R438a

A-Gas (U.S. Headquarters)

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SECTION 1 Identification

Product Identifier

Product name	R438a
Synonyms	Not Available
Proper shipping name	Refrigerant gases, n.o.s. (contains pentafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane)
Chemical formula	Not Applicable
Other means of identification	Not Available

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Relevant identified uses	Use according to manufacturer's directions. 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.

Name, address, and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party

Registered company name	**A-Gas (U.S. Headquarters)**
Address	1100 Haskins Rd. Bowling Green, OH 43402 United States
Telephone	14198678990
Fax	1-419-867-3279
Website	www.agas.com/us
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Emergency phone number

Association / Organisation	**PERS**	**CHEMWATCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE (24/7)**
Emergency telephone number(s)	**1-800-633-8253**	**+1 855-237-5573 (ID#: 5321-53)**
Other emergency telephone number(s)	**International 1-801-629-0667**	**+61 3 9573 3188**

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 and White = Special (Oxidizer or water reactive substances)

Classification	Gases Under Pressure (Liquefied Gas)

Label elements

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Hazard pictogram(s)	
Signal word	**Warning**

Hazard statement(s)

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified

Not Applicable

Precautionary statement(s) General

P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read carefully and follow all instructions.

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
No further product hazard information.

SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
354-33-6	30-60	pentafluoroethane
811-97-2	30-60	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane
75-10-5	1-10	difluoromethane
106-97-8.	1-10	butane
78-78-4	<1	isopentane

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.

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	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 paracetomol ▸ Transport to hospital, or doctor ▸ Subsequent blackening of the exposed tissue indicates potential of necrosis, which may require amputation.
Inhalation	▸ Following exposure to gas, remove the patient from the gas source or contaminated area. ▸ NOTE: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus may be required to assure the safety of the rescuer. ▸ Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block the airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures. ▸ If the patient is not breathing spontaneously, administer rescue breathing. ▸ If the patient does not have a pulse, administer CPR. ▸ If medical oxygen and appropriately trained personnel are available, administer 100% oxygen. ▸ Summon an emergency ambulance. If an ambulance is not available, contact a physician, hospital, or Poison Control Centre for further instruction. ▸ Keep the patient warm, comfortable and at rest while awaiting medical care. ▸ **MONITOR THE BREATHING AND PULSE, CONTINUOUSLY.** ▸ Administer rescue breathing (preferably with a demand-valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask-device, or pocket mask as trained) or CPR if necessary.
Ingestion	▸ Not considered a normal route of entry. ▸ Avoid giving milk or oils. ▸ Avoid giving alcohol.

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 D5W 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.

BRONSTEIN, A.C. and CURRANCE, P.L.
EMERGENCY CARE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EXPOSURE: 2nd Ed. 1994

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 substance or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	‣ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Fire Fighting	--- GENERAL --- ‣ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard. ‣ Wear breathing apparatus and protective gloves. ‣ Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover. ‣ Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
Fire/Explosion Hazard	‣ Containers may explode when heated - Ruptured cylinders may rocket ‣ Fire exposed containers may vent contents through pressure relief devices. ‣ High concentrations of gas may cause asphyxiation without warning. ‣ May decompose explosively when heated or involved in fire. ‣ Contact with gas may cause burns, severe injury and/ or frostbite. Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: ‣ carbon monoxide (CO) ‣ carbon dioxide (CO2) hydrogen fluoride ‣ other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material. **Contains low boiling substance:** Closed containers may rupture due to pressure buildup under fire conditions. ‣ Vented gas is more dense than air and may collect in pits, basements.

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	‣ Avoid breathing vapour and any contact with liquid or gas. Protective equipment including respirator should be used. ‣ **DO NOT** enter confined spaces where gas may have accumulated.

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	‣ Increase ventilation.
Major Spills	‣ Clear area of all unprotected personnel and move upwind. ‣ Alert Emergency Authority and advise them of the location and nature of hazard. ‣ Wear breathing apparatus and protective gloves. ‣ Prevent by any means available, spillage from entering drains and water-courses. ‣ Remove leaking cylinders to a safe place. ‣ Fit vent pipes. Release pressure under safe, controlled conditions ‣ Burn issuing gas at vent pipes. ‣ DO NOT exert excessive pressure on valve; DO NOTattempt to operate damaged valve.

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

SECTION 7 Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling	· 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 · The tubing network design connecting gas cylinders to the delivery system should include appropriate pressure indicators and vacuum or suction lines. · Fully-welded types of pressure gauges, where the bourdon tube sensing element is welded to the gauge body, are recommended. · Before connecting gas cylinders, ensure manifold is mechanically secure and does not containing another gas. ‣ **DO NOT** transfer gas from one cylinder to another.
Other information	‣ Cylinders should be stored in a purpose-built compound with good ventilation, preferably in the open. ‣ Such compounds should be sited and built in accordance with statutory requirements. ‣ The storage compound should be kept clear and access restricted to authorised personnel only. ‣ Cylinders stored in the open should be protected against rust and extremes of weather.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	‣ **DO NOT** use aluminium or galvanised containers ‣ Cylinder: ‣ Ensure the use of equipment rated for cylinder pressure. ‣ Ensure the use of compatible materials of construction. ‣ Valve protection cap to be in place until cylinder is secured, connected. ‣ Cylinder must be properly secured either in use or in storage.
Storage incompatibility	As a general rule, hydrofluorocarbons tend to be flammable unless they contain more fluorine atoms than hydrogen atoms. ‣ 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



+	+	+	+	+	+	+

X — *Must not be stored together*
0 — *May be stored together with specific preventions*
+ — *May be stored together*

Note: Depending on other risk factors, compatibility assessment based on the table above may not be relevant to storage situations, particularly where large volumes of dangerous goods are stored and handled. Reference should be made to the Safety Data Sheets for each substance or article and risks assessed accordingly.

SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	butane	n-Butane	800 ppm / 1900 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
difluoromethane	3,000 ppm	6,500 ppm	39,000 ppm
butane	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

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Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
isopentane	3000* ppm	33000*** ppm	200000*** ppm

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
pentafluoroethane	Not Available	Not Available
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	Not Available	Not Available
difluoromethane	Not Available	Not Available
butane	Not Available	Not Available
isopentane	Not Available	Not Available

MATERIAL DATA

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	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. The basic types of engineering controls are: Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk. 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.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye and face protection	‣ Chemical goggles. ‣ Full face shield may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes. ‣ 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.
Skin protection	See Hand protection below
Hands/feet protection	‣ When handling sealed and suitably insulated cylinders wear cloth or leather gloves. ‣ Insulated gloves: ‣ 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.
Body protection	See Other protection below
Other protection	‣ Protective overalls, closely fitted at neck and wrist. ‣ Eye-wash unit. ‣ Ensure availability of lifeline in confined spaces. ‣ Staff should be trained in all aspects of rescue work.

Respiratory protection

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

- 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.
- Cartridge performance is affected by humidity. Cartridges should be changed after 2 hr of continuous use unless it is determined that the humidity is less than 75%, in which case, cartridges can be used for 4 hr. Used cartridges should be discarded daily, regardless of the length of time used
- 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

Appearance	Colourless liquified gas with slight ether-like odour; does not mix with water.

Physical state	Liquified Gas	**Relative density (Water = 1)**	1.14 @25C
Odour	Not Available	**Partition coefficient n-octanol / water**	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	**Auto-ignition temperature (°C)**	Not Applicable
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	**Decomposition temperature (°C)**	Not Available

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Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	**Viscosity (mm2/s)**	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	-43	**Molecular weight (g/mol)**	Not Applicable
Flash point (°C)	Not Applicable	**Taste**	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	**Explosive properties**	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	**Oxidising properties**	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	**Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)**	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	**Volatile Component (%vol)**	100
Vapour pressure (kPa)	1112.12 @25C	**Gas group**	Not Available
Solubility in water	Immiscible	**pH as a solution (1%)**	Not Applicable
Vapour density (Air = 1)	3.5	**VOC g/L**	Not Available
Heat of Combustion (kJ/g)	Not Available	**Ignition Distance (cm)**	Not Available
Flame Height (cm)	Not Available	**Flame Duration (s)**	Not Available
Enclosed Space Ignition Time Equivalent (s/m3)	Not Available	**Enclosed Space Ignition Deflagration Density (g/m3)**	Not Available
Nanoform Solubility	Not Available	**Nanoform Particle Characteristics**	Not Available
Particle Size	Not Available		

SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	‣ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials. ‣ Product is considered stable. ‣ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur. ‣ Extremely high temperatures.
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

a) Acute Toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
b) Skin Irritation/Corrosion	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
c) Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
d) Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
e) Mutagenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
f) Carcinogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
g) Reproductivity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
h) STOT - Single Exposure	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
i) STOT - Repeated Exposure	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
j) Aspiration Hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Inhaled	Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by narcosis, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of coordination and vertigo. 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. Exposure to high concentrations of fluorocarbons may produce cardiac arrhythmias or cardiac arrest due sensitisation of the heart to adrenalin or noradrenalin. Deaths associated with exposures to fluorocarbons (specifically halogenated aliphatics) have occurred in occupational settings and in inhalation of bronchodilator drugs. Bronchospasm consistently occurs in human subjects inhaling fluorocarbons. At a measured concentration of 1700 ppm of one of the commercially available aerosols there is a biphasic change in ventilatory capacity, the first reduction occurring within a few minutes and the second delayed up to 30 minutes.

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	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. 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. Significant concentrations of the non-toxic gas reduce the oxygen level in the air. As the amount of oxygen is reduced from 21 to 14 volume %, the pulse rate accelerates and the rate and volume of breathing increase. 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. 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.
Ingestion	Not normally a hazard due to physical form of product. Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments
Skin Contact	Limited evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either produces inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or produces significant inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals, for up to four hours, such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period. Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis. In common with other halogenated aliphatics, fluorocarbons may cause dermal problems due to a tendency to remove natural oils from the skin causing irritation and the development of dry, sensitive skin. They do not appear to be appreciably absorbed. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds 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. 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 an 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).
Eye	Although the material is not classified as an eye irritant under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP), as amended, direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Direct contact with the eye may not cause irritation because of the extreme volatility of the gas; however concentrated atmospheres may produce irritation after brief exposures..
Chronic	Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems. Principal route of occupational exposure to the gas is by inhalation. It is generally accepted that the fluorocarbons are less toxic than the corresponding halogenated aliphatic based on chlorine. Repeated inhalation exposure to the fluorocarbon FC-11 does not produce pathologic lesions of the liver and other visceral organs in experimental animals. There has been conjecture in non-scientific publications that fluorocarbons may cause leukemia, cancer, sterility and birth defects; these have not been verified by current research. The high incidence of cancer, spontaneous abortion and congenital anomalies amongst hospital personnel, repeatedly exposed to fluorine-containing general anaesthetics, has caused some scientists to call for a lowering of the fluorocarbon exposure standard to 5 ppm since some are mutagens.

R438a	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Not Available	Not Available
pentafluoroethane	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Inhalation (Rat) LC50: >709000 ppm4h[2]	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]
		Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Inhalation (Rat) LC50: 359453.102 ppm4h[2]	Eye: adverse effect observed (irritating)[1]
		Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating)[1]
		Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]
difluoromethane	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Inhalation (Rat) LC50: >760000 ppm4h[2]	Not Available
	Oral (Mouse) LD50; 1810 mg/kg[2]	
butane	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Inhalation (Rat) LC50: 658 mg/l4h[2]	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]
		Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]

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	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
isopentane	Inhalation (Rat) LC50: >25.3 mg/l4h[1]	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]
	Oral (Rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg[1]	Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)[1]

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*

PENTAFLUOROETHANE	Cardiac sensitisation threshold limit >245400 mg/m3 Anaesthetic effects threshold limit 490800 mg/m3 * DuPont SDS
1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE	* 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. 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. Numerous haloalkanes and haloalkenes have been tested for carcinogenic and mutagenic activities. n general, the genotoxic potential is dependent on the nature, number, and position of halogen(s) and the molecular size of the compound.

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 either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification*
✔ – *Data available to make classification*

SECTION 12 Ecological information

Toxicity

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Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

pentafluoroethane

Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	>114mg/l	2
EC50	48h	Crustacea	>97.9mg/l	2
EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	142mg/l	2
NOEC(ECx)	96h	Fish	10mg/l	2
LC50	96h	Fish	>81.8mg/l	2

1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane

Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	>114mg/l	2
EC50	48h	Crustacea	980mg/L	5
EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	142mg/l	2
LC50	96h	Fish	450mg/l	2
NOEC(ECx)	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	~13.2mg/l	2

difluoromethane

Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	>114mg/l	2
EC50	48h	Crustacea	>97.9mg/l	2
NOEC(ECx)	96h	Fish	10mg/l	2
EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	142mg/l	2
LC50	96h	Fish	>81.8mg/l	2

butane

Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
EC50(ECx)	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	7.71mg/l	2
EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	7.71mg/l	2

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	LC50	96h	Fish	24.11mg/l	2

isopentane

Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	1.26mg/l	2
EC50	48h	Crustacea	2.3mg/l	1
LC50	96h	Fish	4.26mg/l	2
EC50(ECx)	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	1.26mg/l	2

Legend: *Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 4. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 5. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 6. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. Vendor Data 8. User defined data*

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
pentafluoroethane	HIGH	HIGH
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	HIGH	HIGH
difluoromethane	LOW	LOW
butane	LOW	LOW
isopentane	HIGH	HIGH

Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
pentafluoroethane	LOW (LogKOW = 1.55)
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	LOW (LogKOW = 1.68)
difluoromethane	LOW (LogKOW = 0.2)
butane	LOW (LogKOW = 2.89)
isopentane	LOW (LogKOW = 2.72)

Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
pentafluoroethane	LOW (Log KOC = 154.4)
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	LOW (Log KOC = 96.63)
difluoromethane	LOW (Log KOC = 23.74)
butane	LOW (Log KOC = 43.79)
isopentane	LOW (Log KOC = 67.7)

Other adverse effects

No evidence of ozone depleting properties were found in the current literature.

SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal	▸ Evaporate residue at an approved site. ▸ Return empty containers to supplier. If containers are marked non-returnable establish means of disposal with manufacturer prior to purchase. ▸ Ensure damaged or non-returnable cylinders are gas-free before disposal.

SECTION 14 Transport information

Labels Required



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Marine Pollutant	NO

Shipping container, transport vehicle placarding, and labeling may vary from the below information. This depends on the quantity shipped, the applicability of excepted quantity requirements, limited quantity requirements, and/or special provisions according to US DOT, IATA and IMDG regulations. In case of reshipment, it is the responsibility of the shipper to determine the appropriate labels and markings in accordance with applicable transport regulations.

Land transport (DOT)

14.1. **UN number or ID number**	1078
14.2. **UN proper shipping name**	Refrigerant gases, n.o.s. (contains pentafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane)
14.3. **Transport hazard class(es)**	Class: 2.2 Subsidiary Hazard: Not Applicable
14.4. **Packing group**	Not Applicable
14.5. **Environmental hazard**	Not Applicable
14.6. **Special precautions for user**	Hazard Label: 2.2 Special provisions: T50 Limited quantity: 120 mL

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

14.1. **UN number**	1078
14.2. **UN proper shipping name**	Refrigerant gas, n.o.s. * (contains pentafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane)
14.3. **Transport hazard class(es)**	ICAO/IATA Class: 2.2 ICAO / IATA Subsidiary Hazard: Not Applicable ERG Code: 2L
14.4. **Packing group**	Not Applicable
14.5. **Environmental hazard**	Not Applicable
14.6. **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)

14.1. **UN number**	1078
14.2. **UN proper shipping name**	REFRIGERANT GAS, N.O.S. (contains pentafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane)
14.3. **Transport hazard class(es)**	IMDG Class: 2.2 IMDG Subsidiary Hazard: Not Applicable
14.4. **Packing group**	Not Applicable
14.5 **Environmental hazard**	Not Applicable
14.6. **Special precautions for user**	EMS Number: F-C, S-V Special provisions: 274 Limited Quantities: 120 mL

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

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

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Not Applicable

14.7.2. Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
pentafluoroethane	Not Applicable
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	Not Applicable
difluoromethane	Not Applicable
butane	Not Applicable
isopentane	Not Applicable

14.7.3. Transport in bulk in accordance with the IGC Code

Product name	Ship Type
pentafluoroethane	Not Applicable
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	Not Applicable
difluoromethane	Not Applicable
butane	Not Applicable
isopentane	Not Applicable

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

pentafluoroethane is found on the following regulatory lists

EAEU Ozone-Depleting Substances Subject to Permit/Licensing for Import/Export - List F (Russian)
US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs)
US EPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory
US Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)

1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane is found on the following regulatory lists

EAEU Ozone-Depleting Substances Subject to Permit/Licensing for Import/Export - List F (Russian)
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs - Not Classified as Carcinogenic
US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs)
US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)
US EPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
US EPA Pesticide Chemical Search - Conventional Chemical
US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory
US Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)

difluoromethane is found on the following regulatory lists

EAEU Ozone-Depleting Substances Subject to Permit/Licensing for Import/Export - List F (Russian)
US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List
US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs)
US CWA (Clean Water Act) - Toxic Pollutants
US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)
US New York City Community Right-to-Know: List of Hazardous Substances
US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory
US Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)

butane is found on the following regulatory lists

Chemical Footprint Project - Chemicals of High Concern List
US - Massachusetts - Right To Know Listed Chemicals
US - New Jersey Right to Know - Special Health Hazard Substance List (SHHSL): Flammables
US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances
US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List
US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) - Chemicals of Interest
US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)
US New York City Community Right-to-Know: List of Hazardous Substances
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)
US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory

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isopentane is found on the following regulatory lists

US - Massachusetts - Right To Know Listed Chemicals
US - New Jersey Right to Know - Special Health Hazard Substance List (SHHSL): Flammables
US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances
US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List
US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) - Chemicals of Interest
US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)
US New York City Community Right-to-Know: List of Hazardous Substances
US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory

Additional Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Federal Regulations

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Section 311/312 hazard categories

Flammable (Gases, Aerosols, Liquids, or Solids)	No
Gas under pressure	Yes
Explosive	No
Self-heating	No
Pyrophoric (Liquid or Solid)	No
Pyrophoric Gas	No
Corrosive to metal	No
Oxidizer (Liquid, Solid or Gas)	No
Organic Peroxide	No
Self-reactive	No
In contact with water emits flammable gas	No
Combustible Dust	No
Carcinogenicity	No
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)	No
Reproductive toxicity	No
Skin Corrosion or Irritation	No
Respiratory or Skin Sensitization	No
Serious eye damage or eye irritation	No
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)	No
Aspiration Hazard	No
Germ cell mutagenicity	No
Simple Asphyxiant	No
Hazards Not Otherwise Classified	No

US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities (40 CFR 302.4)

None Reported

US. EPCRA Section 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) (40 CFR 372)

None Reported

Additional Federal Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

State Regulations

US. California Proposition 65

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None Reported

Additional State Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

National Inventory Status

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (pentafluoroethane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane; difluoromethane; butane; isopentane)
China - IECSC	No (difluoromethane)
Colombia - Colombia National Industrial Chemicals Inventory	No (pentafluoroethane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane; difluoromethane; butane; isopentane)
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes
USA - TSCA	All chemical substances in this product have been designated as TSCA Inventory 'Active'
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	Yes
UAE - Control List (Banned/Restricted Substances)	No (pentafluoroethane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane; difluoromethane; butane; isopentane)
Legend:	*Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory* *No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.*

SECTION 16 Other information

Revision Date	23/12/2022
Initial Date	30/08/2018

SDS Version Summary

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
3.1	01/11/2019	One-off system update. NOTE: This may or may not change the GHS classification
4.1	23/12/2022	Classification review due to GHS Revision change.

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
- ES: Exposure Standard
- 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

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- BCF: BioConcentration Factors
- BEI: Biological Exposure Index
- DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level
- PNEC: Predicted no-effect concentration
- MARPOL: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- IMSBC: International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code
- IGC: International Gas Carrier Code
- IBC: International Bulk Chemical Code

- AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals
- DSL: Domestic Substances List
- NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List
- IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China
- EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances
- ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
- NLP: No-Longer Polymers
- ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory
- KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory
- NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
- PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
- TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act
- TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory
- INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas
- NCI: National Chemical Inventory
- FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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