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DarkSide-50 is dual-phase liquid argon time projection chamber, designed for direct WIMP search. The detector, consisting of 50 kg of liquid argon and shielded by active neutron and muon vetoes, is installed at Gran Sasso underground laboratory. DarkSide-50 is taking data since November 2013, collecting more than 10° 7 events with atmospheric argon, naturally contaminated with cosmogenic 39Ar beta decay. This contamination is equivalent to ~20 years of data taking with underground argon, depleted in 39Ar by a factor larger than 150. Thanks to the excellent nuclear-electron recoil discrimination power of liquid argon and to the high efficiencies of the vetoes, no event has been observed in the WIMP region of interest in 47.1 days of data taking. We present the detector design and performance and the results from the atmospheric argon run.

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