

Designed to provide a refuge or 'safe-haven' for tunnel personnel trapped in a hazardous or toxic environment.













# Company Profile

MineARC Systems is the global leader in the manufacture and supply of emergency safe refuge solutions for the mining, tunnelling, chemical processing and disaster relief industries.

With over 15 years' experience, our dedication to ongoing research and development is driven by our key focus to continually offer the best and most advanced safety solutions on the market.

Our team of qualified engineers, electrical designers and technical experts form a global network across several international locations including:

- Perth, Western Australia
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Dallas, Texas
- Santiago, Chile
- Beijing, China
- Hamburg, Germany
- Leon, Mexico

This allows MineARC to provide 24 hour service and engineering support to our expanding list of clients in over 60 countries across the globe

All MineARC Refuge Chambers and Safe Havens comply with the highest international regulations and recognised 'world's best practice' industry guidelines. Our key focus on quality control and product advancement has meant that MineARC Refuge Chambers have successfully saved lives in multiple real life industrial emergencies around the globe.

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Standard) BS 6164:2011

Health and Safet

Member of the ITA (International Tunnelling Association)





Australian C-Tick Standards: AS4100-1998, AS3570.1-18, AS2208, AS3000,





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European CE Certified to Machinery Norm

### MineARC Tunnelling Chambers

Emergency refuge forms an integral part of a tunnelling project's wider Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Fires, fall of ground, flooding, and the release of smoke and other forms of toxic gas are the types of incidents that can occur all too frequently, despite the high levels of planning and safety precautions in place.

In these types of emergencies, where personnel become trapped without adequate ventilation and evacuation is no longer safe or practical, emergency refuge is designed to provide a secure 'go-to' area for personnel to gather and await extraction.

MineARC Refuge Chambers have been successfully used around the world in multiple real-life tunnelling emergencies to save lives

MineARC's TunnelSAFE Range of Refuge Chambers are highly customisable to suit any project and can be built to comply with British Standard (BS EN 16191:2014) *Safety Requirements for Tunnelling Machinery*.



TunnelSAFE Gantry Design
Standard Features

Providing safety at the rear of the cutting head infrastructure,
MineARC TunnelSAFE Gantry Design Refuge Chambers offer a
fixed safety solution for the life of the project.

Regardless of size constraints, MineARC Engineers can

**Features** 

• Designed specifically to be mounted on a tunnel boring machine

custom design and manufacture each refuge chamber to meet the specific needs of the project, without compromising on

- ELV CO and CO2 scrubbing
- Medical O2 regulator and backup

occupancy potential or safety features.

- Positive pressure maintenance system with visual reference
- Audio visual warning for pneumatic disruption
- Aura-FX Digital Gas Monitoring
- · Air conditioning and dehumidifying

- 5mm steel plate construction with reflective signage
- Water based fire extinguisher (optional for non-Australian orders)

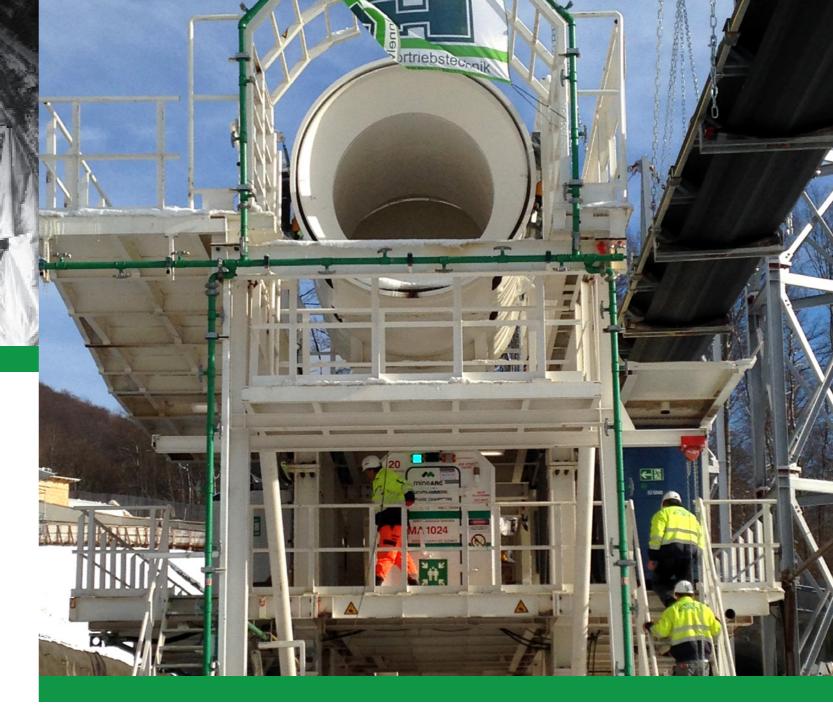
TunnelSAFE Gantry Design Refuge

- Full UPS 24hr battery backup system
- Ergonomically designed seating
- Radio power supply
- External strobe lighting; internal fluorescent lighting

### **Standard Configurations**

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TS-GD2-12-ELV-24-I	TS-GD4-12-ELV-24-E		12				6.30	7.95	5,400	6,200
TS-GD3-14-ELV-24-I	TS-GD5-14-ELV-24-E		14				7.00	9.00	5,950	6,450
TS-GD4-16-ELV-24-I	TS-GD6-16-ELV-24-E		16		2.00	1.60	7.95	9.80	6,200	6,700
TS-GD5-20-ELV-24-I	TS-GD8-20-ELV-24-E		20				9.00	11.70	6,450	7,200
TS-GD7-24-ELV-24-I	-		24				10.50	-	6,920	-
TS-GDW1-10-ELV-24-I	TS-GDW3-10-ELV-24-E	Gantry Design Wide	10		2.00	2.00	4.80	5.80	4,900	5,450
TS-GDW2-12-ELV-24-I	TS-GDW4-12-ELV-24-E		12				5.30	6.40	5,200	5,900
TS-GDW3-14-ELV-24-I	TS-GDW6-14-ELV-24-E		14	24			5.80	7.75	5,450	6,500
TS-GDW4-16-ELV-24-I	TS-GDW7-16-ELV-24-E		16	24			6.40	8.12	5,900	6,750
TS-GDW5-20-ELV-24-I	TS-GDW8-20-ELV-24-E		20				6.80	9.86	6,150	7,300
TS-GDW6-24-ELV-24-I	TS-GDW9-24-ELV-24-E		24				7.75	11.40	6,500	7,650

\*Indicative weights only. Custom variations will impact final refuge chamber weight.





### **Optional: EnviroLAV Waste Management System**

Also available is the electrically powered EnviroLAV Waste Management System that can be positioned at the rear of the TBM gantry, allowing for quick and simple installation and service on site.

The Compact model EnviroLAV features a small footprint of less than 1.5m2; an ideal size for the tight confines of the TBM where space is a limiting factor. Removable steps allow for further maximisation of space.

The EnviroLAV's unique waste breakdown process reduces emptying requirements to just once per year based on standard usage.

For more information please visit www.minearc.com/EnviroLAV



#### **Features**

- Designed specifically to be mounted on a rail trolley or rescue train
- ELV CO and CO2 scrubbing
- Medical O2 regulator and backup
- Positive pressure maintenance system with visual reference
- Audio visual warning for pneumatic disruption
- Aura-FX Digital Gas Monitoring
- · Air conditioning and dehumidifying

- 5mm steel plate construction with reflective signage
- Water based fire extinguisher (optional for non-Australian orders)
- Full UPS 24hr battery backup system
- Ergonomically designed seating
- Radio power supply
- External strobe lighting; internal fluorescent lighting

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TS-RD2-12-ELV-24-I	TS-RD4-12-ELV-24-E		12				6.30	7.95	5,400	6,200
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TS-RD5-20-ELV-24-I	TS-RD8-20-ELV-24-E		20				9.00	11.70	6,450	7,200
TS-RD7-24-ELV-24-I	-		24				10.50	-	6,920	-

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# Chamber Exterior - Front



TunnelSAFE MSV Design Standard Features

MineARC can custom engineer and manufacture refuge chambers to be mounted to a multi-service vehicle; providing a portable safe haven for workers during routine tunnel inspections and maintenance works. As a long term safety option for the entire life of the tunnel, these chambers are robust and fully serviceable.

TunnelSAFE MSV Design Refuge Chambers can also be fitted with remote monitoring systems, or the client's own remote control system.

> TunnelSAFE MSV Design Refuge Chamber

ITA or BS EN 16191 compliant

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16 REFUGE CHAMBER

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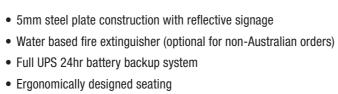
**MA 1100** 

models available

#### **Features**

- Designed specifically to be mounted on a multi-service vehicle
- ELV CO and CO2 scrubbing
- Medical O2 regulator and backup
- Positive pressure maintenance system with visual reference
- Audio visual warning for pneumatic disruption
- Aura-FX Digital Gas Monitoring
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#### **Features**

- Self-regenerative ELV CO and CO2 scrubbing
- Medical O2 regulator and backup
- Positive pressure maintenance system with visual reference
- Audio visual warning for pneumatic disruption
- Aura-FX Digital Gas Monitoring
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TS-SD2-12-ELV-24-I	TS-SD3-12-ELV-24-E		12				4.80	6.02	4,700	5,400
TS-SD3-16-ELV-24-I	TS-SD4-16-ELV-24-E		16		21   2.25	6.02	7.23	5,400	6,000	
TS-SD4-20-ELV-24-I	-		20				7.23	-	6,000	-
TS-ND6-12-ELV-24-I	TS-ND4-12-ELV-24-E	Narrow Design	12	24	2.00	1.90	5.60	7.24	5,250	6,668
TS-ND7-16-ELV-24-I	TS-ND8-16-ELV-24-E		16				6.70	8.80	6,200	7,550
TS-ND5-20-ELV-24-I	TS-ND9-20-ELV-24-E		20				8.44	10.40	7,348	8,400
TS-ND8-24-ELV-24-I	TS-ND10-24-ELV-24-E		24				8.80	11.90	7,550	8,900
TS-SL1-12-ELV-24-I	TS-SL3-12-ELV-24-E	Slim Line	12			.00 1.60	6.30	8.50	5,400	6,300
TS-SL2-16-ELV-24-I	TS-SL5-16-ELV-24-E		16				7.70	10.50	6,050	6,920
-	TS-SL6-18-ELV-24-E		18	24	24 2.00		-	11.50	-	7,100
TS-SL4-20-ELV-24-I	TS-SL7-20-ELV-24-E		20				9.00	11.90	6,450	5,790
TS-SL5-24-ELV-24-I	-		24				10.50	-	6,920	-

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### **Chamber** Interior

#### AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

- R410a refrigerant coolingUL listed Mitsubishi Split System

AIR CONDITIONING RUN AT 30° (86°F)

# ON BATTERY ONLY

### **OXYGEN SUPPLY #2:**

MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN CYLINDERS (Not pictured)

Minimum capacity based on G size cylinder (8,580L); quantity

Model	4-Person	6-Person	8-Person
36 hr	1	1	2

### **OPTIONAL: OXYGEN SUPPLY #3:**

OXYGEN CANDLE KIT (Not pictured)

- 2,600L oxygen produced / 60 mins ignition; Military approved

ELV CO/CO2 SCRUBBING SYSTEM

### **Optional: Standing Room Only**

**INVERTER** 

A/C REMOTE

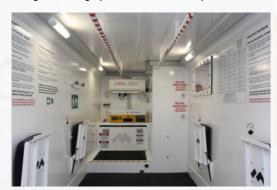
WARNING

WORK IS CARRIED OUT ON THE REFUGE CHAMBER

POWER FLUCTUATION

**PROTECTION** 

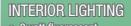
Designed for high personnel volume requirements.



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GAS MONITOR

AIR (OXYGEN) SUPPLY #1: **COMPRESSED AIR** 

• Low pressure air supply (120psi; 830kPa)

### **Air Conditioning**

'scrubbing' systems).

Air conditioning is vital to combat the potentially fatal effects of heat stress; caused by a build-up in occupant's own metabolic activity, as well as any ambient (external) heat affecting the refuge chamber's internal temperature.

Inside a MineARC TunnelSAFE Refuge Chamber, a

number of vital life support systems combine to create

Systems include primary and secondary oxygen

supplies, air conditioning and dehumidifying, positive pressure maintenance, electrical and communications,

gas detection and CO/CO2 absorption (referred to as

MineARC TunnelSAFE Chambers use active chemicals

and MineARC's Extra-Low-Voltage (ELV) Scrubbing System to 'scrub' the build-up of harmful CO2 and CO

In high enough concentrations, both CO2 and CO can

cause serious injury leading to a loss of consciousness

and eventually, death. CO2 and CO are expired by occupants as part of their normal breathing activity.

Carbon Monoxide can also enter the main chamber via

the compressed air intake (if it becomes compromised),

and as occupants enter and/or exit the main entrance,

making CO/CO2 scrubbing a vital necessity.

a safe, ongoing environment for occupants.

from the air inside the refuge chamber.

### **Extra-Low-Voltage Controller** Interface

The controller interface is the operational hub of the refuge chamber. From here, all power, lighting and scrubbing can be managed with the flick of a switch.

### **MARCISORB Chemical Cartridges**

The ELV scrubbing system utilises pre-packaged MARCISORB chemical absorber cartridges. MineARC's MARCISORB CO and MARCISORB CO2 cartridges provide superior scrubbing capacity, are easy to load, safe to handle, and can store for long periods.



### **GuardIAN**

### **Chamber Monitoring**

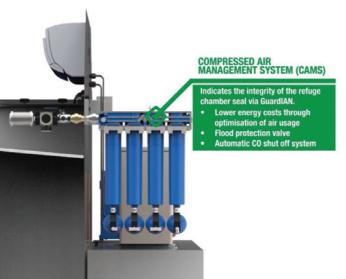
MineARC's GuardIAN Refuge Chamber Monitoring System is an exciting development in refuge chamber technology. GuardIAN enables real-time monitoring; providing confidence that an operation's fleet of refuge chambers are emergency ready at all times.

GuardIAN Refuge Chamber Monitoring is an on-board system that continuously monitors all vital refuge operating systems. During standby mode GuardIAN checks for component faults and monitors refuge chamber usage or entry to the chamber.

The GuardIAN Chamber Monitoring system is hosted on an internal server within the refuge chamber so that no client software installation is required. The responsive webpage is easily accessible from any computer, tablet or smartphone and features a summary of your entire refuge chamber fleet and overall operational status, with the ability to drill down to a detailed report of each chamber.

GuardIAN Chamber Monitoring provides the added advantage of remote troubleshooting assistance by MineARC Engineers, who can login to view the chamber diagnostics dashboard with sites' permission.





### **Chamber Integrity Monitoring**

The Compressed Air Management System (CAMS) communicates vital information relating to the integrity of the internal refuge chamber ia the GuardIAN Network.

An increase in CAMS activity would indicate a breach of the refuge chamber seal, thus sending an alert to designated personnel that the chamber is compromised.

### **GuardIAN**

### **Chamber Monitoring**



#### **Event Logging & Fault Diagnostics**

MineARC's Series IV Digital Controller links directly to the GuardIAN Network, streaming real-time system data, including automated system checks, fault logging (battery, scrubber, temperature and inverter), system diagnostics, internal and external temperature measurements, and system actions such as scrubber activation.

MineARC's Aura-FX also provides real-time gas monitoring data and analysis via the GuardIAN Network dashboard.

### **Live Video Monitoring and VOIP Video Phone**

Internal video monitoring is provided by a remote controlled, motion activated GuardIAN IP camera. When activated, the camera will send out a live, recorded stream of the interior of the refuge chamber to the GuardIAN Network.

To assist occupants during an emergency or safety drill, chambers are also equipped with a VOIP video phone, facilitating face-to-face communication between the refuge chamber and the surface.

### **UPS Battery Management**

When used in conjunction with GuardIAN, the MineARC Satellite UPS System allows for real-time, remote monitoring of each individual battery. Battery faults can be identified immediately via the GuardIAN Dashboard and Alert Feed, with auto-generated event notifications sent directly to any personal device. Voltage and temperature diagnostics for each individual battery within a string can also be viewed via a graph, highlighting any fluctuations over the past 24 hours.





GuardIAN Connect, powered by RFI Technology Solutions is a high speed, fit for purpose, linear access layer network, allowing the connection of the GuardIAN Nodes, Smart Lighting and Refuge Chamber to the

Designed specifically for an underground mining environment, GuardIAN Connect uses a single coaxial cable to carry both power and data.

### Pressure Systems

MineARC pressure systems are designed to help maintain a safe, breathable atmosphere within the refuge chamber. Systems include the Pressurised Access Safety System (PASS) to ensure safe entry into the refuge chamber, and the Positive Pressure Maintenance System (PPMS) to maintain positive internal pressure within the chamber



### **Pressurised Access Safety System**

The Pressurised Access Safety System (PASS) remote activation unit is located next to the door on the front exterior of the refuge, allowing personnel to pre-prepare the chamber for safe entry.

Should the chamber's fresh compressed air supply be disconnected or compromised, the system's external LED light will display red, indicating that the chamber is not positively pressurised and therefore unsafe for entry.

Once activated, the PASS will disperse controlled quantities of compressed air into the chamber until the internal pressure reaches 200 Pa. By ensuring that the pressure inside the refuge is slightly greater than outside, toxic contaminants are prevented from infiltrating the chamber during entry of personnel.





### **Positive Pressure Maintenance System**

The Positive Pressure Maintenance System (PPMS) enclosure is securely mounted to the interior wall of the refuge chamber. Powered by a 24VDC power supply, the electric solenoid valve opens and closes to release measured amounts of breathable air from compressed air cylinders in order to maintain a positive internal pressure.

The quantity of compressed breathable air cylinders is configurable to suit various internal volumes and durations of operation.

# Chamber Exterior - Rear

A secure cabinet at the rear of the TunnelSAFE houses the refuge chamber's UPS battery back up (Uninterruptible Power Supply). The UPS is a fail-safe system that can power the refuge chamber's internal life support systems for a minimum of 24hrs, should mine power become cut-off.

As an optional feature, the Compressed Air Management System (CAMS) allows regulated compressed air into the refuge chamber

when the pressure inside drops below 200Pa. This process optimises mine air usage and guarantees against over-pressurisation of the refuge chamber. CAMS' gas toxicity monitor automatically diverts compressed air if oxygen levels in the airline fall below a set level (18% oxygen in free air), signifying air contamination. Additionally, the incorporated flood protection valve automatically shuts down compressed air to avoid catastrophic and costly chamber damage in the event of water ingress.





### **Optional: Satellite UPS System**

MineARC's Satellite UPS System has been engineered specifically for use in conjunction with refuge chambers; designed to ensure batteries perform at full capacity for their expected life span.

By ensuring atmospheric conditions are optimal, monitoring battery activity and adding electronics to the charging system, the Satellite UPS System limits all primary aspects of battery degradation and allows MineARC's high quality batteries to operate as intended.

For more information please visit www.minearc.com

**Custom Design**& Chamber Options

Emergency refuge should always be considered within the broader context of an entire emergency response/management plan and in conjunction with a range of other important design and safety factors, including; overall tunnel design, ventilation systems, means of egress, emergency procedures and available rescue equipment.

Virtually all aspects of a MineARC TunnelSAFE Chamber design can be customised by MineARC Engineers, including; shape, standard dimensions, blast resistance, internal features, occupancy, entry airlock/vestibule and minimum entrapment durations. MineARC can also engineer the refuge chamber to double as a control room, office area, rest station or blast room (used in drill and blast operations).



To combat potentially high ambient temperatures on-site, MineARC has developed a unique, self-contained misting system that is available as an optional upgrade on all TunnelSAFE Refuge Chambers.

The system assists in heat suppression of the external environment by emitting a fine mist of water around the exterior of the chamber. The mist is set to a droplet size that will flash evaporate under high temperatures, creating a temperature barrier around the chamber which, in turn, maintains a life-sustainable internal environment. The water supply tank is generally integrated into the refuge chamber floor or beneath the seats, and is activated via an internal control switch.



45° Angle Front Entry





Custom TunnelSAFE Refuge Chamber

### **Permanent Refuge Solutions**



**Auto-Retracting Seating** 



### **Feature Summary**



### **Industry Compliance ITA or BS EN 16191**

5mm (1/4") Steel Plate Construction

**Breathable Air Supply** 

CO & CO<sub>2</sub> Scrubbing

**Aura-FX Digital Gas Monitoring** 

**Air-Conditioning** 

**Stand Alone Battery UPS** 

**PPMS & PASS** 

### **Options**

- · Custom dimensions and transport configurations
- · Blast shield protection (reinforced construction)
- Compressed Air Management System (CAMS)
- · Fully flushing, pressurised airlock
- . Misting system for external temperature control
- · Battery backup UPS upgrade
- · First aid kit

- Internal LCD monitor screen
- Step-down transformer
- Carbon Monoxide Safety-Off-System (COSOS)
- Remote video camera monitoring
- Intrinsically safe MARCis Scrubber
- Automated Oxygen Delivery System (AODS)
- GuardIAN Intelligence Network



### **Optional Add-Ons: Emergency Response Products**

MineARC's **ZOLL AED Range** provides the best support to help save a life. Users are provided with real-time feedback for quality, depth and rate of chest compressions; providing confidence and clarity throughout the defibrillation process.

The Rugged Oxygen Generator (ROG) is a portable, lightweight oxygen generator that delivers 90 litres of breathable oxygen for 15 minutes. Easy-to-use and small enough to carry in a backpack, the ROG gives immediate access to a potentially life saving oxygen supply.

