

# Safety Data Sheet

Argon/Carbon Dioxide 96/4

Central McGowan

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### **Section 1: Product and Company Identification**

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Product Code: Argon/Carbon Dioxide 96/4

Synonyms: C/4 T Recommended Use: **Usage Restrictions:** 

#### **Section 2: Hazards Identification**



Hazard Classification: Hazard Statements:

**Precautionary Statements** 

Storage:

Gases Under Pressure

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

Protect from sunlight.

Store in well-ventilated place.

## Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

|                | CAS#      | Concentration |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Argon          | 7440-37-1 | 96%           |
| Carbon Dioxide | 124-38-9  | 4%            |

|                   | Chemical Substance     | Chemical<br>Family | Trade Names   |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Argon             | ARGON,<br>COMPRESSED   | Inorganic gases    | ARGON; UN 1006; AR  |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | CARBON DIOXIDE,<br>GAS | Inorganic gases    | CARBONIC ACID GAS; CARBONIC ANHYDRIDE; CARBON DIOXIDE; CARBON OXIDE; UN 1013; CO2 |

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## **Section 4: First Aid Measures**

|                   | Skin Contact   | Eye Contact  | Ingestion                                 | Inhalation   | Note to<br>Physicians            |
|-------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Argon             | Not applicable route of exposure   | Flush eyes with plenty of water.   | Not<br>applicable<br>route of<br>exposure | 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. | For inhalation, consider oxygen. |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | 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. | Contact with liquid:<br>Immediately flush eyes<br>with plenty of water for<br>at least 15 minutes.<br>Then get immediate<br>medical attention. | Do not induce vomiting.                   | 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. | For inhalation, consider oxygen. |

## **Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures**

|                   | Suitable Extinguishing Media | Products of Combustion | Protection of Firefighters  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Argon             | Non-flammable gas            | Not applicable         | ■ N/a<br>■ N/A  |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | Non-flammable                | Non-flammable          | <ul> <li>Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.</li> <li>non-flammable</li> </ul> |

## **Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

|                   | Personal Precautions  | Environmental Precautions  | Methods for<br>Containment                   |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Argon             | Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.                                  | None known.  | Stop leak if possible without personal risk. |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Do not touch spilled material. | Subject to California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). Keep out of water supplies and sewers. | Stop leak if possible without personal risk. |

|                | Methods for Cleanup                              | Other Information |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| Argon          | Leaks may be detected by a soapy-water solution. |                   |
| Carbon Dioxide | Stop leak, evacuate, remove source of ignition.  | None              |

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

|                   | Handling   | Storage   |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Argon             | Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances. | Avoid using in confined spaces.   |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.  | Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards |

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## **Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

|         | Exposure Guidelines   |
|---------|---|
| Argon   | ARGON, COMPRESSED: ARGON: ACGIH (simple asphyxiant)   |
| Carbon  | CARBON DIOXIDE, GAS: CARBON DIOXIDE: 5000 ppm (9000 mg/m3) OSHA TWA 10000 ppm (18000 mg/m3) OSHA TWA  |
| Dioxide | (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 30000 ppm (54000 mg/m3) OSHA STEL (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 5000 ppm ACGIH TWA 30000 ppm ACGIH STEL 5000 ppm (9000 mg/m3) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s) 30000 ppm (54000 |
|         | mg/m3) NIOSH recommended STEL   |

#### **Engineering Controls**

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

|                   | Eye Protection   | Skin Protection   | Respiratory Protection  |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| Argon             | Eye protection not required, but recommended.  | Protective clothing is not required. Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.  | N/a   |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area. | For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing. Wear insulated gloves. | Any appropriate escape-<br>type, self-contained<br>breathing apparatus. |

#### **General Hygiene considerations**

- Avoid breathing vapor or mist
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin
- Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or drinking

## **Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

|                | Physical State | Appearance | Color     | Change in<br>Appearance | Physical Form | Odor     |
|----------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Argon          | Gas            | Colorless  | Colorless | N/A                     | Gas           | Odorless |
| Carbon Dioxide | Gas            | Colorless  | Colorless | N/A                     | Gas           | Odorless |

|                | Taste      | Flash Point   | Flammability  | Partition<br>Coefficient | Autoignition<br>Temperature | Upper Explosive<br>Limits |
|----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Argon          | Tasteless  | Not flammable |               |                          | Nonflammable                | Nonflammable              |
| Carbon Dioxide | Acid taste | Not flammable | Not available | N/A                      | Nonflammable                | Nonflammable              |

|                | Lower Explosive<br>Limits | Boiling Point   | Freezing Point               | Vapor Pressure       | Vapor Density | Specific Gravity |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Argon          | Nonflammable              | -303 F (-186 C) | -308 F (-189 C)              | 500 mmHg @ -190<br>C | 1.38 (Air=1)  | Not applicable   |
| Carbon Dioxide | Nonflammable              | Not available   | -71 F (-57 C) @<br>4000 mmHg | 43700 mmHg @ 21<br>C | 1.5 (Air=1)   | 1.522 @ 21 C     |

|                | Water Solubility | рH   | Odor Threshold | Evaporation Rate | Viscosity           | Molecular<br>Weight |
|----------------|------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Argon          | 3.36% @ 20 C     | Not applicable   | Not available  | Not applicable   | 0.0225 cP @ 25<br>C | 39.948              |
| Carbon Dioxide | Soluble          | 3.7 (saturated aqueous solution) @ 101.3 kPa (carbonic acid) | Not available  | Not applicable   | 0.01657 cP @ 0<br>C | 44.01               |

|                | Molecular<br>Formula | Density         | Weight per<br>Gallon | Volatility by Volume | Volatility     | Solvent<br>Solubility                                      |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Argon          | AR                   | 1.784 g/L @ 0 C | Not available        | 100%                 | Not applicable | Soluble : Organic solvents                                 |
| Carbon Dioxide | C-02                 | 0.114           | Not available        | Not applicable       | Not applicable | Soluble : Alcohol, acetone, hydrocarbons, organic solvents |

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## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

|                | Stability                                   | Conditions to Avoid  | Incompatible Materials   |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Argon          | Stable at normal temperatures and pressure. | Protect from physical damage and heat. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.                                       | No data available.   |
| Carbon Dioxide | Stable at normal temperatures and pressure. | Protect from physical damage and heat. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat. Avoid contact with water or moisture. | Combustible materials, oxidizing materials, metal salts, reducing agents, metal carbide, metals, bases |

|                | Hazardous Decomposition Products | Possibility of Hazardous Reactions |  |  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Argon          | No data available.               | Will not polymerize.               |  |  |
| Carbon Dioxide | Carbon monoxide                  | Will not polymerize.               |  |  |

## **Section 11: Toxicology Information**

#### **Acute Effects**

|                | Oral LD50       | Dermal LD50     | Inhalation   |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Argon          | Not established | Not established | Nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, dizziness, disorientation, mood swings, tingling sensation, loss of coordination, suffocation, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma |
| Carbon Dioxide | Not established | Not established | Ringing in the ears, nausea, irregular heartbeat, headache, drowsiness, dizziness, tingling sensation, visual disturbances, suffocation, convulsions, coma   |

|                | Eye Irritation                                | Skin Irritation                               | Sensitization        |
|----------------|---|---|----------------------|
| Argon          | No information on significant adverse effects | No information on significant adverse effects |                      |
| Carbon Dioxide | Irritation, frostbite, blurred vision         | Liquid: blisters, frostbite                   | Difficulty breathing |

#### **Chronic Effects**

|                | Carcinogenicity | Mutagenicity    | Reproductive Effects | Developmental Effects |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Argon          | Not established | Not established | Not established      | No data               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carbon Dioxide | Not available   | Not established | Available.           | No data               |  |  |  |  |  |

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Fate and Transport** 

|                   | Eco toxicity   | Persistence / Degradability   | Bioaccumulation / Accumulation                             | Mobility in<br>Environment  |
|-------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Argon             | Fish toxicity: Not available Invertibrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: Not available  | Not available   | Not available  | Not available               |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | Fish toxicity: 150000 ug/L 48 day(s) (Mortality) Brown trout (Salmo trutta) Invertibrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: Not available | Relatively non-persistent in the environment. Moderately volatile from water. | Accumulates very little in the bodies of living organisms. | Leaches through<br>the soil |

## **Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

| Argon          | Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. |
|----------------|--|
| Carbon Dioxide | Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. |

## **Section 14: Transportation Information**

#### U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

#### **DOT Information For This Mixture**

| Shipping Name      | Compressed gas, n.o.s.<br>(Argon, Carbon Dioxide) |
|--------------------|---|
| UN Number          | UN1956  |
| Hazard Class       | 2.2   |
| Hazard Information | NonFlammable Gas                                  |

#### **Individual Component Information**

|                   | Proper<br>Shipping<br>Name | ID<br>Number | Hazard<br>Class or<br>Division | Packing<br>Group | Labeling<br>Requirements | Passenger<br>Aircraft or Railcar<br>Quantity<br>Limitations | Cargo Aircraft<br>Only Quantity<br>Limitations | Additional<br>Shipping<br>Description |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Argon             | Argon, compressed          | UN1006       | 2.2                            | Not applicable   | 2.2                      | 75 kg or L  | 150 kg   | N/A                                   |
| Carbon<br>Dioxide | Carbon<br>dioxide          | UN1013       | 2.2                            | Not applicable   | 2.2                      | 75 kg or L  | 150kg  | None                                  |

**Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods** 

|                | Shipping Name     | UN Number | Class | Packing Group / Risk Group |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| Argon          | Argon, compressed | UN1006    | 2.2   | Not applicable             |
| Carbon Dioxide | Carbon dioxide    | UN1013    | 2.2   | Not applicable             |

## **Section 15: Regulatory Information**

#### **U.S. Regulations**

|                | CERCLA Sections | SARA 355.30    | SARA 355.40    |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Argon          | Not regulated.  | Not regulated. | Not regulated. |
| Carbon Dioxide | Not regulated.  | Not regulated. | Not regulated. |

#### SARA 370.21

|                | Acute | Chronic | Fire | Reactive | Sudden Release |
|----------------|-------|---------|------|----------|----------------|
| Argon          | Yes   | No      | No   | No       | Yes            |
| Carbon Dioxide | Yes   | No      | No   | No       | Yes            |

#### **SARA 372.65**

| Argon          | Not regulated. |
|----------------|----------------|
| Carbon Dioxide | Not regulated. |

#### **OSHA Process Safety**

| Argon          | Not regulated. |
|----------------|----------------|
| Carbon Dioxide | Not regulated. |

#### **State Regulations**

|                | CA Proposition 65 |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Argon          | Not regulated.    |
| Carbon Dioxide | Not regulated.    |

### **Canadian Regulations**

|                | WHMIS Classification |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Argon          | A                    |
| Carbon Dioxide | A                    |

## **National Inventory Status**

|                | US Inventory (TSCA)  | TSCA 12b Export Notification | Canada Inventory (DSL/NDSL) |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Argon          | Listed on inventory. | Not listed.                  | Listed on inventory.        |
| Carbon Dioxide | Listed on inventory. | Not listed.                  | Listed on inventory.        |

## **Section 16: Other Information**

|                | NFPA Rating                             |
|----------------|---|
| Argon          | HEALTH=0 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0 SPECIAL=SA |
| Carbon Dioxide | HEALTH=3 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0 SPECIAL=SA |

<sup>0 =</sup> minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard