



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET - CALIBRATION CHECK GAS

PRODUCT NAME: 100% HELIUM

MSDS NO: He

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1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

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PRODUCT NAME: HELIUM
CHEMICAL NAME: Inorganic, Gas
COMMON NAMES/ SYNONYMS: Helium Gas, Helium Compressed, Helium-4
TDG (Canada) CLASSIFICATION: 2.2
WHIMIS CLASSIFICATION: A

2. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Table with 5 columns: INGREDIENT, %VOLUME, PEL-OSHA, TLV-ACGIH, LD50 or LC50 Route/Species. Row 1: Helium, 100%, Simple Asphyxiate, Simple Asphyxiate, Not Available.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Helium is a colorless, odorless gas. The main health hazard associated with releases of this gas is asphyxiation, by displacement of oxygen. Mixtures with less than 19.5% oxygen act as a simple asphyxiate.

ROUTE OF ENTRY:

Table with 5 columns: Skin Contact, Skin Absorption, Eye Contact, Inhalation, Ingestion. Values: No, No, No, Yes, No.

HEALTH EFFECTS:

Table with 5 columns: Exposure Limits, Irritant, Sensitization, Reproductive Hazard, Mutagen. Values: No, No, No, No, No.

Carcinogenicity: --NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

EYE EFFECTS:

Frostbite, blurred vision.

SKIN EFFECTS:

Frostbite.

INGESTION EFFECTS:

Ingestion unlikely. Gas at room temperature.



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NFPA HAZARD CODES

Health: 0
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 0

HMIS HAZARD CODES

Health: 0
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 0

RATING SYSTEM

0= No Hazard
1= Slight Hazard
2= Moderate Hazard
3= Serious Hazard
4= Severe Hazard

INHALATION EFFECTS:

Due to the small size of an individual cylinder of this product, no unusual health effects from exposure to the product are anticipated under routine circumstances of use. If this product is released in a small, poorly ventilated area, an oxygen deficient environment may occur. Individuals breathing such an atmosphere may experience symptoms which include headaches, ringing in ears, dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, nausea, vomiting, and depression of all the senses.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES:

Flush eyes with plenty of water.

SKIN:

Wash exposed skin with soap and water.

INGESTION:

If a large amount is swallowed, seek medical attention.

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.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

These containers hold gas under pressure, with no liquid phase. If involved in a major fire, they should be sprayed with water to avoid pressure increases, otherwise pressures will rise and ultimately they may distort or burst to release the contents. The gases will not add significantly to the fire, but containers or fragments may be projected considerable distances - thereby hampering fire fighting efforts.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

In terms of weight, these containers hold very little contents, such that any accidental release by puncturing etc. will be of no practical concern.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase rate of product from the cylinder. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 130°F (54°C).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Use adequate ventilation for extended use of gas.



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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PARAMETER:	VALUE:
Physical state	: Gas
Evaporation point	: N/A
pH	: N/A
Odor and appearance	: Colorless, odorless

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stable under normal conditions. Expected shelf life 48 months.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No toxicological damage caused by this product.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No ecological damage caused by this product.

13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Used containers are acceptable for disposal in the normal waste stream as long as the cylinder is empty and valve removed or cylinder wall is punctured; but GASCO encourages the consumer to return cylinders.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

	<u>United States DOT</u>	<u>Canada TDG</u>
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Compressed Gas N.O.S. (Helium)	Compressed Gas N.O.S. (Helium)
HAZARD CLASS:	2.2	2.2
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN1046	UN1046
SHIPPING LABEL:	NONFLAMMABLE GAS	NONFLAMMABLE GAS

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Helium is not listed as a Regulated Substance, per 40 CFR, Part 68, of the Risk Management for Chemical Releases.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

This MSDS has been prepared in accordance with the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply (Amendment) Regulation 1996. The information is based on the best knowledge of GASCO, and its advisors and is given in good faith, but we cannot guarantee its accuracy, reliability or completeness and therefore disclaim any liability for loss or damage arising out of use of this data. Since conditions of use are outside the control of the Company and its advisors we disclaim any liability for loss or damage when the product is used for other purposes than it is intended.