

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier R-134a Refrigerant

Other means of identification

**FIR No.** 045167

Recommended use Refrigerant for use in automotive A/C systems

Recommended restrictions None known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

**Supplier** 

Company Name Ford Motor Company

Address Attention: MSDS Information, P.O. Box 1899

Dearborn, Michigan 48121

USA

 Telephone
 1-800-392-3673

 MSDS Information
 1-800-448-2063

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**Emergency telephone** 

numbers

Poison Control Center: USA and Canada: 1-800-959-3673 INFOTRAC (Transportation): USA and Canada 1-800-535-5053

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards Gases under pressure Liquefied gas

Health hazards Not classified.

Environmental hazards Not classified.

OSHA defined hazards Simple asphyxiant

Label elements



Signal word Warning

Hazard statement Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. May displace oxygen and cause rapid

suffocation.

**Precautionary statement** 

**Prevention** Keep container tightly closed. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear cold insulating

gloves. Wear respiratory protection.

Response Wash hands after handling. Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area.

Get immediate medical advice/attention.

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

**Disposal** Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.

Hazard(s) not otherwise

classified (HNOC)

Contact with liquefied gas might cause frostbites, in some cases with tissue damage.

Supplemental information None.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

**Mixtures** 

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Norflurane		811-97-2	90 - 100

Specific chemical identity and/or exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

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#### 4. First-aid measures

Inhalation

Remove from further exposure. For those providing assistance, avoid exposure to yourself or others. Use adequate respiratory protection. If respiratory tract irritation, dizziness, nausea, or unconsciousness occurs, seek immediate medical assistance. If breathing has stopped, assist ventilation with a mechanical device or use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact

In case of contact with liquefied gas, thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get medical attention immediately.

Eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

Ingestion

Not likely, due to the form of the product.

Most important

symptoms/effects, acute and

delayed

Symptoms of overexposure can include shortness of breath, drowsiness, headaches, confusion, decreased coordination, visual disturbances and vomiting, and are reversible if exposure is stopped. Continued exposure can lead to hypoxia (inadequate oxygen), cyanosis (bluish discoloration of the skin), numbness of the extremities, unconsciousness and death.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

**General information** 

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media Unsuitable extinguishing media

Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed. Hydrogen fluoride, a corrosive and toxic gas, and other potentially hazardous fluorine-containing compounds may be released upon combustion.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions In case of fire: Stop leak if safe to do so. Do not move cargo or vehicle if cargo has been exposed to heat. If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions. ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in flame. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. For massive fire in cargo area, use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles, if possible. If not, withdraw and let fire burn out.

Specific methods General fire hazards Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

Contents under pressure. Pressurized container may explode when exposed to heat or flame.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

In the event of a leak evacuate all personnel until ventilation can restore oxygen concentrations to safe levels. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep out of low areas. Many gases are heavier than air and will spread along ground and collect in low or confined areas (sewers, basements, tanks). Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Emergency personnel need self-contained breathing equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up **Environmental precautions** 

Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Isolate area until gas has dispersed. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

# 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Avoid prolonged exposure. Do not enter storage areas or confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Oxygen concentration should not fall below 19.5 % at sea level (pO2 = 135 mmHq). Mechanical ventilation or local exhaust ventilation may be required. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Secure cylinders in an upright position at all times, close all valves when not in use. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

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## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

#### Occupational exposure limits

US. Workplace Environmental Exposure Level (WEEL) Guides

Components	Туре	Value	
Norflurane (CAS 811-97-2)	TWA	4240 mg/m3	
		1000 ppm	

**Biological limit values** No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering

controls

Use adequate ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure limits/guidelines. If user operations generate a vapor, dust and/or mist, use process enclosure, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below the recommended exposure limits/quidelines.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Eye/face protection

Skin protection

Suitable chemical protective gloves should be worn when the potential exists for prolonged or Hand protection

> repeated skin exposure. The choice of an appropriate glove does not only depend on its material but also on other quality features and is different from one producer to the other. Wear cold

insulating gloves.

Wear suitable protective clothing. Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing if applicable. Other

If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to Respiratory protection

protect worker health, an approved respirator must be worn. Respirator selection, use and maintenance should be in accordance with the requirements of OSHA Respiratory Protection

Standard 29 CFR 1910.134 and/or Canadian Standard CSA Z94.4.

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary. Thermal hazards

General hygiene considerations

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective

equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Appearance** 

Physical state Gas.

Liquefied gas. **Form** Color Colorless. Odor Ether-like. **Odor threshold** Not available. Not available. Melting point/freezing point Not available. Initial boiling point and boiling

range

-15.16 °F (-26.2 °C)

Not available. Flash point **Evaporation rate** Not available. Flammability (solid, gas) Not available. Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower

(%)

Not available.

Flammability limit - upper

Not available.

Explosive limit - lower (%) Not available. Explosive limit - upper (%) Not available.

Vapor pressure 9102 mm Hg 122 °F (50 °C) Vapor pressure temp. 3.6 (AIR=1) Vapor density

Relative density 1.22

Relative density temperature 68 °F (20 °C)

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Solubility(ies)

**NEGLIGIBLE IN WATER** Solubility (water)

Partition coefficient

(n-octanol/water)

Not available.

**Auto-ignition temperature** > 1369.4 °F (> 743 °C)

**Decomposition temperature** Not available. Not available. **Viscosity** 

Other information

Critical temperature 213.98 °F (101.1 °C)

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

Material is stable under normal conditions. Chemical stability Possibility of hazardous Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

reactions

Conditions to avoid Heat. Contact with incompatible materials.

Avoid contact with oxidizing agents (e.g. nitric acid, peroxides and chromates). Incompatible materials

Hydrogen fluoride, a corrosive and toxic gas, and other potentially hazardous fluorine-containing Hazardous decomposition compounds may be released upon combustion.

products

## 11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation Suffocation (asphyxiant) hazard - if allowed to accumulate to concentrations that reduce oxygen

below safe breathing levels. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

Skin contact Contact with liquefied gas might cause frostbites, in some cases with tissue damage. **Eve contact** Contact with liquefied gas might cause frostbites, in some cases with tissue damage.

Ingestion Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Symptoms of overexposure can include shortness of breath, drowsiness, headaches, confusion, decreased coordination, visual disturbances and vomiting, and are reversible if exposure is stopped. Continued exposure can lead to hypoxia (inadequate oxygen), cyanosis (bluish discoloration of the skin), numbness of the extremities, unconsciousness and death.

## Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Not classified.

Skin corrosion/irritation Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation. Serious eve damage/eve Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are Germ cell mutagenicity

mutagenic or genotoxic.

This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA. Carcinogenicity

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity -

single exposure

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity -

Not classified.

repeated exposure **Aspiration hazard** 

Not likely, due to the form of the product.

Chronic effects Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

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## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the

possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Persistence and degradability

No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

Norflurane 1.274

No data available. Mobility in soil

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation

potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal instructions** Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of

contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Local disposal regulations

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste Hazardous waste code

disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused

products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see:

Disposal instructions).

Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Contaminated packaging

Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is

emptied.

## 14. Transport information

DOT

<Unspecified>

UN3159 **UN number** 

**UN proper shipping name** 

1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 2.2 Subsidiary risk Label(s) 2.2

Packing group Not applicable.

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

IATA

<Unspecified>

UN3159 **UN** number

UN proper shipping name

Transport hazard class(es)

1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE

2.2 Class Subsidiary risk 2.2 Label(s)

Packing group Not applicable.

**Environmental hazards** No.

Other information

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Passenger and cargo

aircraft

Forbidden.

Cargo aircraft only

Forbidden.

**IMDG** 

<Unspecified>

**UN** number UN3159

**UN** proper shipping name 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 2.2 Subsidiary risk 2.2 Label(s)

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Packing group

**Environmental hazards** 

Not applicable.

Not applicable.

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Marine pollutant No.

EmS Not available.

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to

Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and

the IBC Code

DOT



#### IATA; IMDG



## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** 

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication

Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories Immediate Hazard - Yes

Delayed Hazard - No Fire Hazard - No Pressure Hazard - Yes Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous No

chemical

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

#### Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

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#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

(SDWA)

#### **US state regulations**

US. California Controlled Substances. CA Department of Justice (California Health and Safety Code Section 11100)

Not listed.

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Not regulated.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Not listed.

**US. Rhode Island RTK** 

Not regulated.

**US. California Proposition 65** 

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

#### **International Inventories**

All components are listed or are exempt from listing on the Toxic Substances Control Act Inventory.

### 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Health: 1 **HMIS®** ratings

> Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 0

Health: 2 NFPA ratings

> Flammability: 0 Instability: 0

**Preparation Information and** 

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