

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS INC. -- HELIUM -- 6830-00-660-0027

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Product Identification
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Product ID:HELIUM

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=== Responsible Party ===

Company Name:AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS INC.

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Composition/Information on Ingredients
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Ingred Name:HELIUM GAS

CAS:7440-59-7

RTECS #:MH6520000

Fraction by Wt: >99%

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ther REC Limits:SIMPLE ASPHYXANT

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===== Hazards Identification =====

Routes of Entry: Inhalation:YES Skin:NO Ingestion:NO
Reports of Carcinogenicity:NTP:NO IARC:NO OSHA:NO
Health Hazards Acute and Chronic:INHALATION: HELIUM IS A SIMPLE
ASPHYXANT, IT CAN DISPLACE AIR IN ENCLOSED SPACES LOWERING OXYGEN
LEVELS NECESSARY FOR LIFE. BREATHING MIXTURES OF HELIUM AND AIR
WITH OXYGEN LEVEL BELOW 15% MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF COORDINATION,
CONFUSION AND COLLAPSE. CONTACT WITH COLD GAS OR LIQUID MAY CAUSE
FREEZE BURNS.
Effects of Overexposure:FATIGUE, SLEEPINESS, LOSS OF COORDINATION,
CONFUSION, COLLAPSE, FREEZE BURNS.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:BREATHING PROBLEMS, HYPOXIA.

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===== First Aid Measures =====

First Aid:INHALE: GET PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IN ALL OVEREXPOSURE
CASES. USE SCBA. QUICKLY REMOVE TO FRESH AIR. IF UNCONSCIOUS GIVE
CPR AND OXYGEN. SKIN/EYE:IN CASE OF FREEZING
OR CRYOGENIC "BURNS"
CAUSED BY RAPIDLY EVAPORATING LIQUID, WASH WITH LOTS OF TEPID
WATER. PROTECT EYES WITH LIGHT BANDAGE IF CANNOT TOLERATE LIGHT.

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===== Fire Fighting Measures =====

Flash Point:NON-FLAMMABLE
Extinguishing Media:NONFLAMMABLE, INERT GAS. USE ANY EXTINGUISHING
MEDIA WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR THE SURROUNDING FIRE.
Fire Fighting Procedures:FIRE FIGHTERS SHOULD WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
AND SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.
Unusual Fire
/Explosion Hazard:CYLINDERS MAY EXPLODE IN THE HEAT OF
FIRE. CYLINDERS SHOULD BE COOLED WITH WATER TO PREVENT RUPTURE OF
STORAGE CYLINDERS.

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===== Accidental Release Measures =====

Spill Release Procedures:EVACUATE ALL PERSONNEL FROM AFFECTED AREAS.
USE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (WEAR SCBA). STOP LEAK IF IT
CAN BE DONE SAFELY. CONTACT LOCAL SAFETY OFFICER FOR EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE.

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===== Handling and Storage =====

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Handling and Storage Precautions:STORE IN A WELL-VENTILATED, LOW-FIRE AREA. PROTECT CONTAINERS FROM PHYSICAL DAMAGE. FOLLOW GENERAL RULES FOR HANDLING COMPRESSED GASES.

Other Precautions:DO NOT DRAG,SLIDE,ROLL CYLINDERS. USE HANDTRUCK FOR MOVING. USE PRESSURE REDUCING REGULATOR WHEN CONNECTING CYLINDER TO LOWER PRESSURE PIPING/SYSTEMS. PROTECT CYLINDERS FROM PHYSICAL DAMAGE. USE CHECK VALVE/TRAP IN DISCHARGE LINE.

===== Exposure Controls/Personal Protection =====

Respiratory Protection:POSITIVE PRESSURE AIR LINE WITH MASK OR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY USE.

Ventilation:LOCAL EXHAUST TO PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF HIGH CONCENTRATIONS SO AS TO REDUCE OXYGEN LEVEL IN AIR TO LESS THAN 19.5%.

Protective Gloves:INSULATING GLOVES

Eye Protection:SAFETY GOGGLES.

Other Protective Equipment:SAFETY SHOES. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AS REQUIRED BY USE CONDITIONS.

Work Hygienic Practices:EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR LEAKS BEFORE USING IN CONFINED AREA.

Supplemental Safety and Health

STORE IN COOL, DRY, WELL-VENT AREA OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION AWAY FROM HEAVILY TRAFFICKED AREAS/EMERGENCY EXITS. KEEP STORAGE TEMPS BELOW 130 F. STORE UPRIGHT & FIRMLY SECURED. USE "FIRST IN-FIRST OUT" INVENTORY. DON'T TRANSPORT CYLINDER OF CRYOGENIC LIQUID IN ENCLOSED SPACE. GE P/N: D27A11.

===== Physical/Chemical Properties =====

HCC:G3

Boiling Pt:B.

P. Text:-452F,-269C

Vapor Density:0.138

Solubility in Water:NEGLIGIBLE

Appearance and Odor:COLORLESS, ODORLESS GAS OR A CRYOGENIC LIQUID.

Percent Volatiles by Volume:100

===== Stability and Reactivity Data =====

Stability Indicator/Materials to Avoid:YES

DO NOT STORE CRYOGENIC LIQUID IN CARBON STEEL CYLINDERS.

Stability Condition to Avoid:HIGH TEMPERATURES.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:NONE

===== Disposal Considerations =====

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e Disposal Methods: REMOVE LEAKING CYLINDERS OUTDOORS, ALLOW GAS TO DISCHARGE AT A MODERATE RATE. CLOSE VALVE AND RETURN TO SUPPLIER MARKED DEFECTIVE. FOLLOW FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS.

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