

Danger**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1. Product identifier**

SDS no : AL421

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised againstRelevant identified uses : Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.
Test gas/Calibration gas.
Laboratory use.
Contact supplier for more information on uses.

Uses advised against : Consumer use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheetCompany identification : Air Liquide Australia Limited
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ALAEquiries@AirLiquide.com**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

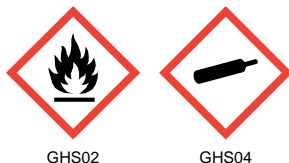
Emergency telephone number : 1800 812 588

SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]**Physical hazards Flammable gases, Category 1 H220
Gases under pressure : Compressed gas H280**Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC [DSD] or 1999/45/EC [DPD]**

F+; R12

2.2. Label elements**Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]**

Hazard pictograms (CLP) :



GHS02

GHS04

Signal word (CLP) : Danger

Hazard statements (CLP) : H220 - Extremely flammable gas.
H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements (CLP)

- Prevention : P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
- Response : P377 - Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
P381 - Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.
- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

2.3. Other hazards

: None.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**3.1. Substance** : Not applicable**3.2. Mixture**

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Methane	(CAS No) 74-82-8 (EC no) 200-812-7 (EC index no) 601-001-00-4 (REACH-no) *1	5 - 100	F+; R12	Flam. Gas 1, H220 Press. Gas (Comp.), H280
Argon	(CAS No) 7440-37-1 (EC no) 231-147-0 (EC index no) (REACH-no) *1	Bala nce	Not classified	Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

Full text of R- and H-statements: see section 16

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

*1: Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.

*2: Registration deadline not expired.

*3: Registration not required: Substance manufactured or imported < 1t/y.

SECTION 4: First aid measures**4.1. Description of first aid measures**

- 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.
- Skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- : In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. Refer to section 11.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

: None.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**5.1. Extinguishing media**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Carbon dioxide.
Do not use water jet to extinguish.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Specific hazards : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
- Hazardous combustion products : Carbon monoxide.

5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

- Specific methods : Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.
If possible, stop flow of product.
Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.
Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire.
Move containers away from the fire area if this can be done without risk.
- Special protective equipment for fire fighters : In confined space use self-contained breathing apparatus.
Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters.
Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.
Standard EN 469 - Protective clothing for firefighters. Standard - EN 659: Protective gloves for firefighters.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- : Try to stop release.
Evacuate area.
Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.
Eliminate ignition sources.
Ensure adequate air ventilation.
Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.
Act in accordance with local emergency plan.
Stay upwind.

6.2. Environmental precautions

- : Try to stop release.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- : Ventilate area.

6.4. Reference to other sections

- : See also sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Safe use of the product : The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.
Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure.
Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations.
Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use.
Do not smoke while handling product.
Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.
Assess the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres and the need for explosion-proof equipment.
Purge air from system before introducing gas.
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
Keep away from ignition sources (including static discharges).
Consider the use of only non-sparking tools.
Do not breathe gas.
Avoid release of product into atmosphere.

Safe handling of the gas receptacle

- : Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.
- Do not allow backfeed into the container.
- Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop.
- When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders.
- Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use.
- If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.
- Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices.
- Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.
- Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water.
- Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.
- Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.
- Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.
- Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.
- Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.
- Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- : Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.
- Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.
- Container valve guards or caps should be in place.
- Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.
- Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.
- Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.
- Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition.
- Keep away from combustible materials.
- Segregate from oxidant gases and other oxidants in store.
- All electrical equipment in the storage areas should be compatible with the risk of a potentially explosive atmosphere.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

- : None.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**8.1. Control parameters**

OEL (Occupational Exposure Limits) : No data available.

DNEL (Derived-No Effect Level) : No data available.

PNEC (Predicted No-Effect Concentration) : No data available.

8.2. Exposure controls**8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls**

- : Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.
- Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages.
- Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available).
- Keep concentrations well below lower explosion limits.
- Gas detectors should be used when flammable gases/vapours may be released.
- Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment

- : A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered:
 - PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.

- Eye/face protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields.
Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection.
- Skin protection
 - Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.
Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.
 - Other : Consider the use of flame resistant anti-static safety clothing.
Standard EN ISO 14116 - Limited flame spread materials.
Standard EN ISO 1149-5 - Protective clothing: Electrostatic properties.
Wear safety shoes while handling containers.
Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.
- Respiratory protection : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.
- Thermal hazards : None necessary.

8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

- : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties
Appearance

- Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa : Gas.
- Colour : Mixture contains one or more component(s) which have the following colour(s):
Colourless.

Odour : Odourless.

Odour threshold : Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure.

pH value : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Molar mass : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Melting point : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Boiling point : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Flash point : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Evaporation rate (ether=1) : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Flammability range : Flammability range not available.

Vapour pressure [20°C] : Not applicable.

Vapour pressure [50°C] : Not applicable.

Relative density, gas (air=1) : Heavier than air.

Solubility in water : Solubility in water of component(s) of the mixture :
• Methane: 26 mg/l • Argon: 67.3 mg/l

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water [log Kow] : Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Auto-ignition temperature : Not known.

Viscosity [20°C] : Not applicable.

Explosive Properties : Not applicable.

Oxidising Properties : Not applicable.

9.2. Other information

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

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity
10.1. Reactivity

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

10.2. Chemical stability

: Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

 : None.
Can form explosive mixture with air.
May react violently with oxidants.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

 : Avoid sparks, flames and other sources of ignition.
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking.

10.5. Incompatible materials

: May react violently with oxidants.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information
11.1. Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity : No toxicological effects from this product.

Skin corrosion/irritation : No known effects from this product.

Serious eye damage/irritation : No known effects from this product.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation : No known effects from this product.

Germ cell mutagenicity : No known effects from this product.

Carcinogenicity : No known effects from this product.

Toxic for reproduction : Fertility : No known effects from this product.

Toxic for reproduction : unborn child : No known effects from this product.

STOT-single exposure : No known effects from this product.

STOT-repeated exposure : No known effects from this product.

Aspiration hazard : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

SECTION 12: Ecological information
12.1. Toxicity

Assessment : Classification criteria are not met.

EC50 48h - Daphnia magna [mg/l] No data available.

EC50 72h - Algae [mg/l] No data available.

LC50 96 h - Fish [mg/l] No data available.

Methane (74-82-8)	
EC50 48h - Daphnia magna [mg/l]	69.4 mg/l
EC50 72h - Algae [mg/l]	19.4 mg/l
LC50 96 h - Fish [mg/l]	147.5 mg/l
Argon (7440-37-1)	
EC50 48h - Daphnia magna [mg/l]	No data available.

EC50 72h - Algae [mg/l]	No data available.
LC50 96 h - Fish [mg/l]	No data available.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Assessment : No data available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment : No data available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Assessment : No data available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Assessment : Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects

Effect on the ozone layer : None.

Effect on global warming : Contains greenhouse gas(es) not covered by Regulation (EC) 842/2006.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**13.1. Waste treatment methods**

Contact supplier if guidance is required.
Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air.
Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor.
Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded.
Refer to the EIGA code of practice Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org> for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

List of hazardous waste codes (from Commission Decision 2001/118/EC) : 16 05 04: Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances.

13.2. Additional information

: None.

SECTION 14: Transport information**14.1. UN number**

UN-No. : 1954

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Methane, Argon)

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Compressed gas, flammable, n.o.s. (Methane, Argon)

Transport by sea (IMDG) : COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Methane, Argon)

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Labelling :



2.1 : Flammable gases

**Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)**

Class	: 2
Classification code	: 1F
Hazard identification number	: 23
Tunnel Restriction	: B/D - Tank carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category B, C, D and E. Other carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category D and E

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s))	: 2.1
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Transport by sea (IMDG)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s))	: 2.1
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire	: F-D
Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage	: S-U

14.4. Packing group

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)	: Not applicable
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)	: Not applicable
Transport by sea (IMDG)	: Not applicable

14.5. Environmental hazards

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)	: None.
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)	: None.
Transport by sea (IMDG)	: None.

14.6. Special precautions for user**Packing Instruction(s)**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)	: P200
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)	
Passenger and Cargo Aircraft	: Forbidden
Cargo Aircraft only	: 200
Transport by sea (IMDG)	: P200

Special transport precautions	: Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers: - Ensure there is adequate ventilation. - Ensure that containers are firmly secured. - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking. - Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.
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14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

: Not applicable.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information**15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

EU-Regulations

Seveso directive 96/82/EC : Covered.

National regulations

National legislation : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Water hazard class (WGK) : -

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

: A CSA does not need to be carried out for this product.

SECTION 16: Other information

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

Training advice : Ensure operators understand the flammability hazard. Receptacle under pressure.

Further information : This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Union legislation. Classification in accordance with calculation methods of regulation (EC) 1272/2008 CLP / (EC) 1999/45 DPD.

Full text of R-, H- and EUH-statements

Flam. Gas 1	Flammable gases, Category 1
Press. Gas (Comp.)	Gases under pressure : Compressed gas
H220	Extremely flammable gas
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
R12	Extremely flammable
F+	Extremely flammable

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