

# Argon, Refrigerated Liquid

## **Safety Data Sheet**

### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

**Product identifier** 

Product Name ARGON, REFRIGERATED, LIQUID

Other means of identification

Safety data sheet number SDS-YO-004 UN/ID no. UN1951

Trade name Argon Liquid, LAR, Argon N5.0, Argon N4.8

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended Use Industrial and professional

use. Uses advised against Consumer use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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**Emergency telephone number** 

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### **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

Classification

OSHA Regulatory Status

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Gases under pressure	Refrigerated Liquified Gas
Simple asphyxiants	Yes

Label elements Signal word

Warning

### **Hazard Statements**

Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

Use and store only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place

Wear cold insulating gloves, face shield, and eye protection

Use a backflow preventive device in piping

Do NOT change or force fit connections

Close valve after each use and when empty

Always keep container in upright position

### **Precautionary Statements - Response**

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Get medical attention/advice.

IF ON SKIN: Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

### **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Volume %	Chemical Formula	
ARGON	7440-37-1	>99	Ar	

### **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### **Description of first aid measures**

**General advice** Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Inhalation Remove to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If

breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact For dermal contact or suspected frostbite, remove contaminated clothing and flush affected areas

with lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. A physician should see the patient promptly if contact with the product has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or in deep tissue freezing

Eye contact If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and obtain immediate medical

attention

**Ingestion** Not an expected route of exposure.

Self-protection of the first aider

RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.

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

Symptoms Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to

oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<19.5%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen

may cause serious injury or death.

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

### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media None.

#### Specific extinguishing methods

Continue to cool fire exposed cylinders until flames are extinguished. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.

### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Non-flammable gas. -Cylinders may rupture under extreme heat.

### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions** Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Monitor oxygen level. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area

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unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.

Other information When in contact with refrigerated/cryogenic liquids, many materials become brittle and are likely

to break without warning

**Environmental precautions** 

Environmental precautions Prevent spreading of vapors through sewers, ventilation systems and confined areas

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Methods for containment**Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without risk.

If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number

in Section 1 or call your closest Yateem Oxygen location.

Methods for cleaning up Return portable cryogenic container to Yateem Oxygen

### **SECTION 7. Handling and Storage**

### Precautions for safe handling

### Advice on safe handling

Never allow any unprotected part of the body to touch uninsulated pipes or vessels that contain cold fluids. The extremely cold metal will cause moist flesh to stick fast and tear when one attempts to withdraw from it. Do NOT change or force fit connections.

Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. When moving cylinders, even for short distance, use a cart designed to transport cylinders. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing leak to occur. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Use only with adequate ventilation. Use a backflow preventive device in piping. Close valve after each use and when empty. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use.

Never put cylinders into trunks of cars or unventilated areas of passenger vehicles. Never attempt to refill a compressed gas cylinder without the owner's written consent. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit.

Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. Always store and handle compressed gas cylinders in accordance with Compressed Gas Association, pamphlet CGA-P1, Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers. Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.

For additional recommendations consult Compressed Gas Association's (CGA) Safety Bulletin SB-2, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Keep at temperatures below 52°C / 125°F. Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.

Incompatible materials None known.

**Storage Conditions** 

### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### **Control parameters**

**Exposure Guidelines** 

Chemical Name	ACGIH	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
ARGON	See Appendix F: Minimal	None	None
7440-37-1	Oxygen Content		

### Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering Controls Ventilation systems. Local exhaust ventilation to prevent accumulation of high concentrations

and maintain air-oxygen levels at or above 19.5%. Oxygen detectors should be used when

asphyxiating gases may be released. Showers. Eyewash stations.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Safety eyewear, goggles or face-shield to EN166 should be used to avoid exposure to liquid

splashes. Wear eye protection to EN 166 when using gases.

Guideline: EN 166 Personal Eye Protection.

**Skin and body protection** Work gloves and safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders. Wear cold

insulating gloves when handling liquid

**Respiratory protection** Not required on normal use.

Use positive pressure airline respirator with escape cylinder or self-contained breathing

apparatus for oxygen-deficient atmospheres (<19.5%).

**Thermal hazards:** If there is a risk of contact with the liquid, all protective equipment should be suitable

for extremely low temperatures.

General Hygiene Considerations Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing

### **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Gas

Form Refrigerated Liquified Gas

Colorless. **Appearance** Odorless. Odor Odor threshold Not applicable рН Not applicable Melting/freezing point -189.4 °C / -308.9 °F **Evaporation rate** Not applicable Flammability (solid, gas) Non-flammable gas Lower flammability limit: Not applicable Upper flammability limit: Not applicable Flash point Not applicable Autoignition temperature No data available **Decomposition temperature** No data available Very slight Water solubility Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) No data available Not applicable Kinematic viscosity

Chemical Name	Molecular weight	Boiling point / range	Vapor Pressure	Vapor density (air =1)	Gas Density kg/m³@20°C	Critical Temperature
ARGON	39.94 g/mol	-185.9 °C	Above critical	1.38	1.65	-122.3 °C
			temperature			

0.171 MpA.S (10.9 °C)

Other Information: Gas/vapor heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level

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Dynamic viscosity

### **SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity**

### Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions

### **Chemical stability**

Stable under normal conditions.

### **Explosion data**

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None.
Sensitivity to Static Discharge None.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

#### Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see Section 7).

### **Incompatible materials**

None Known

### **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

None Known

### **SECTION 11: Toxicological Information**

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Inhalation** Product is a simple asphyxiant.

Skin contactContact with evaporating liquid may cause cold burns/frostbiteEye contactContact with evaporating liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite

**Ingestion** Not an expected route of exposure.

### Information on toxicological effects

Symptoms Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to

oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<=19.5%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient

oxygen may cause serious injury or death.

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritationNot classified.Serious eye damage/eye irritationNot classified.IrritationNot classified.SensitizationNot classified.Germ cell mutagenicityNot classified.

Carcinogenicity It does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens listed by OSHA, IARC or NTP.

Reproductive toxicity

Developmental Toxicity

STOT - single exposure

STOT - repeated exposure

Chronic toxicity

Aspiration hazard

Not classified.

Not plicable.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

Product Information

Oral LD50No information availableDermal LD50No information availableInhalation LC50No information available

### **SECTION 12: Ecological Information**

### **Ecotoxicity**

No known acute aquatic toxicity.

### Persistence and degradability

Not applicable.

### **Bioaccumulation**

No information available

#### Other adverse effects

Can cause frost damage to vegetation

### **SECTION 13. Disposal Considerations**

### Waste treatment methods

Disposal of wastes Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container

PROPERLY LABELED WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP

IN PLACE to Yateem Oxygen for proper disposal.

### **SECTION 14. Transportation Information**

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Proper shipping name Argon, Refrigerated Liquid

Hazard Class 2.2 Special Provision T75, TP5

**Description** UN1951, Argon, refrigerated liquid, 2.2

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Hazard Class 2.2 ERG Code 2L

<u>IMDG</u>

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Hazard Class 2.2 EmS-No. F-C, S-V

### **SECTION 15. Regulatory Information**

National Legislation Complies

SEC <a href="https://www.sce.gov.bh/en/index">https://www.sce.gov.bh/en/index</a>

MTT <a href="http://www.transportation.gov.bh/content/caa-laws-and-regulations">http://www.transportation.gov.bh/content/caa-laws-and-regulations</a>

OHSC <a href="http://www.scosh.org/en/legislation/legislations#legislationContainer">http://www.scosh.org/en/legislation/legislations#legislationContainer</a>

International Inventories

TSC Complies
DSL/NDSL Complies
EINECS/ELINCS Complies

### **Legend**

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

**SEC** – Specific Council of Environment

MTT - Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications

**OHSC** - Occupational Health and Safety Council

### **SECTION 16: Other Information**

NFPA Health hazards 3 Flammability 0 Instability 0 Physical and Chemical Properties

Simple asphyxiant

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Note: Ratings were assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in CGA Pamphlet P-19-2009, CGA Recommended Hazard Ratings for Compressed Gases, 3rd Edition.

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