



# Argon

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form	: Substance
Substance name	: Argon
Chemical name	: Argon
CAS No	: 7440-37-1
Formula	: Ar
Other means of identification	: Shielding gas, Argon 40, ADDvance Argon 5.0
Product group	: Core Products

#### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Recommended uses and restrictions	: Industrial use
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#### 1.3. Supplier

Linde Canada inc.  
500 — 5015 Spectrum Way  
Mississauga - Canada L4W 0E4  
T 1-905-803-1600 - F 1-905-803-1682  
[www.lindecana.ca](http://www.lindecana.ca)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number	: 1-800-363-0042 Call emergency number 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier or Linde sales representative.
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### SECTION 2: Hazard identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS-CA classification

Gases under pressure : Compressed gas H280  
Simple Asphyxiant

#### 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

##### GHS-CA labelling

Hazard pictograms



GHS04

Signal word

: WARNING

Hazard statements

: CONTAINS GAS UNDER PRESSURE; MAY EXPLODE IF HEATED  
MAY DISPLACE OXYGEN AND CAUSE RAPID SUFFOCATION

Precautionary statements

: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Use and store only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place.  
Use a back flow preventive device in the piping.  
Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.  
Close valve after each use and when empty.  
Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F).

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in	: Asphyxiant in high concentrations.
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classification

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS CA)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

Name	CAS No.	% (Vol.)	Common Name (synonyms)
Argon (Main constituent)	(CAS No) 7440-37-1	100	Argon, compressed

### 3.2. Mixtures

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. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should give oxygen. Call a physician.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Adverse effects not expected from this product.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Get immediate medical attention. 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. Contact an ophthalmologist immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/injuries	: No additional information available
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### 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Other medical advice or treatment	: None.
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## SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.
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### 5.2. Unsuitable extinguishing media

No additional information available

### 5.3. Specific hazards arising from the hazardous product

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

### 5.4. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions	: 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 their provincial and local fire code regulations.
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.

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Specific methods	: Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas containers to rupture. Cool endangered containers with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.  Stop flow of product if safe to do so.  Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.
Other information	: Containers are equipped with a pressure relief device. (Exceptions may exist where authorized.).

### 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 proven to be safe. Stop leak if safe to do so.
Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures	: General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures : EVACUATE ALL PERSONNEL FROM AFFECTED AREA. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is on user's equipment, be certain to purge piping before attempting repairs. If leak is on a container or container valve contact the closest Linde Canada location.

#### 6.2. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

For containment	: Try to stop release if safe to do so.
Methods for cleaning up	: This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way, and as per local legislation. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

### 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.
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#### 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 52 °C (125 °F). Firmly secure containers upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Install valve protection cap 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.
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**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.



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### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

#### 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls

: Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities. Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available).

#### 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment

: Gloves. Face shield. Safety glasses.



Hand protection

: Wear work gloves when handling containers. Wear heavy rubber gloves where contact with product may occur.

Eye protection

: Wear goggles and a face shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections. Wear safety glasses with side shields. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z94.3, "Industrial Eye and Face Protection", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines. Safety eye wear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z94.3, "Industrial Eye and Face Protection", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

Respiratory protection

: **Respiratory protection:** Use air supplied respirator when working in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below OEL (if applicable). Select in accordance with provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines. Respirators should also be approved by NIOSH and MSHA. For emergencies or instances with unknown exposure levels, use a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Thermal hazard protection

: Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections. None necessary.

Environmental exposure controls

: None necessary.

Other information

: **Other protection :** Safety shoes for general handling at customer sites. Metatarsal shoes and cuffless trousers for cylinder handling at packaging and filling plants. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z195, "Protective Foot Wear", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines. For working with flammable and oxidizing materials, consider the use of flame resistant anti-static safety clothing.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

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|---|--------------------------------|
| (a) Physical state  | : Gas                          |
| (b) Colour  | : Colourless.                  |
| (c) Odour   | : No odour warning properties. |
| Odour threshold   | : No data available            |
| (d) Melting point   | : -189 °C                      |
| Freezing point  | : No data available            |
| (e) Boiling point   | : -185.9 °C                    |
| (f) Flammability  | : Non flammable                |
| (g) Flammability (solid, gas)                                 | :                              |
| (h) Flash point   | : No data available            |
| (i) Auto-ignition temperature                                 | : Not applicable.              |
| (j) Decomposition temperature                                 | : No data available            |
| (k) pH  | : Not applicable.              |
| (l) Viscosity, kinematic                                      | : Not applicable.              |
| (m) Solubility  | : Water: 61 mg/l               |
| (n) Partition coefficient – n-octanol/water [log Pow/log Kow] | : Not applicable.              |

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(o) Vapour pressure	: Not applicable.
(p) Density	: Vapour density 0.103 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> at 21.1°C (70°F)
Relative gas density	: 1.38
(r) Particle characteristics	: No data available
(s) Molecular mass	: 40 g/mol
(t) Critical temperature	: -122.4 °C
(u) Critical pressure	: 4898 kPa
(v) Oxidizing properties	: None.
(w) Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: Not applicable.

### 9.2. Other information

Gas group	: Compressed gas
Additional information	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.
Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: None.
Conditions to avoid	: None.
Incompatible materials	: Using this product in welding and cutting may create additional hazards. The arc from electric arc welding may form gaseous reaction products such as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. Other decomposition products of arc welding and cutting originate from the volatilization, reaction, and oxidation of the material being worked.
Hazardous decomposition products	: None.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

<b>11.1 Likely routes of exposure</b>	: Inhalation.
<b>11.2 Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics</b>	: No additional information available

### **11.3 Delayed and immediate effects and chronic effects**

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: 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

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Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) : Not classified  
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) : Not classified  
Aspiration hazard : Not classified

### 11.4 Toxicity

Argon ( 1f )7440-37-1	
LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	No data available

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

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

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Argon (7440-37-1)	
Persistence and degradability	No ecological damage caused by this product.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Argon (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 (7440-37-1)	
Mobility in soil	No data available.
Log Pow	Not applicable.
Log Kow	Not applicable.
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on the ozone layer : None.  
Effect on global warming : None.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1. Basic shipping description

In accordance with TDG

### TDG

UN-No. (TDG) : UN1006  
TDG Primary Hazard Classes : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-Flammable, Non-Toxic Gases  
Proper shipping name : ARGON, COMPRESSED

Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index : 0.125 L

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Passenger Carrying Road Vehicle or Passenger : 75 L  
Carrying Railway Vehicle Index

### 14.2. Air and sea transport

#### IMDG

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1006  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : ARGON, COMPRESSED  
Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases  
MFAG-No : 121

#### IATA

UN-No. (IATA) : 1006  
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Argon, compressed  
Class (IATA) : 2 - Gases

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. National regulations

#### Argon (7440-37-1)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

### 15.2. International regulations

#### Argon (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 EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)  
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)  
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory  
Listed on INSQ (Mexican National Inventory of Chemical Substances)

## SECTION 16: Other information

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#### Indication of changes:

Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.

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.

Linde Canada 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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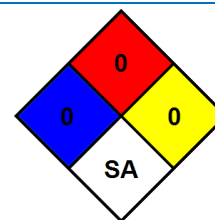
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NFPA health hazard	: 0 - Exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials.
NFPA fire hazard	: 0 - Materials that will not burn.
NFPA instability	: 0 - Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water.
NFPA specific hazard	: SA - This denotes gases which are simple asphyxiants.



### HMIS III Rating

Health	: 0 Minimal Hazard - No significant risk to health
Flammability	: 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn
Physical	: 3 Serious Hazard - Materials that may form explosive mixtures with water and are capable of detonation or explosive reaction in the presence of a strong initiating source. Materials may polymerize, decompose, self-react, or undergo other chemical change at normal temperature and pressure with moderate risk of explosion

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