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direct expansion refrigerated air dryer



R134a gas chemical safety data sheet

PRODUCT NAME: REFRIGERANT GAS R134a

COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CAS No.: 000811-97-2

EEC No.: 212-377-0

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT(S)	CAS No.	Symbol	R Phrases
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC 134a)	000811-97-2		

HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Low acute toxicity. High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation. Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to skin and eyes.

FIRST-AID MEASURES

The first aid advice given for skin contact, eye contact, and ingestion is applicable following exposures to the liquid or spray. See also TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

Inhalation: Remove patient from exposure, keep warm and at rest. Administer oxygen if necessary. Apply artificial respiration if breathing has ceased or shows signs of failing. In the event of cardiac arrest apply external cardiac massage. Obtain immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Thaw affected areas with water. Remove contaminated clothing. Caution: clothing may adhere to the skin in the case of freeze burns. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of warm water. If irritation or blistering occur obtain medical attention.

Eye Contact: Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 10 minutes. Obtain immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Unlikely route of exposure. Do not induce vomiting. Provided the patient is conscious, wash out mouth with water and give 200-300 ml (half a pint) of water to drink. Obtain immediate medical attention.

Further Medical Treatment

Symptomatic treatment and supportive therapy as indicated.

Adrenaline and similar sympathomimetic drugs should be avoided following exposure as cardiac arrhythmia may result with possible subsequent cardiac arrest.

FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

This refrigerant is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. Certain mixtures of this refrigerant and air when under pressure may be flammable. Mixtures of this refrigerant and air under pressure should be avoided.

Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Thermal decomposition will evolve very toxic and corrosive vapors. (hydrogen fluoride)
Contains may burst if overheated.



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Extinguishing Media:

As appropriate for surrounding fire. Water spray should be used to cool containers.

Fire Fighting Protective Equipment:

A self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in fire conditions. See Also EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION.

ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Ensure suitable personal protection (including respiratory protection) during removal of spillages. See Also EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION.

Provided it is safe to do so, isolate the source of the leak. Allow small spillages to evaporate provided there is adequate ventilation.

Large spillages: Ventilate area. Contain spillages with sand, earth or any suitable adsorbent material. Prevent liquid from entering drains, sewers, basements and workpits since the vapor may create a suffocating atmosphere.

HANDLING AND STORAGE**HANDLING**

Avoid inhalation of high concentrations of vapors. Atmospheric levels should be controlled in compliance with the occupational exposure limit. Atmospheric concentrations well below the occupational exposure limit can be achieved by good occupational hygiene practice.

The vapor is heavier than air, high concentrations may be produced at low levels where general ventilation is poor, in such cases provide adequate ventilation or wear suitable respiratory protective equipment with positive air supply.

Avoid contact with naked flames and hot surfaces as corrosive and very toxic decomposition products can be formed.

Avoid contact between the liquid and skin and eyes.

For correct refrigerant composition, systems should be charged using the liquid phase and not the vapor phase.

STORAGE

Keep in a well ventilated place. Keep in a cool place away from fire risk, direct sunlight and all sources of heat such as electric and steam radiators.

Avoid storing near to the intake of air conditioning units, boiler units and open drains.

Cylinders and Drums:

Keep container dry.

Storage temperature (Deg C): < 45

EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. Wear thermal insulating gloves when handling liquefied gases.

In cases of insufficient ventilation, where exposure to high concentrations of vapor is possible, suitable respiratory protective equipment with positive air supply should be used.

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**Occupational Exposure Limits**

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT(S)	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m ³
1,1,1,2- Tetrafluoroethane (HFC 134a)	1000	4240	-	- OES

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form:	liquified gas
Color:	colorless
Odor:	slight ethereal
Boiling Point (Deg C):	-26.2
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):	4270 at 20 Deg C
Density (g/ml):	1.22 at 20 Deg C
Solubility (Water):	insoluble
Solubility (Other): soluble in:	chlorinated solvents, alcohols, esters
Vapor Density (Air= 1):	3.66 at bubble point temperature

STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Hazardous Reactions:	Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions.
Incompatible materials:	finely divided metals, magnesium and alloys containing more than 2% magnesium. Can react violently if in contact with alkali metals and alkaline earth metals -sodium, potassium, barium.
Hazardous Decomposition Product(s):	hydrogen fluoride by thermal decomposition and hydrolysis.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Inhalation**

High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation.

Skin Contact

Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns. Unlikely to be hazardous by skin absorption.

Eye Contact

Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.

Ingestion

Highly unlikely - but should this occur freeze burns will result.

Long Term Exposure

A lifetime inhalation study in rats has shown that exposure to 50,000ppm resulted in benign tumors of the testis. The increased tumor incidence was observed only after prolonged exposure to high levels, and is considered not to be of relevance to humans occupationally exposed to HFC 134a at or below the occupational exposure limit.



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ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental Fate and Distribution

High tonnage material produced in wholly contained systems. High tonnage material used in open systems.

Vapor.Persistence and Degradation

Decomposed comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 13.6 year(s). Has a Halocarbon Global Warming Potential (HGWP) of 0.30 (relative to a value of 1 for CFC 11) or a Global Warming Potential (GWP) of 1300 (relative to a value of 1 for carbon dioxide at 100 years).

Effect on Effluent Treatment

Discharges of the product will enter the atmosphere and will not result in long term aqueous contamination.

DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Best to recover and recycle. If this is not possible, destruction is to be in an approved facility which is equipped to absorb and neutralise acid gases and other toxic processing products.

TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN No.: 3159

AIR

ICAO/IATA

-primary: 2.2

SEA

IMDG

-primary: 2.2

Marine Pollutant: Not classified as a Marine Pollutant

Proper Shipping Name: 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE

ROAD/RAIL

ADR/RID Class: 2

ADR/RID Item No: 2A

ADR Sin: 3159

REGULATORY INFORMATION

Not Classified as Hazardous to Users.

GLOSSARY

OES: Occupational Exposure Standard (UK HSE EH40)

MEL: Maximum Exposure Limit (UK HSE EH40)

COM: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to this limit

TLV: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to the ACGIH limit

TLV-C: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to the ACGIH Ceiling limit

MAK: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to the German limit

Sk: Can be absorbed through skin

Sen: Capable of causing respiratory sensitization

Bmgv: Biological monitoring guidance value (UK HSE EH40)

ILV: Indicative Limit Value (UK HSE EH40)