

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Product Form:** Substance  
**Product Name:** Analytical Argon  
**CAS-No.:** 7440-37-1  
**Product Code:** 601-00192

### 1.2. Intended Use of the Product

Scientific research and development.

### 1.3. Name, Address, and Telephone of the Responsible Party

#### Supplier

Thermo Fisher Scientific  
2 Radcliff Road  
Tewksbury, MA 01876  
978-670-7460

[www.thermoscientific.com](http://www.thermoscientific.com)

### 1.4. Emergency Telephone Number

**Emergency Number** : 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

#### GHS-US/CA Classification

Simple Asphy  
Press. Gas (Comp.) H280  
Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

### 2.2. Label Elements

#### GHS-US/CA Labeling

**Hazard Pictograms (GHS-US/CA)** :



GHS04

**Signal Word (GHS-US/CA)** :

Warning

**Hazard Statements (GHS-US/CA)** :

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

**Precautionary Statements (GHS-US/CA)** : P410+P403 - Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

### 2.3. Other Hazards

Contact with gas escaping the container can cause frostbite.

### 2.4. Unknown Acute Toxicity (GHS-US/CA)

No data available

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substance

**Name** : Analytical Argon  
**CAS-No.** : 7440-37-1

Name	Synonyms	Product Identifier	% *	GHS Ingredient Classification
Argon	Argon, compressed	(CAS-No.) 7440-37-1	100	Simple Asphy Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

\*Percentages are listed in weight by weight percentage (w/w%) for liquid and solid ingredients. Gas ingredients are listed in volume by volume percentage (v/v%).

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### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of First-aid Measures

**General:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

**Inhalation:** First, take proper precautions to ensure your own safety before attempting rescue (e.g. wear appropriate respiratory protective equipment, use the buddy system), then remove the exposed person to fresh air. Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Obtain medical attention if breathing difficulty persists.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 5 minutes. For brief contact with a small amount: Rewarm with body heat. Get immediate medical advice/attention. For extensive contact or a large amount: Immediately call a poison center/doctor and follow their advice. Specific treatment is urgent, incorrect first-aid practices will aggravate the injury. Protect affected area with a loose cover until proper medical treatment is received.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for at least 5 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.

### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects Both Acute and Delayed

**General:** Contact with gas escaping the container can cause frostbite. Asphyxia by lack of oxygen: risk of death.

**Inhalation:** In elevated concentrations may cause asphyxiation, central nervous system effects, and increased breathing rate.

Symptoms of asphyxiation include headache, dizziness, rapid breathing, increased pulse, mood changes, tremors, cyanosis, muscular weakness, narcosis, numbness of the extremities, unconsciousness and death.

**Skin Contact:** Contact with gas escaping the container can cause frostbite and freeze burns.

**Eye Contact:** Contact with gas escaping the container can cause frostbite, freeze burns, and permanent eye damage.

**Ingestion:** Not considered a potential route of exposure, but contact with gas escaping the container can cause freeze burns and frostbite.

**Chronic Symptoms:** None expected under normal conditions of use.

### 4.3. Indication of Any Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed

If exposed or concerned, get medical advice and attention. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

## SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, fog, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), alcohol-resistant foam, or dry chemical.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a heavy water stream. Use of heavy stream of water may spread fire.

### 5.2. Special Hazards Arising From the Substance or Mixture

**Fire Hazard:** Not flammable.

**Explosion Hazard:** Container may explode in heat of fire. Ruptured cylinders may rocket.

**Reactivity:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal conditions.

### 5.3. Advice for Firefighters

**Precautionary Measures Fire:** Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

**Firefighting Instructions:** Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

**Protection During Firefighting:** Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** None known.

### 5.4. Reference to Other Sections

Refer to Section 9 for flammability properties.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

**General Measures:** Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe gas.

#### 6.1.1. For Non-Emergency Personnel

**Protective Equipment:** Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

**Emergency Procedures:** Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

#### 6.1.2. For Emergency Personnel

**Protective Equipment:** Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

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**Emergency Procedures:** Upon arrival at the scene, a first responder is expected to recognize the presence of dangerous goods, protect oneself and the public, secure the area, and call for the assistance of trained personnel as soon as conditions permit. Evacuate unnecessary personnel, isolate, and ventilate area.

### 6.2. Environmental Precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters.

### 6.3. Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

**For Containment:** Stop leak, if possible without risk. As an immediate precautionary measure, isolate spill or leak area in all directions.

**Methods for Cleaning Up:** Clean up spills immediately and dispose of waste safely. Transfer spilled material to a suitable container for disposal. Contact competent authorities after a spill. Stop the source of the release, if safe to do so. Consider the use of water spray to disperse vapors. Isolate the area until gas has dispersed. Ventilate and gas test area before entering.

### 6.4. Reference to Other Sections

See Section 8 for exposure controls and personal protection and Section 13 for disposal considerations.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling

**Additional Hazards When Processed:** Do not pressurize, cut, or weld containers. Ruptured cylinders may rocket. Asphyxiating gas at high concentrations.

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Avoid prolonged contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not breathe gas.

**Hygiene Measures:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.

### 7.2. Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities

**Technical Measures:** Comply with applicable regulations. Proper grounding procedures to avoid static electricity should be followed.

**Storage Conditions:** Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a dry, cool place. Keep/Store away from direct sunlight, extremely high or low temperatures and incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** None known.

### 7.3. Specific End Use(s)

Scientific research and development.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control Parameters

For substances listed in section 3 that are not listed here, there are no established exposure limits from the manufacturer, supplier, importer, or the appropriate advisory agency including: ACGIH (TLV), AIHA (WEEL), NIOSH (REL), OSHA (PEL), or Canadian provincial governments.

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USA ACGIH	ACGIH chemical category	Simple asphyxiant See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Appropriate Engineering Controls:** Suitable eye/body wash equipment should be available in the vicinity of any potential exposure. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Use explosion-proof equipment. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Gloves. Protective clothing. Protective goggles. Insufficient ventilation: wear respiratory protection. Respiratory protection of the dependent type.



**Materials for Protective Clothing:** Chemically resistant materials and fabrics.

**Hand Protection:** Wear protective gloves. If material is cold, wear thermally resistant protective gloves.

**Eye and Face Protection:** Chemical safety goggles.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Wear suitable protective clothing.

**Respiratory Protection:** Use a NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus whenever exposure may exceed established Occupational Exposure Limits.

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**Thermal Hazard Protection:** Wear thermally resistant protective clothing.

**Other Information:** When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	: Gas
Appearance	: Not available
Odor	: Not available
Odor Threshold	: Not available
pH	: Not available
Evaporation Rate	: Not available
Melting Point	: Not available
Freezing Point	: Not available
Boiling Point	: Not available
Flash Point	: Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	: Not available
Decomposition Temperature	: Not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not available
Lower Flammable Limit	: Not available
Upper Flammable Limit	: Not available
Vapor Pressure	: Not available
Relative Vapor Density at 20°C	: Not available
Relative Density	: Not available
Specific Gravity	: Not available
Solubility	: Not available
Partition Coefficient: N-Octanol/Water	: Not available
Viscosity	: Not available
Explosive Properties	: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- 10.1. Reactivity:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal conditions.
- 10.2. Chemical Stability:** Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
- 10.3. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
- 10.4. Conditions to Avoid:** Direct sunlight, extremely high or low temperatures, open flames, sources of ignition and incompatible materials.
- 10.5. Incompatible Materials:** None known.
- 10.6. Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None known.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects - Product

- Acute Toxicity (Oral):** Not classified
- Acute Toxicity (Dermal):** Not classified
- Acute Toxicity (Inhalation):** Not classified
- LD50 and LC50 Data:** Not available
- Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified
- Eye Damage/Irritation:** Not classified
- Respiratory or Skin Sensitization:** Not classified
- Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified
- Carcinogenicity:** Not classified
- Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):** Not classified
- Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified
- Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure):** Not classified

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**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified

**Symptoms/Injuries After Inhalation:** In elevated concentrations may cause asphyxiation, central nervous system effects, and increased breathing rate. Symptoms of asphyxiation include headache, dizziness, rapid breathing, increased pulse, mood changes, tremors, cyanosis, muscular weakness, narcosis, numbness of the extremities, unconsciousness and death.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Skin Contact:** Contact with gas escaping the container can cause frostbite and freeze burns.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Eye Contact:** Contact with gas escaping the container can cause frostbite, freeze burns, and permanent eye damage.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Ingestion:** Not considered a potential route of exposure, but contact with gas escaping the container can cause freeze burns and frostbite.

**Chronic Symptoms:** None expected under normal conditions of use.

### 11.2. Information on Toxicological Effects - Ingredient(s)

**LD50 and LC50 Data:** Not available

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Ecology - General:** Not classified.

### 12.2. Persistence and Degradability

**Analytical Argon (7440-37-1)**

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Not established.
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### 12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

**Analytical Argon (7440-37-1)**

<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Not established.
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**12.4. Mobility in Soil** Not available

### 12.5. Other Adverse Effects

**Other Information:** Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Waste Disposal Recommendations:** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, territorial, provincial, and international regulations.

**Additional Information:** Empty gas cylinders should be returned to the vendor for recycling or refilling. Do not puncture or incinerate container.

**Ecology - Waste Materials:** Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

The shipping description(s) stated herein were prepared in accordance with certain assumptions at the time the SDS was authored, and can vary based on a number of variables that may or may not have been known at the time the SDS was issued.

### 14.1. In Accordance with DOT

**Proper Shipping Name** : ARGON, COMPRESSED

**Hazard Class** : 2.2

**Identification Number** : UN1006

**Label Codes** : 2.2

**ERG Number** : 121



### 14.2. In Accordance with IMDG

**Proper Shipping Name** : ARGON, COMPRESSED

**Hazard Class** : 2.2

**Identification Number** : UN1006

**Label Codes** : 2.2

**EmS-No. (Fire)** : F-C

**EmS-No. (Spillage)** : S-V



### 14.3. In Accordance with IATA

**Proper Shipping Name** : ARGON, COMPRESSED

**Hazard Class** : 2.2



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**Identification Number** : UN1006

**Label Codes** : 2.2

**ERG Code (IATA)** : 2L

### 14.4. In Accordance with TDG

**Proper Shipping Name** : ARGON, COMPRESSED

**Hazard Class** : 2.2

**Identification Number** : UN1006

**Label Codes** : 2.2



## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. US Federal Regulations

#### Analytical Argon (7440-37-1)

**SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes**

Physical hazard - Gas under pressure  
Health hazard - Simple asphyxiant

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Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

### 15.2. US State Regulations

#### Argon (7440-37-1)

U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List

U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

### 15.3. Canadian Regulations

#### Argon (7440-37-1)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OR LAST REVISION

**Date of Preparation or Latest Revision** : 08/10/2020

### Revision

**Other Information** : This document has been prepared in accordance with the SDS requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 and Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) SOR/2015-17.

### GHS Full Text Phrases:

Press. Gas (Comp.)	Gases under pressure Compressed gas
Simple Asphy	Simple Asphyxiant
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

*This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.*

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