

# Material Safety Data Sheet



Flammable Gas Mixture: 1 Butene / 1 Hexene / Argon / Ethane / Ethylene /  
Heptane / Hexane / N Butane

## Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

**Product Name** : Flammable Gas Mixture: 1 Butene / 1 Hexene / Argon / Ethane / Ethylene / Heptane / Hexane / N Butane

**Supplier** : AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries  
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**Product use** : Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.

**MSDS#** : 007270

**Date of Preparation/Revision** : **5/30/2007.**

**In case of emergency** : 1-866-734-3438

## Section 2. Hazards identification

**Physical state** : Gas.

**Emergency overview** : Warning!  
FLAMMABLE GAS.  
CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.  
CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS:  
MUCOUS MEMBRANES, HEART, PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, RESPIRATORY  
TRACT, SKIN, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA, MUSCLE  
TISSUE.  
VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.  
POSSIBLE CANCER HAZARD  
CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.  
Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Keep  
container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Risk of cancer depends on  
duration and level of exposure.  
Contact with rapidly expanding gases can cause frostbite.

**Routes of entry** : Inhalation, Dermal, Eyes

**Potential acute health effects**

**Eyes** : Slightly irritating to the eyes.

**Skin** : Slightly irritating to the skin.

**Inhalation** : Slightly irritating to the respiratory system.

**Ingestion** : Ingestion is not a normal route of exposure for gases

**Potential chronic health effects** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** Classified A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by  
ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC [Ethylene].  
**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS** Not available.  
**TERATOGENIC EFFECTS**: Not available.

**Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure** : Acute or chronic respiratory conditions may be aggravated by overexposure to this gas.

**See toxicological Information (section 11)**

## Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>% Volume</u>	<u>Exposure limits</u>
Ethylene	74-85-1	1.9 - 99	<b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2005). Notes: ACGIH 2005 Adoption Refers to Appendix A -- Carcinogens.</b> TWA: 200 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms
Argon	7440-37-1	1 - 97	<b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004). Notes: ACGIH 2004 Adoption</b> TWA: 1000 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms
Ethane	74-84-0	0.1 - 50	
n-Butane	106-97-8	0.08 - 5	<b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004). Notes: ACGIH 2004 Adoption</b> TWA: 1000 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>NIOSH REL (United States, 6/2001).</b> TWA: 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 800 ppm 10 hour(s). Form: All forms
1-Butene	106-98-9	1 - 5	<b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004). Skin Notes: 1998 Adoption. Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices</b> TWA: 50 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001).</b> TWA: 180 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 50 ppm 10 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>OSHA PEL (United States, 8/1997).</b> TWA: 1800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 500 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004).</b> STEL: 2050 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 minute(s). Form: All forms STEL: 500 ppm 15 minute(s). Form: All forms TWA: 1640 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 400 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001).</b> CEIL: 1800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 minute(s). Form: All forms CEIL: 440 ppm 15 minute(s). Form: All forms TWA: 350 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 85 ppm 10 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>OSHA PEL (United States, 8/1997).</b> TWA: 2000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s). Form: All forms TWA: 500 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms <b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2004). Notes: 2002 Adoption.</b> TWA: 50 ppm 8 hour(s). Form: All forms
Hexane	110-54-3	0.005 - 5	
n-Heptane	142-82-5	0.04 - 5	
1-Hexene	592-41-6	0.005 - 5	

## Section 4. First aid measures

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If fumes are still suspected to be present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or a self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

- Eye contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
- Skin contact** : Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops.
- Frostbite** : Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.
- Inhalation** : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

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**Ingestion** : Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

## Section 5. Fire fighting measures

**Flammability of the product** : Flammable.

**Auto-ignition temperature** : The lowest known value is 286.85°C (548.3°F) (Butane).

**Flash point** : The lowest known value is Closed cup: -135.85°C (-212.5°F). (Ethylene)

**Flammable limits** : The greatest known range is Lower: 2.7% Upper: 36% (Ethylene)

**Products of combustion** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire hazards in presence of various substances** : Extremely flammable in presence of oxidizing materials.  
Highly flammable in presence of open flames, sparks and static discharge.

**Fire fighting media and instructions** : In case of fire, use water spray (fog), foam, dry chemicals, or CO<sub>2</sub>.

If involved in fire, shut off flow immediately if it can be done without risk. Apply water from a safe distance to cool container and protect surrounding area.

Extremely flammable. Gas may accumulate in confined areas, travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back causing fire or explosion.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal precautions** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (Section 8). Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

**Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** : Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. To avoid fire, minimize ignition sources. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Do not puncture or incinerate container. High pressure gas. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

**Storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Cylinders should be stored upright, with valve protection cap in place, and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Cylinder temperatures should not exceed 52 °C (125 °F).

## Section 8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering controls** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

### Personal protection

**Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.

**Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

**Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

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The applicable standards are (US) 29 CFR 1910.134 and (Canada) Z94.4-93

**Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves or gauntlets complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

**Personal protection in case of a large spill** : A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product.

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Molecular weight** : Not applicable.  
**Molecular formula** : Not applicable.  
**Boiling/condensation point** : Not available.  
**Melting/freezing point** : -135.45°C (-211.8°F) based on data for: Butane. Weighted average: -176.98°C (-286.6°F)  
**Critical temperature** : The lowest known value is -122.4°C (-188.3°F) (argon).  
**Vapor density** : The highest known value is 2 (Air = 1) (Butane). Weighted average: 1.19 (Air = 1)  
**Specific Volume (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb)** : Not applicable.  
**Gas Density (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)** : Weighted average: 0.09

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

**Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.  
**Incompatibility with various substances** : Highly reactive with oxidizing agents.

## Section 11. Toxicological information

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Species</u>
n-Heptane	LC50	50242 ppm (1 hour(s))	Inhalation	Rat

**Chronic effects on humans** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** Classified A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC [Ethylene].  
Contains material which causes damage to the following organs: mucous membranes, heart, peripheral nervous system, upper respiratory tract, skin, central nervous system (CNS), eye, lens or cornea, muscle tissue.

**Other toxic effects on humans** : Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant).

### Specific effects

**Carcinogenic effects** : Contains material which may cause cancer based on animal data. Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.

**Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Reproduction toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## Section 12. Ecological information

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Result</u>
Hexane	Pimephales promelas (LC50)	96 hour(s)	2.5 mg/l

**Products of degradation** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>) and water.

**Toxicity of the products of biodegradation** : The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Environmental fate** : Not available.




**Environmental hazards** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Toxicity to the environment** : Not available.

## Section 13. Disposal considerations

Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.

## Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	UN1954	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.	2.1	Not applicable (gas).		-
<b>TDG Classification</b>	UN1954	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.	2.1	Not applicable (gas).		<p><b>Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index</b> 0.125</p> <p><b>ERAP Index</b> 3000</p> <p><b>Passenger Carrying Ship Index</b> Forbidden</p> <p><b>Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index</b> Forbidden</p>
<b>Mexico Classification</b>	UN1954	COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.	2.1	Not applicable (gas).		-

## Section 15. Regulatory information

### United States

**U.S. Federal regulations** :

- TSCA 4(a) final test rules: n-hexane; heptane
- TSCA 8(a) PAIR: heptane
- TSCA 8(b) inventory: argon; Ethylene; But-1-ene; Butane; Ethane; n-hexane; heptane; hexene
- TSCA 12(b) one time export: heptane
- SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
- SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
- SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: argon; Ethylene; Butane; Ethane; n-hexane; heptane; hexene
- SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: argon: Sudden Release of Pressure; Ethylene: Fire hazard, reactive, Sudden Release of Pressure, Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard; Butane: Fire hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure; Ethane: Fire hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard; n-hexane: Fire hazard, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard, Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard; heptane: Fire hazard; hexene: Fire hazard, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard
- Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.
- Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.

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Clean air act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: Ethylene; But-1-ene; Butane; Ethane

Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: Ethylene; But-1-ene; Butane; Ethane

Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

**SARA 313**

	<u>Product name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
<b>Form R - Reporting requirements</b>	: Ethylene	74-85-1	1.9 - 99
	: Hexane	110-54-3	0.005 - 5
<b>Supplier notification</b>	: Ethylene	74-85-1	1.9 - 99
	: Hexane	110-54-3	0.005 - 5

SARA 313 notifications must not be detached from the MSDS and any copying and redistribution of the MSDS shall include copying and redistribution of the notice attached to copies of the MSDS subsequently redistributed.

- State regulations**
- : Pennsylvania RTK: argon: (generic environmental hazard); Ethylene: (environmental hazard, generic environmental hazard); But-1-ene: (generic environmental hazard); Butane: (generic environmental hazard); Ethane: (generic environmental hazard); n-hexane: (generic environmental hazard); heptane: (generic environmental hazard); hexene: (generic environmental hazard)
  - Massachusetts RTK: argon; Ethylene; But-1-ene; Butane; Ethane; n-hexane; heptane; hexene
  - New Jersey: argon; Ethylene; Butane; Ethane; n-hexane; heptane; hexene

**Canada**

- WHMIS (Canada)**
- : Class A: Compressed gas.
  - Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).
  - CEPA DSL: argon; Ethylene; But-1-ene; Butane; Ethane; n-hexane; heptane; hexene

**Section 16. Other information**

**United States**

- Label Requirements**
- : FLAMMABLE GAS.
  - CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE.
  - CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: MUCOUS MEMBRANES, HEART, PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA, MUSCLE TISSUE.
  - VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.
  - POSSIBLE CANCER HAZARD
  - CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.

**Canada**

- Label Requirements**
- : Class A: Compressed gas.
  - Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)**

<b>Health</b>	*	1
<b>Fire hazard</b>		4
<b>Reactivity</b>		0
<b>Personal protection</b>		C

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)**



**Notice to reader**

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