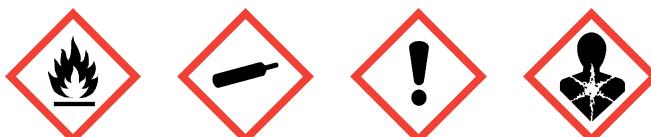


**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

# 2946

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER****1.1 Product identifier****Product name** 11 COMPONENT MIXTURE (BALANCE ARGON)**Synonym(s)** 2946 - SDS NUMBER • SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE**1.2 Uses and uses advised against****Use(s)** CALIBRATION • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS**1.3 Details of the supplier of the product****Supplier name** BOC LIMITED (AUSTRALIA)**Address** 10 Julius Avenue, North Ryde, NSW, 2113, AUSTRALIA**Telephone** 131 262, (02) 8874 4400**Fax** 132 427 (24 hours)**Website** <http://www.boc.com.au>**1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)****Emergency** 1800 653 572 (24/7) (Australia only)**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN WHS REGULATIONS

**GHS classification(s)** Flammable Gases: Category 1  
Gases Under Pressure: Compressed gas  
Acute Toxicity: Inhalation: Category 4  
Toxic to Reproduction: Category 1A  
Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): Category 1**2.2 Label elements****Signal word** DANGER**Pictogram(s)****Hazard statement(s)**

H220 Extremely flammable gas.  
H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
H332 Harmful if inhaled.  
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.  
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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## Prevention statement(s)

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P281	Use personal protective equipment as required.

## Response statement(s)

P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P377	Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
P381	Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

## Storage statement(s)

P405	Store locked up.
P410 + P403	Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

## Disposal statement(s)

P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.
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## 2.3 Other hazards

Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement.

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content (v/v)
NITROGEN	7727-37-9	231-783-9	30%
ARGON	7440-37-1	231-147-0	Remainder
CARBON DIOXIDE	124-38-9	204-696-9	10%
CARBON MONOXIDE	630-08-0	211-128-3	10%
HYDROGEN	1333-74-0	215-605-7	10%
METHANE	74-82-8	200-812-7	5%
PROPYLENE	115-07-1	204-062-1	5%
ACETYLENE	74-86-2	200-816-9	1%
ETHANE	74-84-0	200-814-8	1%
ETHYLENE	74-85-1	200-815-3	1%
PROPANE	74-98-6	200-827-9	1%

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of 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). Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. 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	Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
First aid facilities	No information provided.

#### **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. In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination. Over exposure to carbon monoxide may result in rapid breathing, nausea, lack of coordination, unconsciousness and coma. Carbon monoxide reacts with haemoglobin in the blood to prevent oxygen uptake and release. May cause harm to the unborn child.

#### **4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

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## **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

#### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, such as by slowly closing the cylinder valve.

#### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Extremely flammable. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones etc. when handling.

#### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be activated. This product will add fuel to a fire. Cool cylinders exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders suspected of being hot.

#### **5.4 Hazchem code**

2SE  
2 Fine Water Spray.  
S Risk of violent reaction or explosion. Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Dilute spill and run-off.  
E Evacuation of people in and around the immediate vicinity of the incident should be considered.

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## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

#### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.

#### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

#### **6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge if safe to do so. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

#### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

#### **7.1 Precautions for safe 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.

#### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Do not store near sources of ignition or incompatible materials. 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.

#### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

No information provided.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Acetylene	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Argon	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Carbon dioxide	SWA (AUS)	5000	9000	30000	54000
Carbon dioxide in coal mines	SWA (AUS)	12500	22500	30000	54000
Carbon monoxide	SWA (AUS)	30	34	--	--
Ethane	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Ethylene	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Hydrogen	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Methane	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Nitrogen	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Propane	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	
Propylene	SWA (AUS)			Asphyxiant	

#### Biological limits

Ingredient	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
CARBON MONOXIDE	Carboxyhemoglobin in blood	End of shift	3.5% of hemoglobin
	Carbon monoxide in end-exhaled air	End of shift	20 ppm

Reference: ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices

### 8.2 Exposure controls

**Engineering controls** Provide suitable ventilation to minimise or eliminate exposure. Confined areas (e.g. tanks) should be adequately ventilated or gas tested. Flammable/explosive vapours may accumulate in poorly ventilated areas. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

#### PPE

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



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	COLOURLESS GAS
<b>Odour</b>	SLIGHT PROPANE ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Specific gravity</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Lower explosion limit	NOT AVAILABLE
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

**9.2 Other information**

% Volatiles	100 %
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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization will not occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Carbon monoxide can react with iron, nickel and other metals. Below 3,500 kPa corrosion is negligible and common materials can be used. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, sodium peroxide. Corrosive when moist. Ethylene explodes spontaneously when mixed with chlorine in sunlight or UV irradiation. Phytotoxic.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

This material will not decompose to form hazardous products other than that already present.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**11.1 Information on toxicological effects****Acute toxicity****Information available for the product:**

Harmful if inhaled. Carbon monoxide effects depend on the percentage of carboxyhaemoglobin: 10-20% mild headache and breathlessness on mild exertion; 20-30% headache, irritability, rapid fatigue and impaired memory; 30-40% severe headache, weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, visual impairment and confusion; 40-50% increasing confusion, ataxia and collapse; 50-60% coma; >80% rapid death.

**Information available for the ingredient(s):**

Ingredient	Oral Toxicity (LD50)	Dermal Toxicity (LD50)	Inhalation Toxicity (LC50)
CARBON DIOXIDE	--	--	470000 ppm/30M (rat)
CARBON MONOXIDE	--	--	1807 ppm/4H (rat)
METHANE	--	--	326 gm/m3/2h (mouse)
PROPANE	--	--	> 800000 ppm/15M (rat)

**Skin** Not classified as a skin irritant.

**Eye** Not classified as an eye irritant.

**Sensitisation** Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

**Mutagenicity** Not classified as a mutagen.

**Carcinogenicity** Not classified as a carcinogen.

**Reproductive** May cause harm to the unborn child. Exposure to carbon monoxide can result in developmental defects on foetuses without maternal symptoms.

**STOT – single exposure** Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Over exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness.

**STOT – repeated** Increased evidence of cardiovascular problems have been demonstrated upon chronic exposure to carbon

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monoxide. Can aggravate some diseases of the cardiovascular system such as coronary artery disease. The effect is enhanced by cigarette smoking. Adverse behavioural effects have been noted including impairment of vigilance, co-ordination, timing, behaviour, visual perception and certain cognitive functions. Some adaptation occurs in individuals repeatedly exposed to moderate concentrations.

**Aspiration**

Not classified as causing aspiration.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**12.1 Toxicity**

No information provided.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No information provided.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No information provided.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No information provided.

**12.5 Other adverse effects**

Toxic to animals as per man. When discharged into the atmosphere, methane and carbon dioxide may contribute to the greenhouse effect. Methane has a global warming potential of 21 (CO<sub>2</sub> = 1).

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Waste disposal** Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	1954	1954	1954
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (contains Hydrogen, Methane)	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (contains Hydrogen, Methane)	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (contains Hydrogen, Methane)
14.3 Transport Hazard Class	2.1	2.1	2.1
14.4 Packing Group	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated

**14.5 Environmental hazards** No information provided

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

**Hazchem code** 2SE

**GTEPG** 2A1

**EMS** F-D, S-U

**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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### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

<b>Poison schedule</b>	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).
<b>Classifications</b>	Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.  The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)].
<b>Hazard codes</b>	F+ Extremely flammable Repr. Reproductive toxin T Toxic Xn Harmful
<b>Risk phrases</b>	R12 Extremely Flammable. R20 Harmful by inhalation. R48/23 Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation. R61 May cause harm to the unborn child.
<b>Safety phrases</b>	S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place. S16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges. S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). S53 Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.
<b>Inventory listing(s)</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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<b>Additional information</b>	The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.
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#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this 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 report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

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<b>Abbreviations</b>	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
	EMS Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
	GHS Globally Harmonized System
	GTEPG Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
	IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer
	LC50 Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
	LD50 Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
	mg/m <sup>3</sup> Milligrams per Cubic Metre
	OEL Occupational Exposure Limit
	pH relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
	ppm Parts Per Million
	STEL Short-Term Exposure Limit
	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
	SWA Safe Work Australia
	TLV Threshold Limit Value
	TWA Time Weighted Average

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