

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)

## R410A

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### 1 PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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Product Name R 410A  
 Chemical Formula Difluoromethane, Pentafluoroethane  
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#### COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Trade Names R 410A  
 Chemical Names: A preparation of Difluoromethane, Pentafluoroethane  
 Chemical Family Mixtures of Hydrofluoroalkanes  
 Synonyms Halocarbons  
 UN No. 1078  
 Hazchem Code: 2 TE  
 Hazchem Warning 2C non-flammable, non toxic gas

### 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Main Hazards

**Adverse** Contains a liquefied gas. Contact of liquid **health effects** may cause frostbite and injury to the cornea. In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation.

**Chemical hazards** Heating will cause a rise in pressure with a risk of bursting. On Combustion, toxic gases are released.

**Biological hazards** Contact with liquid could cause frost burns  
**Vapour inhalation** High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. May have a narcotic effect, very high concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation.

**Eye Contact** Vapour - unknown effect  
 Liquid - could cause serious burns

**Skin Contact** Vapour - unknown effect

**Ingestion** Liquid - see vapour inhalation above

### 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Prompt medical attention is mandatory in all cases of overexposure to vapourised R410A. Rescue personnel should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be removed to an uncontaminated area and given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. The use of adrenaline or similar drugs should be avoided.

**Eye contact** (Liquid) Rinse with water whilst keeping the eyes wide open for at least 15 minutes. Consult an eye specialist immediately.

**Skin contact** (Liquid) Thaw affected areas with water. Remove contaminated clothing and then rinse again with water. If it sticks, do not pull it off. Call a doctor immediately.

**Ingestion** Not Specifically applicable (gas).

**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.

### 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing media** All extinguishing agents can be used. If there is a fire close by, use suitable extinguishing agents.

**Specific hazards** Pressurised container. On Heating there is a risk of bursting due to internal pressure build-up NOT flammable. However, it may present a risk in the event of fire. Toxic vapours (Halogen compound) are released.

**Emergency Actions** Stay upwind. Evacuate the personnel away from the fumes. Cool down the containers/equipment exposed to heat with a water spray.

**Protective clothing** Self-contained breathing apparatus. Safety gloves and shoes or boots should be worn when handling cylinders.

**Environmental precautions** Prevent the product from spreading into the environment

### 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe gas. For further information refer to 8 "Exposure-controls/Personal Protection" Heavy vapours. Shut off low-level opening in the vicinity (ventilation shafts, drains) Prevent the product from entering cellars, basements of pits. Stop the leak. Ventilate spillage area and basements.

**Environmental** Prevent the product from spreading into the precautions environment. Contain the spilled material by bunding.

**Small spills** Shut off source of product. Ventilate area

**Large spills** Evacuate the area. Shut off the source of the spill if this can be done without risk. Restrict access to the area until completion of the clean-up procedure. Ventilate the area using forced-draft if necessary.

### 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Suck back of water/oil into the container must be prevented. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt. Refer to supplier's container handling instructions. Keep container below 50<sup>0</sup>C in a well ventilated place.

Do not allow cylinders to slide or come into contact with sharp edges. Cylinders should be stacked vertically at all times, and should be firmly secured in order to prevent them from being knocked over. Use a "first in - first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Keep out of reach of children.

### 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Occupational** As R410A is a simple asphyxiant, avoid exposure hazards any areas where spillage has taken place. Only enter once testing has proved the atmosphere to be safe, and remember that the gas is heavier than air.

**Engineering** Engineering control measures are preferred to control measures reduce exposures to oxygen depleted atmospheres. General methods include forced-draft ventilation, separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Ensure that sufficient fresh air enters at, or near, floor level.

**Personal protection** Self-contained breathing apparatus should always be worn when entering area where oxygen depletion may have occurred. Safety goggles, gloves and shoes or boots should be worn when handling cylinders.

**Skin** No known effect.

### 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### PHYSICAL DATA

Chemical Symbol	Mixture
Molecular Weight	Mixture
Boiling point @ 101,325 kPa	-48,5 <sup>0</sup> C
Specific Density (saturated vapour) at 21.1C	1.08
Vapour pressure @ 21.1 <sup>0</sup> C bar	13.9
Colour	colourless

### 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Conditions to avoid** The dilution of oxygen concentration in the atmosphere to levels which cannot support life.

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**Incompatible** Never use cylinders as rollers or supports, or for any other purpose than the storing of R410A. Never expose the cylinders to excessive heat, as this may cause sufficient build-up of pressure to rupture the cylinders.

Since the performance of plastic materials is affected by polymer variations, compounding agents, fillers, and moulding processes, verifying compatibility using actual fabricated parts under end-use conditions is advised. The effects on specific elastomers depend on the nature of the polymer, the compounding formulation used and the curing of vulcanizing conditions. Actual samples should be tested under end-use conditions before specifying elastomers for critical components.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** On combustion or on thermal decomposition (pyrolysis) releases: toxic gases (Fluorinated compounds) (hydrofluoric acid)

Hazchem warning 2 C Non-flammable gas

**SEA TRANSPORTATION**

IMDG 1078

Class 2.2

Label Non-flammable gas non toxic gas

**AIR TRANSPORTATION**

ICAO/IATA Code 1078

Class 2.2

### 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

EEC Hazard class: Non-flammable gas

National legislation: OHSact and Regulations 85 of 1993.

Reference: SANS 10234 and its supplement.

### 16 OTHER INFORMATION

Other Special Considerations: No known data.

### EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

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### 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity (TWA 8+12 hr)

Skin & eye contact No known effect

Chronic Toxicity No known effect

Carcinogenicity No known effect

Mutagenicity No known effect

Reproductive Hazards No known effect

(For further information see Section 3. Adverse health effects)

### 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Prevent the product from spreading into the environment.

### 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Methods** Do not allow the product to be released into the environment. Consult the manufacturer of supplier for information regarding recovery and recycling of the product.

### 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### ROAD TRANSPORTATION

UN No. 1078

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