

**SECTION 1: Identification****1.1. Product identifier**

Product form : Mixtures  
Trade name : BLUESHIELD™ 1  
Product code : CA-2002-05251  
Other means of identification : Helium (25.00%) in Argon

**1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use**

Recommended uses and restrictions : Test/Calibration gas  
Shielding gas for arc welding.

**1.3. Supplier**

Air Liquide Canada Inc.  
1250, René Lévesque West Blvd. Suite 1700  
H3B 5E6 Montreal, QC - Canada  
T 1-800-817-7697  
[www.airliquide.ca](http://www.airliquide.ca)

**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

Emergency number : 514-878-1667

**SECTION 2: Hazard identification****2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification (GHS-CA)**

Gases under pressure : Compressed gas H280

Full text of H statements : see section 16

**2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements****GHS-CA labelling**

Hazard pictograms (GHS-CA) :



GHS04

Signal word (GHS-CA) : Warning

Hazard statements (GHS-CA) : H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated  
OSHA-H01 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

Precautionary statements (GHS-CA) : P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.  
P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place  
P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P308+P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention  
P280 - Wear eye protection, face protection, protective clothing, protective gloves  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52 °C/125 °F  
CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping  
CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty  
CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure  
CGA-PG14 - Approach suspected leak area with caution  
CGA-PG21 - Open valve slowly

**2.3. Other hazards**

No additional information available

**2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS-CA)**

No data available

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substances

Not applicable

#### 3.2. Mixtures

Name	Chemical name / Synonyms	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-CA)
Argon	Argon, compressed	(CAS-No.) 7440-37-1	75	Press. Gas (Comp.), H280
Helium (Compressed)	Helium, compressed / Helium gas	(CAS-No.) 7440-59-7	25	Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

### SECTION 4: First-aid measures

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

#### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

- Symptoms/effects after inhalation : May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.
- Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Symptoms/effects upon intravenous administration : Not known.
- Chronic symptoms : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

#### 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

- Other medical advice or treatment : If you feel unwell, seek medical advice. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

### SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

#### 5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

#### 5.2. Unsuitable extinguishing media

- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

#### 5.3. Specific hazards arising from the hazardous product

- Fire hazard : The product is not flammable.
- Explosion hazard : Product is not explosive. Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire and increasing risk of burns and injuries.
- Hazardous combustion products : None

#### 5.4. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

- Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.
- Protection during firefighting : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures : EVACUATE ALL PERSONNEL FROM AFFECTED AREA. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is on user's equipment, be certain to purge piping before attempting repairs. If leak is on a container or container valve contact the closest Air Liquide Canada location.

#### 6.2. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Try to stop release if without risk.

Methods for cleaning up : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### 6.3. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection"

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Additional hazards when processed : Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations.

Storage conditions : Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 52 °C/ 125 °F. Keep container closed when not in use. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Store in well ventilated area.

Incompatible products : None known.

Incompatible materials : None known.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available). Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Consider the use of a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

Environmental exposure controls : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

### 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

#### Personal protective equipment:

Gloves. Safety glasses. Protective clothing. Safety shoes.

#### Hand protection:

Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.

#### Eye protection:

Wear safety glasses with side shields.

#### Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing, e.g. lab coats, coveralls or flame resistant clothing.

#### Respiratory protection:

None necessary during routine operations. See Sections 5 & 6



#### Thermal hazard protection:

None necessary during routine operations.

#### Other information:

Wear safety shoes while handling containers.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Gas
Appearance	: Clear, colorless gas.
Colour	: Colourless
Odour	: Odourless
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: No data available
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: Not applicable (non-flammable gas)
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: See Section 2.1 and 2.2
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Vapour pressure at 50 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Solubility	: Water: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not applicable (non-flammable gas).
Oxidising properties	: None.
Explosive limits	: Not applicable (non-flammable gas)

#### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity

Reactivity	: None known.
Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: None known.
Conditions to avoid	: None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).
Incompatible materials	: None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

### SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Likely routes of exposure : Inhalation.

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified

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

LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	820000 ppm/4h
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#### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	820000 ppm/4h
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Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified

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Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1. Toxicity

No additional information available

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Argon (7440-37-1)	
Persistence and degradability	No ecological damage caused by this product.
Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
Persistence and degradability	No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Argon (7440-37-1)	
Log Pow	Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Bioaccumulative potential	No ecological damage caused by this product.
Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
Log Pow	Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Bioaccumulative potential	No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Argon (7440-37-1)	
Log Pow	Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.
Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
Log Pow	Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer	: No known effects from this product.
GWPMix comment	: No known effects from this product.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: Contact supplier if guidance is required. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded.
Product/Packaging disposal recommendations	: Refer to the CGA Pamphlet P-63 "Disposal of Gases" available at <a href="http://www.cganet.com">www.cganet.com</a> for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### 14.1. Basic shipping description

In accordance with TDG

#### Transportation of Dangerous Goods

UN-No. (TDG)	: UN1956
TDG Primary Hazard Classes	: 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-Flammable, Non-Toxic Gas.
Transport Document Description	: UN1956 Compressed gas, n.o.s., 2.2
Proper Shipping Name	: Compressed gas, n.o.s.

Hazard labels (TDG) : 2.2 - Non-flammable, non-toxic gases



TDG Special Provisions : 16 - (1) The technical name of at least one of the most dangerous substances that predominantly contributes to the hazard or hazards posed by the dangerous goods must be shown, in parentheses, on the shipping document following the shipping name in accordance with clause 3.5(1)(c)(ii)(A) of Part 3 (Documentation). The technical name must also be shown, in parentheses, on a small means of containment or on a tag following the shipping name in accordance with subsections 4.11(2) and (3) of Part 4 (Dangerous Goods Safety Marks). (2) Despite subsection (1), the technical name for the following dangerous goods is not required to be shown on a shipping document or on a small means of containment when Canadian law for domestic transport or an international convention for international transport prohibits the disclosure of the technical name: (a)UN1544, ALKALOID SALTS, SOLID, N.O.S. or ALKALOIDS, SOLID, N.O.S.; (b)UN1851, MEDICINE, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.; (c)UN3140, ALKALOID SALTS, LIQUID, N.O.S. or ALKALOIDS, LIQUID, N.O.S.; (d)UN3248, MEDICINE, LIQUID, FLAMMABLE, TOXIC, N.O.S.; or (e)UN3249, MEDICINE, SOLID, TOXIC, N.O.S. An example in Canada is the "Food and Drugs Act". (3) Despite subsection (1), the technical name for the following dangerous goods is not required to be shown on a small means of containment: (a)UN2814, INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE, AFFECTING HUMANS; or (b)UN2900, INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE, AFFECTING ANIMALS. SOR/2014-306

148 - (1) Part 5 (Means of Containment) does not apply to radiation detectors that contain these dangerous goods in non-refillable pressure receptacles if (a)the working pressure in each receptacle is less than 5 000 KPa; (b)the capacity of each receptacle is less than 12 L; (c)each receptacle has a minimum burst pressure of (i)at least 3 times the working pressure, when the receptacle is fitted with a relief device, or (ii)at least 4 times the working pressure, when the receptacle is not fitted with a relief device; (d)each receptacle is manufactured from material that will not fragment upon rupture; (e)each detector is manufactured under a quality assurance program; ISO 9001:2008 is an example of a quality assurance program. (f)the detectors are transported in strong outer means of containment; and (g)a detector in its outer means of containment is capable of withstanding a 1.2 m drop test without breakage of the detector or rupture of the outer means of containment. (2)Part 5 (Means of Containment) does not apply to radiation detectors that contain these dangerous goods in non-refillable pressure receptacles and that are included in equipment, if (a)the conditions set out in paragraphs (1)(a) to (e) are met; and (b)the equipment is contained in a strong outer means of containment or the equipment affords the detectors with protection that is equivalent to that provided by a strong outer means of containment. (3)These Regulations, except for Part 1 (Coming into Force, Repeal, Interpretation, General Provisions and Special Cases) and Part 2 (Classification), do not apply to radiation detectors that contain these dangerous goods in non-refillable pressure receptacles, including detectors in radiation detection systems, if the detectors meet the requirements of subsection (1) or (2), as applicable, and the capacity of the receptacles that contain the detectors is less than 50 mL. SOR/2014-306

Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index : 0.125 L

Exempted quantities (TDG) : E0

Passenger Carrying Road Vehicle or Passenger Carrying Railway Vehicle Index : 75 L

### 14.2. Transport information/DOT - USA

#### Department of Transport

DOT NA no. : UN1956

UN-No.(DOT) : 1956

DOT Symbols : G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name

Transport Document Description : UN1956 Compressed gas, n.o.s., 2.2

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Compressed gas, n.o.s.

Contains Statement Field Selection (DOT) : DOT\_TECHNICAL - Proper Shipping Name - Technical (DOT)

Class (DOT) : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-flammable compressed gas 49 CFR 173.115

Division (DOT) : 2.2

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Hazard labels (DOT) : 2.2 - Non-flammable gas



Dangerous for the environment : No

DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 306;307

DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 302;305

DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 314;315

DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail : 75 kg  
(49 CFR 173.27)

DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 : 150 kg  
CFR 175.75)

DOT Vessel Stowage Location : A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.

Other information : No supplementary information available.

### 14.3. Air and sea transport

#### IMDG

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1956  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
Transport Document Description (IMDG) : UN 1956 Compressed gas, n.o.s., 2.2  
Class (IMDG) : 2.2 - Non-flammable, non-toxic gases

#### IATA

UN-No. (IATA) : 1956  
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Compressed gas, n.o.s.  
Transport Document Description (IATA) : UN 1956 Compressed gas, n.o.s., 2.2  
Class (IATA) : 2.2 - Gases : Non-flammable, non-toxic

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. National regulations

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

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

#### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

### 15.2. International regulations

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

Listed on the AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)  
Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)  
Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)  
Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)  
Listed on NZIoC (New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals)  
Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances)  
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory  
Listed on INSQ (Mexican National Inventory of Chemical Substances)

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### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

Listed on the AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)  
Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)  
Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)  
Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)  
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### SECTION 16: Other information

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Full text of H-statements:

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
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SDS Canada (GHS)

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