

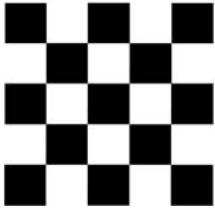
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT NAME: SPECSHIELD 5H (FORMERLY ARGOSHIELD #5H AND PLASMA SHIELD 5H)

1. Product and Company Identification



AS PACKAGED
AND DISTRIBUTED
BY



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PRODUCT NAME: SPECSHIELD 5H (FORMERLY ARGOSHIELD #5H AND PLASMA SHIELD 5H)
CHEMICAL NAME: Hydrogen in Argon
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Not Applicable
TDG CLASSIFICATION: 2.1
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A, B1

PREPARED BY: Loss Control (908)464-8100/(905)501-1700
PREPARATION DATE: 6/1/95
REVIEW DATES: 8/19/03

2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

EXPOSURE LIMITS¹:

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL-OSHA ²	TLV-ACGIH ³	LD ₅₀ or LC ₅₀ Route/Species
Argon FORMULA: Ar CAS: 7440-37-1 RTECS #: CF2300000	95.0	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available
Hydrogen FORMULA: H ₂ CAS: 1333-74-0 RTECS #: MW8900000	5.0	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

¹ Refer to individual state or provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits which may be more stringent than those listed here.

² As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1993)

³ As stated in the ACGIH 2003 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Odorless, colorless, flammable gas. Simple asphyxiant. Release in confined area can displace atmospheric oxygen causing suffocation. Dangerous fire and explosion hazard. Avoid heat, sparks and open flames. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5%. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125 °F.

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ROUTE OF ENTRY:

Skin Contact No	Skin Absorption No	Eye Contact No	Inhalation Yes	Ingestion No
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HEALTH EFFECTS:

Exposure Limits No	Irritant No	Sensitization No
Teratogen No	Reproductive Hazard No	Mutagen No
Synergistic Effects None Reported		

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

EYE EFFECTS: None.

SKIN EFFECTS: None.

INGESTION EFFECTS: None. Ingestion is unlikely since product is a gas at room temperature.

INHALATION EFFECTS: All components of this product are classified as simple asphyxiants. This mixture may displace oxygen if released in a confined space. Effects of oxygen deficiency may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgment, depression of all sensations, emotional instability, and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration, and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma, and death.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: None known.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Not expected to be toxic to fish and wildlife.

4. First Aid Measures

EYES: None required.

SKIN: None required.

INGESTION: None required.

INHALATION: PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area, given artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Flammable		
Flash point: Not Available	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition Temperature: 1058 °F (570 °C)
LEL(%): 4 (Hydrogen)	UEL(%): 74.5 (Hydrogen)	
Hazardous combustion products: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: Not Available		
Sensitivity to static discharge: Yes		

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

Hydrogen concentrations above 2.93% in argon are flammable (CGA P-23, 1995). Hydrogen burns with an almost invisible flame. Rapid flame propagation or flashback possible.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

Water, Dry chemical, Carbon dioxide.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:

If possible, stop the flow of gas. Inerting the atmosphere to reduce oxygen levels may extinguish flame, allowing capping of leaking container. Do not attempt this unless specifically trained. Reduce the rate of flow and inject an inert gas, if possible, before completely stopping the flow to prevent flashback. Do not extinguish the fire until the supply is shut off as otherwise an explosive re-ignition may occur. If the fire is extinguished and the flow of gas continues, use increased ventilation to prevent build-up of explosive atmosphere. Use non-sparking tools to close container valves.

Use water spray to cool surrounding containers. Be cautious of a Boiling Liquid Evaporating Vapor Explosion, BLEVE, if flame is impinging on surrounding containers. Direct 500 GPM water stream onto containers above liquid level with remote monitors. Limit the number of personnel in proximity of fire and evacuate surrounding areas in all directions.

Firefighters should wear respiratory protection (SCBA) and full turnout or Bunker gear. Continue to cool fire-exposed cylinders until well after flames are extinguished. Approach fire with caution as high-temperature flame is practically invisible.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Eliminate all ignition sources and provide maximum explosion-proof ventilation. Stop or control leak or remove cylinder to outdoor location if it can be done without risk. No smoking, flares, flames or sparks in hazard area. Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment (See Section 8). If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest BOC location.

7. Handling and Storage

Electrical Classification:

Class 1, Group B (as Hydrogen)

Earth-ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with flammable gas mixtures. Electrical equipment should be non-sparking and explosion proof.

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This gas mixture is non-corrosive and may be used with all common structural materials. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container is secured with valve protection outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

Use a pressure-reducing regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure piping or systems. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Do not insert any object (i.e.: screwdriver) into valve cap openings as this can damage the valve causing leakage.

Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area of non-combustible construction away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Isolate from oxygen, halogens, and other oxidizing materials. Post "NO SMOKING" signs in storage and use areas. There should be no source for accidental ignition. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 125°F (52°C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders being stored for excessive periods of time.

For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association Pamphlets P-1, P-14 and Safety Bulletin SB-2.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid form in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Use enclosures and local exhaust ventilation as necessary to limit exposure below the acceptable exposure limits. Exhaust gas should be vented to a gas treatment system. If product is handled routinely where the potential for leaks exists, all electrical equipment must be rated for use in potentially flammable atmospheres. Consult the National Electrical Code for details.

EYE/FACE PROTECTION:

Safety goggles or glasses as necessary for the job.

SKIN PROTECTION:

Protective gloves of suitable material for the job. Cotton clothing is recommended to prevent static build-up.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

For emergency release use a positive pressure NIOSH approved air-supplying respirator systems (SCBA or airline/escape bottle) using at a minimum Grade D air.

OTHER/GENERAL PROTECTION:

Safety shoes

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNITS
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Not Available	
Vapor density	: Not Available	
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: Not Available	
Freezing point	: Not Available	
pH	: Not Available	
Specific gravity	: Not Available	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H ₂ O)	: Slightly soluble	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Odorless; colorless gas.	

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: Stable.

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS/CONDITIONS: Incompatible with oxidizers. Avoid heat, sparks, and flame.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

11. Toxicological Information

SKIN AND EYE: No adverse effects expected.

INHALATION: Mixture acts as a simple asphyxiant. Maintain atmospheric oxygen at or above 19.5%.

OTHER: Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

12. Ecological Information

Product does not contain Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances. Not toxic. Will not bioconcentrate.

13. Disposal Considerations

Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to BOC Gases or authorized distributor for proper disposal.

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14. Transport Information

PARAMETER	United States DOT	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Compressed Gas, Flammable, n.o.s., (Hydrogen in Argon)	Compressed Gas, Flammable, n.o.s., (Hydrogen)
HAZARD CLASS:	2.1	2.1
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1954	UN 1954
SHIPPING LABEL:	FLAMMABLE GAS	FLAMMABLE GAS

15. Regulatory Information

SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES:

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard
Fire Hazard

SARA TITLE III - SECTION 313 SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION:

This product does NOT contain any ingredients which are regulated on the U.S. EPA List of Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372), and is therefore not subject to release reporting under Section 313 of EPCRA/SARA Title III.

U.S. TSCA/Canadian DSL: All ingredients are listed on the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory or exempt from listing and on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

California Prop65: This product does not contain ingredient(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

16. Other Information

NFPA HAZARD CODES

Health: 0
Flammability: 4 (as hydrogen)
Instability: 0

HMIS HAZARD CODES

Health: 0
Flammability: 4 (as hydrogen)
Reactivity: 0

RATINGS SYSTEM

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

Note: The Reactivity Hazard Rating is based on the 2nd Edition of the National Paint and Coatings Association's (NPCA's) Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS®). Hazard ratings were based on the best available information at the time of the review. Ratings will be re-assigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in the future edition of CGA Pamphlet P-19.

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ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT	Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

Compressed gas cylinders shall not be refilled without the express written permission of the owner. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his/her (written) consent is a violation of transportation regulations.

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