



## **Airgas Unveils New Modular, High-Pressure Manifold at PITTCON**

### ***Allows fast configuration and connections without welding or brazing***

**RADNOR, PA - March 14, 2011** - Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) will exhibit its unique new modular, high-pressure manifold for laboratory gases at its exhibit (number 1627) at the Pittsburgh Conference (PITTCON) Exposition, March 14 through March 18, 2011 at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Ga. The new Airgas manifold uses a proprietary method that requires no welding or brazing to connect to primary gas manifolds using multiple cylinders for laboratory gases.

"Our new modular manifold assemblies help us quickly and easily configure a manifold to a customer's specifications and get it out the door fast," said Frank Kandl, Airgas product manager - specialty gas equipment. "With no welding or brazing, our Specialty Gas Equipment Center can quickly assemble these into a straight, L-shaped, or U-shaped configuration. And, these manifolds can easily be reconfigured at the customer's location when future process changes require the addition or removal of sections or the reconfiguration of the shape of the manifold."

According to Kandl, each gas cylinder location for the manifold is equipped with a 30-inch flexible pigtail, a manual diaphragm-type isolation valve, and a check valve at the CGA cylinder connection.

"With this design, any cylinder can be changed at any time without interrupting the supply of gas to the customer's process," Kandl explained.

More information on the new modular manifold system from Airgas is available during PITTCON in Atlanta at the Airgas exhibit (number 1627), March 14 - 18, or by calling 800-939-5711, ext. 110. Information can also be obtained by visiting [www.airgasSGcatalog.com](http://www.airgasSGcatalog.com). Registered PITTCON attendees who visit the Airgas exhibit will be entered in a drawing for a grand prize of an Apple® iPad.

#### **About Airgas, Inc.**

Based in Radnor, Pennsylvania, Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG), through its subsidiaries, is the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical, and specialty gases, and hardgoods, such as welding equipment and supplies. Airgas is also one of the largest U.S. distributors of safety products, the largest U.S. producer of nitrous oxide and dry ice, the largest liquid carbon dioxide producer in the Southeast, the fifth largest producer of atmospheric merchant gases in North America, and a leading distributor of process chemicals, refrigerants, and ammonia products. More than 14,000 employees work in approximately 1,100 locations, including branches, retail stores, gas fill plants, specialty gas labs, production facilities, and distribution centers. Airgas also distributes its products and services through eBusiness, catalog, and telesales channels. Its national scale and strong local presence offer a competitive edge to its diversified customer base. For more information, please visit [www.airgas.com](http://www.airgas.com).

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