

NON-Hazardous Substance, Dangerous Goods

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name: R-404a

Other name(s): Forane 404a, Forane FX70

Recommended Use: Refrigerant, blowing agent, Aerosol Propellants

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This material is non-hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC; NON-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE.

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) DANGEROUS GOODS.

Risk Phrases: R59 Dangerous to the ozone layer.

Safety Phrases S59 Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information on recovery/recycling

S61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data

sheet

Poisons Schedule: N/A

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	Code	CAS Number	Proportion	Risk Phrases
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane Pentafluoroethane 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane	R134a	811-97-2	4%	N/A
	R125	354-33-6	52%	N/A
	R143a	420-46-2	44%	N/A

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone eg. Australia 131 126; New Zealand 0 800 764766) or a doctor.

Inhalation: Remove victim from exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove

contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered.

Seek medical advice if effects persist.

Skin Contact: If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and

hair with running water. If swelling, redness, blistering or irritation occurs seek medical assistance. For freeze burns, immediately flood burnt area with plenty of warm water (40 - 44 °C) and cover with a clean, dry dressing. Seek

immediate medical assistance.

Eye Contact: If in eyes wash out immediately with water. In all cases of eye contamination it is

a sensible precaution to seek medical advice. For freeze burns, immediately irrigate with copious quantities of warm (40 - 44 °C) water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held open. Remove clothing if contaminated and wash skin. Urgently seek medical assistance. Transport to hospital or medical centre.

Ingestion: Unlikely to be a route of exposure due to high evaporation rate. However, rinse

mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. If vomiting

occurs give further water. Seek medical advice.

Notes to Physicians Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazards from Non Combustible gas.
Combustion

Precautions for fire fighters and special protective

Heating can cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. On decomposing may emit toxic fumes. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing

contained breathing

apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of

decomposition.

Suitable

equipment:

products

Extinguishing Media:

Non Combustible gas. If material is involved in a fire use water fog (or if unavailable fine water spray), foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical

powder).

Hazchem Code: 2TE

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Emergency	If safe, cut off source of leak. If release is large, cut off all ignition sources and
procedures:	evacuate all non-essential personnel from the area. If possible, ventilate the

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area. If the incident is significant seek immediate assistance from local fire authorities and police. If possible monitor the vapour concentration until dissipated.

Additional information:

Dangerous Goods - Initial Emergency Response Guide No: 06

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Conditions for safe storage:

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place and out of direct sunlight. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for leaks. This material is classified as a Dangerous Good Class 2.2 Non Flammable, Non Toxic Gas as per the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code and must be stored in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Precautions for safe handling:

Avoid skin and eye contact and inhalation of vapour

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia or		
Department of Labour New Zealand. However exposure standards for		
ingredients are		

Substance TWA (ppm) 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (134a) 1,000 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane (R143a) 1,000 Pentafluoroethane ((125) 1,000

*As published by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

TWA (Time Weighted Average)

The time-weighted average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life.

If the directions for use on the product label are followed, exposure of individuals using the product should not exceed the above standard. The standard was created for workers who are routinely, potentially exposed during product manufacture.

These Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

Engineering controls:

Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Exposure Standards. Use with local exhaust ventilation or while wearing appropriate respirator. Vapour heavier than air - prevent concentration in hollows or sumps. DO NOT enter confined spaces where vapour may have collected. Natural ventilation should be adequate under normal use conditions. Keep containers closed when not in use.

Personal Protective Equipment

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, SAFETY GLASSES, GLOVES.

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Wear overalls, safety glasses and impervious gloves. Available information suggests that gloves made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) should be suitable for intermittent contact. However, due to variations in glove construction and local conditions, the user should make a final assessment. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using. If risk of inhalation of exists, wear organic vapour/particulate respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state: Gas . Liquid under pressure.

Colour: Colourless

Odour: Slightly Ether like

Odour Threshold: N/A

Composite/mixture **Molecular Formula:**

Solubility in water: N/A

General Solubility Soluble in hydrocarbons, and chlorinated solvents, alcohols,

ketones & esters.

Specific Gravity: N/A

Density 1041 kg/m3 @25°C 5.39 kg/m³ @25°C Relative Vapour Density (air=1): Vapour Pressure (20 °C): 1.27 MPa @25°C

Flash Point (°C): N/A N/A Flammability Limits (%): % Volatile by Volume: 100 pH: N/A **Boiling Point/Range (°C):** -45.8 Freezing Point/Range (°C): N/A

Decomposition Temp. (°C): >370 Autoignition Temp. (°C): N/A

Critical point 3.74 MPa (Pc)

72 °C (Tc)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability: This material is thermally stable when stored and used as directed.

Conditions to avoid: Avoid exposure to heat, sources of ignition, and open flame.

Incompatible Oxidising agents.

materials:

Hazardous Oxides of carbon and nitrogen, smoke and other toxic fumes, including HF

decomposition (hydrogen fluoride) products:

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Hazardous	No known hazardous reactions.
reactions:	

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

Ingestion: Unlikely route of exposure. Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting and

irritation of the gastrointestinal tract.

Eye contact: May be an eye irritant. Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to the

eye.

Skin contact: Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns. Contact with skin may result

in irritation.

Inhalation: Material may be irritant to mucous membranes and respiratory tract.

Long Term Effects: No information available for product.

Toxicological Data: LD50/inhalation/rat/4hr: > 500,000ppm (practically non harmful by inhalation)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity No information available. Avoid contaminating drains, waterways or

sewers.

Persistence/degradability

and mobility

No information available.

Aquatic toxicity: No information available.

Terrestrial toxicity: No information available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods:

Refer to Waste Management Authority & Local/State EPA guidelines. Close valves of empty containers. Return empty containers to supplier using the same precautions as with filled containers.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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Road and Rail Transport:

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".

UN No: 3337 Class-primary: 2.2 Subrisk 1: N/A

Proper Shipping Name:

Hazchem Code: Segregation Dangerous

Goods

REFRIGERANT GAS R 404A

Not to be loaded with explosives (Class 1), spontaneously combustible substances (Class 4.2) or organic peroxides (Class 5.2), however

exemptions may apply.

Marine Transport:

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN No: 3337 Class-primary: 2.2 Subrisk 1: N/A

Proper Shipping Name: REFRIGERANT GAS R 404A

Air Transport:

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN No: 3337 Class-primary: 2.2 Subrisk 1: N/A

Proper Shipping Name: REFRIGERANT GAS R 404A

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poisons Schedule: Not Scheduled.

This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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