

**DuPont™ Suva® 134a Refrigerant**

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**SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : DuPont™ Suva® 134a Refrigerant  
Tradename/Synonym : HFC-134a  
Suva® 134a

Product Use : Refrigerant, For professional users only.

Restrictions on use : Do not use product for anything outside of the above specified uses  
Manufacturer/Supplier : DuPont  
1007 Market Street  
Wilmington, DE 19898  
United States of America

Product Information : +1-800-441-7515 (outside the U.S. +1-302-774-1000)  
Medical Emergency : 1-800-441-3637 (outside the U.S. 1-302-774-1139)  
Transport Emergency : CHEMTREC: +1-800-424-9300 (outside the U.S. +1-703-527-3887)

**SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Product hazard category**

Gases under pressure

Liquefied gas

**Label content**

Pictogram

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Signal word : Warning

Hazardous warnings : Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Hazardous prevention measures : Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

**Other hazards**

Misuse or intentional inhalation abuse may lead to death without warning., Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing., Rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite.

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS-No.	Concentration
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a)	811-97-2	100 %

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

General advice : Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

Inhalation : Remove from exposure, lie down. Move to fresh air. Keep patient warm and at rest. Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary. Consult a physician.

Skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Consult a physician. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Treat for frostbite if necessary by gently warming affected area.

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- Eye contact : In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician if necessary.
- Ingestion : Is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed : Anaesthetic effects Light-headedness irregular heartbeat with a strange sensation in the chest, heart thumping, apprehension, feeling of fainting, dizziness or weakness
- Protection of first-aiders : If potential for exposure exists refer to Section 8 for specific personal protective equipment.
- Notes to physician : Because of possible disturbances of cardiac rhythm, catecholamine drugs, such as epinephrine, that may be used in situations of emergency life support should be used with special caution.

**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : No applicable data available.



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- Specific hazards** : Cylinders are equipped with pressure and temperature relief devices, but may still rupture under fire conditions. Decomposition may occur. Contact of welding or soldering torch flame with high concentrations of this substance can result in visible changes in the size and color of the torch flame. This flame effect will only occur in concentrations of this substance well above the recommended exposure limit. Therefore stop all work and ventilate to disperse vapors from the work area before using any open flames.
- This substance is not flammable in air at temperatures up to 100 deg. C (212 deg. F) at atmospheric pressure. However, mixtures of this substance with high concentrations of air at elevated pressure and/or temperature can become combustible in the presence of an ignition source. This substance can also become combustible in an oxygen enriched environment (oxygen concentrations greater than that in air). Whether a mixture containing this substance and air, or this substance in an oxygen enriched atmosphere become combustible depends on the inter-relationship of 1) the temperature 2) the pressure, and 3) the proportion of oxygen in the mixture. In general, this substance should not be allowed to exist with air above atmospheric pressure or at high temperatures; or in an oxygen enriched environment. For example this substance should NOT be mixed with air under pressure for leak testing or other purposes.
- Experimental data have also been reported which indicate combustibility of this substance in the presence of certain concentrations of chlorine.
- Special protective equipment for firefighters** : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment. Wear neoprene gloves during cleaning up work after a fire. Exposure to decomposition products may be a hazard to health.
- Further information** : Cool containers/tanks with water spray. Water runoff should be contained and neutralized prior to release.

### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

NOTE: Review FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES and HANDLING (PERSONNEL) sections before proceeding with clean-up. Use appropriate PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT during clean-up.

- Safeguards (Personnel)** : Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ventilate area, especially low or enclosed places where heavy vapours might collect.
- Environmental precautions** : Should not be released into the environment. In accordance with local and national regulations.



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- Spill Cleanup : Evaporates.  
Ventilate area using forced ventilation, especially low or enclosed places where heavy vapors might collect.
- Accidental Release Measures : Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is required if a large release occurs. Avoid open flames and high temperatures.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Handling (Personnel) : Use sufficient ventilation to keep employee exposure below recommended limits. For personal protection see section 8.  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
- Handling (Physical Aspects) : The product should not be mixed with air for leak testing or used with air for any other purpose above atmospheric pressure. Contact with chlorine or other strong oxidizing agents should also be avoided.
- Dust explosion class : No applicable data available.
- Storage : Valve protection caps and valve outlet threaded plugs must remain in place unless container is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure reducing regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure (<3000 psig) piping or systems. Never attempt to lift cylinder by its cap. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over.  
Separate full containers from empty containers. Keep at temperature not exceeding 52°C. Do not store near combustible materials. Avoid area where salt or other corrosive materials are present.  
The product has an indefinite shelf life when stored properly.
- Storage period : > 10 yr
- Storage temperature : < 52 °C (< 126 °F)

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

- Engineering controls : Normal ventilation for standard manufacturing procedures is generally adequate. Local exhaust should be used when large amounts are released.  
Mechanical ventilation should be used in low or enclosed places.



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Concentration monitors may be necessary to determine vapour concentrations in work areas prior to use of torches or other open flames, or if employees are entering enclosed areas.

### 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.

Hand protection : Additional protection: Wear approved gloves that are suitable for the task and have been shown to be impervious for the duration of their use.

Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields. Additionally wear a face shield where the possibility exists for face contact due to splashing, spraying or airborne contact with this material.

Protective measures : When using do not smoke. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is required if a large release occurs.

### Exposure Guidelines

#### Exposure Limit Values

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane			
AEL *	(DUPONT)	1,000 ppm	8 & 12 hr. TWA

\* AEL is DuPont's Acceptable Exposure Limit. Where governmentally imposed occupational exposure limits which are lower than the AEL are in effect, such limits shall take precedence.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Physical state : gaseous  
Form : Liquefied gas  
Color : colourless

Odor : slight, ether-like

Odor threshold : No applicable data available.

pH : No applicable data available.

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Melting point/range	: No applicable data available.
Boiling point/boiling range	: Boiling point -26.1 °C (-15.0 °F) at 1,013 hPa
Flash point	: does not flash
Evaporation rate	: > 1 (CCL4=1.0)
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No applicable data available.
Upper explosion limit	: Method: None per ASTM E681
Lower explosion limit	: Method: None per ASTM E681
Vapor pressure	: 6,654 hPa at 25 °C (77 °F)
Vapor density	: 3.6 at 25°C (77°F) and 1013 hPa (Air = 1.0)
Density	: 1.21 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F) (as liquid)
Specific gravity (Relative density)	: 1.208 at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	: 1.5 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F) at 1,013 hPa
Solubility(ies)	: No applicable data available.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: No applicable data available.
Auto-ignition temperature	: No applicable data available.
Ignition temperature	: > 743 °C 1,013 hPa
Decomposition temperature	: No applicable data available.
Viscosity, kinematic	: No applicable data available.
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% Volatile : 100 %

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity	: Decomposes on heating.
Chemical stability	: Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Polymerization will not occur.
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.
Incompatible materials	: Alkali metals Alkaline earth metals, Powdered metals, Powdered metal salts
Hazardous decomposition products	: Decomposition products are hazardous., This material can be decomposed by high temperatures (open flames, glowing metal surfaces, etc.) forming hydrofluoric acid and possibly carbonyl fluoride., These materials are toxic and irritating., Avoid contact with decomposition products

**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**
**1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a)**

Inhalation 4 h LC50	: > 567000 ppm , Rat
Inhalation No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration	: 40000 ppm , Dog Cardiac sensitization
Inhalation Low Observed Adverse Effect Concentration (LOAEC)	: 80000 ppm , Dog Cardiac sensitization
Skin irritation	: No skin irritation, Rabbit
Eye irritation	: No eye irritation, Rabbit
Skin sensitization	: Does not cause skin sensitisation., Guinea pig Does not cause respiratory sensitisation., Rat


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Repeated dose toxicity	: Inhalation Rat - gas NOAEL: 50000, No toxicologically significant effects were found.
Carcinogenicity	: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen. Overall weight of evidence indicates that the substance is not carcinogenic.
Mutagenicity	: Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects. Tests on bacterial or mammalian cell cultures did not show mutagenic effects.
Reproductive toxicity	: No toxicity to reproduction No effects on or via lactation Animal testing showed no reproductive toxicity.
Teratogenicity	: Animal testing showed no developmental toxicity.
Further information	: Cardiac sensitisation threshold limit : 334000 mg/m3

**Carcinogenicity**

The carcinogenicity classifications for this product and/or its ingredients have been determined according to HazCom 2012, Appendix A.6. The classifications may differ than those listed in the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens (latest edition) or those found to be a potential carcinogen in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs (latest edition).

None of the components present in this material at concentrations equal to or greater than 0.1% are listed by IARC, NTP, or OSHA, as a carcinogen.

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**
**Aquatic Toxicity**
**1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a)**

96 h LC50 : Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) 450 mg/l

 96 h ErC50 : Algae 142 mg/l  
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72 h NOEC : Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) 13.2 mg/l  
Information given is based on data obtained from similar substances.

48 h EC50 : Daphnia magna (Water flea) 980 mg/l

### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste disposal methods - Product : Can be used after re-conditioning. Recover by distillation or remove to a permitted waste disposal facility. Comply with applicable Federal, State/Provincial and Local Regulations.

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

### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT	UN number	: 3159
	Proper shipping name	: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane
	Class	: 2.2
	Labelling No.	: 2.2
IATA_C	UN number	: 3159
	Proper shipping name	: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane
	Class	: 2.2
	Labelling No.	: 2.2
IMDG	UN number	: 3159
	Proper shipping name	: 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE
	Class	: 2.2
	Labelling No.	: 2.2

### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory  
SARA 313 Regulated : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS



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Chemical(s) numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

California Prop. 65 : Chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or any other harm: none known

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

SUVA is a registered trademark of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company

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

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