

**PRODUCT NAME: ARGOSHIELD LIGHT AND ARGOSHIELD UNIVERSAL  
(FORMERLY ARGOSHIELD TC AND LG)**

## 1. Product and Company Identification

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**PRODUCT NAME: ARGOSHIELD LIGHT AND ARGOSHIELD UNIVERSAL (FORMERLY  
ARGOSHIELD TC AND LG)  
CHEMICAL NAME: Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide in Argon  
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Argoshield #LG, Argoshield #TC, Carbon Dioxide and Oxygen in  
Argon, Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide in Argon  
TDG (Canada) CLASSIFICATION: 2.2  
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A**

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PREPARATION DATE: 6/1/95  
REVIEW DATES: 11/11/03**

## 2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

### EXPOSURE LIMITS<sup>1</sup>:

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL-OSHA <sup>2</sup>	TLV-ACGIH <sup>3</sup>	LD <sub>50</sub> or LC <sub>50</sub> Route/Species
Argon FORMULA: Ar CAS: 7440-37-1 RTECS #: CF2300000	70.0 to 95.0	Simple Asphyxiant	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available
Carbon Dioxide FORMULA: CO <sub>2</sub> CAS: 124-38-9 RTECS #: FF6400000	0 to 25.0	5000 ppm TWA	5000 ppm TWA 30,000 ppm STEL	Not Available
Oxygen FORMULA: O <sub>2</sub> CAS: 7782-44-7 RTECS# RS2060000	2.0 to 4.0	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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### 3. Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Odorless, colorless, nonflammable gas. Simple Asphyxiant – This product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia if released in a confined area. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5%. Carbon dioxide acts as a weak narcotic at high concentrations (30,000 ppm). Inhalation of high concentrations of carbon dioxide can cause reduced hearing acuity, changes in respiration and increased blood pressure and pulse. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125 °F.

#### ROUTE OF ENTRY:

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

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

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

**EYE EFFECTS:** No adverse effects anticipated.

**SKIN EFFECTS:** No adverse effects anticipated.

**INGESTION EFFECTS:** No adverse effects anticipated.

**INHALATION EFFECTS:** Depending on concentration and duration of exposure carbon dioxide may cause increased respiration, headache, mild narcotic effects, increased blood pressure and pulse, and asphyxiation. Symptoms of overexposure to carbon dioxide become more apparent when atmospheric oxygen is decreased to 15-17%. Chronic harmful effects are not known from repeated inhalation of concentrations below the PEL/TLV.

Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from simple asphyxiants 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 normally required.

**SKIN:** None normally required.

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**INGESTION:** None normally required.

**INHALATION:** PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO CARBON DIOXIDE. 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 mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Nonflammable		
Flash point: None	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition: Temperature: None
LEL(%): None		UEL(%): None
Hazardous combustion products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

### **FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

Nonflammable. Cylinder may vent rapidly or rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Use extinguishing media suitable for the combustible materials involved in the fire. Use water spray to cool fire exposed containers.

### **FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Firefighters should wear respiratory protection (SCBA) and full turnout or Bunker gear. Continue to cool fire-exposed cylinders until well after flames are extinguished.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment (See Section 8). Stop the flow of gas or remove cylinder to outdoor location if this can be done without risk. Ventilate enclosed areas. 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:** Nonhazardous.

These mixtures are non corrosive and may be used with any common structural material.

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless container is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders.

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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 to trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the system. 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 away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. 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. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in-first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. For additional information consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlets P-1, P-9 and Safety Bulletins SB-2 and SB-8.

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 local exhaust in combination with general ventilation as necessary to control air contaminants to at or below acceptable exposure guidelines and maintain atmospheric oxygen at or above 19.5%.

**EYE/FACE PROTECTION:** Safety goggles or glasses.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Protective industrial work gloves made of any suitable material.

**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

<b>PARAMETER</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Not Available	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: 0.103- 0.104	lb/cu.ft
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: Not Available	
Freezing point	: Not Available	
pH	: Not Available	
Specific gravity (Air = 1)	: 1.38-1.39	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H <sub>2</sub> O)	: Slight	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Odorless, colorless gas	

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**STABILITY:** Stable

**INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS/CONDITIONS:** None

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** None

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

## 11. Toxicological Information

**SKIN AND EYE:** Adverse effects are not expected.

**INHALATION:** Acidosis, adrenal cortical exhaustion, and other metabolic stresses have resulted from prolonged continuous exposure to 1-2% carbon dioxide (10,000 ppm – 20,000 ppm). The ACGIH TLV of 5,000 ppm is expected to provide a good margin of safety from asphyxiation and undue metabolic stress provided sufficient oxygen levels are maintained in the air. Increased physical activity, duration of exposure, and decreased oxygen content can affect systemic and respiratory effects resulting from exposure to carbon dioxide.

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

Exposure of female rats to 60,000 ppm carbon dioxide for 24 hours has produced toxic effects to the embryo and fetus in pregnant rats. Toxic effects to the reproductive system have been observed in other mammalian species at similar concentrations. Chronic, harmful effects are not known from repeated inhalation of low (3 to 5 molar %) concentrations.

## 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.

## 14. Transport Information

PARAMETER	United States DOT	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Compressed gas, n.o.s. (Argon, Carbon Dioxide, Oxygen)	Compressed gas, n.o.s.
HAZARD CLASS:	2.2	2.2
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1956	UN 1956
SHIPPING LABEL:	NONFLAMMABLE GAS	NONFLAMMABLE GAS

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## 15. Regulatory Information

### SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

#### SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES:

Acute Health Hazard

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

#### SARA TITLE III - SECTION 313 SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION:

This product does not contain toxic chemicals subject to reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 and of 40 CFR 372.

**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 Substance List (DSL).

**California Proposition 65:** This product does not contain ingredient(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

**Canadian Controlled Products Regulations (CPR):** This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

## 16. Other Information

### NFPA HAZARD CODES

Health: 0  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

### HMIS HAZARD CODES

Health: 0  
Flammability: 0  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the National Paint and Coatings Association's (NPCA's) Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS<sup>®</sup>). Hazard ratings were based on the best available information at the time of the review. Ratings will be reassigned in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines as published in the future edition of CGA Pamphlet P-19.

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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