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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

1.1 Product identifier

- Product Name: R134a
- Product Description: Non-flammable, non-toxic, liquified gas
- Chemical Name: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane
- Synonyms: Norflurane; HFC-134a
- Chemical formula: CH₂FCF₃
- CAS No.: 811-97-2
- EC No.: 212-377-0
- REACH Registration Number: 01-2119459374-33

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

- Use of the substance/mixture: Refrigerant; Air conditioning systems; Industrial use
- Use advised against: No information available

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

- Name of Supplier: SGS Gases Ltd
- Address of Supplier: Poplar Farm
Eastertown
Weston-super-Mare
Somerset
BS24 0HY
UK
- Telephone: 01934 751265
- Email: enquiries@sgsgases.co.uk

1.4 Emergency telephone number

- Emergency Telephone: 01934 751265
Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5pm

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

- Classification (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008) [CLP/GHS]: Press. Gas (Liq.), H280
- Additional information: For full text of Hazard- and EU Hazard-statements: see section 16

2.2 Label elements



Signal Word: Warning

Hazard statements

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements

P410+P403 - Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

Supplemental Hazard information (EU)

Greenhouse fluorinated gas falling within Kyoto Protocol (GWP=1430)
CO₂ equivalent: (refer to cylinder label)

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification (....)

2.3 Other hazards

- Asphyxiant in high concentrations
 - Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite
 - Under certain temperature and pressure conditions may form a flammable mixture in the presence of air
 - Not a PBT according to REACH Annex XIII
 - Not a vPvB according to REACH Annex XIII
 - Does not contain any substances with endocrine disrupting properties
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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Chemical Name	Conc.	CAS No.	EC No.	Classification (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008) [CLP/GHS]	SCL/ M-Factor/ ATE	REACH Registration Number	WEL/ OEL
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	100%	811-97-2	212-377-0	Press. Gas, H280	-	01-2119459374 -33-XXXX	Yes

3.2 Mixtures

- Not applicable
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SECTION 4: First aid measures

Rescuers should put on approved personal protective equipment (PPE) before administering first aid

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Contact with eyes

If substance has got into eyes, immediately wash out with plenty of water
 Irrigate eyes thoroughly whilst lifting eyelids
 Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
 Get medical advice/attention.

Contact with skin

In case of contact with liquid, thaw frosted parts with water. Do not attempt to remove clothing which has stuck to the skin
 Cover wounds with sterile dressing
 If irritation or blistering occur obtain medical attention.

Ingestion

Unlikely route of exposure.
 Rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious)
 Give 200-300mls (half pint) water to drink
 Do NOT induce vomiting.
 Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Inhalation

Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
 Keep warm and at rest, in a half upright position. Loosen clothing
 If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be given by a trained person
 Apply artificial respiration only if patient is not breathing
 If heartbeat is absent, give external cardiac compression
 Get immediate medical advice/attention.

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SECTION 4: First aid measures (....)

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Contact with eyes

Extremely cold material, can cause burns similar to frostbite.

Contact with skin

Extremely cold material, can cause burns similar to frostbite.

Ingestion

No hazard expected under normal conditions of use

Inhalation

Danger of suffocation at high concentrations due to oxygen displacement

Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms: dizziness, salivation, nausea, vomiting, loss of mobility/consciousness.

In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.

Asphyxiation may bring about unconsciousness without warning and so rapidly that victim may be unable to protect themselves.

May cause CNS depression, narcosis, cardiac disorders.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

- Treat symptomatically
- Adrenaline and similar sympathomimetic drugs should be avoided following exposure as cardiac arrhythmia may result with possible subsequent cardiac arrest.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media: Not flammable. In case of fire use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding conditions
- Unsuitable extinguishing media: High volume water jet

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Under certain temperature and pressure conditions may form a flammable mixture in the presence of air
- In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst
- Inform Fire Brigade of potential danger of exploding and rocketing cylinders
- Gives off irritating or toxic fumes (or gases) in a fire.
- Decomposition products may include hydrogen fluoride, carbonyl fluoride, carbon monoxide

5.3 Advice for firefighters

- Special protective equipment: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Wear full protective clothing including chemical protection suit.
- Keep container(s) exposed to fire cool, by spraying with water
- Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. This MUST not be discharged into drains. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface or ground water.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training
- Only trained and authorised personnel should carry out emergency response
- Personal precautions for non-emergency personnel: Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas

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SECTION 6: Accidental release measures (....)

- Personal precautions for emergency responders: Evacuate the area and keep personnel upwind; Ensure adequate ventilation; Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas; Gas/vapour is heavier than air and may accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.; Monitor oxygen level; Wear protective clothing as per section 8

6.2 Environmental precautions

- Do not release to the environment except for emergency ventilation.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- 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.
- Additional advice: If possible, stop flow of product. Increase ventilation to the release area and monitor oxygen level. If leak is from cylinder or cylinder valve, call the SGS Gases telephone number. If the leak is in the user's system, close the cylinder valve and safely vent the pressure before attempting repairs.
- Cylinder should be inspected and tested if leak occurs.

6.4 Reference to other sections

- See section(s): 7, 8 & 13
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SECTION 7: Handling and storage**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

- Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure.
- Ensure adequate ventilation
- Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas
- Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop.
- Do not allow storage area temperature to exceed 50°C (122°F).
- Before using the product, determine its identity by reading the label. Know and understand the properties and hazards of the product before use.
- When doubt exists as to the correct handling procedure for a particular gas, contact the supplier.
- Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.
- When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart, trolley, hand truck, etc designed to transport cylinders.
- Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use.
- Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps.
- Before connecting the container, check the complete gas system for suitability, particularly for pressure rating and materials.
- Before connecting the container for use, ensure that back feed from the system into the container is prevented.
- Ensure the complete gas system is compatible for pressure rating and materials of construction.
- Ensure the complete gas system has been checked for leaks before use.
- Employ suitable pressure regulating devices on all containers when the gas is being emitted to systems with lower pressure rating than that of the container.
- Never insert an object (e.g. wrench, screwdriver, pry bar, etc) into valve cap openings. Doing so may damage valve, causing a leak to occur.
- Open valve slowly. If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.
- Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.
- Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.
- Close valve after each use and when empty.
- Replace outlet caps or plugs and container caps as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.
- Do not subject containers to abnormal mechanical shocks which may cause damage to their valve or safety devices.
- Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its valve protection cap or guard.
- Do not use containers as rollers or supports or for any other purpose than to contain the gas as supplied.

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SECTION 7: Handling and storage (....)

- Never strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder or make a cylinder a part of an electrical circuit.
- Do not smoke while handling product or cylinders.
- Never re-compress a gas or a gas mixture without first consulting the supplier.
- Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.
- Always use backflow protective device in piping.
- When returning cylinder install valve outlet cap or plug leak tight.
- Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.
- Containers should not be subjected to temperatures above 50°C (122°F).
- Prolonged periods of cold temperature below -30°C (-20°F) should be avoided.
- Never attempt to increase liquid withdrawal rate by pressurizing the container without first checking with the supplier.
- Never permit liquefied gas to become trapped in parts of the system as this may result in hydraulic rupture.
- 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

- Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.
- Store in a cool, dry well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
- Keep away from heat and sources of ignition
- Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50°C/ 122°F.
- Protect from sunlight.
- Full containers should be stored so that oldest stock is used first.
- Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.
- Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.
- Protect containers stored in the open against rusting and extremes of weather.
- The container valves should be tightly closed and where appropriate valve outlets should be capped or plugged.
- Container valve guards or caps should be in place.
- Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition.
- Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Containers should be segregated in the storage area according to the various categories (e.g. flammable, toxic, etc.) and in accordance with local regulations.
- Keep away from combustible material.
- Return empty containers in a timely manner.
- Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents, alkalis and caustic products, alkaline earth metals, finely divided metals (Mg, Al, Zn)

7.3 Specific end use(s)

- Refrigerant

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**8.1 Control parameters**

- If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.
Reference should be made to monitoring standards, such as the following: European Standard EN 689 (Workplace exposure - Measurement of exposure by inhalation to chemical agents - Strategy for testing compliance with occupational exposure limit values). European Standard EN 14042 (Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents). European Standard EN 482 (Workplace exposure. General requirements for the performance of procedures for the measurement of chemical agents). Reference to national guidance documents for methods for the determination of hazardous substances will also be required.

1,1,1,2-TetrafluoroethaneWEL (long term) 1 000 ppm 4 240 mg/m³ (UK)DNEL (inhalational) 13 936 mg/m³ Industry, Long Term, Systemic Effects

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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection (....)

DNEL (inhalational) 2 476 mg/m³ Consumer, Long Term, Systemic Effects
PNEC aqua (freshwater) 100 µg/L
PNEC aqua (intermittent releases, freshwater) 1 mg/L
PNEC aqua (marine water) 10 µg/L
PNEC (STP) 73 mg/L
PNEC sediment (freshwater) 750 µg/kg

8.2 Exposure controls

- Selection and use of personal protective equipment should be based on a risk assessment of exposure potential
- Engineering controls
 - Ensure adequate ventilation
 - Engineering controls should be provided which maintain airborne concentrations below the relevant guidelines
 - Oxygen detectors should be considered
- Respiratory protection
 - Where a full face mask respirator is required, use EN 136, with gas/vapour filter EN 14387 type AX
 - Gas filters do not protect against oxygen deficiency
 - Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
 - BS EN 137:2006 Respiratory protective devices. Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.
- Skin protection
 - Wear protective gloves
 - Sturdy work gloves are recommended for handling cylinders. Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.
 - The breakthrough time of the selected glove(s) must be greater than the intended use period.
 - Safety shoes are recommended when handling cylinders. Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.
- Eye/face protection
 - Wear safety glasses approved to standard EN 166.
- Thermal hazards
 - Wear thermal insulating gloves when handling liquefied gases.
- Hygiene measures
 - Use good personal hygiene practices
 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
 - Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Environmental exposure controls
 - Do not release to the environment except for emergency ventilation.

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

- Physical state: Liquefied gas
- Colour: Colourless
- Odour: Slightly ethereal
- Melting point/freezing point: -101 °C
- Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range: -26.2 °C
- Flammability: Not flammable
- Lower and upper explosion limit: Not applicable
- Flash point: Not applicable
- Auto-ignition temperature: > 750 °C
- Decomposition temperature: > 370 °C

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SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties (....)

- pH: Not applicable
- Kinematic viscosity: Not applicable
- Solubility: Solubility in water: 1.5 g/L
- Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value): Log Pow 1.06 @ 25 °C and pH 6
- Vapour pressure: 5.7 bar @ 20 °C
13.2 bar @ 50 °C
- Density and/or relative density: 1.2 g/cm³ (20°C)
- Relative vapour density: 3.5 (air = 1)
- Particle characteristics: Not applicable

9.2 Other information

- Gas/vapour is heavier than air and may accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.
- Molecular weight: 102.03 g/mol
- Critical temperature: 101 °C
- Critical pressure: 4070 kPa

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

May react violently with alkaline-earth and alkali metals

10.2 Chemical stability

- Stable under normal conditions

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

- Under certain temperature and pressure conditions may form a flammable mixture in the presence of air

10.4 Conditions to avoid

- Avoid extremes of temperature
- Protect from moisture

10.5 Incompatible materials

- Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents, alkalis and caustic products, alkaline earth metals, finely divided metals (Mg, Al, Zn)

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

- Decomposition products may include hydrogen fluoride, carbonyl fluoride, carbon monoxide

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

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

- Acute Toxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Substances

Chemical Name	LD ₅₀ (oral, rat)	LC ₅₀ (inhalation, rat)	LD ₅₀ (dermal, rabbit)
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	No data available	(4 h) > 500 000 ppm	No data available

- Skin corrosion/irritation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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SECTION 11: Toxicological information (....)

- Contact with skin
Extremely cold material, can cause burns similar to frostbite.
- Ingestion
No hazard expected under normal conditions of use
- Inhalation
Danger of suffocation at high concentrations due to oxygen displacement
Exposure to oxygen deficient atmosphere may cause the following symptoms: dizziness, salivation, nausea, vomiting, loss of mobility/consciousness.
In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.
Asphyxiation may bring about unconsciousness without warning and so rapidly that victim may be unable to protect themselves.
May cause CNS depression, narcosis, cardiac disorders.

11.2 Information on other hazards

- Does not contain any substances with endocrine disrupting properties

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

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

Substances

Chemical Name	LC ₅₀ (fish)	EC ₅₀ (aquatic invertebrates)	EC ₅₀ (aquatic algae)
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	(4 days) 450 mg/L	(24 h) 960 mg/L	(72 h) 114 - 118 mg/L

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Substances

Chemical Name	Biodegradation
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	Photodegradation in the air Half-life in air: 9.7 y. 3 % biodegradation after 28 days.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

- Bioaccumulation is not expected

Substances

Chemical Name	Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)	Log Kow
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	Low potential for bioaccumulation (Log Kow < 3)	1.06

12.4 Mobility in soil

- Low potential for adsorption

Substances

Chemical Name	Adsorption/desorption
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	Log Koc 1.5

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

- Not a PBT according to REACH Annex XIII
- Not a vPvB according to REACH Annex XIII

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

- No information available

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SECTION 12: Ecological information (....)

12.7 Other adverse effects

- Contains a fluorinated greenhouse gas covered by the Kyoto Protocol. When discharged in large quantities may contribute to the greenhouse effect.
- Global Warming Potential (GWP = 1430
- Ozone depletion potential: ODP (R-11=1) = 0

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

- Disposal should be in accordance with local, state or national legislation
- Cylinders should be returned to suppliers

13.2 Classification

- The waste must be identified according to the List of Wastes (2000/532/EC)
- Hazardous Property Code(s): None assigned

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number or ID number

- UN No.: 3159

14.2 UN proper shipping name

- Proper Shipping Name: 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a)

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

- Hazard Class: 2.2

14.4 Packing group

- Packing Group: Not applicable

14.5 Environmental hazards

- Not Classified

14.6 Special precautions for user

- Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.
- Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment.
- Before transporting product containers ensure there is adequate ventilation and:
 - they are firmly secured and the cylinder valve is closed and not leaking;
 - the valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted;
 - the valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.
- The transportation information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory data relating to this material.
- For complete transportation information, contact a SGS Gases customer service representative.

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

- Not applicable

14.8 Road/Rail (ADR/RID)

- ADR UN No.: 3159
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SECTION 14: Transport information (....)

- ADR Hazard Class: 2
- ADR Packing Group: Not applicable
- Tunnel Code: (C/E)

14.9 Sea (IMDG)

- IMDG UN No.: 3159
- Proper Shipping Name: 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a)
- IMDG Hazard Class: 2.2
- IMDG Packing Group: Not applicable

14.10 Air (ICAO/IATA)

- ICAO UN No.: 3159
- Proper Shipping Name: 1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 134a)
- ICAO Hazard Class: 2
- ICAO Packing Group: Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information**15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

- This safety data sheet is provided in compliance with REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (as amended by Regulation (EU) 2020/878) and UK REACH
- The GB Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (GB CLP) applies in Great Britain
- Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP Regulation) applies in Europe
- Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU, Dangerous Substances in Annex I: None
- Restrictions on use according to Annex XVII to REACH Regulation: Not applicable
- Contains fluorinated greenhouse gases. Listed in Annex I of EU 517/2014 as amended.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

- A REACH chemical safety assessment has not been carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. This company shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.

Sources of data: Information from published literature and company data

Text not given with phrase codes where they are used elsewhere in this safety data sheet:

- H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

Acronyms

- ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate
- CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service
- DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level
- EC: European Community
- EC₅₀: Effective Concentration, 50%
- GHS: Globally Harmonised System
- LC₅₀: Lethal Concentration, 50%
- LD₅₀: Lethal Dose, 50%
- NOAEC: No observed adverse effect concentration
- NOAEL: No observed adverse effect level



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SECTION 16: Other information (....)

- OEL: Occupational Exposure Limit
- PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
- PNEC: Predicted No-Effect Concentration
- REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
- SCL: Specific Concentration Limit
- SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern
- vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
- WEL: Workplace Exposure Limit

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