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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name: REFRIGERANT 404A

Other name(s): R 404A

Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use Refrigerant gas.

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Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433:2012 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

Based on available information, not classified as hazardous according to criteria in the HS (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001.

SIGNAL WORD: WARNING

Subclasses:

Class 2.2 - Non-flammable Gases

Compressed Gas Mixtures (Non-hazardous) Group Standard 2006
Approval Number: HSR002533



Hazard Statement(s):

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Prevention:

No prevention statements.

Response:

No response statements.

Storage:

P410+P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

Disposal:

No disposal statements.

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Substance No: 000034299601

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3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
1,1,1-Trifluoroethane	420-46-2	52%	H220 H280
Pentafluoroethane	354-33-6	44%	H280
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	811-97-2	4%	H280

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 131 126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

Inhalation:

Remove victim from area of 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. If patient finds breathing difficult and develops a bluish discolouration of the skin (which suggests a lack of oxygen in the blood - cyanosis), ensure airways are clear of any obstruction and have a qualified person give oxygen through a face mask. Apply artificial respiration if patient is not breathing. Seek immediate medical advice.

Skin Contact:

For freeze burns, immediately flood burnt area with large amounts of luke-warm water and cover with a clean, dry dressing. Do not use hot water. Seek immediate medical assistance.

Eye Contact:

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Ingestion:

Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Seek immediate medical assistance.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

Treat symptomatically. Adrenaline and similar sympathomimetic drugs should be avoided following exposure as cardiac arrhythmia may result with possible subsequent cardiac arrest.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Allow gas fires to burn until exhausted.

Hazchem or Emergency Action Code: 2TE

Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

Non-flammable, non-toxic gas.

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:

Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes, including those of hydrogen fluoride. Certain mixtures of this refrigerant and air when under pressure may be flammable. Keep containers cool with water spray. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of decomposition.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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Emergency procedures/Environmental precautions:

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Vapour may create a suffocating atmosphere. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

Personal precautions/Protective equipment/Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

SMALL SPILLS: If safe to do so, isolate the leak. Small spills are allowed to evaporate provided there is adequate ventilation. LARGE SPILLS: Avoid breathing in vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact and breathing in vapours/dust. Contain - prevent run off into drains and waterways. Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling: Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in vapour. Avoid venting to atmosphere.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities: Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Store away from sources of heat or ignition. Avoid storing near to the intake of air conditioning units, boiler units and open drains. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for leaks.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Workplace Exposure Standards: No value assigned for this specific material by the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Authority. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s):

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (HFC 134a): 8hr TWA = 1,000 ppm

1,1,1-Trifluoroethane (HFC 143a): 8hr TWA = 1,000 ppm*

Pentafluoroethane (HFC 125): 8hr TWA = 1,000 ppm*

*Supplier recommended.

WES - TWA (Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average) - The eight-hour, time-weighted average exposure standard is designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure.

These Workplace 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 workplace 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.

Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure ventilation is adequate and that air concentrations of components are controlled below quoted Workplace Exposure Standards. Vapour heavier than air - prevent concentration in hollows or sumps. DO NOT enter confined spaces where vapour may have collected. An asphyxiant gas which can lead to the displacement or dilution of oxygen. The minimum oxygen content in air should be 18% by volume under normal atmospheric pressure. Keep containers closed when not in use.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

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Individual protection measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES.



Wear overalls, chemical goggles and impervious gloves. If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear an air supplied respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state:	Liquefied gas
Colour:	Colourless
Odour:	Slight Ethereal
Solubility:	Insoluble in water.
Specific Gravity:	1.06 @20°C
Relative Vapour Density (air=1):	3.42 (at bubble point temperature)
Vapour Pressure (20 °C):	8270 mm Hg
Flash Point (°C):	Not available
Flammability Limits (%):	Not available
Autoignition Temperature (°C):	Not available
Boiling Point/Range (°C):	-47.2 to -46.4
pH:	Not applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity:	No information available.
Chemical stability:	Stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions.
Conditions to avoid:	Avoid exposure to heat, sources of ignition, and open flame.
Incompatible materials:	Incompatible with finely powdered metals , magnesium and alloys containing more than 2% magnesium , alkali metals , alkaline earth metals - barium , potassium , sodium .
Hazardous decomposition products:	Hydrogen fluoride.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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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:** Not a likely route of exposure, however, swallowing liquid will result in freeze burns of the mouth, throat and stomach.
- Eye contact:** Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to the eye.
- Skin contact:** Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.
- Inhalation:** Material may be irritant to the mucous membranes of the respiratory tract (airways). Breathing in vapour can result in headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, and possible nausea. Breathing in high concentrations can produce central nervous system depression, which can lead to loss of co-ordination, impaired judgement and if exposure is prolonged, unconsciousness. Breathing in high concentrations may result in an irregular heart beat and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation.

Acute toxicity: No LD50 data available for the product.

Chronic effects: No information available for the product.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Avoid contaminating waterways.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods:

Refer to local government authority for disposal recommendations. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Road and Rail Transport

Classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433:2012 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.



UN No: 3337
Transport Hazard Class: 2.2 Non-Flammable Non-Toxic Gas
Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name: REFRIGERANT GAS R 404A
Hazchem or Emergency Action Code: 2TE

Marine Transport

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

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IMDG EMS Fire: F-C
IMDG EMS Spill: S-V

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. TRANSPORT PROHIBITED under the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air in Passenger and Cargo Aircraft; may be transported by Cargo Aircraft Only.

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

This safety data sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd Toxicology & SDS Services.

Reason(s) for Issue:

Change in company details

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.