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Argon Crystal

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Void based radioactive resource that decays every day it is out of the Void.

—In-Game Description

Argon Crystals are a rare resource that drops in the [Orokin Void](#) tileset, [Isolation Vault](#) Bonus stage and from certain [Assassination](#) targets. Unlike other resources, Argon Crystals [decay](#) after a period of time. After this period the resources will disappear from the user's inventory and must be re-acquired if needed.

The timer points towards midnight UTC +0 time indefinitely.

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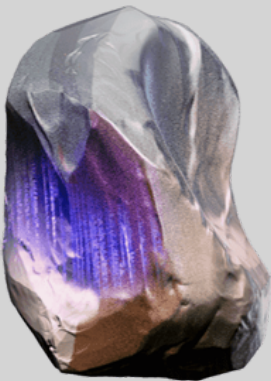
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Argon Crystal

Pickup

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Description

Void based radioactive resource that decays every day it is out of the Void.

This resource can be found in the Void.

General Information

TypeResource

RarityRare

WARFRAME Wiki

https://warframe.fandom.com/wiki/Argon_Crystal?so=search

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Drop Amount

1-1x

Helminth Secretions

Bile (3)

Sell Price

 Cannot Sell

Introduced

Update 13.0 (2014-04-09)

Vendor Sources

Official Drop Tables

<https://www.warframe.com/droptables>

Farming Locations

These are based on opinions and may not be 100% true. These should be viewed as advice for finding the resource until better facts are proven.

Target	Planet	Name	Type	Level	Tile Set
	Void	Teshub	Exterminate	10 - 15	Orokin Tower
	Void	Hepit	Capture	10 - 15	Orokin Tower
	Void	Ani	Survival	20 - 25	Orokin Tower
	Void	Stribog	Sabotage	20 - 25	Orokin Tower
	Void	Ukko	Capture	30 - 35	Orokin Tower
	Void	Oxomoco	Exterminate	30 - 35	Orokin Tower
	Void	Mot	Survival	40 - 45	Orokin Tower
	Void	Marduk	Sabotage	40 - 45	Orokin Tower



Drop Locations

Mission Drop Tables

Mission Type ▾	Source ▾	Rotations or Drop Table ▾	Chance ^[1] ▾	Quantity ^[2] ▾	Avg. per roll ^[3] ▾	Star Chart Nodes ▾
Annihilation	Annihilation (Conclave)	B	0.25%	1	0.0025	Annihilation, Saturn
Cephalon Capture	Cephalon Capture (Conclave)	B	0.25%	1	0.0025	Cephalon Capture, Saturn
Exterminate	Kuva Fortress Exterminate Resource Caches	C	3.67%	1	0.0367	Dakata, Kuva Fortress
Exterminate	Lua Exterminate Resource Caches	C	10.82%	1	0.1082	Plato, Lua
Exterminate	Jupiter Exterminate Resource Caches	C	1%	1	0.01	Carpo, Jupiter
Lunaro	Lunaro (Conclave)	B	0.25%	1	0.0025	Lunaro Arena, Saturn
Sabotage	Tier 4 Void Sabotage Resource Caches	C	4.42%	1	0.0442	Marduk, Void
Sabotage	Tier 1 Reactor Sabotage	C	0.67%	1	0.0067	Ishtar, Venus Terminus, Mercury Gradius, Mars
Sabotage	Orokin Derelict Resource Caches	C	19.36%	1	0.1936	Formido, Deimos



Mission Type ↕	Source ↕	Rotations or Drop Table ↕	Chance ^[1] ↕	Quantity ^[2] ↕	Avg. per roll ^[3] ↕	Star Chart Nodes ↕
Sabotage	Tier 2 Void Sabotage Resource Caches	C	3.67%	1	0.0367	Stribog, Void
Sabotage	Tier 3 Reactor Sabotage	C	3.67%	1	0.0367	Rusalka, Sedna Cypress, Pluto
Sabotage	Tier 2 Reactor Sabotage	C	1%	1	0.01	Ker, Ceres Thon, Ceres Adrastea, Jupiter Calypso, Saturn
Sabotage	Orokin Derelict Resource Caches	C	3.76%	2	0.0752	Formido, Deimos
Team Annihilation	Team Annihilation (Conclave)	B	0.25%	1	0.0025	Team Annihilation, Saturn
Weekly Conclave Challenge Reward	Weekly Conclave Challenge Reward	B	12.5%	10	1.25	Complete all weekly Conclave challenges to get this reward in your in-game inbox: - Match Won: Win 6 matches of any game type. - Match Complete: Complete 20 matches of any game type.



Mission Type ↕	Source ↕	Rotations or Drop Table ↕	Chance ^[1] ↕	Quantity ^[2] ↕	Avg. per roll ^[3] ↕	Star Chart Nodes ↕
						Daily Challenges.

Enemy Drop Tables

Enemy ↕	Drop Table Chance ^[4] ↕	Item Chance ^[5] ↕	Chance ^[6] ↕	Expected Kills ^[7] ↕	Quantity ^[8] ↕	Avg. per roll attempt ^[9] ↕
Corrupted Vor	100%	50%	50%	2	1	0.5

Sourced from the [official drop table repository \(https://www.warframe.com/droptables\)](https://www.warframe.com/droptables). See [Module:DropTables/data](#) to edit on the wiki.

Blueprints Requiring Argon Crystals

Click to view the Blueprints requiring Argon Crystals

Gathering Tips

These are based on trial and error and may not be completely true. These should be viewed as advice for finding the materials until better facts are proven.

- Argon Crystals can be found in Argon Pegmatite deposits. They can also drop from containers, lockers, and enemies.
 - [Thief's Wit](#), [Master Thief](#), and a [Kubrow](#) or [Kavat](#) with [Scavenge](#) can help in finding containers that may contain Argon Crystals. Using a [Sentinel](#) with [Spare Parts](#) can also help with gathering Argon Crystals.
 - It should be noted that using [Scavenge](#) is a slow process due to having to wait for your kubrow to start/complete the animation sequence.
- Bringing a [Smeeta](#) Kavat with [Charm](#) into Void maps has a chance at giving you one or multiple Argon Crystals when it triggers.
- Bringing a [Nekros](#) with [Desecrate](#) can improve your chances of finding Argon Crystals, particularly with weapons that deal a majority of their damage as slash (Desecrate counts each severed part as a separate entity).
- Bringing a [Hydroid](#) with the [Pilfering Swarm](#) augmentation or [Khora](#) with the [Pilfering Stranglethorn](#) augmentation can improve your chances of finding Argon



- Bringing an [Ivara](#) with [Prowl](#) can improve your chances of finding Argon Crystals.
- Bringing a [Limbo](#) with [Cataclysm](#) modded for maximum range can destroy all containers in a room by quickly activating and deactivating the ability, making it easier to pick up Argon Crystals without specifically looking for them.
 - Alternatively, a [Xaku](#) with [The Vast Untime](#) modded for maximum range can also break containers easily, even outside of the room the containers might be in.
- The [Jordas Golem](#) on Eris is a good place to find Argon as well. Just break the containers in and around the boss area.
- The [Weekly Ayatan Sculpture Mission](#) from [Maroo's Bazaar](#) is a good place to find Argon Crystals but only if it is a Void map and not a Derelict map.
- Exterminate, Capture, and Sabotage missions are generally the best nodes to explore for Argon Crystals on inside the Void, as the objectives are easy, and allow unrestricted access to the entire tileset upon completion. Additionally, the increased volume of enemies that spawn in these mission types will grant more chances to acquire crystals from killing said enemies.
- Bringing a Warframe such as [Ember](#), [Nova](#), [Hydroid](#) or any other with an AOE damage skill will allow you to break containers behind closed/locked walls and triggered container capsules found in some void tiles. [Vacuum](#) equipped on pets will also collect those resources through walls.
- Bringing a Weapon with large AoE such as a variety of explosive weapons (particularly those capable of equipping either [Primed Fulmination](#) or [Primed Firestorm](#), or the [Ignis](#)/[Ignis Wraith](#) fitted with [punch through](#) will allow one to rapidly clear rooms of any containers.
- Void Defense missions may average one crystal every 5 rounds, making them a slow but sure way of acquiring them if one doesn't feel like exploring.
- A drop chance booster or blessing can improve the drop rate of Argon Crystals.
- Completing the third phase of an [Isolation Vault](#) bounty has a chance of yielding Argon Crystals, among other resources.

Decaying Mechanics

Time until Argon Crystal decays:

00 days 04 hours 38 minutes 35 seconds

Each Argon Crystal in a Tenno's inventory is either stable or decaying at any given time; beyond this, the age of a single crystal does not matter.

- "A full 24 hours from when you acquire it and then when GMT 00:00 hits, is when it's considered in its decaying period." ^[10]
- Having the countdown started on one Argon Crystal, then obtaining another does not reset the countdown for the former.



Each day at GMT 00:00, two things happen:

1. The quantity of decaying Argon Crystals (the ones older than today) is cut in half and rounded down (in other words, performing an integer division by two)
2. All stable Argon Crystals (the ones you collected on that day) shift to the decaying state

For example:

- 11 crystals are collected on day 1. They are all stable.
- GMT 00:00 hits, and all 11 crystals are decaying. Their quantity remains unchanged.
- 10 crystals are collected on day 2. The Tenno now has 21 crystals (11 from day 1 + 10 from day 2).
- GMT 00:00 hits. The 11 decaying crystals decay to 5 ($11/2 = 5.5 \approx 5$ rounded down). The 10 additional crystals are now in the decaying state. The Tenno currently has 15 crystals (5 + 10).
- GMT 00:00 hits again without the Tenno collecting any other crystals. All 15 crystals decay to a total of 7 ($5/2 = 2.5 \approx 2 + 10/2$).

As a table:

Day #	New Crystals Collected	Argon Crystal State	Inventory Total	Calculation
1	11	11 stable	11	—
2	10	11 decaying, 10 stable	21	= 11 (from day 1) + 10 (from day 2)
3	0	15 decaying	15	= $11/2 + 10$ = (round down) $5.5 + 10$ = $5 + 10$ = 15
4	0	7 decaying	7	= $5/2 + 10/2$ = (round down) $2.5 + 5$ = $2 + 5$ = 7

Notes

- [Corrupted Vor](#) will always drop either an Orokin Cell or an Argon Crystal. Chances seem to be equal for both.



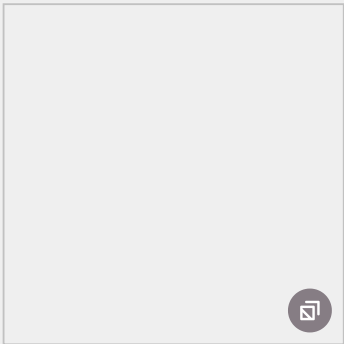
- Unlike other resources, Argon Crystals cannot be refunded when an item is canceled in the Foundry.

Trivia

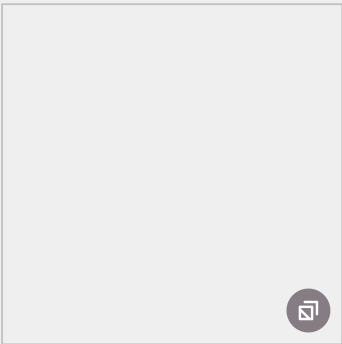
- **Argon** (symbol: Ar) is the 18th element in the [periodic table](#). Its properties in-game are wildly different from those demonstrated in real life. It's likely these unusual properties are caused by the physics-defying nature of the Void.
 - It is a noble gas whose most commonly occurring isotope on Earth, ⁴⁰Ar, is stable and does not undergo radioactive decay as the Argon Crystal does. Argon has [a number of unstable isotopes](#) that *do* decay, though none of their [half-lives](#) match up with the Argon Crystal's rate of decay.
 - Argon is a gas at room temperature, and does not form crystalline solids until reaching −189.4 °C (−308.9 °F). Solid argon does [sublimate](#) in real life, but as a physical property rather than a radioactive one sublimation doesn't resemble the half-life pattern of radioactive decay.
 - Argon is the third-most abundant gas on Earth, so presumably, it is also abundant in the Void, or it was introduced into it by the Orokin towers.
- Reflecting a real-world use of argon, argon crystals may not be used directly in the manufacture of items in the foundry, but instead, provide a perfectly unreactive atmosphere for the creation of extremely fine-tuned equipment.
- This is the first, and so far only resource that has the ability to degrade over time.
- Due to a DDoS Attack on Warframe's PC Servers on April 15, 2014, Argon Crystals didn't decay until servers stabilized – although their countdown remained active. This lasted until [Hotfix 13.1.2](#) (2014-04-25) was launched, as the servers had fully recovered by that time.^[11]
- Previously, Argon Crystals would drop from [Infestation Outbreaks](#) (particularly from [Phorid](#)), and was considered a much more efficient way to collect them. This bug was removed (albeit undocumented in the patch notes) in [Hotfix 14.7.4](#) (2014-09-20).
- Argon Crystals were used to irradiate Infested [Pherliac Pods](#) during [The Jordas Precept](#) quest, making them more potent. This alludes to the idea that Argon Crystals have enhancing properties.
- Previously, there was a rare bug that caused argon crystals to multiply in the players inventory instead of decaying. This has since been patched.

Media

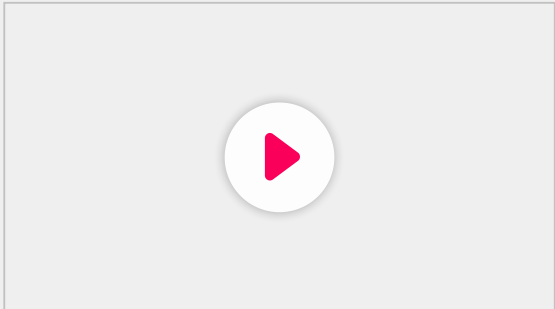




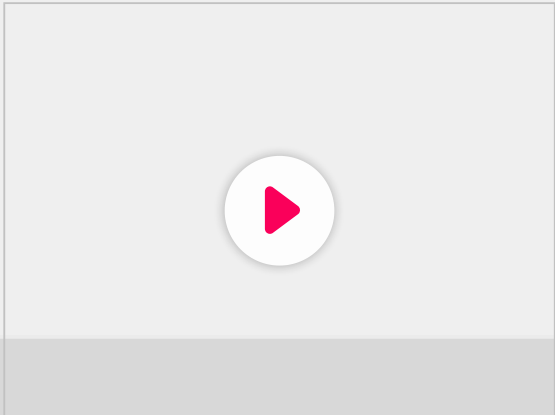
Pickup



Deposit



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Patch History

Update 36.0 (2024-06-18)

- Argon Crystals are now automatically waypointed when dropped by enemies or resource containers in-mission.



- 2. Amount rewarded on successful roll
- 3. (Quantity × Chance)
- 4. Chance to roll drop table
- 5. Chance to roll item within drop table
- 6. (Drop Table Chance × Item Chance)
- 7. (1 / Chance), see [WARFRAME Wiki:Expected & Nearly Guaranteed Numbers](#) for more details
- 8. Amount rewarded on successful roll
- 9. (Quantity × Chance), average item quantity on a roll attempt (successful or not)
- 10. [April 11th Community Hot Topics \(https://forums.warframe.com/index.php?/topic/2118-20-april-11th-community-hot-topics/#entry2476040\)](#)
- 11. [DERebbecca's post explaining the 2014 April 15th DDoS \(https://forums.warframe.com/index.php?/topic/215376-4152014-connectivity-issues/page-31#entry2508073\)](#)

Resources / Components					
Star Chart	Empyrean	Plains of Eidolon	Orb Vallis	Cambion Drift	Duviri
Common	Alloy Plate • Entrati Obols • Ferrite • Nano Spores • S				
	Carbides • Circuits • Cryotic • Cubic Diodes • Hexenon • Oxium • Plastids • Polymer Bundle • Rubedo • Stela • Thra				
Uncommon	Voidgel Orb				
	Argon Crystal • Control Module • Gallium • Morphics • Neura				
Rare	Neurodes • Orokin Cell • Tellurium • Entrati Lanthorn				
	Antiserum Injector Fragment • Detonite Ampule (Detonite Inje				
Research	Fieldron Sample (Fieldron) • Mutagen Sample (Mutagen Mass) • Synthula				
	Animo Nav Beacon • Cryptographic ALU • Judgement Points • Nav				
Navigation	Omega Isotope • Granum Crown (Exemplar Granum Crown, Zenith (				
	Aya • Ayatan Amber Star • Ayatan Cyan Star • Endo • Intact Se				
Special	Javlok Capacitor • Kavat Genetic Code • Lua Thrax Plasm • Nitain				
	Orokin Cipher • Kuva • Riven Sliver • Somatic Fibers • Steel E				
	Synthetic Eidolon Shard • Vitus Essence • Void Traces • Vosfor				

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