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Product Stewardship Team  
Zep Inc.

# A-GAS®

## R-134A

A-Gas Americas

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Safety Data Sheet according to OSHA HazCom Standard (2012) requirements

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### SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION

#### Product Identifier

Product name	R-134A
Chemical Name	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane
Synonyms	C2H2F4, CF3CFH2, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, propellant R 134A Fluorocarbon HFC HFA 134a, Amerfrost A-134a, Blow Hard O.S. Extra, Dust-Pro Pressurized Duster, BOC R134A, DuPont SUVA 134a Refrigerant, Freon 134a, Koudemiddel R-134a
Proper shipping name	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane or Refrigerant gas R 134a
Chemical formula	C2H2F4
Other means of identification	Not Available
CAS number	811-97-2

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Relevant identified uses	The use of a quantity of material in an unventilated or confined space may result in increased exposure and an irritating atmosphere developing. Before starting consider control of exposure by mechanical ventilation. Wide use in household and commercial refrigeration and automotive air conditioning. Suitable for use in medium temperature food cabinets, water chillers and fountains, heat pumps and dehumidifiers and as a blowing agent for various foams. Other uses include as a propellant for aerosol pharmaceuticals, lacquers, deodorants, perfumes, mousses, air fresheners, insecticides, cleaning products and other household products.
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#### Name, address, and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party

Registered company name	A-Gas Americas	A-Gas Americas
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Website	www.agasamericas.com	www.agasamericas.com
Email	info.tx@agas.com	info.oh@agas.com

#### Emergency phone number

Association / Organisation	Not Available	PERS in USA
Emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	+1-800-633-8253
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	+1-801-629-0667

### SECTION 2 HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

NFPA 704 diamond



Note: The hazard category numbers found in GHS classification in section 2 of this SDSs are NOT to be used to fill in the NFPA 704 diamond. Blue = Health Red = Fire Yellow = Reactivity White = Special (Oxidizer or water reactive substances)

Classification	Simple Asphyxiant, Gas under Pressure (Liquefied gas)
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#### Label elements



GHS label elements



SIGNAL WORD

WARNING

## Hazard statement(s)

H280

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

## Hazard(s) not otherwise specified

Not Applicable

## Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

Not Applicable

## Precautionary statement(s) Response

Not Applicable

## Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P410+P403

Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

## Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Not Applicable

## SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

## Substances

811-97-2

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
>=99	R-134A	

## Mixtures

See section above for composition of Substances

## SECTION 4 FIRST-AID MEASURES

## Description of first aid measures

## Eye Contact

- If product comes in contact with eyes remove the patient from gas source or contaminated area.
  - Take the patient to the nearest eye wash, shower or other source of clean water.
  - Open the eyelid(s) wide to allow the material to evaporate.
  - Gently rinse the affected eye(s) with clean, cool water for at least 15 minutes. Have the patient lie or sit down and tilt the head back. Hold the eyelid(s) open and pour water slowly over the eyeball(s) at the inner corners, letting the water run out of the outer corners.
  - The patient may be in great pain and wish to keep the eyes closed. It is important that the material is rinsed from the eyes to prevent further damage.
  - Ensure that the patient looks up, and side to side as the eye is rinsed in order to better reach all parts of the eye(s)
  - Transport to hospital or doctor.
  - Even when no pain persists and vision is good, a doctor should examine the eye as delayed damage may occur.
  - If the patient cannot tolerate light, protect the eyes with a clean, loosely tied bandage.
  - Ensure verbal communication and physical contact with the patient.
- DO NOT allow the patient to rub the eyes
- DO NOT allow the patient to tightly shut the eyes
- DO NOT introduce oil or ointment into the eye(s) without medical advice
- DO NOT use hot or tepid water.

## Skin Contact

- If skin contact occurs:
- Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
  - Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
  - Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
- In case of cold burns (frost-bite):
- Move casualty into warmth before thawing the affected part; if feet are affected carry if possible
  - Bathe the affected area immediately in luke-warm water (not more than 35 deg C) for 10 to 15 minutes, immersing if possible and without rubbing
  - DO NOT apply hot water or radiant heat.
  - Apply a clean, dry, light dressing of "fluffed-up" dry gauze bandage
  - If a limb is involved, raise and support this to reduce swelling
  - If an adult is involved and where intense pain occurs provide pain killers such as paracetamol
  - Transport to hospital, or doctor
  - Subsequent blackening of the exposed tissue indicates potential of necrosis, which may require amputation.



Inhalation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following exposure to gas, remove the patient from the gas source or contaminated area.</li> <li>NOTE: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus may be required to assure the safety of the rescuer.</li> <li>Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block the airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>If the patient is not breathing spontaneously, administer rescue breathing.</li> <li>If the patient does not have a pulse, administer CPR.</li> <li>If medical oxygen and appropriately trained personnel are available, administer 100% oxygen.</li> <li>Summon an emergency ambulance. If an ambulance is not available, contact a physician, hospital, or Poison Control Centre for further instruction.</li> <li>Keep the patient warm, comfortable and at rest while awaiting medical care.</li> <li>MONITOR THE BREATHING AND PULSE, CONTINUOUSLY.</li> <li>Administer rescue breathing (preferably with a demand-valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask-device, or pocket mask as trained) or CPR if necessary.</li> </ul>
Ingestion	<p>Not considered a normal route of entry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid giving milk or oils.</li> <li>Avoid giving alcohol.</li> <li>If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.</li> </ul>

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

for intoxication due to Freons/ Halons;

#### A: Emergency and Supportive Measures

- Maintain an open airway and assist ventilation if necessary
- Treat coma and arrhythmias if they occur. Avoid (adrenaline) epinephrine or other sympathomimetic amines that may precipitate ventricular arrhythmias. Tachyarrhythmias caused by increased myocardial sensitisation may be treated with propranolol, 1-2 mg IV or esmolol 25-100 microgm/kg/min IV.
- Monitor the ECG for 4-6 hours

#### B: Specific drugs and antidotes:

- There is no specific antidote

#### C: Decontamination

- Inhalation; remove victim from exposure, and give supplemental oxygen if available.
- Ingestion; (a) Prehospital: Administer activated charcoal, if available. DO NOT induce vomiting because of rapid absorption and the risk of abrupt onset CNS depression. (b) Hospital: Administer activated charcoal, although the efficacy of charcoal is unknown. Perform gastric lavage only if the ingestion was very large and recent (less than 30 minutes)

#### D: Enhanced elimination:

- There is no documented efficacy for diuresis, haemodialysis, haemoperfusion, or repeat-dose charcoal.

#### POISONING and DRUG OVERDOSE, Californian Poison Control System Ed. Kent R Olson; 3rd Edition

- Do not administer sympathomimetic drugs unless absolutely necessary as material may increase myocardial irritability.
- No specific antidote.
- Because rapid absorption may occur through lungs if aspirated and cause systematic effects, the decision of whether to induce vomiting or not should be made by an attending physician.
- If lavage is performed, suggest endotracheal and/or esophageal control.
- Danger from lung aspiration must be weighed against toxicity when considering emptying the stomach.
- Treatment based on judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient

For frost-bite caused by liquefied petroleum gas:

- If part has not thawed, place in warm water bath (41-46 C) for 15-20 minutes, until the skin turns pink or red.
- Analgesia may be necessary while thawing.
- If there has been a massive exposure, the general body temperature must be depressed, and the patient must be immediately rewarmed by whole-body immersion, in a bath at the above temperature.
- Shock may occur during rewarming.
- Administer tetanus toxoid booster after hospitalization.
- Prophylactic antibiotics may be useful.
- The patient may require anticoagulants and oxygen.

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For gas exposures:

#### BASIC TREATMENT

- Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for pulmonary oedema.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- Anticipate seizures.

#### ADVANCED TREATMENT

- Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- Start an IV DSW TKO. If signs of hypovolaemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary oedema.
- Hypotension with signs of hypovolaemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Treat seizures with diazepam.
- Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.



## SECTION 5 FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing media

**SMALL FIRE:** Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire.  
**LARGE FIRE:** Cool cylinder.

DO NOT direct water at source of leak or venting safety devices as icing may occur.

### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result</li> </ul>
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### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Fire Fighting	<p>GENERAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Wear breathing apparatus and protective gloves.</li> <li>▶ Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.</li> <li>▶ Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.</li> </ul>
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Containers may explode when heated - Ruptured cylinders may rocket</li> <li>▶ Fire exposed containers may vent contents through pressure relief devices.</li> <li>▶ High concentrations of gas may cause asphyxiation without warning.</li> <li>▶ May decompose explosively when heated or involved in fire.</li> <li>▶ Contact with gas may cause burns, severe injury and/ or frostbite.</li> </ul> <p>Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carbon monoxide (CO)</li> </ul> <p>Combustion products include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>hydrogen fluoride</li> <li>other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.</li> </ul> <p><b>Contains low boiling substance:</b> Closed containers may rupture due to pressure buildup under fire conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Vented gas is more dense than air and may collect in pits, basements.</li> </ul> <p>[Although not flammable in air at temperatures up to 100 deg. C at atmospheric temperature, mixtures with high concentrations of air at elevated pressure and / or temperature can become combustible in the presence of an ignition source. The material can also become combustible in an oxygen enriched environment (oxygen concentrations greater than in air). Whether air-mixtures or oxygen-mixtures become combustible depends on temperature, pressure and oxygen concentration.</p>

## SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

### Environmental precautions

See section 12

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoid breathing vapour and any contact with liquid or gas. Protective equipment including respirator should be used.</li> <li>▶ DO NOT enter confined spaces where gas may have accumulated.</li> <li>▶ Increase ventilation.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clear area of all unprotected personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>▶ Alert Emergency Authority and advise them of the location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Wear breathing apparatus and protective gloves.</li> <li>▶ Prevent by any means available, spillage from entering drains and water-courses.</li> <li>▶ Remove leaking cylinders to a safe place.</li> <li>▶ Fit vent pipes. Release pressure under safe, controlled conditions</li> <li>▶ Burn issuing gas at vent pipes.</li> <li>▶ DO NOT exert excessive pressure on valve; DO NOT attempt to operate damaged valve.</li> </ul>

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

## SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling



Safe handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider use in closed pressurised systems, fitted with temperature, pressure and safety relief valves which are vented for safe dispersal. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature</li> <li>The tubing network design connecting gas cylinders to the delivery system should include appropriate pressure indicators and vacuum or suction lines.</li> <li>Fully-welded types of pressure gauges, where the bourdon tube sensing element is welded to the gauge body, are recommended.</li> <li>Before connecting gas cylinders, ensure manifold is mechanically secure and does not contain another gas.</li> <li>DO NOT transfer gas from one cylinder to another.</li> <li>Contact of welding or soldering torch flame with high concentration of refrigerant can result in visible changes in the size and colour of torch flames. This flame effect will only occur in concentrations of product well above the recommended exposure limit.; therefore stop all work and ventilate to disperse refrigerant vapours from the work area before using any open flames.</li> </ul>
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cylinders should be stored in a purpose-built compound with good ventilation, preferably in the open.</li> <li>Such compounds should be sited and built in accordance with statutory requirements.</li> <li>The storage compound should be kept clear and access restricted to authorised personnel only.</li> <li>Cylinders stored in the open should be protected against rust and extremes of weather.</li> </ul>

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DO NOT use aluminium or galvanised containers</li> <li>Cylinder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the use of equipment rated for cylinder pressure.</li> <li>Ensure the use of compatible materials of construction.</li> <li>Valve protection cap to be in place until cylinder is secured, connected.</li> <li>Cylinder must be properly secured either in use or in storage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Storage incompatibility	<p>As a general rule, hydrofluorocarbons tend to be flammable unless they contain more fluorine atoms than hydrogen atoms.</p> <p>Haloalkanes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are highly reactive: some of the more lightly substituted lower members are highly flammable; the more highly substituted may be used as fire suppressants, not always with the anticipated results.</li> <li>may react with the lighter divalent metals to produce more reactive compounds analogous to Grignard reagents.</li> <li>may produce explosive compounds following prolonged contact with metallic or other azides</li> <li>may react on contact with potassium or its alloys - although apparently stable on contact with a wide range of halocarbons, reaction products may be shock-sensitive and may explode with great violence on light impact; severity generally increases with the degree of halocarbon substitution and potassium-sodium alloys give extremely sensitive mixtures.</li> </ul> <p>BRETHERRICK L: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>react with metal halides and active metals, eg. sodium (Na), potassium (K), lithium (Li), calcium (Ca), zinc (Zn), powdered aluminium (Al) and aluminium alloys, magnesium (Mg) and magnesium alloys.</li> <li>Compressed gases may contain a large amount of kinetic energy over and above that potentially available from the energy of reaction produced by the gas in chemical reaction with other substances</li> </ul> <p>Avoid reaction with alkali metals, zinc, aluminium alloys (gt; 2% magnesium). Avoid contact with plastics such as methacrylate polymers, polyethylene and polystyrene.</p>

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

#### OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Not Available




#### EMERGENCY LIMITS

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
R-134A	HFC 134a; (Tetrafluoroethane, 1,1,1,2-)	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
R-134A	Not Available	Not Available

### Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	<p>Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.</p> <p>The basic types of engineering controls are:</p> <p>Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.</p> <p>Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment.</p>
Personal protection	  
Eye and face protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical goggles.</li> <li>Full face shield may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes.</li> <li>Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task.</li> </ul>
Skin protection	See Hand protection below



<b>Hands/feet protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When handling sealed and suitably insulated cylinders wear cloth or leather gloves.</li> <li>Insulated gloves:</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Insulated gloves should be loose fitting so that may be removed quickly if liquid is spilled upon them. Insulated gloves are not made to permit hands to be placed in the liquid; they provide only short-term protection from accidental contact with the liquid.</p>
<b>Body protection</b>	See Other protection below
<b>Other protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protective overalls, closely fitted at neck and wrist.</li> <li>Eye-wash unit.</li> <li>Ensure availability of lifeline in confined spaces.</li> <li>Staff should be trained in all aspects of rescue work.</li> </ul>
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Not Available

### Respiratory protection

Type AX Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required. Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	AX-AUS	-	AX-PAPR-AUS / Class 1
up to 50 x ES	-	AX-AUS / Class 1	-
up to 100 x ES	-	AX-2	AX-PAPR-2 ^

^ - Full-face

A (All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO<sub>2</sub>), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH<sub>3</sub>), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

Cartridge respirators should never be used for emergency ingress or in areas of unknown vapour concentrations or oxygen content. The wearer must be warned to leave the contaminated area immediately on detecting any odours through the respirator. The odour may indicate that the mask is not functioning properly, that the vapour concentration is too high, or that the mask is not properly fitted. Because of these limitations, only restricted use of cartridge respirators is considered appropriate.

- Positive pressure, full face, air-supplied breathing apparatus should be used for work in enclosed spaces if a leak is suspected or the primary containment is to be opened (e.g. for a cylinder change)
- Air-supplied breathing apparatus is required where release of gas from primary containment is either suspected or demonstrated.

## SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Colourless gas with slight ethereal odour; does not mix well with water (0.09 wt %, 25 C, 1 Bar).		
<b>Physical state</b>	Liquified Gas	<b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>	1.21
<b>Odour</b>	Not Available	<b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b>	Not Available
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not Available	<b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>	> 743
<b>pH (as supplied)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not Available
<b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>	-101	<b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>	0.210
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b>	-26.2	<b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>	102.03
<b>Flash point (°C)</b>	Not Available	<b>Taste</b>	Not Available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not Available	<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Flammability</b>	Not Available	<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>	Not Available
<b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>	100
<b>Vapour pressure (kPa)</b>	560.5	<b>Gas group</b>	Not Available
<b>Solubility in water (g/L)</b>	Immiscible	<b>pH as a solution (1%)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Vapour density (Air = 1)</b>	3.5	<b>VOC g/L</b>	Not Available

## SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity</b>	See section 7
<b>Chemical stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>



Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

## SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on toxicological effects

Inhaled	<p>Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by sleepiness, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of co-ordination, and vertigo.</p> <p>Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.</p> <p>There is some evidence to suggest that the material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.</p> <p>Exposure to fluorocarbons can produce non-specific flu-like symptoms such as chills, fever, weakness, muscle pain, headache, chest discomfort, sore throat and dry cough with rapid recovery. High concentrations can cause irregular heartbeats and a stepwise reduction in lung capacity.</p> <p>Material is highly volatile and may quickly form a concentrated atmosphere in confined or unventilated areas. The vapour may displace and replace air in breathing zone, acting as a simple asphyxiant. This may happen with little warning of overexposure.</p> <p>Symptoms of asphyxia (suffocation) may include headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, muscular weakness, drowsiness and ringing in the ears. If the asphyxia is allowed to progress, there may be nausea and vomiting, further physical weakness and unconsciousness and, finally, convulsions, coma and death.</p> <p>The use of a quantity of material in an unventilated or confined space may result in increased exposure and an irritating atmosphere developing. Before starting consider control of exposure by mechanical ventilation.</p> <p>Acute intoxication by halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons appears to take place over two stages. Signs of a reversible narcosis are evident in the first stage and in the second stage signs of injury to organs may become evident, a single organ alone is (almost) never involved.</p>
Ingestion	<p>Overexposure is unlikely in this form.</p> <p>Not normally a hazard due to physical form of product.</p> <p>Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments</p>
Skin Contact	<p>Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives); the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.</p> <p>Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use.</p> <p>There is some evidence to suggest that this material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.</p> <p>Fluorocarbons remove natural oils from the skin, causing irritation, dryness and sensitivity.</p> <p>Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material</p> <p>Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.</p> <p>Vapourising liquid causes rapid cooling and contact may cause cold burns, frostbite, even through normal gloves. Frozen skin tissues are painless and appear waxy and yellow. Signs and symptoms of frost-bite may include "pins and needles", paleness followed by numbness, a hardening and stiffening of the skin, a progression of colour changes in the affected area, (first white, then mottled and blue and eventually black; on recovery, red, hot, painful and blistered).</p>
Eye	<p>Although the material is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn).</p> <p>Not considered to be a risk because of the extreme volatility of the gas.</p>
Chronic	<p>Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure. Principal route of occupational exposure to the gas is by inhalation.</p> <p>Fluorocarbons can cause an increased risk of cancer, spontaneous abortion and birth defects.</p> <p>[No effects have been seen in rats exposed to up to 50,000 ppm for 90 days. It is not teratogenic in rats or rabbits. Short term screening tests for carcinogenicity have proved negative. No long term effects were noted when administered by gavage to rats at a dose of 300 mg/kg/day for one year and the rats held for the remainder of their life span.</p>

R-134A	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Inhalation (rat) LC50: 1500 mg/L/4hr <sup>[2]</sup>	Not Available
Legend:	1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. * Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances	

R-134A	<p>Disinfection by products (DBPs) re formed when disinfectants such as chlorine, chloramine, and ozone react with organic and inorganic matter in water. The observations that some DBPs such as trihalomethanes (THMs), di-/trichloroacetic acids, and 3-chloro-4-(dichloromethyl)-5-hydroxy-2(5H)-furanone (MX) are carcinogenic in animal studies have raised public concern over the possible adverse health effects of DBPs. To date, several hundred DBPs have been identified.</p> <p>Numerous haloalkanes and haloalkenes have been tested for carcinogenic and mutagenic activities.</p> <p>* with added oxygen - ZhongHao New Chemical Materials MSDS Excessive concentration can have a narcotic effect; inhalation of high concentrations of decomposition products can cause lung oedema.</p>
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Acute Toxicity	✗	Carcinogenicity	⊗
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	⊗	Reproductivity	⊗



Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	☒	STOT - Single Exposure	☒
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	☒	STOT - Repeated Exposure	☒
Mutagenicity	☒	Aspiration Hazard	☒

Legend: ✕ – Data available but does not fill the criteria for classification  
✓ – Data available to make classification  
☒ – Data Not Available to make classification

## SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

Ingredient	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
R-134A	LC50	96	Fish	29.671mg/L	3
R-134A	EC50	48	Crustacea	980mg/L	5
R-134A	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	97.260mg/L	3
R-134A	EC50	384	Crustacea	7.065mg/L	3
R-134A	NOEC	72	Algae or other aquatic plants	ca.13.2mg/L	2

Legend: Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data

In addition to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), the greenhouse gases mentioned in the Kyoto Protocol include synthetic substances that share the common feature of being highly persistent in the atmosphere and inhibit radiation from escaping out of the atmosphere. These synthetic substances include hydrocarbons that are partially fluorinated (HFCs) or totally fluorinated (PFCs) as well as sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). The greenhouse potential of these substances, expressed as multiples of that of CO<sub>2</sub>, are within the range of 140 to 11,700 for HFCs, from 6500 to 9,200 for PFCs and 23,900 for SF<sub>6</sub>. Once emitted into the atmosphere, these substances have an impact on the environment for decades, centuries, or even for thousands of years.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

[Persistence and Degradation: |Ozone Destruction Potential (PDO) = 0 (R11=1)|Greenhouse Effect Potential (ESP) = 0.27 (R11=1)|Decomposed comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). |Atmospheric lifetime is 15.6 years. Products of decomposition will be highly dispersed and hence will have a very low concentration. Does not influence photochemical smog (i.e. is not a VOC under the terms of the UNECE agreement). Does not deplete ozone. |Effect on Effluent Treatment: |Discharges of the product will enter the atmosphere and will not result in long term aqueous contamination. |ICI| Ecotoxicity: |Fish LC50 (96 h): Salmo gairdneri 450 mg/l ; NOEC 300 mg/l (mortality) (semi-static tests)| Daphnia EC50 (48 h): 980 mg/l |Bacteria EC10 (6 h): Pseudomonas putida gt;730 mg/l (growth)|Mobility|Air: Henrys Law constant (H): 65 kPa.m3/ml (20 C/ calculated) - considerable volatility|Soil/ sediment log Koc 1.5 approx (adsorption - calculated)|Persistence and biodegradability|Abiotic degradation|Air, indirect photo-oxidation t1/2=10.9 years|Conditions: sensitiser: OH radicals|Degradation products: carbon dioxide/ fluorhydric acid/ trichloroacetic acid|Air, photolysis, ODP=0|No effect on stratospheric ozone|Reference value for CFC 11: ODP=1|Air, greenhouse effect, GWP=0.25|Reference value for CFC 11: GWP=1|Biotic degradation|Aerobic, test ready biodegradability/ closed bottle, degradation from 2-3% 28 days|Result: not readily biodegradable|Aerobic, test biodegradation by methane oxidation|Result: non-biodegradable|Conditions: inoculum: Methylosinus trichosporium OB3b|Bioaccumulative potential; bioconcentration log PoW=1.06|Product is persistent in air (atmospheric lifetime: 15.7 years)|Product is not significantly hazardous for the aquatic environment as: very low toxicity for aquatic organisms|considerable volatility|no bioaccumulation

### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
R-134A	HIGH	HIGH

### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
R-134A	LOW (LogKOW = 1.68)

### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
R-134A	LOW (KOC = 96.63)

## SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS


### Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Evaporate residue at an approved site.</li> <li>▶ Return empty containers to supplier. If containers are marked non-returnable establish means of disposal with manufacturer prior to purchase.</li> <li>▶ Ensure damaged or non-returnable cylinders are gas-free before disposal.</li> </ul>
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## SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION



**Labels Required**

	
Marine Pollutant	NO

**Land transport (DOT)**

UN number	3159
UN proper shipping name	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane or Refrigerant gas R 134a
Transport hazard class(es)	Class : 2.2 Subrisk : Not Applicable
Packing group	Not Applicable
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	Hazard Label : 2.2 Special provisions : T50

**Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)**

UN number	3159
UN proper shipping name	Refrigerant gas R 134a; 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class : 2.2 ICAO / IATA Subrisk : Not Applicable ERG Code : 2L
Packing group	Not Applicable
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	Special provisions : Not Applicable Cargo Only Packing Instructions : 200 Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack : 150 kg Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions : 200 Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack : 75 kg Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions : Forbidden Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack : Forbidden

**Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)**

UN number	3159
UN proper shipping name	1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a)
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class : 2.2 IMDG Subrisk : Not Applicable
Packing group	Not Applicable
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	EMS Number : F-C, S-V Special provisions : Not Applicable Limited Quantities : 120 mL

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code**

Not Applicable

**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**
**Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

R-134A(811-97-2) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS



US - Washington Toxic air pollutants and their ASIL, SQER and de minimis emission values

US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs)

US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory

US TSCA New Chemical Exposure Limits (NCEL)

## Federal Regulations

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

#### SECTION 311/312 HAZARD CATEGORIES

Immediate (acute) health hazard	No
Delayed (chronic) health hazard	No
Fire hazard	No
Pressure hazard	Yes
Reactivity hazard	No

#### US. EPA CERCLA HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (40 CFR 302.4)

None Reported

## State Regulations

#### US. CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65

None Reported

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AICS	Y
Canada - DSL	Y
Canada - NDSL	N (R-134A)
China - IECSC	Y
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Y
Japan - ENCS	Y
Korea - KECI	Y
New Zealand - NZIoC	Y
Philippines - PICCS	Y
USA - TSCA	Y
<b>Legend:</b>	Y = All ingredients are on the inventory N = Not determined or one or more ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets)

## SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION

### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

### Definitions and abbreviations

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average  
PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit  
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit,  
IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations  
OSF: Odour Safety Factor  
NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level  
LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
LOD: Limit Of Detection  
OTV: Odour Threshold Value  
BCF: BioConcentration Factors  
BEI: Biological Exposure Index

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