

# Safety Data Sheet 906298

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# **SECTION 1: Identification**

1.1. Identification

Product form : Substance

Substance name : Helium (Compressed)

 Chemical name
 : Helium

 CAS-No.
 : 7440-59-7

 Product code
 : SG-1001-06711

Formula : He

Synonyms : Helium, compressed / Helium gas

#### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Use of the substance/mixture : Test gas/Calibration gas.

#### 1.3. Supplier

Air Liquide USA LLC and its affiliates 9811 Katy Freeway, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77024 - USA T 1-800-819-1704 www.us.airliquide.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : Chemtrec: 1-800-424-9300

# SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### **GHS-US** classification

Gases under pressure

H280

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

Full text of H statements : see section 16

## 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

# **GHS-US** labeling

Compressed gas

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US)



GHS04

Signal word (GHS-US) : Warning

Hazard statements (GHS-US) : H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

OSHA-H01 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 - Wear eye protection, face protection, protective gloves, protective clothing.

P308+P313 - If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international

regulations

P304+P340 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C/125 °F

CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure CGA-PG14 - Approach suspected leak area with caution

CGA-PG21 - Open valve slowly

# 2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

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#### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## **SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients**

#### 3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Helium (Compressed) (Main constituent)	(CAS-No.) 7440-59-7	> 99	Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

#### 3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

# **SECTION 4: First-aid measures**

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If you feel

unwell, seek medical advice.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product. First-aid measures after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

#### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Symptoms/effects upon intravenous : Not known.

administration

Chronic symptoms : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Most important symptoms and effects, both : In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of

acute and delayed mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.

# 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

If you feel unwell, seek medical advice. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

## **SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures**

## 5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

#### 5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard : The product is not flammable.

Explosion hazard : Product is not explosive. Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire

and increasing risk of burns and injuries.

Reactivity : None known.

Hazardous combustion products : None

## 5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. Use water spray

or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

Protection during firefighting : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire

fighters. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory

protection.

## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation.

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment : Wear protective equipment consistent with the site emergency plan.

Emergency procedures : Evacuate personnel to a safe area. Close doors and windows of adjacent premises. Keep

containers closed. Mark the danger area. Seal off low-lying areas. Keep upwind.

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#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment

: Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire

fighters. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

Emergency procedures : Evacuate and limit access. Ventilate area.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release if without risk.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment

: Try to stop release if without risk.

Methods for cleaning up

: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international

regulations.

Methods and material for containment and

cleaning up

: Ventilate area.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See also Sections 8 and 13.

# SECTION 7: Handling and storage

# 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed

: Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Use only with equipment rated for

cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty.

Precautions for safe handling

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only outdoors or

in a well-ventilated area.

None known.

Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures

: Comply with applicable regulations.

Storage conditions

: Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 52 °C/ 125 °F. Keep container closed when not in use. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Store in well ventilated area

: None known.

Incompatible products Incompatible materials

Conditions for safe storage, including any

incompatibilities

Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep away from combustible materials.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

# 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls

: Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available). Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Consider the use of a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

Environmental exposure controls

Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

# 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

#### Hand protection:

Wear working gloves when handling gas containers. 29 CFR 1910.138: Hand protection

#### Eye protection:

Wear safety glasses with side shields. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection

## Skin and body protection:

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Wear suitable protective clothing, e.g. lab coats, coveralls or flame resistant clothing.

#### Respiratory protection:

None necessary during normal and routine operations. See Sections 5 & 6.

# Thermal hazard protection:

None necessary during normal and routine operations.

#### Other information:

Wear safety shoes while handling containers. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection.

# **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

## 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Gas

Appearance : Clear, colorless gas.

Color : Colorless
Odor : Odorless

Odor threshold : No data available pH : Not applicable.

Melting point : -272  $^{\circ}$ C

Freezing point : No data available
Boiling point : -268.94 °C
Critical temperature : -266.96 °C
Critical pressure : 230 kPa

Flash point : Not applicable (non-flammable gas)

Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1) : No data available

Relative evaporation rate (ether=1) : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Flammability (solid, gas) : See Section 2.1 and 2.2 Vapor pressure : No data available

Relative vapor density at 20 °C : 0.138

Relative density : No data available Molecular mass : 4.0026 g/mol

Relative gas density : 0.14

Solubility : Water: 1.5 mg/l

Log Pow : Not applicable for inorganic gases.

Auto-ignition temperature : No data available
Decomposition temperature : No data available
Viscosity, kinematic : Not applicable.
Viscosity, dynamic : Not applicable.

Explosion limits : Not applicable (non-flammable gas)
Explosive properties : Not applicable (non-flammable gas).

Oxidizing properties : None.

## 9.2. Other information

Gas group : Compressed gas

# **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known

# 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

# 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

None known.

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# 10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

# 10.5. Incompatible materials

None known.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

# **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

# 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Not classified

Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	820000 ppm/4h
ATE US (gases)	820000.000 ppmV/4h
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
	pH: Not applicable.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified
	pH: Not applicable.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Symptoms/effects after inhalation	: May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Adverse effects not expected from this product.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Adverse effects not expected from this product.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
Symptoms/effects upon intravenous administration	: Not known.

# **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

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Chronic symptoms

Ecology - general : No ecological damage caused by this product.

# 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
Persistence and degradability	No ecological damage caused by this product.

: Adverse effects not expected from this product.

# 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
Log Pow	Not applicable for inorganic gases.
Bioaccumulative potential	No ecological damage caused by this product.

# 12.4. Mobility in soil

Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.

# 12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer : None

Effect on global warming None

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# **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods : Contact supplier if guidance is required. Do not discharge into any place where its

accumulation could be dangerous. Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or

operating permits are not exceeded.

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Refer to the CGA Pamphlet P-63 "Disposal of Gases" available at www.cganet.com for

more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

List of hazardous wastes : 16 05 05 : Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04.

# **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN1046 Helium, compressed, 2.2

UN-No.(DOT) : UN1046

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Helium, compressed

Class (DOT) : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-flammable compressed gas 49 CFR 173.115

Hazard labels (DOT) : 2.2 - Non-flammable gas



DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 302

DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 302;314

DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 306;307

DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail : 75 kg

(49 CFR 173.27)

DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 : 150 kg

CFR 175.75)

DOT Vessel Stowage Location : A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a

passenger vessel.

Emergency Response Guide (ERG) Number : 120 (UN1963);121 (UN1046)

Other information : No supplementary information available.

Special transport precautions : Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's

compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers: - Ensure there is adequate ventilation. - Ensure that containers are firmly secured. - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking. - Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided)

is correctly fitted. - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

**Transportation of Dangerous Goods** 

Transport document description : UN1046 Helium, compressed, 2.2

UN-No. (TDG) : UN1046

Proper Shipping Name : Helium, compressed

TDG Primary Hazard Classes : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-Flammable, Non-Toxic Gas.

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TDG Special Provisions

: 148 - (1) Part 5 (Means of Containment) does not apply to radiation detectors that contain these dangerous goods in non-refillable pressure receptacles if (a)the working pressure in each receptacle is less than 5 000 KPa; (b)the capacity of each receptacle is less than 12 L; (c)each receptacle has a minimum burst pressure of (i)at least 3 times the working pressure, when the receptacle is fitted with a relief device, or (ii)at least 4 times the working pressure, when the receptacle is not fitted with a relief device; (d)each receptacle is manufactured from material that will not fragment upon rupture; (e)each detector is manufactured under a quality assurance program; ISO 9001:2008 is an example of a quality assurance program. (f)the detectors are transported in strong outer means of containment; and (g)a detector in its outer means of containment is capable of withstanding a 1.2 m drop test without breakage of the detector or rupture of the outer means of containment. (2)Part 5 (Means of Containment) does not apply to radiation detectors that contain these dangerous goods in non-refillable pressure receptacles and that are included in equipment, if (a)the conditions set out in paragraphs (1)(a) to (e) are met; and (b)the equipment is contained in a strong outer means of containment or the equipment affords the detectors with protection that is equivalent to that provided by a strong outer means of containment. (3)These Regulations, except for Part 1 (Coming into Force, Repeal, Interpretation, General Provisions and Special Cases) and Part 2 (Classification), do not apply to radiation detectors that contain these dangerous goods in non-refillable pressure receptacles, including detectors in radiation detection systems, if the detectors meet the requirements of subsection (1) or (2), as applicable, and the capacity of the receptacles that contain the detectors is less than 50 mL. SOR/2014-306

Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index : 0.125 L

Passenger Carrying Road Vehicle or Passenger : 75 L

Carrying Railway Vehicle Index

#### Transport by sea

Transport document description (IMDG) : UN 1046 Helium, compressed, 2

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1046

Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : Helium, compressed

Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases MFAG-No 121

## Air transport

Transport document description (IATA) : UN 1046 Helium, compressed, 2

UN-No. (IATA) : 1046

Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Helium, compressed

Class (IATA) : 2

#### **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

# 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

### 15.2. International regulations

# **CANADA**

#### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

# **EU-Regulations**

#### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)

#### **National regulations**

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#### Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)

Listed on the AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)

Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)

Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)

Listed on NZIoC (New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals)

Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances)

Listed on INSQ (Mexican National Inventory of Chemical Substances)

Listed on the TCSI (Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory)

#### 15.3. US State regulations

Helium (Compressed) (7440-59-7)	
State or local regulations	U.S Massachusetts - Right To Know List U.S New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List U.S Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

## **SECTION 16: Other information**

Other information : This Safety Data Sheet is offered pursuant to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29

CFR, 1910.1200. Other government regulations must be reviewed for applicability to this

product.

Full text of H-phrases:

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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