



MATHESON

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Safety Data Sheet

Material Name HELIUM

SDS ID: MAT10640

Section 1 - IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: HELIUM

Trade Names/Synonyms

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

Chemical Family

inorganic, gas

Recommended Use

Industrial and Specialty Gas Applications

Restrictions on Use

None known.

Manufacturer Information

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General Information: 1-800-416-2505
Emergency #: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)
Outside the US: 703-527-3887 (Call collect)

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200

Gas under pressure, Compressed gas

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 in accordance with all applicable regulations.

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Hazard(s) Not Otherwise Classified

May cause frostbite upon sudden release of compressed gas.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CAS	Component	Percent
7440-59-7	Helium	100

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of Necessary 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

If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (100-105 F, 38-41 C). DO NOT USE HOT WATER. If warm water is not available, gently wrap affected parts in blankets. Get immediate medical attention.

Eyes

Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Then get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion

If swallowed, get medical attention.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects

Acute

suffocation, frostbite

Delayed

No information on significant adverse effects.

Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment

For inhalation, consider oxygen.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

None known.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

Hazardous Combustion Products

Combustion: Not applicable

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. Do not direct water at source of leak or safety devices; icing may occur. 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). Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

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Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear full protective fire fighting gear including self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for protection against possible exposure.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear personal protective clothing and equipment, see Section 8.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift. Do not direct water at spill or source of leak. If possible, turn leaking containers so that gas escapes rather than liquid. Allow substance to evaporate. Ventilate closed spaces before entering.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Avoid breathing gas. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Conditions for Safe Storage, including any Incompatibilities

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store in a well-ventilated area. Protect from sunlight. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

Incompatibilities No data available.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Component Exposure Limits

Helium (7440-59-7)

ACGIH: Simple asphyxiant (See Appendix F: Minimal Oxygen Content)

Component Biological Limit Values

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

Appropriate Engineering Controls

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

Individual Protection Measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment

Eyes/Face Protection

For the gas: Eye protection not required, but recommended. For the liquid: Wear splash resistant safety glasses.

Skin Protection

For the gas: Protective clothing is not required. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.

Glove Recommendations

For the gas: Protective gloves are not required. For the liquid: Wear insulated gloves.

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.

For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -

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.

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Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Gas	Appearance: Colorless gas
Color: colorless	Physical Form: compressed gas
Odor: odorless	Odor Threshold: odorless
Taste: tasteless	pH: Not available
Melting/Freezing Point: -272 °C @26 atm	Boiling Point: -269 °C
Flash Point: Not flammable	Decomposition: Not available
Evaporation Rate: Not available	LEL: Not available
UEL: Not available	Vapor Pressure: 1719 mmHg @ -268 °C
Vapor Density (air = 1): 0.138	Density: 0.1785 g/L @ 0 °C
Water Solubility: 0.94 % @ 0 °C	Log KOW: Not available
Auto Ignition: Not available	Viscosity: 0.02012 cP @26.8 °C
Molecular Weight: 4.0026	Molecular Formula: He
Critical Temperature: -267.9 °C	Flammability (solid, gas): Not flammable

Other Property Information

No additional information is available.

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

Combustion: Not applicable

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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.

RTECS Acute Toxicity (selected)

The components of this material have been reviewed and RTECS publishes no data as of the date on this document.

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

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Ingestion

ingestion of a gas is unlikely

Skin Contact

frostbite

Eye Contact

frostbite, blurred vision

Immediate Effects

suffocation, frostbite

Delayed Effects

No information on significant adverse effects.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

None known.

Irritation/Corrosivity Data

No animal testing data available for skin or eyes.

RTECS Irritation

The components of this material have been reviewed and RTECS publishes no data as of the date on this document.

Respiratory Sensitization

No data available.

Dermal Sensitization

No data available.

Carcinogenicity

Component Carcinogenicity

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

Mutagenic Data

No data available.

Reproductive Effects Data

No data available.

Tumorigenic Data

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

Not applicable.

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Component Analysis - Aquatic Toxicity

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

Persistence and Degradability

No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential

No data available.

Mobility

No data available.

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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

UN/NA #: UN1046 **Hazard Class:** 2.2

Required Label(s): 2.2

IMDG Information

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Required Label(s): 2.2

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

Component Analysis

U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this products 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 311/312 Hazardous Categories

Acute Health: Yes **Chronic Health:** No **Fire:** No **Pressure:** Yes **Reactive:** No

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

Not regulated under California Proposition 65

Component Analysis - Inventory

Component	CAS	US	CA	EU	AU	PH	JP	KR	CN	NZ
Helium	7440-59-7	Yes	DSL	EIN	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Ratings: Health: 3 **Fire:** 0 **Reactivity:** 0

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

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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; CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CN - China; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List; EEC - European Economic Community; EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EU - European Union; F - Fahrenheit; 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; JP - Japan; Kow - Octanol/water partition coefficient; KR - Korea; LEL - Lower Explosive Limit; LOLI - List Of Lists™ - ChemADVISOR's Regulatory Database; MAK - Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; MEL - Maximum Exposure Limits; NFPA - National Fire Protection Agency; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NJTSR - New Jersey Trade Secret Registry; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZ - New Zealand; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PH - Philippines; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; RID - European Rail Transport; RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances®; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act; TWA - Time Weighted Average; UEL - Upper Explosive Limit; US - United States

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