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| Metro Welding Supply Corp. logo | Safety Data Sheet  Helium |
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# Section 1: Product and Company Identification

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Product Code: Helium

# Section 2: Hazards Identification



**Danger**

## Hazard Classification:

Aspiration Hazard (Category 1)

Gases Under Pressure

## Hazard Statements:

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways

## Precautionary Statements

**Response:**

Do NOT induce vomiting.

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Immediately call a poison center or doctor.

**Storage:**

Protect from sunlight.

Store in well-ventilated place.

Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

Dispose of contents and/or container in accordance with applicable regulations.

# Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

| CAS # |
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| 7440-59-7 |

| Chemical Substance | Chemical Family | Trade Names |
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| HELIUM | inorganic, gas | HELIUM GAS; HELIUM COMPRESSED; HELIUM-4; ATOMIC HELIUM; UN 1046; He |

# Section 4: First Aid Measures

| Skin Contact | Eye Contact | Ingestion | Inhalation | Note to Physicians |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Wash exposed skin with soap and water. | Flush eyes with plenty of water. | If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention. | If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention. | For inhalation, consider oxygen. |

# Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

| Suitable Extinguishing Media | Products of Combustion | Protection of Firefighters |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Non-flammable. Use suitable extinguishing media for surrounding fire. | Non-flammable | * Non-flammable * Non-flammable |

# Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

| Personal Precautions | Environmental Precautions | Methods for Containment |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. | Avoid soil, waterways, drains and sewers | Stop leak if possible without personal risk. |

| Methods for Cleanup | Other Information |
| --- | --- |
| Stop leak, evacuate area. Contact emergency personnel. | None |

# Section 7: Handling and Storage

| Handling | Storage |
| --- | --- |
| Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. | Keep separated from incompatible substances. |

# Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

| Exposure Guidelines |
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| HELIUM: ACGIH (simple asphyxiant) |

## Engineering Controls

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

| Eye Protection | Skin Protection | Respiratory Protection |
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| Eye protection not required, but recommended. | Protective clothing is not required. | Non-flammable |

## General Hygiene considerations

* Avoid breathing vapor or mist
* Avoid contact with eyes and skin
* Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or drinking

# Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

| Physical State | Appearance | Color | Change in Appearance | Physical Form | Odor | Taste |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gas | Colorless | Colorless | N/A | Gas | Odorless | Tasteless |

| Flash Point | Flammability | Partition Coefficient | Autoignition Temperature | Upper Explosive Limits | Lower Explosive Limits |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not flammable | Not available | Not available | Nonflammable | Nonflammable | Nonflammable |

| Boiling Point | Freezing Point | Vapor Pressure | Vapor Density | Specific Gravity | Water Solubility | pH | Odor Threshold | Evaporation Rate | Viscosity |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| -452 F (-269 C) | -458 F (-272 C) @ 26 atm | 1719 mmHg @ -268 C | 0.138 (Air=1) | Not applicable | 0.94% @ 0 C | Not applicable | Not available | Not applicable | 0.02012 cP @ 26.8 C |

| Molecular Weight | Molecular Formula | Density | Weight per Gallon | Volatility by Volume | Volatility | Solvent Solubility |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 4.0026 | He | 0.1785 g/L @ 0 C | Not available | 100% | Not applicable | Insoluble: Not available |

# Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

| Stability | Conditions to Avoid | Incompatible Materials |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Stable at normal temperatures and pressure. | Stable at normal temperatures and pressure. | No data available. |

| Hazardous Decomposition Products | Possibility of Hazardous Reactions |
| --- | --- |
| Miscellaneous decomposition products | Will not polymerize. |

# Section 11: Toxicology Information

## Acute Effects

| Oral LD50 | Dermal LD50 | Inhalation |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Not available | Not available | Nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, fatigue, dizziness, disorientation, emotional disturbances, tingling sensation, loss of coordination, suffocation, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma |

| Eye Irritation | Skin Irritation | Sensitization |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Liquid: frostbite, blurred vision | Liquid: frostbite | Difficulty breathing |

## Chronic Effects

| Carcinogenicity | Mutagenicity | Reproductive Effects | Developmental Effects |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not available | Not available | Not available | No data |

# Section 12: Ecological Information

## Fate and Transport

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Eco toxicity | Persistence / Degradability | Bioaccumulation / Accumulation | Mobility in Environment |
| Fish toxicity: Not available  Invertibrate toxicity: Not available  Algal toxicity: Not available  Phyto toxicity: Not available  Other toxicity: Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |

# Section 13: Disposal Considerations

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| Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. |

# Section 14: Transportation Information

## U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

| Proper Shipping Name | ID Number | Hazard Class or Division | Packing Group | Labeling Requirements | Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations | Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations | Additional Shipping Description |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Helium, compressed | UN1046 | 2.2 | Not applicable | 2.2 | 75 kg or L | 150 kg | N/A |

## Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Shipping Name | UN Number | Class | Packing Group / Risk Group |
| Helium, compressed | UN1046 | 2.2 | Not applicable |

# Section 15: Regulatory Information

## U.S. Regulations

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| --- | --- | --- |
| CERCLA Sections | SARA 355.30 | SARA 355.40 |
| Not regulated. | Not regulated. | Not regulated. |

## SARA 370.21

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Acute | Chronic | Fire | Reactive | Sudden Release |
| Yes | No | No | No | Yes |

## SARA 372.65

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| Not regulated. |

## OSHA Process Safety

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| --- |
| Not regulated. |

## State Regulations

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| CA Proposition 65 |
| Not regulated. |

## Canadian Regulations

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| WHMIS Classification |
| A |

## National Inventory Status

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| --- | --- | --- |
| US Inventory (TSCA) | TSCA 12b Export Notification | Canada Inventory (DSL/NDSL) |
| Listed on inventory. | Not listed. | Not determined. |

# Section 16: Other Information

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| NFPA Rating |
| HEALTH=0 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0 |

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard