

# Specshield 5% H<sub>2</sub>, Ar

PRODUCT: SPECSHIELD 5% H<sub>2</sub>, Ar MSDS NR: 302-15-0006 BOC VERSION : 1.04 DATE : 17/08/06 PAGE : 1/1  
FORMERLY: PURESIELD P4 AND ARGON/HYDROGEN MIXTURES CONTAINING 2-11% HYDROGEN

## 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/ PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY

**Product name** Specshield 5% H<sub>2</sub>, Ar.  
**Company identification** See footer.  
**Emergency phone Nos** See footer.

## 2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Substance/Preparation** Preparation.  
**Components/Impurities** Specshield 5% H<sub>2</sub>, Ar 5% H<sub>2</sub> balance Ar.  
**EEC Nr (from EINECS)** Not applicable for preparation.

## 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Extremely flammable.  
Compressed gas.

## 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation** In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation and death. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.  
**Ingestion** Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

## 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Specific hazards** Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode. Inform Fire Brigade.  
**Hazardous combustion products** None.  
**Suitable extinguishing media** All known extinguishants can be used.  
**Specific methods** If possible, stop flow of product. Move away from container and cool with water from a protected position. Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire.  
**Special protective equipment for fire fighters** In confined space use self-contained breathing apparatus.

## 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions** Evacuate area. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate ignition sources. Post warning notices (including no smoking).  
**Leak not ignited** Extinguish all sources of ignition in the immediate area. Close the cylinder valve. If necessary tighten the gland nut.

If leak continues, evacuate the area, and avoiding sources of ignition and minimising personal risk move the leaking cylinder to a safe outside area. Notify BOC. Post warning notices and prevent access to the area. Do not attempt to tighten the cylinder valve in the body of the cylinder. Do not tamper with the safety devices.

**Leak ignited** Raise fire alarm. Close cylinder valve if safe to do so. Call fire brigade. Evacuate the area. If possible apply copious quantities of water from a hose to the affected cylinder(s) from a protected position until the cylinder(s) are cold. Do not move cylinders until cold.

**Environmental precautions** Try to stop release. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

**Clean up methods** Ventilate area.

## 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Ensure equipment is adequately earthed. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Purge air from system before introducing gas. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact BOC if in doubt. Keep away from heat and ignition sources (including static discharges). Segregate from oxidant gases and other oxidants in store. Refer to BOC container handling instructions. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.

## 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Personal protection** Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not smoke while handling product.

## 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Relative density, gas** Heavier than air.  
**Solubility mg/l water** Not known.  
**Appearance/Colour** Colourless gas.  
**Odour** None.  
**Other data** Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level. Will displace oxygen where ventilation is at a high point only.

## 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability and reactivity** Can form explosive mixture with air. May react violently with oxidants.

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**General** No known toxicological effects from this product.

## 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**General** No ecological damage caused by this product.

## 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**General** 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. Contact BOC if guidance is required.

## 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Proper shipping name** Flammable gas (Hydrogen/Argon)  
**UN Nr** 1954.  
**Class/Div** 2.  
**ADR/RID** 1°F.  
**Classification Code**  
**ADR/RID Hazard Nr** 23.  
**Labelling ADR** Label 2.1: flammable gas.  
**Other transport 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. Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured and:  
 – cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.  
 – valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.  
 – valve protection device (where provided) is currently fitted.  
 – adequate ventilation.  
 – compliance with applicable regulations.

## 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548** Not applicable for preparations.  
**EC Classification** F+;R12.  
**Labelling of cylinders**  
 – **Symbols** Label 3: flammable gas.  
 – **Risk phrases** R12 Extremely flammable.  
 – **Safety phrases** S9 Keep container in well ventilated place.  
 S16 Keep away from ignition sources – No smoking.  
 S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

## 16 OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Ensure operators understand the flammability hazard. The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained. Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out. Although this shielding gas alone does not exhibit toxic/harmful effects, the fumes generated from a welding process can be hazardous to health. Always leak check cylinders when first collected, delivered or used, using an approved leak detection fluid. Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of going to press. Whilst proper care has been taken in the preparation of this document, no liability for injury or damage resulting from its use can be accepted. For further safety information please refer to "Safe Under Pressure" and "Safe handling, storage and transport of industrial gas cylinders", both of which are available from your local BOC outlet.

## CYLINDER DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Cylinder Size	Max Fill Pressure (Bar)	Approx. Dimensions including valve and guard where supplied (mm)	Approx. Gross Weight (Kg)	Manifold Cylinder Pallets (MCP)	Max Filled Pressure (Bar)	Approx. Dimensions including valve and guard where supplied (mm)	Approx. Gross Weight (Kg)
N	200	1460 x 230	85	WN (15 x N)	200	1290 x 1810 x 840	1500

**OUTLET CONNECTION:** 5/8" BSP LH cone recessed.



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