

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1977

Product Name **BETWEEN 0.3 AND 3.2% SULPHUR DIOXIDE BALANCE ARGON**

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s) 1977 - MSDS NUMBER · PRODUCT CODE: 292 · SPECIAL GAS MIXTURE
Use(s) CALIBRATION · INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
SDS Date 26 April 2012

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

RISK PHRASES

R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

SAFETY PHRASES

S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place.
S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

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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
SULPHUR DIOXIDE	CAS: 7446-09-5 EC: 231-195-2	T;R23 C;R34	0.3 - 3.2%
ARGON	CAS: 7440-37-1 EC: 231-147-0	Not Available	Remainder

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Cold burns: Immediately flush with tepid water or with sterile saline solution. Hold eyelids apart and irrigate for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention.

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.

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Skin	Cold burns: Remove contaminated clothing and gently flush affected areas with warm water (30°C) for 15 minutes. Apply sterile dressing and treat as for a thermal burn. For large burns, immerse in warm water for 15 minutes. DO NOT apply any form of direct heat. Seek immediate medical attention.
Ingestion	Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.
Advice to Doctor	Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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

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

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 eye or skin contact and 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	
		ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Argon	SWA (AUS)	Asphyxiant			
Sulphur dioxide	SWA (AUS)	2	5.2	5	13

Biological Limits	No biological limit allocated.
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Engineering Controls Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Protective equipment should be worn if levels exceed recommended exposure standards or oxygen levels are below 21%. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

PPE

Eye / Face Wear safety glasses.
Hands Wear leather gloves.
Body Wear safety boots.
Respiratory Where an inhalation risk exists, wear an Air-line respirator or a Full-face Type B (Inorganic and Acid gas) respirator.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance COLOURLESS GAS
Odour PUNGENT IRRITATING ODOUR
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) 0.1128 kg/kg (Sulphur dioxide)
Vapour pressure NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit NOT RELEVANT
Critical temperature 13000 kPa @ 15°C
% Volatiles 100 %

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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. Avoid heating cylinders. Sulphur dioxide is highly corrosive to ordinary steel in the presence of moisture.
Hazardous Decomposition Products May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.
Hazardous Reactions Polymerization will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary Asphyxiant gas - irritant. The sulphur dioxide level has the potential to cause adverse health effects with prolonged exposure. Chronic exposure to sulphur dioxide levels above 1 ppm can lead to a decline in respiratory function. 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. Sulphur dioxide at 5 ppm causes dryness to the mouth & throat and slight breathing difficulties. Exposure at 50 ppm causes strong eye, nose, throat and respiratory tract irritation as well as changes in breathing volume.

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Eye	Irritant. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness. Contact with liquid or vapour may result in corneal burns and frost-bite.
Inhalation	Irritant - asphyxiant. Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, coughing, loss of taste and smell, headache, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness, weakness, lack of coordination, and asphyxiation and pulmonary oedema at very high levels. Individuals with pre-existing respiratory problems (eg. asthma) should avoid exposure.
Skin	Irritant. Direct contact with the liquefied material or escaping compressed gas may cause frost-bite injury.
Ingestion	Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.
Toxicity Data	SULPHUR DIOXIDE (7446-09-5) LC50 (inhalation) 2520 ppm/1 hour (rat) LCLo (inhalation) 1000 ppm/10 minutes (human) TCLo (inhalation) 3 ppm/5 days (human)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environment	Limited ecotoxicity data was available for this product at the time this report was prepared. Ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent this product from entering the environment.
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal	Return cylinder and contents to manufacturer or supplier for recycling. Contact the manufacturer for additional information.
Legislation	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
UN Number	1956	-	-
Proper Shipping Name	COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.	-	-
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

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

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Additional Information The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders.

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

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
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
1.0	Standard SDS Review.

Report Status

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It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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