



**MATHESON**

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## Safety Data Sheet

Material Name Argon/CO2 Mixture

SDS ID: 00244526

### \*\*\*Section 1 - IDENTIFICATION\*\*\*

**Product Identifier:** Argon/CO2 Mixture

**Recommended Use**

Industrial and Specialty Gas Applications

**Restrictions on Use**

None known.

**Manufacturer Information**

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General Information: 1-800-416-2505  
Emergency #: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)  
Outside the US: 703-527-3887 (Call collect)

### \*\*\*Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION\*\*\*

**Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200**

Gas under pressure, Compressed gas

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure, Category 3 (central nervous system)

**GHS LABEL ELEMENTS**

**Symbol(s)**



**Signal Word**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s)**

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

May cause drowsiness and dizziness

May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

**Prevention**

Avoid breathing gas. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

**Response**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

**Storage**

Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

**Disposal**

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

**Hazard(s) Not Otherwise Classified**

May cause asphyxia. May cause frostbite upon sudden release of compressed gas.

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## \*\*\*Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS\*\*\*

CAS	Component	Percent
7440-37-1	Argon	80
124-38-9	Carbon dioxide	20

## \*\*\*Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES\*\*\*

### Description of Necessary Measures

#### Inhalation

If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

#### Skin

If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (105-115 F; 41-46 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

#### Eyes

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

#### Ingestion

If swallowed, get medical attention.

### Most Important Symptoms/Effects

#### Acute

frostbite, suffocation, central nervous system depression

#### Delayed

No information on significant adverse effects.

### Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment

For inhalation, consider oxygen.

## \*\*\*Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES\*\*\*

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

### Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Do not direct water at source of leak or safety devices; icing may occur.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Negligible fire hazard. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

**Combustion:** oxides of carbon, oxides of argon

### Fire Fighting Measures

Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire. Cool containers with water. Apply water from a protected location or from a safe distance.

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## Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear full protective fire fighting gear including self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for protection against possible exposure.

### \*\*\*Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES\*\*\*

#### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear personal protective clothing and equipment, see Section 8. Avoid release to the environment.

#### Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

### \*\*\*Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE\*\*\*

#### Precautions for Safe Handling

Avoid breathing gas. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wash thoroughly after handling.

#### Conditions for Safe Storage, including any Incompatibilities

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store in a well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Protect from sunlight. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry place. Store below 125 F (52 C). Cylinders should be stored upright (with valve protection cap in place). See original container for storage recommendations. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

**Incompatibilities** bases, combustible materials, metal carbide, metal salts, metals, oxidizing materials, reducing agents

### \*\*\*Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION\*\*\*

#### Component Exposure Limits

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

**ACGIH:** Simple asphyxiant (See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content)

##### Carbon dioxide (124-38-9)

**ACGIH:** 5000 ppm TWA  
30000 ppm STEL

**Europe:** 5000 ppm TWA; 9000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

**OSHA (Final):** 5000 ppm TWA; 9000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

**OSHA (Vacated):** 10000 ppm TWA; 18000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA  
30000 ppm STEL; 54000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL

**NIOSH:** 5000 ppm TWA; 9000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA  
30000 ppm STEL; 54000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL

#### Component Biological Limit Values

There are no biological limit values for any of this product's components.

#### Appropriate Engineering Controls

Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

#### Individual Protection Measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment

##### Eyes/Face Protection

For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a faceshield. Contact lenses should not be worn. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

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## Skin Protection

For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.

## Glove Recommendations

For the gas: Protective gloves are not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear insulated gloves.

## Respiratory Protection

Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed.

Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum.

Consider warning properties before use.

For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

## \* \* \*Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES\* \* \*

<b>Physical State:</b>	gas	<b>Appearance:</b>	Colorless gas
<b>Color:</b>	colorless	<b>Physical Form:</b>	compressed gas
<b>Odor:</b>	odorless	<b>Odor Threshold:</b>	Not available
<b>pH:</b>	Not available	<b>Melting/Freezing Point:</b>	Not available
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not available	<b>Flash Point:</b>	non-flammable
<b>Decomposition:</b>	Not available	<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	Not available
<b>LEL:</b>	Not available	<b>UEL:</b>	Not available
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	Not available	<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	Not available
<b>Specific Gravity (water=1):</b>	Not available	<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Not available
<b>Log KOW:</b>	Not available	<b>Coeff. Water/Oil Dist:</b>	Not available
<b>Auto Ignition:</b>	Not available	<b>Viscosity:</b>	Not available

## Other Property Information

No additional information is available.

## \* \* \*Section 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY\* \* \*

### Reactivity

No reactivity hazard is expected.

### Chemical Stability

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will not polymerize.

### Conditions to Avoid

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

### Incompatible Materials

bases, combustible materials, metal carbide, metal salts, metals, oxidizing materials, reducing agents

### Hazardous Decomposition

**Combustion:** oxides of carbon, oxides of argon

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## \*\*\*Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION\*\*\*

### Acute and Chronic Toxicity

#### Component Analysis - LD50/LC50

The components of this material have been reviewed in various sources and no selected endpoints have been identified.

#### RTECS Acute Toxicity (selected)

The components of this material have been reviewed, and RTECS publishes the following endpoints:

##### Carbon dioxide (124-38-9)

Inhalation: 361 gm/m<sup>3</sup>/2 hour Inhalation Mouse LC50; 200000 ppm/2 hour Inhalation Mouse LC50

#### Acute Toxicity Level

##### Carbon dioxide (124-38-9)

Non Toxic: inhalation

#### Information on Likely Routes of Exposure

##### Inhalation

sensitivity to light, changes in blood pressure, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, drowsiness, unconsciousness, disorientation, mood swings, dizziness, loss of coordination, sleep disturbances, emotional disturbances, tingling sensation, tremors, muscle cramps, visual disturbances, suffocation, convulsions, coma, blood disorders

##### Ingestion

ingestion of a gas is unlikely

##### Skin Contact

frostbite, blisters

##### Eye Contact

frostbite, blurred vision, irritation

##### Immediate Effects

frostbite, suffocation, central nervous system depression

##### Delayed Effects

No information on significant adverse effects.

##### Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

heart or cardiovascular disorders, respiratory disorders

##### Irritation/Corrosivity Data

No data available.

##### RTECS Irritation

The components of this material have been reviewed and RTECS publishes no data as of the date on this document.

##### Target Organs

##### Carbon dioxide (124-38-9)

central nervous system

##### Respiratory Sensitization

No data available.

##### Dermal Sensitization

No data available.

##### Carcinogenicity

##### Component Carcinogenicity

None of this product's components are listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, OSHA or DFG.

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## Mutagenic Data

No data available for the mixture.

## Reproductive Effects Data

No data available for the mixture.

## RTECS Reproductive Effects

The components of this material have been reviewed, and RTECS publishes the following endpoints:

### Carbon dioxide (124-38-9)

55 pph Inhalation Mouse TClO (4 hour, 6 day(s)); 55 pph Inhalation Mouse TClO (2 hour, 3 day(s)); 2 pph Inhalation Mouse TClO (8 hour, pregnant 10 day(s)); 13 pph Inhalation Rabbit TClO (4 hour, pregnant 9-12 day(s)); 6 pph Inhalation Rat TClO (24 hour, pregnant 10 day(s)); 6 pph Inhalation Rat TClO (24 hour, pregnant 10 day(s))

## Tumorigenic Data

No data available for the mixture.

## Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

central nervous system

## Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

No data available.

## Aspiration Hazard

Not applicable.

## \*\*\*Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION\*\*\*

### Component Analysis - Aquatic Toxicity

No LOEL ecotoxicity data are available for this product's components.

### Persistence and Degradability

No data available for the mixture.

### Bioaccumulative Potential

No data available for the mixture.

### Mobility

No data available for the mixture.

## \*\*\*Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS\*\*\*

### Disposal Methods

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

### Component Waste Numbers

The U.S. EPA has not published waste numbers for this product's components.

## \*\*\*Section 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION\*\*\*

### US DOT Information

**Shipping Name:** Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Contains: Argon, Carbon dioxide)

**UN/NA #:** UN1956 **Hazard Class:** 2.2

**Required Label(s):** 2.2

### IMDG Information

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**UN #:** UN1956 **Hazard Class:** 2.2

**Required Label(s):** 2.2

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## \*\*\*Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION\*\*\*

### Component Analysis

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this products components are listed under SARA Sections 302/304 (40 CFR 355 Appendix A), SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65), CERCLA (40 CFR 302.4), TSCA 12(b), or require an OSHA process safety plan.

#### SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categories

**Acute Health:** Yes **Chronic Health:** No **Fire:** No **Pressure:** Yes **Reactive:** No

#### U.S. State Regulations

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances lists:

Component	CAS	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA
Argon	7440-37-1	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carbon dioxide	124-38-9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Not regulated under California Proposition 65

#### Component Analysis - Inventory

Component	CAS	US	CA	EU	AU	PH	JP	KR	CN	NZ
Argon	7440-37-1	Yes	DSL	EIN	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carbon dioxide	124-38-9	Yes	DSL	EIN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## \*\*\*Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION\*\*\*

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 2 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

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#### Key / Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; ADR - European Road Transport; AU - Australia; BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand; C - Celsius; CA - Canada; CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CN - China; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List; EEC - European Economic Community; EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EU - European Union; F - Fahrenheit; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IDL - Ingredient Disclosure List; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; JP - Japan; Kow - Octanol/water partition coefficient; KR - Korea; LEL - Lower Explosive Limit; LOLI - List Of Lists™ - ChemADVISOR's Regulatory Database; MAK - Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; MEL - Maximum Exposure Limits; NFPA - National Fire Protection Agency; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NJTSR - New Jersey Trade Secret Registry; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZ - New Zealand; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PH - Philippines; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; RID - European Rail Transport; RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances®; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act; TWA - Time Weighted Average; UEL - Upper Explosive Limit; US - United States

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