1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: ARGON / HELIUM MIXTURES

Product Code(s): G-234, 1539

UN-No: UN1956

Recommended Use: Welding.

Trade Name: VARIGON He250, VARIGON He500, VARIGON He75

Supplier Address*: Linde Gas North America LLC - Linde Merchant Production Inc. - Linde LLC
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Murray Hill, NJ 07974
Phone: 908-464-8100
www.lindeus.com

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Catano, Puerto Rico 00962
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Mississauga, Ontario L5R 0A2
Phone: 905-501-1700
www.lindecanada.com

* May include subsidiaries or affiliate companies/divisions.

For additional product information contact your local customer service.

Chemical Emergency Phone Number: Chemtrec: 1-800-424-9300 for US/ 703-527-3887 outside US

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

WARNING!

Emergency Overview

Simple asphyxiant
Contents under pressure
Keep at temperatures below 52°C / 125°F

Appearance: Colorless
Physical State: Compressed gas.
Odor: Odorless

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Potential Health Effects:
Principle Routes of Exposure

Inhalation.

Acute Toxicity

Inhalation
Simple asphyxiant. May cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the air. Exposure to oxygen-deficient atmosphere (<19.5%) may cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diminished mental alertness, loss of consciousness and death. Exposure to atmospheres containing 8-10% or less oxygen will bring about unconsciousness without warning and so quickly that the individuals cannot help or protect themselves. Lack of sufficient oxygen may cause serious injury or death.

Eyes
Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

Skin
Contact with rapidly expanding gas near the point of release may cause frostbite.

Skin Absorption Hazard
No known hazard by skin absorption.

Ingestion
Not an expected route of exposure.

Chronic Effects
None known.

Aggravated Medical Conditions
None known.

Environmental Hazard
See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Additional information:
Composition listed covers broad ranges rather than exact percentages for specific products.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact
If frostbite is suspected, flush eyes with cool water for 15 minutes and obtain immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact
For dermal contact or suspected frostbite, remove contaminated clothing and flush affected areas with lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. A physician should see the patient promptly if contact with the product has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or in deep tissue freezing.

Inhalation
PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF INHALATION OVEREXPOSURE. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Conscious inhalation victims should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area and, as necessary, given artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

Ingestion
None under normal use. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Notes to Physician
Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties
Not flammable.
Suitable Extinguishing Media
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Explosion Data

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact
None

Sensitivity to Static Discharge
None

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Cylinders may rupture under extreme heat. Continue to cool fire exposed cylinders until flames are extinguished. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions
Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment. Monitor oxygen level.

Environmental Precautions
Prevent spreading of vapors through sewers, ventilation systems and confined areas.

Methods for Containment
Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without risk. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number in Section 1 or call your closest Linde location.

Methods for Cleaning Up
Return cylinder to Linde or an authorized distributor.

Other Information
Ventilate the area.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Use only in ventilated areas. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap.

Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. When moving cylinders, even for short distance, use a cart designed to transport cylinders. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Use backflow preventive device in piping. Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc.) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing leak to occur.

Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Close valve after each use and when empty. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.

Never put cylinders into trunks of cars or unventilated areas of passenger vehicles. Never attempt to refill a compressed gas cylinder without the owner’s written consent. Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit.

For additional recommendations consult Compressed Gas Association’s Pamphlets P-1 and Safety Bulletin SB-2.

Storage
Protect from physical damage. Cylinders should be stored upright with valve protection cap in place and firmly secured to prevent falling. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Keep at temperatures below 52°C / 125°F. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a “first in-first out” inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Always store and handle compressed gas cylinders in accordance with Compressed Gas Association, pamphlet CGA-P1, Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers.
8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Guidelines
This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

Engineering Measures
Local exhaust ventilation to prevent accumulation of high concentrations and maintain air-oxygen levels at or above 19.5%.

Ventilation
Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/Face Protection
Wear protective eyewear (safety glasses).

Skin and Body Protection
Work gloves and safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders.

Respiratory Protection

General Use
No respiratory equipment is needed if workplace oxygen levels are kept above 19.5%.

Emergency Use
Use positive pressure airline respirator with escape cylinder or self contained breathing apparatus for oxygen-deficient atmospheres (<19.5%).

Hygiene Measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Product Information

Appearance
Colorless.

Odor Threshold
No information available.

Physical State
Compressed gas

Odor
Odorless.

Autoignition Temperature
No information available.

The following information is for the INERT components that may be part of this mixture:

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability
Stable.

Incompatible Products
None known.

Conditions to Avoid
None known.
11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

LD50 Oral: No information available.
LD50 Dermal: No information available.
LC50 Inhalation: No information available.
Repeated Dose Toxicity No information available.

Component Information No information available.

Chronic Toxicity

Chronic Toxicity None known.
Carcinogenicity Contains no ingredient listed as a carcinogen.

Irritation No information available.
Sensitization No information available.
Reproductive Toxicity No information available.
Developmental Toxicity Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

Synergistic Materials None known.
Target Organ Effects None known.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

The environmental impact of this product has not been fully investigated.

Ozone depletion potential, ODP; (R-11 = 1): Does not contain ozone depleting chemical (40 CFR Part 82).
13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Methods
Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to Linde for proper disposal.

Contaminated Packaging
Do not re-use empty containers.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT
Proper Shipping Name Compressed gas, n.o.s.
Hazard Class 2.2
Subsidiary Class None
UN-No UN1956
Description UN1956,Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Argon, Helium), 2.2
Emergency Response Guide Number 126

TDG
Proper Shipping Name Compressed gas, n.o.s.
Hazard Class 2.2
UN-No UN1956
Description UN1956,COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S., 2.2

MEX
Proper Shipping Name Compressed gas, n.o.s.
Hazard Class 2.2
UN-No UN1956
Description UN1956 Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Argon, Helium), 2.2

IATA
UN-No UN1956
Proper Shipping Name Compressed gas, n.o.s.
Hazard Class 2.2
ERG Code 2L
Description UN1956,Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Argon, Helium), 2.2
Maximum Quantity for Passenger 75 kg
Maximum Quantity for Cargo Only 150 kg
Limited Quantity No information available.

IMDG/IMO
Proper Shipping Name Compressed gas, n.o.s.
Hazard Class 2.2
UN-No UN1956
EmS No. F-C, S-V
Description UN1956, Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Argon, Helium), 2.2

ADR
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Hazard Class 2.2
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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**International Inventories**

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**Legend**

- TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
- DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
- EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313**
Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

- **Acute Health Hazard**: No
- **Chronic Health Hazard**: No
- **Fire Hazard**: No
- **Sudden Release of Pressure Hazad**: Yes
- **Reactive Hazard**: No

**Clean Water Act**
This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

**Risk and Process Safety Management Programs**
This material, as supplied, does not contain any regulated substances with specified thresholds under 40 CFR Part 68.
This product does not contain any substances regulated as Highly Hazardous Chemicals pursuant to the 29 CFR Part 1910.110.

**Clean Air Act, Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) (see 40 CFR 61)**
This product does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

**CERCLA/SARA**
This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

**U.S. State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**
This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**
International Regulations

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class
A Compressed gases

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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International Regulations

Note: Ratings were assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in CGA Pamphlet P-19-2009, CGA Recommended Hazard Ratings for Compressed Gases, 3rd Edition.

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