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

1.1 Product identifier

Trade name/designation R 134a
Art-Nr(n). 0046, 0015
Substance name 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)
EC No. 212-377-0
REACH No. 01-2119459374-33
CAS No. 811-97-2

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

*** Use of the substance/mixture**

Refrigerant
Laboratory chemical
Aerosol propellants

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

Supplier

GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH
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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

*** SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]

Classification procedure

Press. Gas (Liq.), H280

Hazard statements for physical hazards

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

*** 2.2 Label elements**

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

Hazard pictograms



GHS04

Signal word
Warning

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Hazard statements

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

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Supplemental hazard information

EIGA0357 Asphyxiant in high concentrations.
EIGA0787 Contains fluorinated greenhouse gases.
Please return container with residual pressure.

* **2.3 Other hazards**

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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.

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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.

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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**

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3.2 Mixtures

not applicable

* **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

* **4.1 Description of first aid measures**

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General information

Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately.
In the event of persistent symptoms obtain medical treatment.
First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

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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..

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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.

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After eye contact

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

Following ingestion

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

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* **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**
The product itself does not burn. The product itself does not burn. Match extinguishing measures to surrounding fire.
Extinguishing powder
Water spray jet
alcohol resistant foam
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Unsuitable extinguishing media
Full water jet

* **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.
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.
- * **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.
Remove persons to safety.

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* **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.
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.

Storage class

2A Gases (except aerosol dispensers and lighters)

* **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 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.

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* **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
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	13936 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
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	2476 mg/m ³	long-term inhalative (systemic)	Assessment factor 15, repeated dose toxicity.

* **PNEC**

CAS No.	Substance name	PNEC Value	PNEC type	Remark
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	0.01 mg/L	aquatic, marine water	Assessment factor 10000, assessment factor.
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	0.1 mg/L	aquatic, freshwater	Assessment factor 1000, assessment factor.
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	0.75 mg/kg dw	sediment, freshwater	
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	1 mg/L	aquatic, intermittent release	Assessment factor 100, assessment factor.
811-97-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)	73 mg/L	sewage treatment plant (STP)	Assessment factor 10, assessment factor.

* **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

* **Thermal hazards**

Use cold-resistant protective equipment.

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* **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	-26 °C pressure 1013 hPa		
flammability			none
Lower and upper explosion limit			none
Flash point			not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature			not determined
Decomposition temperature	> 370 °C		
pH			not applicable
Viscosity			not applicable
Solubility(ies)	Water solubility 1 g/L (25°C)		
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	1.06 (25°C)	OECD 107	
Vapour pressure	5740 hPa (20°C)		
Density and/or relative density			not applicable
Relative vapour density	3.52 (25°C)		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	101 °C		

- * **Other information**
Vapours are heavier than air.

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*** SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity***** 10.1 Reactivity**

The product is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. When pressurised with air, oxygen or other oxidants, it may become flammable.

*** 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	LCLo \geq 567000 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****Assessment/classification**

non-sensitizing; Laboratory animals

*** Skin sensitisation***** Other information**

Study technically not feasible.

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* **Repeated dose toxicity (subacute, subchronic, chronic)**

	Effective dose	Method	Specific effects:	Organs affected:	Source, Remark
Chronic inhalation toxicity	NOAEC 50000 ppm Species Rat	OECD 453			

* **Additional information**

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

* **Germ cell mutagenicity**

	Value	Method	Result / Evaluation	Remark
In vitro mutagenicity/genotoxicity		OECD 473		
In vivo mutagenicity/genotoxicity	Species Rat	OECD 486		

* **Assessment/classification**

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

* **Carcinogenicity****Animal data**

	Value	Method	Result / Evaluation	Remark
Carcinogenicity	inhalative NOEL(C): 10000 ppm Species Rat Exposure duration 2 a	OECD 453		

* **Assessment/classification**

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

* **Reproductive toxicity*** **Animal data**

	Value	Method	Result / Evaluation	Remark
Reproductive toxicity	inhalative NOEL 50000 ppm Species Mouse	OECD 478		

* **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: 450 mg/L Species Oncorhynchus mykiss (Rainbow trout) Test duration 96 h	EU Method C.1	
Chronic (long-term) fish toxicity	not determined		
Acute (short-term) toxicity to crustacea	EC50 980 mg/L Species Daphnia magna (Big water flea) Test duration 48 h	EU Method C.2	
Chronic (long-term) toxicity to aquatic invertebrate	not determined		
Acute (short-term) toxicity to algae and cyanobacteria	EC50 > 118 mg/L Species Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata Test duration 72 h	EU Method C.3	Analogous to a similar product.
Chronic (long-term) toxicity to aquatic algae and cyanobacteria	not determined		
Toxicity to other aquatic plants/organisms	not determined		
Toxicity to microorganisms	EC50 > 730 mg/L Species growth of Ps. putida Test duration 6 h		

*** 12.2 Persistence and degradability**

	Value	Method	Source, Remark
Biodegradation	Degradation rate 3 % Test duration 28 d	OECD 301 D	CAS No.811-97-2 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a)

*** 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.811-97-2 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R 134a) 37.26 L/kg			KOC value	

*** 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)	1430		

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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 / Product**

Waste 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 / Package

Transportable 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	3159	3159	3159
14.2 UN proper shipping name	REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUORETHAN)	REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE)	Refrigerant gas R 134a (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	2	2.2	2.2
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	3159
UN proper shipping name	REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUORETHAN)
Transport hazard class(es)	2
Hazard label(s)	2.2
Classification code	2A
Packing group	-
Environmental hazards	No
Limited quantity (LQ)	120 ml
Special provisions	662
Tunnel restriction code	C/E

*** Sea transport (IMDG)**

UN number or ID number	3159
UN proper shipping name	REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE)
Transport hazard class(es)	2.2
Packing group	-
Environmental hazards	No
Limited quantity (LQ)	120 ml

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Marine pollutant	No
EmS	F-C, S-V

Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

UN number or ID number	3159
UN proper shipping name	Refrigerant gas R 134a (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE)
Transport hazard class(es)	2.2
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 (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.
 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)

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
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Indication of changes

* Data changed compared with the previous version