



# Safety Data Sheet

2.5% Carbon Dioxide, 7.5% Argon, 90% Helium

## Section 1: Product and Company Identification

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Product Code: 2.5% Carbon Dioxide, 7.5% Argon, 90% Helium

**Synonyms:**

**Recommended Use:**

**Usage Restrictions:**

## Section 2: Hazards Identification



**Warning**

**Hazard Classification:**

Gases Under Pressure

**Hazard Statements:**

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

**Precautionary Statements**

**Storage:**

Protect from sunlight.  
Store in well-ventilated place.

## Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

	CAS #	Concentration
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	124-38-9	2.5%
<b>Argon</b>	7440-37-1	7.5%
<b>Helium</b>	7440-59-7	90%

	Chemical Substance	Chemical Family	Trade Names
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	CARBON DIOXIDE, GAS	Inorganic gases	CARBONIC ACID GAS; CARBONIC ANHYDRIDE; CARBON DIOXIDE; CARBON OXIDE; UN 1013; CO2
<b>Argon</b>	ARGON, COMPRESSED	Inorganic gases	ARGON; UN 1006; AR
<b>Helium</b>	HELIUM	Inorganic gases	HELIUM GAS; HELIUM COMPRESSED; HELIUM-4; ATOMIC HELIUM; UN 1046; He

## Section 4: First Aid Measures

	Skin Contact	Eye Contact	Ingestion	Inhalation	Note to Physicians
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	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: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate 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.
<b>Argon</b>	Not applicable route of exposure	Flush eyes with plenty of water.	Not applicable route of 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.
<b>Helium</b>	Wash exposed skin with soap and water.	Flush eyes with plenty of water.	If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.	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
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Non-flammable	Non-flammable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.</li> <li>▪ Non-flammable</li> </ul>
<b>Argon</b>	Non-flammable gas	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Helium</b>	Non-flammable. Use suitable extinguishing media for surrounding fire.	Non-flammable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-flammable</li> <li>▪ Non-flammable</li> </ul>

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

	Personal Precautions	Environmental Precautions	Methods for Containment
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	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.
<b>Argon</b>	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.

	Personal Precautions	Environmental Precautions	Methods for Containment
Helium	Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.	Avoid soil, waterways, drains and sewers	Stop leak if possible without personal risk.

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

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

	Handling	Storage
Carbon 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
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.
Helium	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.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

	Exposure Guidelines
Carbon Dioxide	CARBON DIOXIDE, GAS: CARBON DIOXIDE: 5000 ppm (9000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) OSHA TWA 10000 ppm (18000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 30000 ppm (54000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) OSHA STEL (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 5000 ppm ACGIH TWA 30000 ppm ACGIH STEL 5000 ppm (9000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s) 30000 ppm (54000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) NIOSH recommended STEL
Argon	ARGON, COMPRESSED: ARGON: ACGIH (simple asphyxiant)
Helium	HELIUM: ACGIH (simple asphyxiant)

### Engineering Controls

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

	Eye Protection	Skin Protection	Respiratory Protection
Carbon 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.	Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.
Argon	Eye protection not required, but recommended.	Protective clothing is not required.	N/A
Helium	Eye protection not required, but recommended.	Protective clothing is not required.	Non-flammable

### 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 Appearance	Physical Form	Odor	Taste
Carbon Dioxide	Gas	Colorless	Colorless	N/A	Gas	Odorless	Acid taste
Argon	Gas	Colorless	Colorless	N/A	Gas	Odorless	Tasteless
Helium	Gas	Colorless	Colorless	N/A	Gas	Odorless	Tasteless

	Flash Point	Flammability	Partition Coefficient	Autoignition Temperature	Upper Explosive Limits	Lower Explosive Limits
Carbon Dioxide	Not flammable	Not available	N/A	Nonflammable	Nonflammable	Nonflammable

	Flash Point	Flammability	Partition Coefficient	Autoignition Temperature	Upper Explosive Limits	Lower Explosive Limits
<b>Argon</b>	Not flammable			Nonflammable	Nonflammable	Nonflammable
<b>Helium</b>	Not flammable	Not available	Not available	Nonflammable	Nonflammable	Nonflammable

	Boiling Point	Freezing Point	Vapor Pressure	Vapor Density	Specific Gravity	Water Solubility	pH	Odor Threshold	Evaporation Rate	Viscosity
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Not available	-71 F (-57 C) @ 4000 mmHg	43700 mmHg @ 21 C	1.5 (Air=1)	1.522 @ 21 C	Soluble	3.7 (saturated aqueous solution) @ 101.3 kPa (carbonic acid)	Not available	Not applicable	0.01657 cP @ 0 C
<b>Argon</b>	-303 F (-186 C)	-308 F (-189 C)	500 mmHg @ -190 C	1.38 (Air=1)	Not applicable	3.36% @ 20 C	Not applicable	Not available	Not applicable	0.0225 cP @ 25 C
<b>Helium</b>	-452 F (-269 C)	-458 F (-272 C) @ 26 atm	1719 mmHg @ -268 C	0.138 (Air=1)	Not applicable	0.94% @ 0 C	Not applicable	Not available	Not applicable	0.02012 cP @ 26.8 C

	Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula	Density	Weight per Gallon	Volatility by Volume	Volatility	Solvent Solubility
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	44.01	C-O2	0.114	Not available	Not applicable	Not applicable	Soluble: Alcohol, acetone, hydrocarbons, organic solvents
<b>Argon</b>	39.948	AR	1.784 g/L @ 0 C	Not available	100%	Not applicable	Soluble: Organic solvents
<b>Helium</b>	4.0026	He	0.1785 g/L @ 0 C	Not available	100%	Not applicable	Insoluble: Not available

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

	Stability	Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible Materials
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Combustible materials, oxidizing materials, metal salts, reducing agents, metal carbide, metals, bases
<b>Argon</b>	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	No data available.
<b>Helium</b>	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	No data available.

	Hazardous Decomposition Products	Possibility of Hazardous Reactions
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Carbon monoxide	Will not polymerize.
<b>Argon</b>	No data available.	Will not polymerize.
<b>Helium</b>	Miscellaneous decomposition products	Will not polymerize.

## Section 11: Toxicology Information

### Acute Effects

	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Not established	Not established	Ringling in the ears, nausea, irregular heartbeat, headache, drowsiness, dizziness, tingling sensation, visual disturbances, suffocation, convulsions, coma
<b>Argon</b>	Not established	Not established	Nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, dizziness, disorientation, mood swings, tingling sensation, loss of coordination, suffocation, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma
<b>Helium</b>	Not available	Not available	Nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, fatigue, dizziness, disorientation, emotional disturbances, tingling sensation, loss of coordination, suffocation, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma

	Eye Irritation	Skin Irritation	Sensitization
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Irritation, frostbite, blurred vision	Liquid: blisters, frostbite	Difficulty breathing
<b>Argon</b>	No information on significant adverse effects	No information on significant adverse effects	
<b>Helium</b>	Liquid: frostbite, blurred vision	Liquid: frostbite	Difficulty breathing

### Chronic Effects

	Carcinogenicity	Mutagenicity	Reproductive Effects	Developmental Effects
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Not available	Not established	Available.	No data
<b>Argon</b>	Not established	Not established	Not established	No data
<b>Helium</b>	Not available	Not available	Not available	No data

## Section 12: Ecological Information

### Fate and Transport

	Eco toxicity	Persistence / Degradability	Bioaccumulation / Accumulation	Mobility in Environment
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Fish toxicity: 150000 ug/L 48 day(s) (Mortality) Brown trout (Salmo trutta) Invertebrate 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 the soil
<b>Argon</b>	Fish toxicity: Not available Invertebrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
<b>Helium</b>	Fish toxicity: Not available Invertebrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: Not available Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Argon</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Helium</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

## Section 14: Transportation Information

### U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

### DOT Information For This Mixture

<b>Shipping Name</b>	Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Helium, Argon)
<b>UN Number</b>	UN1956
<b>Hazard Class</b>	2.2
<b>Hazard Information</b>	Non-Flammable Gas

### Individual Component Information

	Proper Shipping Name	ID Number	Hazard Class or Division	Packing Group	Labeling Requirements	Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations	Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations	Additional Shipping Description
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	Carbon dioxide	UN1013	2.2	Not applicable	2.2	75 kg or L	150kg	None

	Proper Shipping Name	ID Number	Hazard Class or Division	Packing Group	Labeling Requirements	Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations	Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations	Additional Shipping Description
Argon	Argon, compressed	UN1006	2.2	Not applicable	2.2	75 kg or L	150 kg	N/A
Helium	Helium, compressed	UN1046	2.2	Not applicable	2.2	75 kg or L	150 kg	N/A

### Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods

	Shipping Name	UN Number	Class	Packing Group / Risk Group
Carbon Dioxide	Carbon dioxide	UN1013	2.2	Not applicable
Argon	Argon, compressed	UN1006	2.2	Not applicable
Helium	Helium, compressed	UN1046	2.2	Not applicable

## Section 15: Regulatory Information

### U.S. Regulations

	CERCLA Sections	SARA 355.30	SARA 355.40
Carbon Dioxide	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
Argon	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
Helium	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.

### SARA 370.21

	Acute	Chronic	Fire	Reactive	Sudden Release
Carbon Dioxide	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Argon	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Helium	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

### SARA 372.65

Carbon Dioxide	Not regulated.
Argon	Not regulated.
Helium	Not regulated.

### OSHA Process Safety

Carbon Dioxide	Not regulated.
Argon	Not regulated.
Helium	Not regulated.

### State Regulations

	CA Proposition 65
Carbon Dioxide	Not regulated.
Argon	Not regulated.
Helium	Not regulated.

### Canadian Regulations

	WHMIS Classification
Carbon Dioxide	A
Argon	A
Helium	A

### National Inventory Status

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

## Section 16: Other Information

	NFPA Rating
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	HEALTH=2 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0
<b>Argon</b>	HEALTH=0 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0
<b>Helium</b>	HEALTH=0 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0 SPECIFIC HAZARD=SA

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard