

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE - FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Argon is used as an extinguishing agent and therefore is not a problem when trying to control a blaze. Use extinguishing agent appropriate to other materials involved. Keep containers and surroundings cool with water spray as containers may rupture or burst in the heat of a fire.

5. FIRE - FIGHTING MEASURES

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Containers may explode in heat of fire.

Special Protective Actions for Fire-Fighters

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus as appropriate for specific fire conditions.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Remove leaking cylinder to a safe place. Ventilate the area. Leaks inside confined spaces may cause suffocation as oxygen is displaced and should not be entered without a self-contained breathing apparatus.

Environmental Precautions

None - Material is a normal atmospheric gas.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

None

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Containers should be properly stored and secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Do not drag, slide or roll containers. Do not drop containers or permit them to strike against each other. Never apply flame or localized heat directly to any part of the containers.

Conditions for safe storage

Store away from sources of heat or ignition. Storage area should be: - cool - dry - well ventilated - under cover - out of direct sunlight

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters

Exposure limits are listed below, if they exist.

Argon

None

Appropriate engineering controls

Use with adequate ventilation (natural or mechanical), especially in a confined space.

Individual protection measures

Respiratory Protection

Not normally required. In oxygen deficient atmospheres, use a self contained breathing apparatus, as an air purifying respirator will not provide protection.

Skin Protection

Use leather or sturdy work gloves when handling cylinders.

Eye/Face Protection

Chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shields.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Body Protection

Normal work wear.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Physical State	Compressed gas
Color	Colorless
Odor	None
Odor Threshold	Not applicable
pH	Not applicable
Relative Gas Density	1.38
Boiling Range/Point (°C)	-185.9
Melting Point (°C)	-189
Flash Point (PMCC) (°C/F)	Not flammable
Vapor Pressure	No data available
Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1)	Not applicable
Solubility in Water	61 mg/l
Vapor Density (Air = 1)	No data available
VOC (%)	Not applicable
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	No data available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature	Not applicable
Upper explosive limit	Not applicable
Lower explosive limit	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not flammable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Conditions to Avoid

None known

Incompatible Materials

None known

Hazardous Decomposition Products

None

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Simple asphyxiant.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) – single exposure

Exposure to argon gas at high concentrations can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. Breathing very high concentrations can cause dizziness, shortness of breath, unconsciousness or asphyxiation.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) – repeat exposure

No data available.

Serious Eye damage/Irritation

No data available.

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

No data available.

Respiratory or Skin Sensitization

No data available.

Carcinogenicity

Not considered carcinogenic by NTP, IARC, and OSHA.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

No data available.

Reproductive Toxicity

No data available.

Aspiration Hazard

Not an aspiration hazard.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

No data available

Mobility in soil

Argon occurs naturally in the atmosphere.

Persistence/Degradability

Argon occurs naturally in the atmosphere.

Bioaccumulative Potential

Argon occurs naturally in the atmosphere.

Other adverse effects

No relevant studies identified.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods

Dispose of container in accordance with all applicable local and national regulations. Do not cut, puncture or weld on or near to the container. If spilled, contents will vaporize to the atmosphere.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet information is intended to address a specific material and not various forms or states of containment.

Pressurized Containers**DOT CFR 172.101 Data**

UN Proper Shipping Name	Argon, compressed, (2.2), UN1006
UN Class	Argon, compressed (2.2)
UN Number	UN1006
UN Packaging Group	Not applicable
Classification for AIR Transportation (IATA)	Consult current IATA Regulations prior to shipping by air.
Classification for Water Transport IMDG	Consult current IMDG Regulations prior to shipping by water.

This section is believed to be accurate at the time of preparation. It is not intended to be a complete statement or summary of the applicable laws, rules, or hazardous material regulations, and is subject to change. Users have the responsibility to confirm compliance with all laws, rules, and hazardous material regulations in effect at the time of shipping.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

United States TSCA Inventory

All components of this product are in compliance with the inventory listing requirements of the US Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Substance Inventory.

Canada DSL Inventory

All ingredients in this product have been verified for inclusion on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

SARA Title III Sect. 311/312 Categorization

Pressure Hazard

SARA Title III Sect. 313

This product does not contain any chemicals listed in Section 313 at or above de minimis concentrations.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Ratings

NFPA Code for Health - 0

NFPA Code for Flammability - 0

NFPA Code for Reactivity - 0

NFPA Code for Special Hazards – None

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Legend

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

LCLo: Lethal concentration low

N/A: Denotes no applicable information found or available

NTP: National Toxicology Program

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

SDS: Safety Data Sheet

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

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