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-- SAFETY DATA SHEET --

DuPont Fluorochemicals

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Product name: SUVA(R) 404A Refrigerant
ASHRAE Refrigerant number designation: R-404A
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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical nature of the preparation	Weight %	CAS-No	EC-No.
1,1,1-Trifluoroethane (R143a)	52	420-46-2	206-996-5
Pentafluoroethane (R125)	44	354-33-6	206-557-8
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R134a)	4	811-97-2	212-377-0

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Most important hazards: Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing.
Specific hazards: Rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite.
May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES:

General advice: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
Inhalation: Move to fresh air. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Do not give adrenaline or similar drugs.
Eye contact: Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.
Skin contact: Wash off immediately with plenty of water. Take off all contaminated clothing immediately.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES:

Suitable extinguishing media: any
Specific hazards: pressure build-up
Specific methods: Cool containers / tanks with spray water.

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. wear personal protective equipment

Environmental precautions: Evaporates.

Methods for cleaning up: Evaporates.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE:

Handling: Technical measures/Precautions: Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms.
Safe handling advice: Use only in well-ventilated areas. Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.

Storage: Technical measures/Storage conditions: Keep tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.
Incompatible products: explosive, flammable materials, Organic peroxide.
Packaging material: Store in original container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering measures: Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Control parameters: 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane (R143a): DuPont's acceptable exposure limit: AEL(8-h and 12-h TWA) = 1000 ml/m3; DuPont(1999)

Pentafluoroethane (R125): DuPont's acceptable exposure limit: AEL(8-h and 12-h TWA) = 1000 ml/m3; DuPont(1999)

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R134a): DuPont's acceptable exposure limit: AEL(8-h and 12-h TWA) = 1000 ml/m3; DuPont(1999)

Personal protective equipment:

Respiratory protection: For rescue and maintenance work in storage tanks use self-contained breathing apparatus. Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing.

Eye protection: safety glasses

Hand protection: rubber gloves

Hygiene measures: Do not smoke.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Tested according to

Form: liquefied gas
Colour: colourless
Odour: ether-like
pH: (°C) (at g/l H2O) neutral
Boiling point/range: (1 bar) -46,7 °C
Flash point: does not flash
Explosive properties: not explosive
Vapour pressure: (25 °C) 1234 kPa
(50 °C) 2310 kPa
Relative density: (25 °C) 1,05 kg/l (liquid)
Solubility:
- water solubility (°C) negligible

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:

Stability: No decomposition if used as directed.

Materials to avoid: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, powdered metal salts, powdered Al, Zn, Be, etc,

Hazardous decomposition products: hydrogen halides, traces of carbonyl halides,

Conditions to avoid: The product is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. When pressurised with air or oxygen the mixture may become flammable. Certain mixtures of HCFCs or HFCs with chlorine may become flammable or reactive under certain conditions.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity:

1,1,1-Trifluoroethane (R143a):	LC50/inhalation/4h/rat = >540 ml/l
Pentafluoroethane (R125):	LC50/inhalation/1h/rat = >3480 mg/l
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R134a):	ALC/inhalation/4h/rat = 567 ml/l

Local effects: Concentrations substantially above the TLV value may cause narcotic effects. Inhalation of decomposition products in high concentration may cause shortness of breath (lung oedema).

Long term toxicity: Did not show carcinogenic, teratogenic or mutagenic effects in animal experiments.

Specific effects: Rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite. May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity effects:

Pentafluoroethane (R125):	Halocarbon global warming potential; HGWP; (R-11 = 1) = 0,84 Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1) = 0
Tetrafluoroethane (R134a):	Halocarbon global warming potential; HGWP; (R-11 = 1) = 0,28 Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1) = 0
Trifluoroethane:	Halocarbon global warming potential; HGWP; (R-11 = 1) = 1,1 Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1) = 0

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products: Can be used after re-conditioning.

Contaminated packaging: Empty pressure vessels should be returned to the supplier.

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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN/ID No.: 3337

ADR/RID

Class: 2

Packing group: n.a.

Proper shipping name:

Subrisks: n.a.

TREM-CARD: 20G2A-A

3337 Refrigerant gas R 404A, 2, ADR

Hazard labels: 2

HI/UN No: 20/3337

IMO

Class: 2.2

Packing group: n.a.

Proper shipping name:

Subrisks: n.a.

Refrigerant gas R 404A

Hazard labels: 2

ICAO

Class: 2.2

Packing group: n.a.

Proper shipping name:

Subrisks: n.a.

Refrigerant gas R 404A

Hazard labels: 2

n.a. = not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

The product does not need to be labelled in accordance with EC-Directive 88/379.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Recommended use: refrigerant

Further information: For further information contact the local DuPont office or DuPont's nominated distributors.

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