

Concorde Specialty Gases, Inc.

SF6, Sulfur Hexafluoride Gas

Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) is an inorganic, colorless, odorless, and non-flammable gas. SF₆ primary use is in the electrical industry as a gaseous dielectric medium for high-voltage circuit breakers, switchgear, and other electrical equipment, often replacing oil filled circuit breakers (OCBs) that can contain harmful PCBs. SF₆ gas under pressure is used as an insulator in gas insulated switchgear (GIS) because it has a much higher dielectric strength than air or dry nitrogen. This property makes it possible to significantly reduce the size of electrical gear.

99.99% SF6 Grade:

SF6 99.99% Grade Maximum Impurities		
Sulfur Hexafluoride	99.99%	
Oxygen (O ₂)	<75 ppmw	
Nitrogen (N₂)	<200 ppmw	
Water (H ₂ O)	<5 ppmv	
Hydrolyzable fluoride, expressed as HF	<0.3 ppmw	
Carbon Tetrafluoride (CF ₄)	<75 ppmw	
Toxicity	None	

99.999% SF6 Ultra High Purity Grade:

SF6 99.999% Ultra High Purity Grade Maximum Impurities		
Sulfur Hexafluoride	99.999%	
Oxygen (O ₂)	< 2 ppmw	
Water (H ₂ O)	< 2 ppmv	
Carbon Tetrafluoride (CF ₄)	< 2 ppmw	

Appearance, Safety Requirements: Colorless gas, compressed under pressure. Non-flammable, non-explosive, has a moderate general toxic action in inhalation contact.

Physical Constants	
Chemical formula	SF ₆
Molecular Weight	146.065
Specific volume @ +70°F (+21.1°C)	2.648 ft ³ /lb., 0.165 m ³ /kg
Critical pressure	545.34. psia, 37.59 bar
Critical temperature	113.97°F, 45.54°C
Specific gravity @ 70°F, 1 atm (Air=1)	5.043
Hazardous Class	2.2
Vapor Pressure	320 psig
Boiling Point	-82.7°F, -63.72°C

