1. Identification of the Substance/Mixture and the Supplier

Supplier: National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)
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2. Hazards Identification

GHS classification
- Combustible / flammable gas: Not classified
- Oxidizing gases: Not classified
- Gas under pressure: High pressure gas
- Self-reactive substances and mixtures: Not classified
- Corrosive to metals: Not applicable
- Acute toxicity (Oral): Not applicable
- Acute toxicity (Dermal): Not applicable
- Acute toxicity (Inhalation, gas): Not applicable
- Acute toxicity (Inhalation, vapor): Not classified
- Acute toxicity (Inhalation, dust/mist): Not classified
- Skin corrosivity/irritant: Not applicable
- Severe eye damages/eye irritant: Not applicable
- Respiratory sensitization: Not applicable
- Skin sensitization: Not applicable
- Germ-cell mutagenicity: Not applicable
- Carcinogenicity: Not applicable
Reproductive toxicity : Not applicable
Specific target organ : Not applicable
toxicity/systemic toxicity
(Single exposure)
Specific target organ toxicity : Not applicable
/systemic toxicity (Repeated
exposure)
Aspiration hazard : Not classified

GHS label element

Signal word : Caution
Hazard and toxicity : High pressure gas: May explode if heated
Precautionary statement
[Preventive Measures]
Use it in a well-ventilated place.
Wear personal protective equipment.
[Response]
If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position
comfortable for breathing. Get medical advice/attention if you feel
unwell.
[Storage]
Shield it from sunlight and keep it in a well-ventilated place
This CRM should be stored in compliance with your country’s
regulation for high pressure gases.
[Disposal]
When disposing of the content, do it in a place with good ventilation
with no flame and inflammable material around it, little by little to
avoid danger.
When this product is no longer necessary or passed the expiration
date, do not dispose of the container and the remaining gas, but
return them to the department in charge provided in the 1.
Chemical Substances, etc. and The Manufacturer Information

Hazardous and toxic properties not specified in the above are not
subject to the classification or not classifiable.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Substance or mixture : Mixture
Ingredient 1 :
Chemical name : Argon
Synonym :
Chemical formula : Ar
Molecular weight : 39.95
CAS number : 7440-37-1
Content : 99.9 % or over
Reference Number in Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation
Gazetted List in Japan of Their Manufacture, etc. :
Industrial Safety and Health Act :
Ingredient 1
Chemical name : Nitrogen
Synonym : -
Chemical formula : N₂
Molecular weight : 28.01
CAS number : 7727-37-9
Content : About 10 µmol/mol (0.001%)
Reference Number in Gazetted List in Japan : Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.
Industrial Safety and Health Act : -
Hazardous Component : Argon (Simple asphyxic gas)

4. First-aid Measures

If inhaled : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
If on skin : If skin irritation occurs, get medical attention and treatment.
If in eyes : If eye irritation persists, get medical advice / attention.
If swallowed : Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
The most important characteristics and symptoms : No data
Measures to be taken to protect the person applying first aid : No data

5. Fire-fighting Measures

Extinguishing Media : Water fog, Foam extinguishing agent, Dry chemical extinguisher, Carbon dioxide, Dry sands
Unsuitable extinguishing media : Direct water jet
Fire-Specific Hazards : Container may explode if heated. Burst container may fly.
Specific Fire-Fighting Method : Move containers away from area of fire if this can be done without risk.
Keep cooling container thoroughly with plenty of water even after extinction.
Do not spray water directly to gas leaking point or safety device, which may make them frozen.
Only experts are allowed to handle damaged container.
Protection of Fire-Fighters : Fight fire upwind in order to avoid breathing hazardous gas.
Use personal protective equipment such as fireproof clothing, heat-resistant clothing, protective clothing, compressed air open-circuit self-contained breathing apparatus, and compressed oxygen closed-circuit self-contained breathing apparatus.

6. Accidental Release Measures
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Personal Precaution: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See “8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection”) during the operation to avoid contact with eyes and skin and inhalation of gas. Immediately designate restricted leakage area with appropriate distance taken in every direction. Keep out unauthorized people. Stay upwind. Ventilate affected areas. Maintain the restricted area until gas diffuses.

Personal Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures: Ventilate affected areas thoroughly, if it is in an indoor environment, until the clean-up operation is completed. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See “8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection” during the operation to avoid contact with eyes and skin and inhalation.

Environmental Precautions: No environmental effects

Method and Tool for Confinement and Clean-up, Recovery and Neutralization: Stop leakage if safe to do so.

Prevention of Secondary Disaster: Prevent leaked materials from entering sewers, drainage systems, basement rooms or confined space. Mark the restricted area with rope etc. to keep out unauthorized people. Carry out the clean-up operation from the upwind side and make people on the downwind side evacuate.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Engineering Precautions: Take the engineering precautions stipulated in “8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.”

Local and General Ventilation Precautions for Safe Handling: Provide local and general ventilation as necessary.

Precautions for Safe Handling: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this reference material. Wear personal protective equipment stipulated in “8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection” as necessary. Provide ventilation, when using indoors, in order to prevent decline of oxygen concentration. Take out gas from container by using pressure regulator. Make it sure to close container valve after use.

Storage

Appropriate Storage Conditions: Store in accordance with the High Pressure Gas Safety Act, etc. Store in designated container storage area for flammable gas and toxic gas. Store fully-charged containers separately from containers with residual gas. Keep away from combustible materials. Strict ban on fire. Do not store in the vicinity of electric wires or ground wires. Store in a well-drained and well-ventilated dry place.
Protect from rain, wind and direct sunlight and keep temperatures at 40 °C or below.

Store locked up.


Packaging Material: See the Certificate for the details on appropriate storage conditions and instructions for use as a reference material.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Administrative levels
Not established

Occupational exposure limit (Nitrogen/Argon)
- ACGIH TLV-TWA : Not established
- Japan Society for Occupational Health Recommended Reference Value : Not established
- OSHA PEL TWA : Not established

Facility engineering control
Ventilation, exhaust : Local ventilation equipment or general ventilation equipment.
Safety management, gas detection : Oxygen monitor
Storage precaution : Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep it at a temperature of 40 °C or less, avoiding wind and rain and direct sunlight.

Protective equipment
Respiratory organ : If necessary, air respirator, oxygen respirator, air supply mask.
Hand : Protective gloves
Eyes : Wear appropriate eye protection such as safety goggles.
Skin and body : Protective clothing, safety shoes

Hygiene Controls
Handle this reference material in accordance with industrial health and safety standards.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties (as Argon)

Appearance, etc. : Gas
Color : Colorless
Odor : No odor
pH : No data
Melting point : −189.3 °C
Boiling point : −185.8 °C
Flashing point : Nonflammable
 Explosive range : Nonflammable
Vapor pressure : No data
Relative vapor density (Air=1) : 1.38
Specific gravity or bulk : 0.00178 g/cm³
Specific gravity: Nonflammable

**Solubility:** 30 mg/L (25 °C)

**n-Octanol/water partition coefficient (Log Po/w):** 0.94

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Nonflammable

**Decomposition temperature:** No data

**Flammability:** Nonflammable

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:** Stable under normal preservation conditions.

**Reactivity:** Stable under normal preservation conditions.

**Hazardous Reactivity:** Cause pressure rise with risk of burst if heated.

**Simple asphyxiant gas**

This gas is heavier than air. It may get stagnant to cause deficiency of oxygen in a low-ceilinged place.

**Conditions to avoid:** No data

**Incompatible materials:** No data

**Hazardous decomposition products:** No data

### 11. Toxicological information

**Acute toxicity**

- **Acute toxicity (Skin):** No data
- **Acute toxicity (Oral):** No data
- **Acute toxicity (Inhalation, gas):** Not classified

**Asphyxiant gas**

- **Skin corrosivity/irritation:** No data
- **Severe damage to eyes/eye irritation:** No data
- **Respiratory sensitization:** No data
- **Skin sensitization:** No data
- **Germ cell mutagenicity:** No data
- **Carcinogenicity:** No data
- **Reproductive toxicity:** No data
- **Specific organ toxicity (single exposure):** Asphyxiant gas
Specific organ toxicity/(repeated exposure) : No data
Aspiration hazard : Not classified

12. Ecological Information
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (Acute) : No data
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (Chronic) : No data
Ecotoxicity : No data
Persistence and Degradability : No data
Bioaccumulation : No data
Mobility in soil : No data
Ozone depletion potential : No data

13. Disposal Consideration
Contaminated Container and Package : Return this reference material back to the function in charge given in “1. Identification of the Substance/Mixture and the Supplier” when it becomes no longer necessary to use it or when it becomes beyond its shelf life.
Container must be disposed of by its owner in accordance with relevant legislation. User of container, therefore, must not dispose of it by his/her discretion.

14. Transport Information
UN Number : 1006
UN Classification : Class 2.2
Material name : ARGONCOMPRESSED
Container grade : -
ICAO/IATA : Class 2.2
Marine pollutant : -
Precautions : Transport this reference material carefully while keeping it away from direct sunlight and fire and preventing accidental release due to falling, overturning, etc.

15. Applicable Laws and Regulations
◇ Act on Confirmation, etc. of Release Amounts of Specific Chemical Substances in the Environment and Promotion of Improvements to the Management Thereof
   • Not applicable
High Pressure Gas Safety Act
• Compressed gas (Article 2-1)
• Inert gas (general high pressure gas safety regulation Article 2-4)

Civil Aeronautical Act:
• High Pressure Gas (Regulation Article 194 Notification of dangerous goods Appendix No. 1)

Ship Safety Law:
• High Pressure Gas (Regulation Article 3 Notification of dangerous goods Appendix No. 1)

Act on Port Regulations:
• Other dangerous goods / high pressure gas (Article 21-2)

Road act:
• Restriction on the passage of vehicles (Article 19-13 of the Enforcement Order, Public Notice of Japan Highway Ownership and Debt Repayment Organization No. 12, Appended Table 2)

This SDS is originally prepared for the use of the material in Japan, thus the stated laws and regulations are stipulated and carried out in Japan. The use of the material in other countries should be referred to and by application of the relevant laws and regulations of the country in which the material will be used.

16. Other Information

Others
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