

Safety Data Sheet



METHANE in ARGON, flammable

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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 against

Relevant 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 sheet

Company identification : Air Liquide Australia Limited
Level 9 / 380 St. Kilda Road
3004 Melbourne VIC Australia
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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 WHS Regulation

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| Physical hazards | Flammable gases, Category 1 | H220 |
| | Gases under pressure : Compressed gas | H280 |

2.2. Label elements

Classification according to WHS Regulation

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word :

Danger

Hazard statements :

H220 - Extremely flammable gas..

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated..

Precautionary statements

- 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 - In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources..
- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place..

2.3. Other hazards

: None.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**3.1. Substances** : Not applicable**3.2. Mixtures**

| Name | Product identifier | % | Classification according to WHS Regulation |
|---------|---|---------|---|
| Methane | (CAS-No.) 74-82-8 (EC-No.) 200-812-7 (EC Index-No.) 601-001-00-4 (REACH-no) 01-2119474442-39 | 5 - 100 | 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 | Balance | 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. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation 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.

Hazchem Code : 2SE

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

: Try to stop release.
Evacuate area.
Monitor concentration of released product.
Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
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 product 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.
Avoid suck back of water, acid and alkalis.
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.
Ensure equipment is adequately earthed.
- 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.
Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.
Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.
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.
Product to be handled in a closed system.
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 the use of a 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 - specifications

• 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

: Gas filters may be used if all surrounding conditions e.g. type and concentration of the contaminant(s) and duration of use are known.
Use gas filters with full face mask, where exposure limits may be exceeded for a short-term period, e.g. connecting or disconnecting containers.
Gas filters do not protect against oxygen deficiency.
Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
Standard EN 14387 - Gas filter(s), combined filter(s) and full face mask - EN 136.
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.

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| 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 | : No data available |
| Partition coefficient n-octanol/water [log Kow] | : Not applicable for gas mixtures. |
| Auto-ignition temperature | : Not known. |
| Decomposition point [°C] | : Not applicable. |
| Viscosity [20°C] | : Not applicable. |
| Explosive Properties | : Not applicable. |
| Oxidising Properties | : Not applicable. |

9.2. Other information

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

10.5. Incompatible materials

: May react violently with oxidants.
Air, Oxidisers.
For additional information on compatibility refer to ISO 11114.

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

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| 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. |

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| 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.

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.

Assessment : Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution. Partition into soil is unlikely.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Assessment : Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects

: No known effects from this product.

Effect on the ozone layer : None.

Effect on global warming : Contains greenhouse gas(es).

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.
Return unused product in original cylinder to supplier.

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.

External treatment and disposal of waste should comply with applicable local and/or national regulations

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 (ADG)

Class : 2

Hazchem Code : 2SE

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

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.

HAZCHEM CODE : 2SE

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

National regulations

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

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.

Abbreviations and acronyms : ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate. CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008. REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances. CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number. PPE - Personal Protection Equipment. LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population. RMM - Risk Management Measures. PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic. vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative. STOT- SE : Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure. CSA - Chemical Safety Assessment. EN - European Standard. UN - United Nations. ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road. IATA - International Air Transport Association. IMDG code - International Maritime Dangerous Goods. RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail. WGK - Water Hazard Class. STOT - RE : Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure.

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

Full text of H-statements

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| 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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