



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1 – PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

Chemical Name: Helium in Air
Chemical Formula: He Balance Air
Chemical Family: Inert Gas Mixture
Hazard Classification: Compressed Gas, N.O.S., Non-Flammable Gas, UN1956, Green Label
Product Use Description: Analytical Standard and General Laboratory Applications
Company: MESA Specialty Gases & Equipment
 2427 South Anne Street
 Santa Ana, California 92704 USA
Phone Number for Information: Infotrac
Emergency Contact: 800-535-5053 (Int'l: 352-323-3500)

SECTION 2 – COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	CAS No.	CONCENTRATION	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Helium	7440-59-7	0.1 - 1.0%	None	None
Air (79.1% N2 + 20.9% O2)	See below	Balance	None	None

SECTION 3 – HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic): None

SECTION 4 – FIRST AID MEASURES

Emergency and First Aid Procedures: Remove person to uncontaminated area. SCBA may be required to prevent asphyxiation of rescue workers. Keep warm and at rest. Lay victim face down with head and chest lower than hips to improve drainage from lungs. If breathing is labored, administer pure oxygen. If breathing has stopped, start artificial respiration. Get immediate medical attention for serious exposure.

SECTION 5 – FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point (Method Used): None, Non-Flammable Gas **Flammable Limits:** LEL: N/A UEL: N/A

Extinguishing Media: Use appropriate media for surrounding fire such as CO2 foam extinguishers

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Wear NIOSH/MSHA approved SCBA and full protective equipment. Stop flow of gas if this can be done safely. Use water spray to keep cylinders cool.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Gas cylinders may rupture violently when exposed to fire. Cylinder valve is equipped with a pressure relief device to safely vent the cylinder if it is exposed to elevated pressure in a fire.

SECTION 6 – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled: Ventilate enclosed areas. Move leaking cylinder to fume hood or safe outdoor area.

Other Precautions: Use monitoring equipment if hazardous conditions are suspected or likely to occur.

SECTION 7 – HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions to be Taken in Handling or Storing: Gas or liquefied gas are to be used with the appropriate pressure regulating control and high pressure equipment. Cylinders should be secured with mounting brackets away from heavily traveled areas. Keep cylinder in dry, cool, well ventilated area away from heat, flame, sparks or corrosive chemicals. Cylinders should be moved by suitable hand trucks.

Other Precautions: Use monitoring equipment if hazardous conditions are suspected or likely to occur.

SECTION 8 – EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Respiratory Protection (Specify Type): Use self-contained breathing apparatus in emergency or rescue situations.

Ventilation: Enclosed area must be provided with general or local exhaust ventilation to avoid hazardous conditions.

Protective Clothing or Equipment: Safety glasses and shoes should be worn when handling high pressure cylinders or hazardous materials.

SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point: N/A

Specific Gravity (H2O)= 1, 20 deg C): N/A

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg, 20 deg C): N/A

Melting Point: N/A

Vapor Density (Air = 1): 0.967

Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1): N/A

Solubility in Water: N/A

Appearance and Odor: Colorless and odorless

SECTION 10 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable

Incompatibility: None

Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts: None

Hazardous Polymerization: None

SECTION 11 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Routes of Entry: Inhalation and/or skin contact.

This is a customized mixtures of liquids and/or gases. No data is available on the final product itself. Refer to Sections 2 and 3 for hazards related to specific components of the combined mixture.

SECTION 12 – TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

DOT Classification:

Proper Shipping Name: Compressed Gas, N.O.S.
Class: 2.2
UN/ID No.: UN1956
Label: Non-Flammable Gas, Green Label

IATA Classification:

Proper Shipping Name: Compressed Gas, N.O.S.
Class: 2.2
UN/ID No.: UN1956
Label: Non-Flammable Gas, Green Label

DISCLAIMER

Information contained in this data sheet is offered without charge for use by technically qualified personnel at their discretion and risk. All statements, technical information and recommendations contained herein are based on tests and data which we believe to be reliable. But the accuracy and completeness thereof, is not guaranteed and no warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied, is made with respect thereto. Since MESA Specialty Gases and Equipment Division of MESA International Technologies, Inc. shall have no control over the use of the product described herein, we assume no liability for loss or damage incurred from the proper or improper use of such product.