

# **FORANE® 134a**

# 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## Company

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**Product Information** 

Product name: Synonyms:

FORANE® 134a

HFC 134a, R 134a

Molecular formula:

CH2FCF3

Chemical family: Molecular weight: Hydrofluorocarbon 102.03 g/mol

Product use:

Refrigerant, Foam blowing agent, Aerosol propellants

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

# **Emergency Overview**

Color:

Clear - colourless

Physical state:

gaseous

Form: Odor:

Liquefied gas Slightly ether-like

# \*Classification of the substance or mixture:

Gases under pressure, Liquefied gas, H280 Simple Asphyxiant, Category 1,

\*For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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### **GHS-Labelling**

Hazard pictograms:



Signal word:

Warning

### **Hazard statements:**

H280 : Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

### Supplemental Hazard Statements:

Overheating or overpressurizing may cause gas release or violent cylinder bursting.

May decompose on contact with flames or extremely hot metal surfaces to produce toxic and corrosive products. May cause frostbite.

May cause headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, loss of consciousness.

May cause cardiac sensitization/cardiac arrhythmia.

May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

### Precautionary statements:

## Storage:

P403: Store in a well-ventilated place.

P410: Protect from sunlight.

# Supplemental information:

### **Potential Health Effects:**

Liquid: Contact with liquid or refrigerated gas can cause cold burns and frostbite. Vapor: Vapor is heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. If inhaled: Central nervous system effects: headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, loss of consciousness. Stress induced heart effects: Inhalation may cause an increase in the sensitivity of the heart to adrenaline, which could result in irregular or rapid heartbeats and reduced heart function.

# Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure:

Heart disease or compromised heart function.

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Chemical Name	CAS-No.	Wt/Wt	GHS Classification**
Ethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-	811-97-2	>= 99 %	H280

<sup>\*\*</sup>For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

# 4.1. Description of necessary first-aid measures:

#### Inhalation:

If inhaled, remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

#### Skin:

If on skin, flush exposed skin with lukewarm water (not hot), or use other means to warm skin slowly. Get medical attention if frostbitten by liquid or if irritation occurs. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

# Eyes:

Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water.

#### Ingestion:

Ingestion is not applicable - product is a gas at ambient temperatures.

## 4.2. Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:

For most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed), see Section 2 (Hazard Statements and Supplemental Information) and Section 11 (Toxicology Information) of this SDS.

### 4.3. Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:

Unless otherwise noted in Notes to Physician, no specific treatment noted; treat symptomatically.

#### Notes to physician:

Do not give drugs from adrenaline-ephedrine group.

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

# Extinguishing media (suitable):

Use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions.

### Extinguishing media (unsuitable):

None identified

### Protective equipment:

Fire fighters and others who may be exposed to products of combustion should wear full fire fighting turn out gear (full Bunker Gear) and self-contained breathing apparatus (pressure demand / NIOSH approved or equivalent).

#### Further firefighting advice:

Fight fire with large amounts of water from a safe distance.

Stop the flow of gas if possible.

Water mist should be used to reduce vapor concentrations in air.

Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.

Closed containers of this material may explode when subjected to heat from surrounding fire.

After a fire, wait until the material has cooled to room temperature before initiating clean-up activities.

Fire fighting equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

Cool containers/tanks with water spray.

Ensure a system for the rapid emptying of containers.

In case of fire nearby, remove exposed containers.

### Hazardous combustion products:

May decompose on contact with flames or extremely hot metal surfaces to produce toxic and corrosive products. Liquid and gas under pressure, overheating or overpressurizing may cause gas release and/or violent cylinder bursting.

Container may explode if heated due to resulting pressure rise.

Some mixtures of HCFCs and/or HFCs, and air or oxygen may be combustible if pressurized and exposed to extreme heat or flame.

When burned, the following hazardous products of combustion can occur:

Carbon oxides Hydrogen fluoride Carbonyl halides

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Prevent further leakage or spillage if you can do so without risk. Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Eliminate all ignition sources. Use Halogen leak detector or other suitable means to locate leaks or check atmosphere. Keep upwind. Evacuate enclosed spaces and disperse gas with floor-level forced-air ventilation. Avoid breathing leaked material.

Appropriate personal protective equipment is set forth in Section 8.

# 6.2. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Methods for cleaning up:

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Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet.

Neutralisation:

Stop leak if safe to do so.

Elimination: See chapter 13

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Handling

# General information on handling:

Avoid breathing gas.

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing.

Keep away from heat, sparks and flames.

Wear cold-insulating gloves/face shield/eye protection.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure.

Use a backflow preventative device in piping.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Do not change or force fit connections.

Close valve after each use and when empty.

Do not enter confined spaces unless adequately ventilated.

DO NOT CUT, DRILL, GRIND, OR WELD ON OR NEAR THIS CONTAINER.

Emptied container retains product residue.

Observe all labeled safeguards until container is cleaned, reconditioned or destroyed.

#### Storage

### General information on storage conditions:

Keep away from direct sunlight. Keep cylinders restrained. Store in cool, dry, well ventilated area away from sources of ignition such as flame, sparks and static electricity.

#### Storage stability - Remarks:

Do not apply direct flame to cylinder. Do not store cylinder in direct sun or expose it to heat above 120 F (48.9 C.). Do not drop or refill this cylinder.

# Storage incompatibility - General:

Store separate from: Alkaline earth metals Finely divided metals (aluminum, magnesium, zinc...) Strong oxidizing agents Alkali metals Strong bases

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# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Airborne Exposure Guidelines:

Ethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro- (811-97-2)

US. OARS. WEELs Workplace Environmental Exposure Level Guide

Time weighted average

1,000 ppm (4,240 mg/m3)

Remarks:

Listed

### Engineering controls:

Investigate engineering techniques to reduce exposures below airborne exposure limits or to otherwise reduce exposures. Provide ventilation if necessary to minimize exposures or to control exposure levels to below airborne exposure limits (if applicable see above). If practical, use local mechanical exhaust ventilation at sources of air contamination such as open process equipment.

Monitor carbon monoxide and oxygen levels in tanks and enclosed spaces. Consult ACGIH ventilation manual, NFPA Standard 91 and NFPA Standard 654 for design of exhaust system and safe handling.

### Respiratory protection:

Avoid breathing gas., Where airborne exposure is likely or airborne exposure limits are exceeded (if applicable, see above), use NIOSH approved respiratory protection equipment appropriate to the material and/or its components (full facepiece recommended)., Consult respirator manufacturer to determine appropriate type equipment for a given application., Observe respirator use limitations specified by NIOSH or the manufacturer., For emergency and other conditions where there may be a potential for significant exposure or where exposure limit may be significantly exceeded, use an approved full face positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus or positive-pressure airline with auxiliary self-contained air supply.

#### Skin protection:

Wear appropriate chemical resistant protective clothing and chemical resistant gloves to prevent skin contact. Consult glove manufacturer to determine appropriate type glove material for given application. Rinse immediately if skin is contaminated. Wash contaminated clothing and clean protective equipment before reuse. Wash thoroughly after handling.

#### Eye protection:

Use good industrial practice to avoid eye contact. Where eye contact may be likely, wear chemical goggles and have eye flushing equipment available.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Color:

Clear - colourless

Physical state:

gaseous

Form:

Liquefied gas

Odor:

Slightly ether-like

Odor threshold:

No data available

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Odor threshold:

No data available

Flash point

Not applicable

**Auto-ignition** temperature:

1,369 °F (743 °C)

Lower flammable limit

(LFL):

None.

Upper flammable limit

(UFL):

None.

pH:

Not applicable

Density:

not determined

Specific Gravity (Relative

density):

1.21 (77 °F( 25 °C))

Vapor pressure:

4,431.636 mmHg (70.0 °F (21.1 °C))

Relative vapor density:

3.54 (Air = 1.0)

Vapor density:

3.54 kg/m3

Initial boiling

point/boiling range:

= -15.5 °F (-26.4 °C)

Melting point/range:

No data available

Freezing point:

-150 °F (-101 °C)

Evaporation rate:

No data available

Solubility in water:

0.9 g/l 77 °F (25 °C)

Viscosity, dynamic:

No data available

Molecular weight:

102.03 g/mol

Oil/water partition

log Pow: = 1.06, at 77 °F (25 °C) pH = 6

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### Reactivity/Stability:

This material is chemically stable under normal and anticipated storage, handling and processing conditions.

#### Hazardous reactions:

None known.

### Materials to avoid:

Alkaline earth metals
Finely divided metals (aluminum, magnesium, zinc...)
Strong oxidizing agents
Alkali metals
Strong bases

#### Conditions / hazards to avoid:

Heat

#### Hazardous decomposition products:

Thermal decomposition giving toxic and corrosive products : Hydrogen fluoride Carbonyl halides Carbon oxides

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data on this material and/or its components are summarized below.

#### Data for FORANE® 134a

# Acute toxicity

#### Inhalation:

Practically nontoxic.. (Rat) 4 h LC50 (approximately 567000 ppm).

Signs/effects reported after acute exposure. (mouse, dog, cat, monkey) signs: anesthetic effects

#### Skin Irritation

Practically non-irritating.. (Rabbit) Irritation Index: < 1 / 8. (24 h) (occluded exposure)

# Eye Irritation:

Causes mild eye irritation.. (Rabbit) (vapor)

### Sensitization:

Causes cardiac sensitization.. inhalation. (Dog) Stress induced heart effects: signs: Stress induced heart effects: (Reaction may occur in response to stress (natural adrenaline release) or administration of epinephrine.)

### Skin Sensitization:

Not a sensitizer.. Guinea pig maximization test. No skin allergy was observed

### Repeated dose toxicity

Chronic inhalation administration to Rat / No adverse systemic effects reported.

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#### Carcinogenicity

Chronic inhalation administration to male rat / affected organ(s): testes / signs: tumors were benign. / Increase in tumor incidence was reported.

Chronic inhalation administration to female rat / No increase in tumor incidence was reported.

Chronic inhalation administration to Mouse / No increase in tumor incidence was reported.

1 year oral gavage administration to Rat / No increase in tumor incidence was reported.

### Genotoxicity

### Assessment in Vitro:

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: bacteria, animal cells, yeast, human cells

## Assessment in Vivo:

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: rats, mice

### **Developmental toxicity**

Exposure during pregnancy. inhalation (Rat) / No birth defects were observed. (delays in development, at doses that produce effects in mothers)

Exposure during pregnancy. inhalation (Rabbit) / No birth defects were observed.

### Reproductive effects

Two-generation study. inhalation (Rat) / No toxicity to reproduction.

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

# **Chemical Fate and Pathway**

Data on this material and/or its components are summarized below.

# Data for FORANE® 134a

# Biodegradation:

Not readily biodegradable. (28 d) biodegradation 3 %

## **Octanol Water Partition Coefficient:**

log Pow: = 1.06, at 77 °F (25 °C) pH = 6

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Aquatic toxicity data:

Practically nontoxic. Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) 96 h LC50 = 450 mg/l

Aquatic invertebrates:

Practically nontoxic. Daphnia magna (Water flea) 48 h EC50 = 930 mg/l

Microorganisms:

Practically nontoxic. Pseudomonas putida 16 h EC10 > 730 mg/l

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Waste disposal:

Do not vent the container contents, or product residuals, to the atmosphere. Recover and reclaim unused contents or residuals as appropriate. Recovered/reclaimed product can be returned to an approved certified reclaimer or back to the seller depending on the material. Completely emptied disposable containers can be disposed of as recyclable steel. Returnable cylinders must be returned to seller. Dispose of in accordance with federal, provincial and local regulations. Consult a regulatory specialist to determine appropriate provincial or local reporting requirements, for assistance in waste characterization and/or hazardous waste disposal and other requirements listed in pertinent environmental permits. Note: Chemical additions to, processing of, or otherwise altering this material may make this waste management information incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise inappropriate. Furthermore, provincial and local waste disposal requirements may be more restrictive or otherwise different from federal laws and regulations.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

**UN Number** 

3159

Proper shipping name

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane

Class

2.2

Marine pollutant

no

# International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)

**UN Number** 

3159

Proper shipping name

1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE

Class

2.2 no

Marine pollutant

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

## Chemical Inventory Status

EU. EINECS

**EINECS** 

Conforms to

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US. Toxic Substances Control Act The components of this product are all on **TSCA** the TSCA Inventory. Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) DSL All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL China. Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in IECSC (CN) Conforms to China (IECSC) Japan. ENCS - Existing and New Chemical ENCS (JP) Does not conform Substances Inventory Japan. ISHL - Inventory of Chemical Substances ISHL (JP) Does not conform Korea. Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI) KECI (KR) Conforms to Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical PICCS (PH) Conforms to Substances (PICCS) Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS) AICS Conforms to New Zealand. Inventory of Chemical Substances **NZIOC** Conforms to

# Canada - Federal Regulations

# National Pollution Release Inventory (NPRI)

Canadian National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI): No component is listed on the NPRI above the threshold.

# **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

# Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Miscellaneous:

Other information:

This SDS covers the following grades: High Purity.

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Reference number:

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Date of Revision: Date Printed: 03/16/2017 03/17/2017

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