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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Identification of the substance/preparation : Helium (Refrigerated)

Chemical formula : He

Other means of identification : Helium (refrigerated), Cryogenic Liquid Helium, Liquid Helium, Lhe

Use of the Substance/Mixture : General Industrial

Restrictions on Use : No data available.

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification  
Gases under pressure - Refrigerated liquefied gas

GHS label elements  
Hazard pictograms/symbols



Signal Word: Warning

Hazard Statements:

H281: Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury.

Precautionary Statements:

Prevention : P282: Wear cold insulating gloves/face shield/eye protection.

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Response : P336 :Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area.  
P315 :Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Storage : P403:Store in a well-ventilated place.

## Other hazards which do not result in classification

Extremely cold liquid and gas under pressure.  
Direct contact with liquid can cause frostbite.  
Can cause rapid suffocation.  
Avoid breathing gas.  
Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Mixture : Substance

| Components | Chemical formula | CAS Number | Concentration (Volume) |
|------------|------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Helium     | He               | 7440-59-7  | 100 %                  |

Concentration is nominal. For the exact product composition, please refer to Air Products technical specifications.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Eye contact : In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
- Skin contact : In case of frostbite, obtain medical treatment immediately. As soon as practical, place the affected area in a warm water bath- which has a temperature not to exceed 40 °C (105 °F). Do not rub frozen parts as tissue damage may result. Cover wound with sterile dressing.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Inhalation : Move to fresh air. If breathing has stopped or is labored, give assisted respirations. Supplemental oxygen may be indicated. If the heart has stopped, trained personnel should begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation immediately. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen.
- Symptoms : Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms: Dizziness. Salivation. Nausea. Vomiting. Loss of mobility/consciousness.

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- Suitable extinguishing media : All known extinguishing media can be used.
- Specific hazards : Spill will rapidly vaporize forming an oxygen deficient vapor cloud. Vapor cloud may obscure visibility. Do not direct water spray at container vent. Move away from container and cool with water from a protected position. Keep containers and surroundings cool with water spray.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary. 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.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions : Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ventilate the area. Monitor oxygen level. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
- Environmental precautions : Prevent further leakage or spillage. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
- Methods for cleaning up : Ventilate the area.
- Additional advice : If possible, stop flow of product. Increase ventilation to the release area and monitor oxygen level. Vapor cloud may obscure visibility. Do not spray water directly at leak. If leak is from cylinder or cylinder valve, call the Air Products emergency telephone number. If the leak is in the user's system, close the cylinder valve and safely vent the pressure before attempting repairs.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Handling

Know and understand the properties and hazards of the product before use. Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle compressed gases/cryogenic liquids. Before using the product, determine its identity by reading the label. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents. Before connecting the container, check the complete gas system for suitability, particularly for pressure rating and materials. Before connecting the container for use, ensure that back feed from the system into the container is prevented. Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Do not remove or interchange connections. Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use. Prevent entrapment of cryogenic liquid in closed systems not protected with relief device. A small quantity of liquid produces large volumes of vaporized gas at atmospheric pressure. Containers used in shipment, storage, and transfer of cryogenic liquid are specially designed, well-insulated containers equipped with a pressure relief device and valves to control pressure. Under normal conditions, these containers will periodically vent product to limit pressure buildup. Ensure that the container is in a well-ventilated area to avoid creating an oxygen-deficient atmosphere. Use adequate pressure relief in systems and piping to prevent pressure buildup; liquid in a closed container can generate extremely high pressures when vaporized by warming. Employ suitable pressure regulating devices on all containers when the gas is being emitted to systems with lower pressure rating than that of the container. Only transfer lines designed for cryogenic liquids shall be used. Do not subject containers to abnormal mechanical shock. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart

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(trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. When doubt exists as to the correct handling procedure for a particular gas, contact the supplier.

## Storage

Do not allow storage temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F). Containers should be stored in a purpose built compound which should be well ventilated, preferably in the open air. Full containers should be stored so that oldest stock is used first. Do not store in a confined space. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Return empty containers in a timely manner. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Protect containers stored in the open against rusting and extremes of weather. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Cryogenic containers are equipped with pressure relief devices to control internal pressure. Under normal conditions these containers will periodically vent product. All vents should be piped to the exterior of the building. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Engineering measures

Natural or mechanical to prevent oxygen deficient atmospheres below 19.5% oxygen.  
Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.

### Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmosphere.  
Air purifying respirators will not provide protection. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.
- Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.  
Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.  
If the operation involves possible exposure to a cryogenic liquid, wear loose fitting thermal insulated or cryo-gloves.  
Standard EN 511 - Cold insulating gloves.
- Eye protection : Safety glasses recommended when handling cylinders.  
Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes.  
Wear goggles and a face shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.  
Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection.
- Skin and body protection : Never allow any unprotected part of the body to touch uninsulated pipes or vessels which contain cryogenic fluids. The extremely cold metal will cause the flesh to stick fast and tear when one attempts to withdraw from it.  
Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders.  
Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.
- Special instructions for protection and hygiene : Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.
- Remarks : Simple asphyxiant.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| Appearance                               | : Liquefied gas. Colorless.                    |
| Odor                                     | : Not determined.                              |
| Odor threshold                           | : No data available.                           |
| pH                                       | : Not applicable.                              |
| Melting point/range                      | : No data available.                           |
| Boiling point/range                      | : -452 °F (-269 °C)                            |
| Flash point                              | : Not applicable.                              |
| Evaporation rate                         | : Not applicable.                              |
| Flammability (solid, gas)                | : Refer to product classification in Section 2 |
| Upper/lower explosion/flammability limit | : No data available.                           |
| Vapor pressure                           | : Not applicable.                              |
| Water solubility                         | : 0.0015 g/l                                   |
| Relative vapor density                   | : 0.14 (air = 1) Lighter or similar to air.    |
| Relative density                         | : 0.12 (water = 1)                             |
| Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)  | : Not applicable.                              |
| Auto-ignition temperature                | : No data available.                           |
| Decomposition temperature                | : No data available.                           |
| Viscosity                                | : Not applicable.                              |
| Molecular Weight                         | : 4 g/mol                                      |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| Chemical Stability                | : Stable under normal conditions. |
| Reactivity/Incompatible Materials | : Carbon steel.                   |

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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## Likely routes of exposure

- Effects on Eye : Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.
- Effects on Skin : Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite. May cause severe frostbite.
- Inhalation Effects : In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. Asphyxiation may bring about unconsciousness without warning and so rapidly that victim may be unable to protect themselves.
- Ingestion Effects : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Symptoms : Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms: Dizziness. Salivation. Nausea. Vomiting. Loss of mobility/consciousness.

## Acute toxicity

- Acute Oral Toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.
- Inhalation : No data is available on the product itself.
- Acute Dermal Toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation : No data available.
- Sensitization. : No data available.

## Chronic toxicity or effects from long term exposures

- Carcinogenicity : No data available.
- Reproductive toxicity : No data is available on the product itself.
- Germ cell mutagenicity : No data is available on the product itself.
- Specific target organ systemic toxicity (single exposure) : No data available.
- Specific target organ systemic toxicity (repeated exposure) : No data available.
- Aspiration hazard : No data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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## Ecotoxicity effects

Aquatic toxicity : Not applicable.  
Toxicity to other organisms : Not applicable.

## Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability : No data is available on the product itself.  
Mobility : No data available.  
Bioaccumulation : No data is available on the product itself.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products : Return unused product in original cylinder to supplier. Contact supplier if guidance is required. 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: 16 05 05: Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04.

Contaminated packaging : Return cylinder to supplier.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### ADR

UN/ID No. : UN1963  
Proper shipping name : HELIUM, REFRIGERATED LIQUID  
Class or Division : 2  
Tunnel Code : (C/E)  
Label(s) : 2.2  
ADR/RID Hazard ID no. : 22  
Marine Pollutant : No

### IATA

UN/ID No. : UN1963  
Proper shipping name : Helium, refrigerated liquid  
Class or Division : 2.2  
Label(s) : 2.2  
Marine Pollutant : No

### IMDG

UN/ID No. : UN1963  
Proper shipping name : HELIUM, REFRIGERATED LIQUID  
Class or Division : 2.2  
Label(s) : 2.2  
Marine Pollutant : No  
Segregation Group: : None

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## RID

UN/ID No. : UN1963  
Proper shipping name : HELIUM, REFRIGERATED LIQUID  
Class or Division : 2  
Label(s) : 2.2  
Marine Pollutant : No

### Further Information

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. The transportation information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory data relating to this material. For complete transportation information, contact an Air Products customer service representative.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Workplace Safety and Health Act & Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations

Workplace Health and Safety Act , SS586 Labeling.

| Country     | Regulatory list | Notification           |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| USA         | TSCA            | Included on Inventory. |
| EU          | EINECS          | Included on Inventory. |
| Canada      | DSL             | Included on Inventory. |
| Australia   | AICS            | Included on Inventory. |
| Japan       | ENCS            | Included on Inventory. |
| South Korea | ECL             | Included on Inventory. |
| China       | SEPA            | Included on Inventory. |
| Philippines | PICCS           | Included on Inventory. |

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

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