

# Material Safety Data Sheet



P-10

## 1. Product and company identification

<b>Product name</b>	: P-10
<b>Synonym</b>	: Proportional counting gas
<b>Trade name</b>	: P-10
<b>Material uses</b>	: Many.
<b>Manufacturer</b>	: Praxair Canada Inc. 1 City Centre Drive Suite 1200 Mississauga, ON L5B 1M2
<b>MSDS #</b>	: E-4740-I
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<b><u>In case of emergency</u></b>	: <b>Emergencies:</b> * 1-800-363-0042 *Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier or Praxair sales representative.
<b>Product type</b>	: Gas.

## 2. Hazards identification

<b>Physical state</b>	: Gas.
<b>Odor</b>	: Odourless gas at normal temperature and pressure.
<b>Emergency overview</b>	: <b>CAUTION!</b> <b>HIGH PRESSURE GAS. Can cause rapid suffocation. Peut causer des vertiges et la somnolences. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.</b> Contains gas under pressure. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst or explode. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Avoid breathing gas. Use only with adequate ventilation.
<b>Routes of entry</b>	: Inhalation
<b><u>Potential acute health effects</u></b>	
<b>Inhalation</b>	: Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. Moderate concentrations may cause headaches, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.
<b>Skin</b>	: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
<b>Eyes</b>	: Contact with rapidly expanding gas may cause burns or frostbite.
<b><u>Potential chronic health effects</u></b>	
<b>Chronic effects</b>	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Developmental effects</b>	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Fertility effects</b>	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Target organs</b>	: Not available.
<b><u>Over-exposure signs/symptoms</u></b>	
<b>Inhalation</b>	: No specific data.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: No specific data.
<b>Skin</b>	: No specific data.
<b>Eyes</b>	: No specific data.

## 2. Hazards identification

**Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure** : A knowledge of the available toxicology information and of the physical and chemical properties of the material suggests that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

See toxicological information (section 11)

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

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<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>%</u>
argon	7440-37-1	90
Methane	74-82-8	10

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

## 4. First aid measures

**Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

**Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

**Ingestion** : As this product is a gas, refer to the inhalation section.

**Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

**Notes to physician** : No specific treatment. Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Flammability of the product** : Contains gas under pressure. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst or explode.

### Extinguishing media

**Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

**Not suitable** : None known.

**Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Contact supplier immediately for specialist advice. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Hazardous thermal decomposition products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
carbon dioxide  
carbon monoxide

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

**Special remarks on fire hazards** : Gas mixture not expected to catch fire due to narrow flammability range of (7% approximately). Flammable or explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with appropriate device. Containers may rupture due to heat of fire. No part of a container should be subjected to a temperature higher than 52C. Containers are provided with pressure relief devices that are designed to vent the contents when they are exposed to elevated temperatures.

**Special remarks on explosion hazards** : Not available.

## 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Avoid breathing gas. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Ensure emergency procedures to deal with accidental gas releases are in place to avoid contamination of the environment. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Methods for cleaning up**
- Small spill** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Stop leak if without risk.
- Large spill** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Stop leak if without risk. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Contains gas under pressure. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing gas. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not puncture or incinerate container.
- Protect cylinder from damage. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10). Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use.

### OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:

**High pressure gas.** Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Gas can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. **Prevent reverse flow.** Reverse flow into cylinder may cause a rupture.

Use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the cylinder.

**Never work on a pressured system.** If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in an environmentally safe manner in compliance with all federal, provincial, and local laws, then repair the leak. **Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.**

### PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE:

Store and use with adequate ventilation. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Store only where temperature will not exceed 52°C/125°F. Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

### RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

Additional information on storage, handling, and use of this product is provided in **NFPA 55: Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders**, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

See also Praxair publication P-14-153, Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers. Obtain from your local supplier.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits		TWA (8 hours)			STEL (15 mins)			Ceiling			
Ingredient	List name	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Other	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Other	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Other	Notations
argon	Simple asphyxiant.										[2]
Methane	US ACGIH 1/2009	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	AB 4/2009	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	BC 10/2009	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	ON 8/2008	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

[2]Oxygen Depletion [Asphyxiant]

### Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

**Recommended monitoring procedures** : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.

**Engineering measures** : No special ventilation requirements. Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants. If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure below any recommended or statutory limits.

**Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

### Personal protection

**Respiratory** : Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when working in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV. Select in accordance with the provincial regulations or guidelines. Select in accordance with provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines. Selection should be based on the current CSA standard Z94.4, "Selection, Care, and Use of Respirators." Respirators should also be approved by NIOSH and MSHA.

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

**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. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z94.3, "Industrial Eye and Face Protection", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

**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.

**Environmental exposure controls** : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

**Other protection** : Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Protective clothing where needed. Cuffless trousers should be worn outside the shoes. Select in accordance with the current CSA standard Z195, "Protective Foot Wear", and any provincial regulations, local bylaws or guidelines.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical state</b>	: Gas.
<b>Flash point</b>	: Not applicable
<b>Burning time</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>Burning rate</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>Flammable limits</b>	: Not available.
<b>Color</b>	: Colorless.
<b>Odor</b>	: Odourless gas at normal temperature and pressure.
<b>Taste</b>	: Not available.
<b>Molecular weight</b>	: Not available.
<b>Molecular formula</b>	: Not applicable.
<b>pH</b>	: Not available.
<b>Boiling/condensation point</b>	: Not available.
<b>Melting/freezing point</b>	: Not available.
<b>Critical temperature</b>	: Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	: Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	: Not available.
<b>Vapor density</b>	: Not available.
<b>Volatility</b>	: 100%
<b>Odor threshold</b>	: Odourless
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	: Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	: Not available.
<b>Ionicity (in water)</b>	: Not available.
<b>Dispersibility properties</b>	: Not available.
<b>Solubility</b>	: Not available.
<b>Physical/chemical properties comments</b>	: Not available.
<b>COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:</b>	: Not available.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Chemical stability</b>	: The product is stable.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	: No specific data.
<b>Materials to avoid</b>	: Halogens, strong oxides
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	: Thermal decomposition or burning may produce carbon monoxide/carbon dioxide.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Not available.				

### Chronic toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Not available.				

### Irritation/Corrosion

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Score	Exposure	Observation
Not available.					

## 11. Toxicological information

### Sensitizer

Product/ingredient name	Route of exposure	Species	Result
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Carcinogenicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Classification

Product/ingredient name	ACGIH	IARC	EPA	NIOSH	NTP	OSHA
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Not available.

### Mutagenicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Experiment	Result
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Teratogenicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Reproductive toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Maternal toxicity	Fertility	Development toxin	Species	Dose	Exposure
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

**Synergistic products** : Not available.

## 12. Ecological information

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

### Aquatic ecotoxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Species	Exposure
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Persistence/degradability

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Dose	Inoculum
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Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

**Octanol/water partition coefficient** : Not available.

**Bioconcentration factor** : Not available.

**Mobility** : Not available.

**Toxicity of the products of biodegradation** : Not available.

**Other adverse effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.


## 13. Disposal considerations

- Waste disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Empty pressure vessels should be returned to the supplier.
- Waste stream** : Not available.
- RCRA classification** : Not available.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national, and local laws and regulations.

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

## 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
<b>TDG Classification</b>	UN1956	Compressed gas, n.o.s. (argon)	2.2	-		<b>PRODUCT REPORTABLE QUANTITY (PRQ):</b> Any accidental release in a quantity that could pose a danger to public safety or any sustained release of 10 minutes or more.

PG\* : Packing group

### SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:

Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

## 15. Regulatory information

- United States inventory (TSCA 8b)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- WHMIS (Canada)** : Class A: Compressed gas.
- Canadian lists** : This product is on the DSL list.
- Canada inventory** : All components are listed or exempted.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

### International regulations

- International lists** :
- Australia inventory (AICS):** All components are listed or exempted.
  - China inventory (IECSC):** All components are listed or exempted.
  - Japan inventory:** Not determined.
  - Korea inventory:** All components are listed or exempted.
  - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):** All components are listed or exempted.
  - Philippines inventory (PICCS):** All components are listed or exempted.
- Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule I Chemicals** : Not listed
- Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule II Chemicals** : Not listed

## 15. Regulatory information

**Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule III Chemicals** : Not listed

## 16. Other information

**Label requirements** : HIGH PRESSURE GAS. Can cause rapid suffocation. Peut causer des vertiges et la somnolences. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.

<b>Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)</b>	<b>Health</b>	0
	<b>Flammability</b>	0
	<b>Physical hazards</b>	2

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The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material.

**References** :

- AV-1 Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gas
- P-1 Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers
- P-14 Accident Prevention in Oxygen-Rich, Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres
- SB-2 Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres
- V-1 Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections
- V-7 Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Industrial Gas Mixtures
- Handbook of Compressed Gases, Fourth Edition

**For more indepth information for each component, refer to the pure product MSDS.**

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**Other special considerations** : Not available.

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### **STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:**

**THREADED:** For information on CGA Valves, please contact your Specialty Gas Representative.



## 16. Other information

**PIN-INDEXED YOKE:** Not applicable.

**ULTRA-HIGH-** Not applicable.

**INTEGRITY  
CONNECTION:**

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlets V-1 and V-7 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information about this product can be found in the following pamphlets published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5th Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700, Fax (703) 961-1831, website: [www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com).

### **MIXTURES:**

When two or more gases, or liquefied gases are mixed, their hazardous properties may combine to create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an Industrial Hygienist, or other trained person when you make your safety evaluation of the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties which can cause serious injury or death.

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