

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Product Name **STAINSHIELD**

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 018 - SDS NUMBER · ARGON SHIELDING GAS RARE GAS & OXYGEN MIXTURE · ARGOSHIELD 60 (FORMERLY) · PRODUCT CODE: 075
Use(s) SHIELDING GAS
SDS Date 16 November 2012

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

RISK PHRASES

None allocated

SAFETY PHRASES

None allocated

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

UN Number 1956 **DG Division** 2.2
Packing Group None Allocated **Subsidiary Risk(s)** None Allocated
Hazchem Code 2TE

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Ingredient | Identification | Classification | Content (v/v) |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| OXYGEN | CAS: 7782-44-7 EC: 231-956-9 | O;R8 | 1.5% |
| ARGON | CAS: 7440-37-1 EC: 231-147-0 | Not Available | 98.5% |

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye None required.
Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.
Skin None required.
Ingestion Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.
Advice to Doctor Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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| Flammability | Non flammable. |
| Fire and Explosion | Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Remove cool cylinders from the path of the fire. Evacuate the area if unable to keep cylinders cool. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot. |
| Extinguishing | Use water fog to cool containers from protected area. |
| Hazchem Code | 2TE 2 Water Fog (or fine water spray if fog unavailable) T Self Contained Breathing apparatus and protective gloves. E Evacuation of people in the vicinity of the incident should be considered. |

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| Spillage | If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Use personal protective equipment. Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices. |
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7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

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| Storage | Cylinders should be stored below 45°C in a secure area, upright and restrained to prevent cylinders from falling. Cylinders should also be stored in a dry, well ventilated area constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits. |
| Handling | Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. |

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Standards

| Ingredient | Reference | TWA | | STEL | |
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| | | ppm | mg/m ³ | ppm | mg/m ³ |
| Argon | SWA (AUS) | Asphyxiant | | | |

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| Biological Limits | No biological limit allocated. |
| Engineering Controls | Provide suitable ventilation to minimise or eliminate exposure. Confined areas (eg. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard. |

PPE

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| Eye / Face | Wear safety glasses. |
| Hands | Wear leather gloves. |
| Body | Wear safety boots. |
| Respiratory | Where an inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator. |



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| Appearance | COLOURLESS GAS |
| Odour | ODOURLESS |
| Flammability | NON FLAMMABLE |
| Flash point | NOT RELEVANT |
| Boiling point | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Melting point | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Evaporation rate | NOT APPLICABLE |
| pH | NOT APPLICABLE |
| Vapour density | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Specific gravity | NOT APPLICABLE |
| Solubility (water) | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Vapour pressure | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Upper explosion limit | NOT RELEVANT |
| Lower explosion limit | NOT RELEVANT |
| Autoignition temperature | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Decomposition temperature | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Viscosity | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Partition coefficient | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Cylinder pressure (when full) | Refer to Industrial Gases Reference Manual |
| % Volatiles | 100 % |
| Density | 1.4 (Air = 1) |

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| Chemical Stability | Stable under recommended conditions of storage. |
| Conditions to Avoid | Avoid shock, friction, heavy impact, heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. |
| Material to Avoid | Compatible with most commonly used materials. Hazardous by-products may be produced when this gas/gas mixture is used in welding, cutting and associated processes. |
| Hazardous Decomposition Products | This material will not decompose to form hazardous products. |
| Hazardous Reactions | Polymerization will not occur. |

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| Health Hazard Summary | Asphyxiant gas. Symptoms of exposure are directly related to displacement of oxygen. As the amount of oxygen inhaled is reduced from 21-14% volume, the pulse rate may accelerate and the rate and volume of breathing may increase. The ability to maintain attention and think clearly is diminished, muscular co-ordination is somewhat disturbed. As oxygen decreases from 14-10% volume, judgement becomes faulty, severe injuries may result in no pain. Muscular effort may lead to rapid fatigue. Further reduction to 6% may result in nausea and vomiting. Ability to move may be lost. Permanent brain damage may result even after resuscitation from exposure to this low level of oxygen. Below 6% breathing is in gasps and convulsions may occur. Inhalation of a mixture containing no oxygen may result in unconsciousness from the first breath and death may follow in minutes. |
| Eye | Non irritant. |
| Inhalation | Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Acts as a simple asphyxiant by displacing oxygen in the lungs thereby diminishing the supply of oxygen to the blood and tissues. |
| Skin | Non irritant. |
| Ingestion | Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form. |
| Toxicity Data | No LD50 data available for this product. |

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| Environment | Product is not harmful to the environment. Fume from fabrication processes which use this gas/gas mixture may be harmful to the environment. |
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| Waste Disposal | Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents. |
| Legislation | Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation. |

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE



| | LAND TRANSPORT (ADG) | SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO) | AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO) |
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| UN Number | 1956 | - | - |
| Proper Shipping Name | COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S. (contains argon) | - | - |
| DG Class/ Division | 2.2 | - | - |
| Subsidiary Risk(s) | None Allocated | - | - |
| Packing Group | None Allocated | - | - |
| GTEPG | 2C1 | | |
| Hazchem Code | 2TE | | |
| Other Information | Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed. Refer to Commonwealth, State and Territory Dangerous Goods Legislation which contain requirements which affect gas storage and transport. | | |

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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| Poison Schedule | A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) |
| Inventory Listing(s) | AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances) All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt. |

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders. When using this gas/gas mixture for welding, cutting and associated processes, additional hazards may be generated by the process such as radiation, noise and fume. Risk assessments should be made for each activity to identify and quantify the individual hazards involved. Please refer to the BOC document "Welding Hazards and Risk Management" available from www.boc.com and refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheets for the welding consumables being used or, if available, the materials being welded.

APPLICATION METHOD: Gas regulator of suitable pressure and flow rating fitted to cylinder or manifold with low pressure gas distribution to equipment.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this ChemAlert report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

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| ACGIH | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists |
| CAS # | Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds |
| CNS | Central Nervous System |
| EC No. | EC No - European Community Number |
| GHS | Globally Harmonized System |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer |
| LD50 | Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose |
| mg/m ³ | Milligrams per Cubic Metre |
| PEL | Permissible Exposure Limit |
| pH | relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline). |
| ppm | Parts Per Million |
| REACH | Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals |
| STOT-RE | Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) |
| STOT-SE | Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) |
| SUSMP | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons |
| TLV | Threshold Limit Value |
| TWA/OEL | Time Weighted Average or Occupational Exposure Limit |

Revision History

| Revision | Description |
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| 1.1 | Updated transportation information. |
| 1.0 | Initial SDS creation |

Report Status

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