



## NATIONAL REFRIGERANTS

### SAFETY DATA SHEET

#### Refrigerant R456A

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ACCORDING TO EC-REGULATIONS 1907/2006 (REACH), 1272/2008 (CLP) & 2015/830

### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1 Product identifier

Product Code Refrigerant R456A  
CAS No. Not available.  
EC No. Not available.  
REACH Registration No. Not available.

#### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified Use(s) Subject to Member State regulations, applicable uses are: refrigerant.  
Uses Advised Against Not known.

#### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

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### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Low acute toxicity. High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation. Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to skin and eyes.

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP) Press. Gas (Liq.): Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

#### 2.2 Label elements

Product Name According to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP)  
Refrigerant R456A

Hazard Pictogram(s)



GHS04

Signal Word(s) Warning

Hazard Statement(s) H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary Statement(s) P410+P403: Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

#### 2.3 Other hazards

None known.  
Does not cause endocrine disruption.  
Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

#### 2.4 Additional Information

None.

### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Not applicable.



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#### 3.2 Mixtures

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT(S)	%W/W	CAS No.	EC No.	Hazard Pictogram(s) and Hazard Statement(s)
Difluoromethane (HFC 32)	6	75-10-5	200-839-4	GHS02 H221 GHS04 H280
trans-1,3,3,3-Tetrafluoroprop-1-ene (HFO 1234 ze-E)	49	29118-24-9	471-480-0	GHS04 H280
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC 134a)	45	811-97-2	212-377-0	GHS04 H280

#### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES



The first aid advice given for skin contact, eye contact, and ingestion is applicable following exposures to the liquid or spray. See Also Section 11

##### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation	Remove patient from exposure, keep warm and at rest. Administer oxygen if necessary. Apply artificial respiration if breathing has ceased or shows signs of failing. In the event of cardiac arrest apply external cardiac massage. Obtain immediate medical attention.
Skin Contact	Thaw affected areas with water. Remove contaminated clothing. Caution: clothing may adhere to the skin in the case of freeze burns. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of warm water. If irritation or blistering occur obtain medical attention.
Eye Contact	Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 10 minutes. Obtain immediate medical attention.
Ingestion	Unlikely route of exposure. Do not induce vomiting. Provided the patient is conscious, wash out mouth with water and give 200-300 ml (half a pint) of water to drink. Obtain immediate medical attention.
Further Medical Treatment	Symptomatic treatment and supportive therapy as indicated. Adrenaline and similar sympathomimetic drugs should be avoided following exposure as cardiac arrhythmia may result with possible subsequent cardiac arrest.

##### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation.

##### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Remove patient from exposure, keep warm and at rest. Administer oxygen if necessary. Apply artificial respiration if breathing has ceased or shows signs of failing. In the event of cardiac arrest apply external cardiac massage. Obtain immediate medical attention.

#### SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

This refrigerant is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. Certain mixtures of this refrigerant and air when under pressure may be flammable. Mixtures of this refrigerant and air under pressure should be avoided. Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions.

##### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing media	As appropriate for surrounding fire. Keep fire exposed containers cool by spraying with water.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None.

##### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition will evolve very toxic and corrosive vapours (hydrogen fluoride). Containers may burst if overheated.

##### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

A self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in fire conditions. See Also Section 8



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#### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

##### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Ensure suitable personal protection (including respiratory protection) during removal of spillages. See Also Section 8

##### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent liquid from entering drains, sewers, basements and workpits since the vapour may create a suffocating atmosphere.

##### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Provided it is safe to do so, isolate the source of the leak. Allow small spillages to evaporate provided there is adequate ventilation.

Large spillages: Ventilate area. Contain spillages with sand, earth or any suitable adsorbent material. Prevent liquid from entering drains, sewers, basements and workpits since the vapour may create a suffocating atmosphere.

##### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Also Section 8, 13.

#### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

##### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid inhalation of high concentrations of vapours. Atmospheric levels should be controlled in compliance with the occupational exposure limit. Atmospheric concentrations well below the occupational exposure limit can be achieved by good occupational hygiene practice. The vapour is heavier than air, high concentrations may be produced at low levels where general ventilation is poor, in such cases provide adequate ventilation or wear suitable respiratory protective equipment with positive air supply. Avoid contact with naked flames and hot surfaces as corrosive and very toxic decomposition products can be formed. Avoid contact between the liquid and skin and eyes. For correct refrigerant composition, systems should be charged using the liquid phase and not the vapour phase. Avoid venting to atmosphere.

This fluorinated greenhouse gas may be supplied in returnable containers (cylinders). The container contains fluorinated greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol. The fluorinated greenhouse gases in containers may not be vented to the atmosphere. Regulation (EU) No. 517/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases.

##### Process Hazards

Liquid refrigerant transfers between refrigerant containers and to and from systems can result in static generation. Ensure adequate earthing. Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Care must be taken to mitigate the risk of developing high pressures in systems caused by a temperature rise when liquid is trapped between closed valves or in cases where containers have been overfilled.

##### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep in a well ventilated place away from fire risk and avoid sources of heat such as electric or steam radiators. Avoid storing near to the intake of air conditioning units, boiler units and open drains.

##### Storage temperature

Avoid high temperatures.

##### Storage life

Stable under normal conditions.

##### Incompatible materials

finely divided metals, alkali metals (sodium, potassium), alkaline earth metals (barium, magnesium), alloys containing more than 2% magnesium.

##### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Subject to Member State regulations, applicable uses are: refrigerant.



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#### SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

##### 8.1 Control parameters

###### 8.1.1 Occupational Exposure Limits

SUBSTANCE	CAS No.	LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)	LTEL (8 hr TWA mg/m³)	STEL (ppm)	STEL (mg/m³)	Note
Difluoromethane (HFC 32)	75-10-5	1000				COM
trans-1,3,3,3-Tetrafluoroprop-1-ene (HFO 1234 ze-E)	29118-24-9	500				COM (provisional)
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC 134a)	811-97-2	1000	4240			

Region	Source
EU	EU Occupational Exposure Limits
United Kingdom	UK Workplace Exposure Limits EH40/2005 (Fourth edition, published 2020) COM: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to this limit.

##### 8.2 Exposure controls

8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls Provide adequate ventilation. Atmospheric levels should be controlled in compliance with the occupational exposure limit.

8.2.2. Personal protection equipment Wear suitable protective clothing and eye/face protection.  
Eye Protection Wear protective eyewear (goggles, face shield, or safety glasses).



Skin protection Wear thermal insulating gloves and a face shield when handling liquified gases.



Respiratory protection In cases of insufficient ventilation, where exposure to high concentrations vapour is possible suitable respiratory protective equipment with positive air supply should be used.



Thermal hazards See above - Skin protection

8.2.3. Environmental Exposure Controls Prevent liquid from entering drains, sewers, basements and workpits since the vapour may create a suffocating atmosphere.



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### SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Liquefied gas. Colour: Colourless.
Odour	Slight ethereal
Odour threshold	No information available.
pH	Not applicable.
Melting point/freezing point	No information available.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	-30.4 to -25.6°C
Flash Point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Non-flammable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Not applicable.
Vapour pressure	4772 mm Hg @ 20°C
Vapour Density (Air=1)	3.59 @ 20°C
Density (g/ml)	1.19 @ 20°C
Relative density	No information available.
Solubility(ies)	Solubility (Water) : Insoluble. Solubility (Other) : Soluble in: Alcohols, Chlorinated solvents, esters.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No information available.
Auto-ignition temperature	No information available.
Decomposition Temperature (°C)	No information available.
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising.
9.2 Other information	None.

### SECTION 10: STABILITY AND ACTIVITY

#### 10.1 Reactivity

See Section: Possibility of hazardous reactions

#### 10.2 Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions.

#### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Incompatible materials: finely divided metals, magnesium and alloys containing more than 2% magnesium. Can react violently if in contact with alkali metals and alkaline earth metals - sodium, potassium, barium.

#### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid high temperatures.

#### 10.5 Incompatible materials

finely divided metals, alkali metals (sodium, potassium), alkaline earth metals (barium, magnesium), alloys containing more than 2% magnesium.

#### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

hydrogen fluoride by thermal decomposition and hydrolysis.

### SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity - Ingestion	Highly unlikely - but should this occur freeze burns will result.
Acute toxicity - Skin Contact	Unlikely to be hazardous by skin absorption.



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Acute toxicity - Inhalation	HFC 32: LC50 (rat) (4 hrs) > 520000 ppm (1107600 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) HFC 134a: LC50 (rat) (4 hrs) > 500000 ppm (2080000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) HFO 1234 ze-E: LC50 (rat) (4 hrs) > 207000 ppm High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation. Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.
Serious eye damage/irritation	Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.
Skin sensitization data	It is not a skin sensitiser.
Respiratory sensitization data	Not classified.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No evidence of mutagenic effects.
Carcinogenicity	It is unlikely to present a carcinogenic hazard to man. HFC 134a: A lifetime inhalation study in rats has shown that exposure to 50000ppm resulted in benign tumours of the testis. The increased tumour incidence was observed only after prolonged exposure to high levels, and is considered not to be of relevance to humans occupationally exposed to HFC 134a at or below the occupational exposure limit.
Reproductive toxicity	HFC 32, HFC 134a, HFO 1234 ze-E: Studies in animals have shown that repeated exposures produce no teratogenic effects.
Lactation	Not classified.
STOT - single exposure	Not classified.
STOT - repeated exposure	Not classified.
Aspiration hazard	Not applicable.
<b>11.2 Other information</b>	
Respiratory irritation	Non-irritant.
Repeated dose toxicity	HFC 32: An inhalation study in animals has shown that repeated exposures produce no significant effects (49500ppm in rats). HFC 134a: An inhalation study in animals has shown that repeated exposures produce no significant effects (50000ppm in rats). HFO 1234 ze-E: A 90-day repeated inhalation study in animals has shown no adverse effects at levels up to 5000ppm.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity - Aquatic invertebrates	The product is predicted to have low toxicity to aquatic organisms.
Toxicity - Fish	Low toxicity to aquatic invertebrates.
Toxicity - Algae	Low toxicity to fish.
Toxicity - Sediment Compartment	Low toxicity to algae.
Toxicity - Terrestrial Compartment	Not classified.
Environmental Fate and Distribution	Not classified.

### 12.2 Persistence and Degradation

HFC 32: Decomposed comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 4.9 years.  
HFO 1234 ze-E: Decomposed rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 10 days. May influence photochemical smog (i.e. may be a VOC under the terms of the UNECE agreement).  
HFC 134a: Decomposed comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 14 years.  
R-456A: Does not deplete ozone. Has a Global Warming Potential (GWP) of 684 (relative to a value of 1 for carbon dioxide at 100 years)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

The product has no potential for bioaccumulation.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

Not applicable.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

### 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

Does not cause endocrine disruption.



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#### 12.7 Other adverse effects

Effect on Effluent Treatment

None known.

Discharges of the product will enter the atmosphere and will not result in long term aqueous contamination.

### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Best to recover and recycle. If this is not possible, destruction is to be in an approved facility which is equipped to absorb and neutralise acid gases and other toxic processing products.

#### 13.2 Additional Information

Disposal should be in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

### SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### 14.1 UN number

UN No. 3163

#### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

UN proper shipping name LIQUEFIED GAS, N.O.S (trans-1,3,3,3-TETRAFLUOROPROP-1-ENE, 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE, DIFLUOROMETHANE MIXTURE)

#### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID 2.2

ADR/RID Class 2.2

IMDG 2.2

IMDG Class 2.2

ICAO/IATA 2.2

ICAO/IATA Class 2.2

Labels



#### 14.4 Packing group

Packing group Not applicable.

#### 14.5 Environmental hazards

Environmental hazards Not classified as a Marine Pollutant.

#### 14.6 Special precautions for user

Special precautions for user Not known.

#### 14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Not applicable.

Marpol and the IBC Code

### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

European Regulations

EC Classification According to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP) Gases under pressure - liquefied gas

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Regulation (EU) No. 517/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases.

Directive 2006/40/EC of the European Parliament and the Council relating to emissions from air-conditioning systems in motor vehicles and amending Council Directive 70/156/EC.

#### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

A chemical safety assessment is not required under REACH.

### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

#### LEGEND

##### Hazard Statement(s)

H221: Flammable gas.  
H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

##### Acronyms

ADR : European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road  
CAS : Chemical Abstracts Service  
CLP : Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures EC : European Community  
IATA : International Air Transport Association  
IBC : Intermediate Bulk Container  
ICAO : International Civil Aviation Organization  
IMDG : International Maritime Dangerous Goods  
LTEL : Long term exposure limit  
PBT : Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
REACH : Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals  
RID : Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail  
STEL : Short term exposure limit  
STOT : Specific Target Organ Toxicity UN  
: United Nations  
vPvB : very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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