## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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| **Product Name** | Argon He25 |
| **GHS Product Identifier** | Argon / Helium mixture |
| **Chemical Name** | Argon 75 % / Helium 25 % |
| **Synonyms** | Ar/He 25 mix, Pure Shield He25, Argon Helium 25 |
| **Recommended Use** | Shielding gas for TIG/MIG welding of aluminium and copper alloys; increased heat input compared to pure argon. |
| **Uses Advised Against** | Any use inconsistent with this SDS or supplier instruction. |

### Details of the supplier

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| **Supplier Name** | Puregas Aust Pty Ltd |
| **Address** | 15-17 Distribution Drive, Mickleham VIC 3064, Australia |
| **Telephone** | 1300 733 097 |
| **Email / Web** | sales@puregas.com.au |

### Emergency telephone number(s)

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| **24 hr Emergency** | 1300 733 097 (24 hours) |
| **Fire / Ambulance / Police** | 000 (within Australia) |
| **Poisons Information Centre** | 13 11 26 (Australia) |

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA.**

**CLASSIFIED AS DANGEROUS GOODS BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE.**

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| **Physical Hazards** | Gases Under Pressure: Compressed Gas |
| **Health Hazards** | Not classified as a Health Hazard (simple asphyxiant in confined spaces). |
| **Environmental Hazards** | Not classified as an Environmental Hazard. |
| **Signal Word** | WARNING |

**Pictogram:** GHS04 — Gas Cylinder (gas under pressure)

### Hazard statements

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| **H280** | Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. |

### Precautionary statements

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| **Prevention** | None allocated. |
| **Response** | None allocated. |
| **Storage — P410+P403** | Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place. |
| **Disposal** | Return cylinders to supplier — see Section 13. |

### Other hazards

Asphyxiant — effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Release in confined or poorly-ventilated space rapidly reduces breathable oxygen below safe levels. Victims may not be aware of the onset of asphyxiation.

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Ingredient | CAS Number | EC Number | Content |
|---|---|---|---|
| Argon | 7440-37-1 | 231-147-0 | 75 % |
| Helium | 7440-59-7 | 231-168-5 | 25 % |

*No additional ingredients are present which, within current supplier knowledge and at the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment.*

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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| **Eye contact** | Not normally required. Flush with copious water if contamination is suspected. |
| **Inhalation** | Remove casualty to fresh air, avoiding becoming a casualty yourself. If breathing is difficult or has stopped, apply artificial respiration — preferably with an automated oxygen resuscitator. Rescue from a confined space requires SCBA or air-line respirator — never enter without monitoring atmosphere first. |
| **Skin contact** | Not normally required. |
| **Ingestion** | Not a relevant route of exposure (gas). |
| **First aid facilities** | No specific facilities required beyond normal workplace first aid. |
| **Most important symptoms** | In high concentrations: headache, dizziness, drowsiness, breathing difficulty and loss of consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. |
| **Medical attention** | Treat symptomatically. No specific antidote. |

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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| **Extinguishing media** | Non-flammable. Use any extinguishing media suitable for the surrounding fire. Cool exposed cylinders with water fog or spray from a protected location. |
| **Unsuitable media** | None known. |
| **Special hazards** | Cylinders heated in a fire may rupture violently due to thermal pressure rise. Pressure-relief devices may activate. |
| **Advice for firefighters** | Wear full bunker gear and self-contained breathing apparatus. Cool cylinders with water from a protected location until well after the fire is out. Move cool cylinders out of the path of the fire if it can be done safely. Do not approach cylinders suspected of being hot. |
| **Hazchem Code** | 2TE |

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| **Personal precautions** | Evacuate the area. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not enter confined or low-lying spaces without atmospheric monitoring. Use PPE as specified in Section 8. |
| **Environmental precautions** | Prevent gas from entering sewers, basements, work pits or any confined space where accumulation can be dangerous. |
| **Methods of cleanup** | If safe, close the cylinder valve to stop the leak. If irreparable, carefully move the cylinder to a safe, open, well-ventilated location and allow the gas to dissipate to atmosphere. Do not attempt to repair leaking valves or pressure-relief devices — return the cylinder to Puregas. |
| **Reference to other sections** | See Section 8 for exposure controls; Section 13 for disposal. |

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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| **Safe handling** | Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing gas. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders — use a purpose-built cylinder trolley. Always fit the cylinder cap/guard during transport. Use equipment, regulators and hoses rated for the cylinder pressure. Open valves slowly. Close valves after each use and when empty. |
| **Safe storage** | Store cylinders upright in a secure, well-ventilated area at temperatures below 65 °C. Floor should be firm, level and constructed of non-combustible material (preferably concrete). Restrain cylinders to prevent toppling. Segregate from incompatible materials and ignition sources. Keep clear of heavy traffic areas and emergency exits. Comply with AS 4332. |
| **Specific end uses** | Shielding gas for TIG/MIG welding of aluminium and copper alloys; increased heat input compared to pure argon. |

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Exposure standards (Safe Work Australia)

| Ingredient | TWA (ppm) | TWA (mg/m³) | STEL (ppm) | STEL (mg/m³) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Argon | — | — | — | — |
| Helium | — | — | — | — |

*Simple asphyxiants (argon, helium, nitrogen) have no assigned exposure standards. Maintain workplace oxygen ≥ 19.5 % at all times.*

### Engineering controls

Use only with adequate general or local exhaust ventilation. Where an inhalation risk exists, use mechanical extraction ventilation to maintain oxygen above 19.5 % v/v. Monitor confined spaces continuously with calibrated O■ detection.

### Personal protective equipment (PPE)

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| **Eye / Face** | Safety glasses with side shields. Welding helmet with appropriate shade when welding. |
| **Hands** | Leather welding/handling gloves; insulated gloves when handling cold cylinders. |
| **Body** | Flame-retardant overalls and safety boots appropriate to the task. |
| **Respiratory** | Not normally required with adequate ventilation. For confined-space work or oxygen-deficient atmospheres, use SCBA or air-line respirator — filter respirators do not protect against asphyxiation. |

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| **Appearance** | Colourless compressed gas. |
| **Odour** | Odourless. |
| **pH** | Not applicable. |
| **Melting / Freezing Point** | Not applicable (compressed gas). |
| **Boiling Point** | Not applicable (compressed mixture). |
| **Flash Point** | Not relevant (non-flammable). |
| **Evaporation Rate** | Not applicable. |
| **Flammability** | Non-flammable. |
| **Lower Explosive Limit** | Not relevant. |
| **Upper Explosive Limit** | Not relevant. |
| **Vapour Pressure** | Cylinder pressure typically ~200 bar at 15 °C (varies with cylinder spec and fill). |
| **Vapour Density** | Heavier than air for argon-based and CO■ mixtures; lighter than air for helium-rich mixtures. Always assume accumulation in confined spaces. |
| **Solubility in Water** | Slightly soluble. |

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| **Partition Coefficient** | Not available. |
| **Auto-Ignition Temperature** | Not relevant (non-flammable). |
| **Decomposition Temperature** | Not available. |
| **Viscosity** | Not applicable (gas). |
| **Explosive Properties** | Not classified as explosive. |
| **Oxidising Properties** | Not classified as oxidising (low-O■ mixtures only). |
| **Volatiles** | 100 % |

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| **Reactivity** | No specific reactivity hazards under recommended conditions of use and storage. |
| **Chemical stability** | Stable under normal conditions of storage and use. |
| **Hazardous reactions** | Polymerisation will not occur. |
| **Conditions to avoid** | Heat, direct sunlight and physical damage to the cylinder. |
| **Incompatible materials** | Keep separated from flammables, oxidising agents and incompatible chemicals. |
| **Hazardous decomposition products** | None expected under normal conditions of use and storage. |

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| **Acute toxicity — inhalation** | Simple asphyxiant. Based on available data, classification criteria for acute toxicity are not met. |
| **Acute toxicity — skin** | Not irritating to skin. |
| **Acute toxicity — eye** | Not irritating to the eye. |
| **Acute toxicity — oral** | Not a relevant route of exposure (gas). |
| **Skin / Respiratory sensitisation** | Not classified as a sensitiser. |
| **Mutagenicity** | Not classified as a mutagen. |
| **Carcinogenicity** | Not classified as a carcinogen. |
| **Reproductive toxicity** | Not classified as a reproductive toxin. |
| **STOT — single exposure** | Asphyxiant. Over-exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness. |
| **STOT — repeated exposure** | Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure. |
| **Aspiration hazard** | Not classified as causing aspiration. |

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| **Ecotoxicity** | Not classified as harmful to aquatic life. |
| **Persistence and degradability** | Will dissipate rapidly in air. |
| **Bioaccumulative potential** | Not expected to bioaccumulate. |
| **Mobility in soil** | Volatile — will evaporate. |
| **Other adverse effects** | Not classified as an ozone-depleting substance. |

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| **Waste disposal** | Return cylinders to Puregas or an authorised gas reseller for safe discharge and disposal of residual product. Do not dispose of cylinders to general or scrap-metal waste. |
| **Legislation** | Disposal of this product and any by-products must comply with Commonwealth, State and local environmental-protection and waste-management legislation. |

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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| | Land (ADG) | Sea (IMDG/IMO) | Air (IATA/ICAO) |
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| UN Number | 1956 | 1956 | 1956 |
| Proper Shipping Name | COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S. (contains Argon, Helium) | COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S. (contains Argon, Helium) | COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S. (contains Argon, Helium) |
| Transport Hazard Class | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Packing Group | Not allocated | Not allocated | Not allocated |
| Hazchem / EmS | 2TE | F-C, S-V | — |

**Pictogram:** Class 2.2 — Non-Flammable Non-Toxic Gas

Special precautions: ensure cylinders are secured upright with valves protected; outlet relief devices must not be obstructed; segregate from flammables and oxidisers. Comply with the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG 7.x) for road and rail transport. Not a Marine Pollutant.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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| **Safe Work Australia** | Classified hazardous according to Safe Work Australia criteria (Globally Harmonised System — GHS). |
| **Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)** | No poisons schedule number allocated. |
| **Inventory listings** | AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances): all components listed or exempt. |
| **Other Australian legislation** | AS 4332 (Storage and handling of gases in cylinders); WHS Regulations; ADG Code; State environmental-protection legislation. |

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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| **Additional information** | Storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS 4332 and the relevant State / Territory Dangerous Goods legislation. Welding processes generate additional hazards (radiation, noise, fume, ozone) — perform a separate risk assessment. |
| **Application method** | Pressure regulator of suitable rating fitted to cylinder, with gas delivered to the point of use via a flowmeter at the manufacturer-recommended rate. |
| **PPE guidance** | PPE recommendations are a guide only. Final selection should consider method of application, working environment, quantities handled, and the effectiveness of engineering controls. |
| **Health effects from exposure** | Effects depend on frequency and duration of use, quantity, control measures, PPE used, and method of application. |

**Abbreviations**

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| **ACGIH** | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists |

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| **ADG** | Australian Dangerous Goods Code |
| **AICS** | Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances |
| **AS 4332** | Australian Standard — Storage and handling of gases in cylinders |
| **CAS #** | Chemical Abstracts Service registry number |
| **EC No.** | European Community Number |
| **GHS** | Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals |
| **IATA** | International Air Transport Association |
| **ICAO** | International Civil Aviation Organisation |
| **IMDG/IMO** | International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code / International Maritime Organisation |
| **SCBA** | Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus |
| **STEL** | Short-Term Exposure Limit |
| **STOT** | Specific Target Organ Toxicity |
| **SUSMP** | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons |
| **SWA** | Safe Work Australia |
| **TWA** | Time-Weighted Average |

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