

### SECTION 1: Product and company identification

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Substance  
 Name : Helium, compressed  
 CAS No : 7440-59-7  
 Formula : He  
 Other means of identification : Helium-4, refrigerant gas R-704, LaserStar Helium, Medipure Helium, UltraLift Helium

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : Industrial use  
 Medical applications.

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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 39 Old Ridgebury Road  
 Danbury, CT 06810-5113 - USA  
 T 1-800-772-9247 (1-800-PRAXAIR) - F 1-716-879-2146  
[www.praxair.com](http://www.praxair.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : Onsite Emergencies: 1-800-645-4633  
 CHEMTREC: USA 1-800-424-9300, International 001-703-527-3887 (Collect calls accepted, contract 17729)

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

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

##### Classification (GHS-US)

Compressed gas H280

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labeling

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+P403 - Use and store only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place.  
 CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping.  
 CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure.  
 CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty.  
 CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F).

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards not contributing to the classification :

Asphyxiant in high concentrations.

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

No data available

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substance

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Name	Product identifier	%
Helium, compressed (Main constituent)	(CAS No) 7440-59-7	100

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. Get immediate medical attention.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No additional information available

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

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

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Reactivity : No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting instructions : Evacuate all personnel from the danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective clothing. Immediately cool containers with water from maximum distance. Stop flow of gas if safe to do so, while continuing cooling water spray. Remove ignition sources if safe to do so. Remove containers from area of fire if safe to do so. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 and applicable standards under 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L—Fire Protection.
- Protection during firefighting : Compressed gas: asphyxiant. Suffocation hazard by lack of oxygen.
- Special protective equipment for fire fighters : Use self-contained breathing apparatus. Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters.
- Specific methods : Stop flow of product if safe to do so. Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems. Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

- General measures : Evacuate area. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Stop leak if safe to do so.

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

No additional information available

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

No additional information available

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release.

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

No additional information available

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### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See also sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Wear leather safety gloves and safety shoes when handling cylinders. Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. While moving cylinder, always keep in place removable valve cover. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Slowly open the valve. If the valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. Close the container valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. Never apply flame or localized heat directly to any part of the container. High temperatures may damage the container and could cause the pressure relief device to fail prematurely, venting the container contents. For other precautions in using this product, see section 16.

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

Storage conditions : Store in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Firmly secure containers upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Install valve protection cap, if provided, firmly in place by hand. Store full and empty containers separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full containers for long periods.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: When handling product under pressure, use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand the pressures to be encountered. Never work on a pressurized system. Use a back flow preventive device in the piping. Gases can cause rapid suffocation because of oxygen deficiency; store and use with adequate ventilation. If a leak occurs, close the container valve and blow down the system in a safe and environmentally correct manner in compliance with all international, federal/national, state/provincial, and local laws; then repair the leak. Never place a container where it may become part of an electrical circuit.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

None.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

Helium, compressed (7440-59-7)	
ACGIH	Not established
USA OSHA	Not established

### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.

Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields.

Respiratory protection : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Thermal hazard protection : None necessary.

Environmental exposure controls : None necessary.

Other information : Wear safety shoes while handling containers.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Gas

Appearance : Colorless gas.

Molecular mass : 4 g/mol

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Color	: Colorless.
Odor	: Odorless.
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: Not applicable.
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: Not applicable.
Melting point	: -272 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: -268.93 °C
Flash point	: No data available
Critical temperature	: -268 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: Not applicable.
Critical pressure	: 230 kPa
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Specific gravity / density	: 0.166 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Relative gas density	: 0.14
Solubility	: Water: 1.5 mg/l
Log Pow	: Not applicable.
Log Kow	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, dynamic	: Not applicable.
Explosive properties	: Not applicable.
Oxidizing properties	: None.
Explosive limits	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

Gas group	: Compressed gas
Additional information	: None.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

None.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

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

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

None.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

None.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

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Acute toxicity	: Not classified
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 No known effects from this product.
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified Not applicable.

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1. Toxicity

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

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

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#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Log Pow	Not applicable.
Log Kow	Not applicable.
Bioaccumulative potential	No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No data available.
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer : None.

Effect on the global warming : None.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment methods : May be vented to atmosphere in a well ventilated place. Consult supplier for specific recommendations. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Contact supplier if guidance is required.

Waste disposal recommendations : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Contact supplier for any special requirements.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description	: UN1046 Helium, compressed, 2.2
UN-No.(DOT)	: UN1046
Proper Shipping Name (DOT)	: Helium, compressed

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Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazard Classes : 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-flammable compressed gas 49 CFR 173.115  
Hazard labels (DOT) : 2.2 - Non-flammable gas

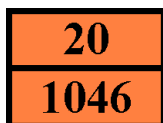


### Additional information

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.

### ADR

Transport document description : UN 1046, 2, (E)  
Class (ADR) : 2 - Gases  
Hazard identification number (Kemler No.) : 20  
Classification code (ADR) : 1A  
Orange plates :



Tunnel restriction code (ADR) : E

### Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1046  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : HELIUM, COMPRESSED  
Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases  
MFAG-No : 121

### Air transport

UN-No.(IATA) : 1046  
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : HELIUM, COMPRESSED  
Class (IATA) : 2  
Civil Aeronautics Law : Gases under pressure/Gases nonflammable nontoxic under pressure

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

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

SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes : Sudden release of pressure hazard

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

#### Helium, compressed (7440-59-7)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

WHMIS Classification : Class A - Compressed Gas

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### EU-Regulations

#### Helium, compressed (7440-59-7)

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

### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Compressed gas H280

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC [DSD] or 1999/45/EC [DPD]

Not classified

### 15.2.2. National regulations

#### Helium, compressed (7440-59-7)

Listed on 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)

### 15.3. US State regulations

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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

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Other information : When you mix two or more chemicals, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Before using any plastics, confirm their compatibility with this product.

Praxair asks users of this product to study this SDS and become aware of the product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this SDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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Full text of H-phrases: see section 16:

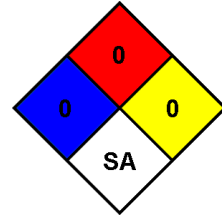
Compressed gas	Gases under pressure Compressed gas
H280	CONTAINS GAS UNDER PRESSURE; MAY EXPLODE IF HEATED

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NFPA health hazard	: 0 - Exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials.
NFPA fire hazard	: 0 - Materials that will not burn.
NFPA reactivity	: 0 - Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water.
NFPA specific hazard	: SA - This denotes gases which are simple asphyxiants.



### HMIS III Rating

Health	: 0 Minimal Hazard - No significant risk to health
Flammability	: 0 Minimal Hazard
Physical	: 3 Serious Hazard

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