

Argon, compressed

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Product

- Colourless, odourless, compressed gas

Nature of hazard

- The gas is suffocating without warning
- Heating will cause pressure rise, severe risk of bursting and subsequent explosion
- The gas is heavier than air, and will spread along the ground

PPE for vehicle crew

- Suitable eye protection
- For loose cylinders
- Leather or thick textile gloves
- Protective boots

Emergency Actions by driver

Notify Police and Fire Brigade *immediately* then:

Do

- Move vehicle to open ground, where practical
- Stop engine, isolate electrics
- Keep public away from danger
- Keep upwind
- Advise and assist Emergency Services

Do not

- Allow naked lights (possibility of spilled fuel)
- Smoke (possibility of spilled fuel)
- Attempt to deal with any fire involving the load, but minor vehicle fires should be tackled with the vehicle fire extinguishers, if safe to do so
- Enter pits, hollows or troughs

Emergency Information (Driver and Emergency Services)

First Aid

- Seek medical treatment when anyone has symptoms apparently due to inhalation

Emergency Services Information

PPE

- Emergency Services as per vehicle crew. Emergency Action Code requires breathing apparatus

Fire

- Keep load cool by spraying with water - significant risk of catastrophic failure due to increasing pressure when exposed to fire
- Keep personnel away and upwind

Spillage

- Shut off leaks, if safe to do so
- Warn personnel in pits, hollows and troughs
- Keep personnel away and upwind

Emergency telephone number

UK: 0500 020202

Republic of Ireland: 01 4566526