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MATERIAL
 SAFETY
 DATA SHEET

No. 98

PRODUCT NAME AGA Mix 14/Argon	CAS # SF6 = 2551-62-4
TRADE NAME AND SYNONYMS Compressed gas, n.o.s. (D.O.T.); AGA Mix 14/Bal Argon	DOT I.D. No.: UN 1956
CHEMICAL NAME AND SYNONYMS 5 Molar % Sulfur Hexafluoride in Argon	DOT Hazard Class: Division 2.2
ISSUE DATES AND REVISIONS Revised January 1995	Formula 5 Molar % SF ₆ in Ar
	Chemical Family: Gas Mixture

HEALTH HAZARD DATA

<p>TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXPOSURE LIMIT SF6 = 1,000 Molar PPM; Argon is a simple asphyxiant (ACGIH 1994-1995). OSHA 1993 PEL (8 Hr. TWA) for SF6 = 1,000 Molar PPM with no listing for argon. (Continued on Page 4)</p>
<p>SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE Effects of exposure to high concentrations so as to displace the oxygen in the air necessary for life are headache, dizziness, labored breathing and eventual unconsciousness.</p>
<p>TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES This mixture is nontoxic, but the liberation of a large amount in a confined area could displace the amount of oxygen in air necessary to support life. Neither sulfur hexafluoride or argon are listed in the IARC, NTP or by OSHA as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen. Persons in ill health where such illness would be aggravated by exposure to this mixture should not be allowed to work with or handle this product.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED FIRST AID TREATMENT PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO THIS MIXTURE. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF- CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. <u>Inhalation:</u> 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 assisted respiration and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.</p>

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HAZARDOUS MIXTURES OF OTHER LIQUIDS, SOLIDS, OR GASES	
None	
PHYSICAL DATA	
BOILING POINT See Page 4	LIQUID DENSITY AT BOILING POINT See Page 4
VAPOR PRESSURE See Page 4	GAS DENSITY AT 70°F, 1 atm .1174 lb/ft ³ (1.881 kg/m ³)
SOLUBILITY IN WATER Negligible	FREEZING POINT SF ₆ = -59.4°F (-50.8°C) Ar = -308.9°F (-189.4°C)
EVAPORATION RATE N/A (Gas)	SPECIFIC GRAVITY (AIR=1) @ 70°F (21.1°C) = 1.57
APPEARANCE AND ODOR Colorless, odorless gas	

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLASH POINT (Method used) N/A	AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE N/A	FLAMMABLE LIMITS % BY VOLUME (See Page 4) LEL N/A UEL N/A
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA Nonflammable, inert gas		ELECTRICAL CLASSIFICATION Nonhazardous
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES If cylinders are involved in a fire, safely relocate or keep cool with water spray.		
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS None		

REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY Unstable		CONDITIONS TO AVOID None
Stable	X	
INCOMPATIBILITY (Materials to avoid) See Hazardous Decompositon Products		
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS See Page 4		
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION May Occur		CONDITIONS TO AVOID
Will Not Occur	X	None

SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

<p>STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED</p> <p>Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with an inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact your closest supplier location or call the emergency telephone number listed herein.</p>
<p>WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD</p> <p>Do not attempt to dispose of 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 your supplier. For emergency disposal assistance, contact your closest supplier location or call the emergency telephone number listed herein.</p>

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION (Specify type) Positive pressure air line with mask or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.		
VENTILATION Hood with forced ventilation	LOCAL EXHAUST See Page 4	SPECIAL N/A
	MECHANICAL (Gen.) N/A	OTHER N/A
PROTECTIVE GLOVES Any material		
EYE PROTECTION Safety goggles or glasses		
OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT Safety shoes		

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS*

SPECIAL LABELING INFORMATION DOT Shipping Name: Compressed gas, n.o.s. DOT Hazard Class: Division 2.2 DOT Shipping Label: Nonflammable Gas I.D. No.: UN 1956
SPECIAL HANDLING RECOMMENDATIONS 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. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure reducing regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure (<3,000 psig) 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. For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlets P- 9, P-14, and Safety Bulletin SB-2.
SPECIAL STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS 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 125F (52C). 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 being stored for excessive periods of time. For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlets P- 9, P-14, and Safety Bulletin SB-2.
SPECIAL PACKAGING RECOMMENDATIONS At normal temperatures this mixture is noncorrosive and may be used with any common structural material. See Hazardous Decomposition Products)
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS Compressed gas cylinders should not be refilled except by qualified producers of compressed gases. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his (written) consent is a violation of Federal Law (49CFR). (Continued on Page 4)

*Various Government Agencies (i.e. Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Food and Drug Administration and others) may have specific regulations concerning the transportation, handling, storage or use of this product which will not be reflected in this data sheet. The customer should review these regulations to ensure that he is in full compliance.

AGA MIX 14/ARGON

HEALTH HAZARD DATA

TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXPOSURE LIMIT: (Continued)

Oxygen levels should be maintained at greater than 18 molar % at normal atmospheric pressure (pO₂>135 torr).

PHYSICAL DATA (Continued)

BOILING POINT: SF₆ Subl. Pt. = -82.8°F (-63.8°C)
Ar = -302.6°F (-185.9°C)

LIQUID DENSITY AT BOILING POINT: SF₆ @ 5g°F (15°C) = 89.83 lb/ft³ (1439 kg/m³)
Ar = 87 lb/ft³ (1393 kg/m³)

VAPOR PRESSURE: @ 70°F (21.1°C) - SF₆ = 319.1 psia (2200 kPa)
Ar = Above the critical temperature

REACTIVITY DATA (Continued)

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Sulfur hexafluoride is only stable at elevated temperatures (>400°F) if contained in aluminum, stainless steel, copper and brasses or silver. Other metals can cause slow decomposition to SF₂, S₂F₂, SF₄, and S₂F₁₀- If oxygen is present, thionyl fluoride compounds such as SOF₂, SO₂F₂ will be formed as well as other toxic fluoride compounds.

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION (Continued)

LOCAL EXHAUST

To prevent accumulation above the SF₆ TWA or so as to exclude an adequate oxygen supply.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS: (Continued)

Always secure cylinders in an upright position before transporting them. NEVER transport cylinders in trunks of vehicles, enclosed vans, truck cabs or in passenger compartments. Transport cylinders secured in open flatbed or in open pick-up type vehicles.

Reporting under SARA Title III, Section 313 not required.

NFPA 704 No. for this mixture = 1 0 0 None