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* SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Trade name/designation R 32 Art-Nr(n). 0032

Substance name Difluoromethane (R 32)

EC No. 200-839-4

REACH No. 01-2119471312-47

CAS No. 75-10-5

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

Use of the substance/mixture

Refrigerant

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH

D-22761 Hamburg

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Department responsible for information: GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH

Telephone +49 40 853 123 0 Website www.ghc.com

E-mail (competent person):

msds@ghc.de

* 1.4 Emergency telephone number

EN: Poison Information Center Mainz +49 6131 19240

Classification procedure

* SECTION 2: Hazards identification

* 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

[CLP]

Flam. Gas 1B, H221 Press. Gas (Liq.), H280

Hazard statements for physical hazards

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

* 2.2 Label elements

* Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms



Signal word Danger

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Hazard statements

H221 Flammable gas.

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.

P381 In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources. P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

Supplemental hazard information

EIGA0357 Asphyxiant in high concentrations. EIGA0787 Contains fluorinated greenhouse gases.

Please return container with residual pressure.

* 2.3 Other hazards

Adverse human health effects and symptoms

Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

The inhalation of gas / vapour in high concentrations may cause cardiac arrhythmia.

Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

Other adverse effects

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, Annex XIII.

* SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

* 3.1 Substances

Substance name Difluoromethane (R 32)

200-839-4 EC No.

01-2119471312-47 **REACH No.**

CAS No. 75-10-5

3.2 Mixtures

not applicable

* SECTION 4: First aid measures

* 4.1 Description of first aid measures

General information

Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately.

In the event of persistent symptoms obtain medical treatment.

First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

Following inhalation

Remove casualty to fresh air and keep warm and at rest.

In case of respiratory standstill give artificial respiration by respiratory bag (Ambu bag) or respirator. Obtain medical assistance..

Following skin contact

In case of skin contact rinse with warm water.

In case of frostbite, wash with plenty of water; do not remove clothing.

In case of frostbite rinse with lukewarm (not hot) water for at least 15 minutes. Do not remove clothing frozen to the skin.

Thaw with lukewarm water. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance.

After eye contact

Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical assistance.

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Following ingestion

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

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

* Symptoms

The following symptoms may occur in case of strong exposition: Unconsciousness
Cardiac arrhythmias
Dizziness

Nausea

Headache

* Effects

Long-term inhaling of separation products may cause pulmonary oedema.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes for the doctor

Treat symptomatically

Do not apply drugs of the adrenaline ephedrine group.

* SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

* 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Extinguishing powder Water spray jet alcohol resistant foam

* Unsuitable extinguishing media

Full water jet

Carbon dioxide (CO2)

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazardous combustion products

In case of fire formation of dangerous gases possible. Carbon monoxide Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Hydrogen fluoride Carbonyl fluoride

* 5.3 Advice for firefighters

* Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing.

* Additional information

If possible, shut off gas valves and move containers to a safe location.

Use water spray jet to protect personnel and to cool endangered containers.

Exposure to fire may cause rupture / explosion of the containers.

Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire.

Fire residues and contaminated firefighting water must be disposed of in accordance with the local regulations.

* SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

* 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

* For non-emergency personnel

Use personal protection equipment.

Leave the danger area.

Keep people away and stay on the upwind side.

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For emergency responders

Personal protection by wearing close-fitting protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

Pay attention to extension of gas especially at ground (heavier than air) and in direction of the wind. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

Remove persons to safety.

* 6.2 Environmental precautions

If possible, stop flow of product.

Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil.

Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment

If necessary, secure leaky pressure receptacles using a salvage container.

Prevent the liquid from spreading over a wide area (set up barriers, cover sewage systems).

Limit expansion of the gas (water spray jet).

For cleaning up

Leave to vapourize.

Provide adequate ventilation.

* 6.4 Reference to other sections

Disposal: see section 13

Personal protection equipment: see section 8

* SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Protective measures

Use only in well-ventilated areas.

Transfer and handle product only in closed systems.

Usual measures for fire prevention.

Containers' temperature should not be increased above 50 °C.

The working pressure in the receptacle must not exceed the saturation vapour pressure of the pure product resulting at a temperature of 50 °C

Prevent cylinders from falling over.

Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ground barrels and installations. Use only antistatically equipped (spark-free) tools.

Use explosion-proof machinery, apparatus, ventilation facilities, tools etc. Ensure valve protection device is correctly fitted.

Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.

Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock. Do not allow backflow into the container.

Entering of water into the container must be prevented.

No water to valves, flanges and other fittings.

Purging of pipes and valves with inert gases - to avoid: water, solvents.

Advices on general occupational hygiene When using do not eat, drink, smoke, sniff.

Wash hands before breaks and after work.

Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

* 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements for storage rooms and vessels

All regulations and local requirements for the storage of containers have to be respected.

Keep container tightly closed and in a well-ventilated place.

Containers' temperature should not be increased above 50 °C.

Prevent cylinders from falling over.

Only use containers specifically approved for the substance/product.

Information on suitable materials for receptacles and valves see ISO 11114.

2A Gases (except aerosol dispensers and lighters)

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Materials to avoid

Do not store together with explosives.

Do not store together with flammable liquids.

Do not store together with flammable solids.

Do not store together with harmfable solids.

Do not store together with pyrophoric and self-heating substances.

Do not store together with oxidizing liquids or oxidizing solids.

Do not store together with toxic liquids or toxic solids.

Do not store together with infectious substances.

Do not store together with radioactive material.

Do not store together with food or feed.

* 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Recommendation

Use in accordance with regulation (EU) No 517/2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases.

An exposure scenario is not required.

* SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

* 8.1 Control parameters

DNEL worker

CAS No.	Substance name	DNEL value	DNEL type	Remark
75-10-5	Difluoromethane (R 32)	7035 mg/m ³	long-term inhalative (systemic)	Assessment factor 7.5, repeated dose toxicity.

DNEL Consumer

CAS No.	Substance name	DNEL value	DNEL type	Remark
75-10-5	Difluoromethane (R 32)	750 mg/m³	long-term inhalative (systemic)	Assessment factor 25, repeated dose toxicity.

PNEC

CAS No.	Substance name	PNEC Value	PNEC type	Remark
75-10-5	Difluoromethane (R 32)	0.142 mg/L	aquatic, freshwater	Assessment factor 1000, assessment factor.
75-10-5	Difluoromethane (R 32)	0.534 mg/kg dw	sediment, freshwater	
75-10-5	Difluoromethane (R 32)	1.42 mg/L	aquatic, intermittent release	e Assessment factor 100

* 8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Technical measures to prevent exposure Transfer and handle only in enclosed systems.

Personal protection equipment

Eye/face protection

Protective goggles according to EN 166, in case of increased risk add protective face shield.

Hand protection

Safety gloves according to EN 388:

Chromate-free leather

Body protection:

Safety shoes with steel toecap.
Body covering work clothing or chemical resistant suit at increased risk.

Respiratory protection

Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.

Respiratory protection necessary at:

high concentrations

Respiratory protection complying with EN 137.

Do not use any filter apparatus.

In case of rescue and maintenance activities in storage containers use environment-independent breathing apparatus because of risk of suffocation due to displacement of oxygen

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Thermal hazards

Use cold-resistant protective equipment.

- **Environmental exposure controls**
- Remark

Prevent release to the environment.

- * SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties
- * 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Gaseous / liquefied under pressure.

Colour

colourless

Odour

faintly of ether

Safety relevant basis data

	Value	Method	Source, Remark
Odour threshold:			not determined
Melting point/freezing point			not applicable
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	-51.6 °C pressure 1013 hPa		
flammability			inflammable
Lower and upper explosion limit	Upper explosion limit 33.4 Vol-%		
Lower and upper explosion limit	Lower explosion limit 12.7 Vol-%		
Flash point			not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	648 °C		
Decomposition temperature			No decomposition if used as directed.
рН			not applicable
Viscosity			not applicable
Solubility(ies)	Water solubility 3.65 g/L (25°C)		
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	0.21 (25°C)	OECD 107	
Vapour pressure	14800 hPa (20°C)		
Density and/or relative density			not applicable
Relative vapour density	1.82	Calculated	air = 1
particle characteristics			not applicable

* 9.2 Other information

- Information with regard to physical hazard classes
- Gases under pressure

Safety characteristics

	Value	Method, Result	Source, Remark
Critical temperature	78 °C		

Other information

Vapours are heavier than air.

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* SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

* 10.1 Reactivity

May form an explosive mixture with air.

* 10.2 Chemical stability

The substance is chemically stable under recommended conditions of storage, use and temperature.

* 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Must not be mixed with air or oxygen.

Danger of fire and explosion with oxidants, alkali metals and earth alkali metals.

* 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat sources / heat - risk of bursting. Ignition sources, open flames, glowing metal surfaces, etc.

* 10.5 Incompatible materials

Alkali metals Alkaline earth metal Powdered metals Oxidising agent, strong

* 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

When handled and stored appropriately, no dangerous decomposition products are known.

* SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

* Acute toxicity

* Animal data

	Effective dose	Method,Evaluation	Source, Remark
Acute oral toxicity			Study technically not feasible.
Acute dermal toxicity			Study technically not feasible.
Acute inhalation toxicity	Acute inhalation toxicity (gas) LC0: > 520000 ppm Species Rat Exposure time 4 h	OECD 403	

* Assessment/classification

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

* Skin corrosion/irritation

* Other information

Study technically not feasible.

* Serious eye damage/irritation

Other information

Study technically not feasible.

* Sensitisation to the respiratory tract

* Other information

No data available

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Skin sensitisation

Other information

Study technically not feasible.

Repeated dose toxicity (subacute, subchronic, chronic)

Effective dose Organs affected: Method Specific effects: Source, Remark Subchronic **NOAEL 49100 OECD 413**

inhalation toxicity ppm Species Rat

Assessment/classification

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity

	Value	Method	Result / Evaluation	Remark
In vitro mutagenicity/genotox icity		OECD 471		
In vivo mutagenicity/genotox icity		OECD 474		

Assessment/classification

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity

Other information

No data available

Reproductive toxicity

Animal data

	Value	Method	Result / Evaluation	Remark
Reproductive toxicity	inhalative NOEL 50000 ppm Species Mouse	OECD 478		Analogous to a similar product.

Assessment/classification

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

STOT-single exposure

STOT SE 1 and 2

Assessment/classification

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

STOT-repeated exposure

Assessment/classification

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration hazard

Assessment/classification Study technically not feasible.

11.2 Information on other hazards

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Additional information

The inhalation of gas / vapour in high concentrations may cause cardiac arrhythmia. Inhalation causes narcotic effects/intoxication.

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SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity

	Effective dose	Method,Evaluation	Source, Remark
Acute (short-term) fish toxicity	LC50: 1507 mg/L Species freshwater fish Test duration 96 h	QSAR	
Chronic (long-term) fish toxicity	not determined		
Acute (short-term) toxicity to crustacea	EC50 652 mg/L Species Daphnia magna (Big water flea) Test duration 48 h	QSAR	
Chronic (long-term) toxicity to aquatic invertebrate	not determined		
Acute (short-term) toxicity to algae and cyanobacteria	EC50 142 mg/L Species Algae Test duration 96 h	QSAR	
Chronic (long-term) toxicity to aquatic algae and cyanobacteria	not determined		
Toxicity to other aquatic plants/organisms	not determined		
Toxicity to microorganisms	not determined		
Persistence and degradability			
	Value	Method	Source, Remark
Biodegradation	Degradation rate 5 % Test duration 28 d	OECD 301 D	CAS No.75-10-5 Difluoromethane (R 32)

Assessment/classification

Not readily biodegradable (according to OECD criteria)

* 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment/classification

Based on the n-octanol/water partition coefficient accumulation in organisms is not expected.

* 12.4 Mobility in soil

	Value	Distribution	Transport type	Method	Remark
Half-life time in soil	CAS No.75-10-5 Difluoromethane (R 32) 21.73 L/kg			KOC value	

Assessment/classificationBased on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

* 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, Annex XIII.

* 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

	Effective dose	Method,Evaluation	Source, Remark
Endocrine disrupting properties			See section 2.3

* 12.7 Other adverse effects

	Value	Method	Source, Remark
Ozone depletion potential (ODP):	0		
Global warming potential (GWP)	675		

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SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

* 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste codes/waste designations according to EWC/AVV

Waste code product Waste name

140601 * chlorofluorocarbons, HCFC, HFC

Appropriate disposal / ProductWaste disposal according to directive 2008/98/EC, covering waste and dangerous waste.

Prevent release to the environment. No disposal via the sewage.

Disposal according to local regulations.

Appropriate disposal / PackageTransportable pressure equipment (empty, residual pressure): Return to supplier / manufacturer.

* SECTION 14: Transport information

	Land transport (ADR/RID)	Sea transport (IMDG)	Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA- DGR)
14.1 UN number or ID number	3252	3252	3252
14.2 UN proper shipping name	REFRIGERANT GAS R 32 (Difluormethan)	REFRIGERANT GAS R 32 (Difluoromethane)	Refrigerant gas R 32 (Difluoromethane)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	2	2.1	2.1
14.4 Packing group	-	-	-
14.5 Environmental hazards	No	No	No

14.6 Special precautions for user

The protective measures listed in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Safety Data Sheet have to be considered.

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

No carriage in bulk.

Land transport (ADR/RID)

UN number or ID number 3252

UN proper shipping name REFRIGERANT GAS R 32 (Difluormethan)

Transport hazard class(es) 2 Hazard label(s) 2.1 Classification code 2F Packing group **Environmental hazards** No Limited quantity (LQ) 0 Special provisions 662 Tunnel restriction code B/D

* Sea transport (IMDG)

UN number or ID number 3252

UN proper shipping name REFRIGERANT GAS R 32 (Difluoromethane)

Transport hazard class(es) 2.1 Packing group Environmental hazards Nο Limited quantity (LQ) 0 Marine pollutant No

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* Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

UN number or ID number 3252

Refrigerant gas R 32 (Difluoromethane) UN proper shipping name

Transport hazard class(es) 2.1 Packing group **Environmental hazards** No

* SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

EU legislation

Restrictions of occupation

Observe employment restrictions under the Maternity Protection Directive (92/85/EEC) for expectant or nursing mothers. Observe restrictions to employment for juvenils according to the 'juvenile work protection guideline' (94/33/EC).

Other regulations (EU)

To follow:

Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases.
Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (RĚACH), Annéx XVII No 40.

Regulation (EU) 2015/2068 establishing, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 517/2014, the format of labels for products and equipment containing fluorinated greenhouse gases.

Regulation (EU) 2015/2067 establishing, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 517/2014, ~ certification ~ as regards stationary

refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment, and ~ containing fluorinated greenhouse gases.

Directive 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

National and local regulations concerning chemicals shall be observed.

Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions [Industrial Emissions Directive] VOC

VOC-value ≥ 99 %

* 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

National regulations

For this substance a chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

* SECTION 16: Other information

Key literature references and sources for data

Information from our suppliers and data from the "GESTIS Substances Database" and the "Registered Substances" database of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) were used to create this safety data sheet.

Additional information

The information contained herein is based on the state of our knowledge. It characterizes the product with regard to the appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent a guarantee of the properties of the product.

Relevant H- and EUH-phrases (Number and full text)

H221 Flammable gas.

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Indication of changes

* Data changed compared with the previous version