

Safety Data Sheet

Material Name: HELIUM

SDS ID: 00232350

Section 1 - PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material Name

HELIUM

Synonyms

MTG MSDS 48; HELIUM GAS; HELIUM COMPRESSED; HELIUM-4; ATOMIC HELIUM; UN 1046; He

Chemical Family

inorganic, Gas

Product Use

Industrial and Specialty Gas Applications.

Restrictions on Use

None known

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

SPECIALTY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

1407 Pennsylvania Ave.

South Houston, TX 77587

General Information: 713-944-0900

Emergency #: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)

Outside the US: 1-703-527-3887 (Call collect)

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification in accordance with paragraph (d) of 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Gases Under Pressure - Compressed gas

Simple Asphyxiant

GHS Label Elements

Symbol(s)



Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statement(s)

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Precautionary Statement(s)

Prevention

None needed according to classification criteria.

Response

None needed according to classification criteria.

Storage

Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Other Hazards

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Rapid release of compressed gas may cause frostbite.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CAS	Component Name	Percent
7440-59-7	Helium	100

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation

If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

Skin

Wash exposed skin with soap and water.

Eyes

Flush eyes with plenty of water.

Ingestion

If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects**Acute**

frostbite, suffocation

Delayed

No information on significant adverse effects.

Note to Physicians

For inhalation, consider oxygen.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical, Large fires: Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

None known.

Special Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Negligible fire hazard. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

Fire Fighting Measures

Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck, evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile).

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear personal protective clothing and equipment such as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for protection against possible exposure.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Dike for later disposal. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.

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Environmental Precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Subject to handling regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.119. Protect from physical damage. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

Incompatible Materials

No data available.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Component Exposure Limits

Helium	7440-59-7
ACGIH:	(See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content)

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)

There are no biological limit values for any of this product's components.

Engineering Controls

Provide local exhaust ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

Individual Protection Measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face protection

Eye protection not required, but recommended.

Skin Protection

Protective clothing is not required.

Respiratory Protection

Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed. Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum. Consider warning properties before use. Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode. Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Glove Recommendations

Protective gloves are not required.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Not available	Physical State	gas
Odor	odorless	Color	colorless
Odor Threshold	Not available	pH	Not available
Melting Point	-272 °C at 26 Atm (-458 °F)	Boiling Point	-269 °C (-452 °F)

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Boiling Point Range	Not available	Freezing point	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not available	Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available
Autoignition Temperature	Not available	Flash Point	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit	Not available	Decomposition temperature	Not available
Upper Explosive Limit	Not available	Vapor Pressure	1719 mmHg @ -268 °C
Vapor Density (air=1)	0.138	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Water Solubility	0.94 % (@ 0 °C)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not available
Viscosity	0.02012 cp	Kinematic viscosity	Not available
Solubility (Other)	Not available	Density	0.1785 g/L at 0 °C
Physical Form	Compressed gas	Taste	tasteless
Molecular Formula	He	Molecular Weight	4.0026

Solvent Solubility

Insoluble

alcohol

Section 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

No reactivity hazard is expected.

Chemical Stability

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will not polymerize.

Conditions to Avoid

Protect from physical damage and heat. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

Incompatible Materials

No data available.

Hazardous decomposition products

miscellaneous decomposition products

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on Likely Routes of Exposure

Inhalation

nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, fatigue, dizziness, Disorientation, emotional disturbances, tingling sensation, loss of coordination, suffocation, convulsions, Unconsciousness, coma

Skin Contact

frostbite

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Eye Contact

frostbite, blurred vision

Ingestion

ingestion of a gas is unlikely

Acute and Chronic Toxicity

Component Analysis - LD50/LC50

The components of this material have been reviewed in various sources and no selected endpoints have been identified.

Product Toxicity Data

Acute Toxicity Estimate

No data available.

Immediate Effects

frostbite, suffocation

Delayed Effects

No information on significant adverse effects.

Irritation/Corrosivity Data

No data available.

Respiratory Sensitization

No data available.

Dermal Sensitization

No data available.

Component Carcinogenicity

None of this product's components are listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, DFG or OSHA.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

No data available.

Tumorigenic Data

No data available

Reproductive Toxicity

No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

No target organs identified.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

No target organs identified.

Aspiration hazard

No data available.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

No data available.

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION
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Component Analysis - Aquatic Toxicity

No LOLI ecotoxicity data are available for this product's components.

Persistence and Degradability

No data available for this product.

Bioaccumulative Potential

No data available for this product.

Mobility

No data available for this product.

Bioconcentration

No data available for this product.

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Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Component Waste Numbers

The U.S. EPA has not published waste numbers for this product's components.

Section 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT Information:

Shipping Name: HELIUM, COMPRESSED

Hazard Class: 2.2

UN/NA #: UN1046

Required Label(s): 2.2

TDG Information:

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UN#: UN1046

Required Label(s): 2.2

International Bulk Chemical Code

This material does not contain any chemicals required by the IBC Code to be identified as dangerous chemicals in bulk.

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this product's components are listed under SARA Sections 302/304 (40 CFR 355 Appendix A), SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65), CERCLA (40 CFR 302.4), TSCA 12(b), or require an OSHA process safety plan.

SARA Section 311/312 (40 CFR 370 Subparts B and C) reporting categories

Gas Under Pressure; Simple Asphyxiant

U.S. State Regulations

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances lists:

Component	CAS	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA
Helium	7440-59-7	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)

Not listed under California Proposition 65.

Component Analysis - Inventory

Helium (7440-59-7)

US	CA	AU	CN	EU	JP - ENCS	JP - ISHL	KR KECI - Annex 1	KR KECI - Annex 2
Yes	DSL	Yes	Yes	EIN	No	No	Yes	No

KR - REACH CCA	MX	NZ	PH	TH-TECI	TW	VN (Draft)
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Ratings

Health: 0 Fire: 0 Instability: 0 Other: SA

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

Summary of Changes

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Key / Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; ADR - European Road Transport; AU - Australia; BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand; C - Celsius; CA - Canada; CA/MA/MN/NJ/PA - California/Massachusetts/Minnesota/New Jersey/Pennsylvania*; CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CFR - Code of Federal Regulations (US); CLP - Classification, Labelling, and Packaging; CN - China; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSD - Dangerous Substance Directive; DSL - Domestic Substances List; EC - European Commission; EEC - European Economic Community; EIN - European Inventory of (Existing Commercial Chemical Substances); EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substance Inventory; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EU - European Union; F - Fahrenheit; F - Background (for Venezuela Biological Exposure Indices); IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IDL - Ingredient Disclosure List; IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; ISHL - Japan Industrial Safety and Health Law; IUCLID - International Uniform Chemical Information Database; JP - Japan; Kow - Octanol/water partition coefficient; KR KECI Annex 1 - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI) / Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL); KR KECI Annex 2 - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI) / Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL) , KR - Korea; LD50/LC50 - Lethal Dose/ Lethal Concentration; LEL - Lower Explosive Limit; LLV - Level Limit Value; LOLI - List Of Lists™ - ChemADVISOR's Regulatory Database; MAK - Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; MEL - Maximum Exposure Limits; MX - Mexico; Ne- Non-specific; NFPA - National Fire Protection Agency; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NJTSR - New Jersey Trade Secret Registry; Nq - Non-quantitative; NSL - Non-Domestic Substance List (Canada); NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZ - New Zealand; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PEL- Permissible Exposure Limit; PH - Philippines; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH- Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and restriction of Chemicals; RID - European Rail Transport; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; Sc - Semi-quantitative; STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit; TCCA - Korea Toxic Chemicals Control Act; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TLV - Threshold Limit Value; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act; TW - Taiwan; TWA - Time Weighted Average; UEL - Upper Explosive Limit; UN/NA - United Nations /North American; US - United States; VLE - Exposure Limit Value (Mexico); VN (Draft) - Vietnam (Draft); WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada).

Other Information

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