

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

**1.1. Product identifier**

**Product name:** REFRIGERANT R448A

**Product code:** R448A

**Synonyms:** SOLSTICE N40

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

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

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**Email:** [sds@nationalref.com](mailto:sds@nationalref.com)

**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

**Emergency tel:** Carechem24 +44 (0)1865 407333

**Section 2: Hazards identification**

**2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture**

**Classification under CLP:** Press. Gas: H280

**Most important adverse effects:** Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

**2.2. Label elements**

**Label elements:**

**Hazard statements:** H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

**Hazard pictograms:** GHS04: Gas cylinder



**Signal words:** Warning

**Precautionary statements:** P260: Do not breathe vapours.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P284: [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

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P308+313: IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

P410+403: Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

## 2.3. Other hazards

**PBT:** This product is not identified as a PBT/vPvB substance.

## Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2. Mixtures

#### Hazardous ingredients:

##### DIFLUOROMETHANE

EINECS	CAS	PBT / WEL	CLP Classification	Percent
200-839-4	75-10-5	Substance with a Community workplace exposure limit.	Flam. Gas 1: H220; Press. Gas: H280	26.000%

##### PENTAFLUOROETHANE - REACH registered number(s): 01-2119485636-25

206-557-8	354-33-6	Substance with a Community workplace exposure limit.	Press. Gas: H280	26.000%
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##### REFRIGERANT R134A - REACH registered number(s): 01-2119459374-33

212-377-0	811-97-2	Substance with a Community workplace exposure limit.	Press. Gas: H280	21.000%
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##### 2,3,3,3-TETRAFLUOROPROP-1-EN - REACH registered number(s): 01-0000019665-61

-	754-12-1	Substance with a Community workplace exposure limit.	Flam. Gas 1: H220; Press. Gas: H280	20.000%
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##### REFRIGERANT R1234ZE - REACH registered number(s): 01-0000019758-54

471-480-0	29118-24-9	Substance with a Community workplace exposure limit.	Press. Gas: H280	7.000%
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## Section 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

**Skin contact:** Remove all contaminated clothes and footwear immediately unless stuck to skin. Drench the affected skin with running water for 10 minutes or longer if substance is still on skin. Do not use hot water. If frostbite has occurred call a physician.

**Eye contact:** Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Consult a doctor.

**Ingestion:** Not applicable.

**Inhalation:** Remove casualty from exposure ensuring one's own safety whilst doing so. If unconscious, check for breathing and apply artificial respiration if necessary. Consult a doctor.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Skin contact:** There may be redness or whiteness of the skin in the area of exposure. Frost-bite may occur causing the affected area to become white and numb.

**Eye contact:** There may be severe pain. Corneal burns may occur. May cause permanent damage.

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**Ingestion:** There may be irritation of the throat.

**Inhalation:** Inhalation may produce the following symptoms: Shortness of breath, dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache, narcosis, irregular cardiac activity. asphyxia May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

## 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Immediate / special treatment:** Do Not give adrenaline or similar drugs.

## Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

**Extinguishing media:** Suitable extinguishing media for the surrounding fire should be used. Alcohol resistant foam. Water spray. Carbon dioxide. Dry chemical powder. Use water spray to cool containers.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

**Exposure hazards:** In combustion emits toxic fumes. In combustion emits toxic fumes of hydrogen fluoride. In combustion emits toxic fumes of hydrogen chloride / phosgene. Forms explosive air-vapour mixture.

### 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

**Advice for fire-fighters:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

## Section 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions:** Refer to section 8 of SDS for personal protection details. Notify the police and fire brigade immediately. If outside keep bystanders upwind and away from danger point.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions:** Stop release if safe to do so. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and work pits, or any place where the accumulation can be dangerous.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Clean-up procedures:** Material evaporates. Ventilate the area, especially low or enclosed places where heavy vapours might collect.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections:** Refer to section 8 of SDS.

## Section 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

**Handling requirements:** Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Avoid the formation or spread of mists in the air.

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## 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage conditions:** Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Store at a temperature not exceeding 45°C.

**Suitable packaging:** Must only be kept in original packaging.

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

**Specific end use(s):** No data available.

## Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

**Hazardous ingredients:**

#### DIFLUOROMETHANE

**Workplace exposure limits:**

**Respirable dust**

State	8 hour TWA	15 min. STEL	8 hour TWA	15 min. STEL
UK	1000 ppm	-	-	-

#### PENTAFLUOROETHANE

EU	1000 ppm	-	-	-
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EU	4240 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-
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EU	500 ppm	-	-	-
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UK	800 ppm	-	-	-
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### DNEL/PNEC Values

**Hazardous ingredients:**

#### DIFLUOROMETHANE

Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effect
DNEL	Inhalation (developmental tox)	13936 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	Systemic
DNEL	Inhalation (developmental tox)	2476 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Consumers	Systemic
PNEC	Fresh water	0.142 mg/l	-	-
PNEC	Fresh water sediments	0.534 mg/kg	-	-

#### PENTAFLUOROETHANE

Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effect
DNEL	Inhalation	16444 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	Systemic

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DNEL	Inhalation	1753 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Consumers	Systemic
PNEC	Fresh water	0.1 mg/l	-	-
PNEC	Fresh water sediments	0.6 mg/kg	-	-

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Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effect
DNEL	Inhalation	2476 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	Systemic
DNEL	Inhalation	2476 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Consumers	Systemic
PNEC	Fresh water	0.01 mg/l	-	-
PNEC	Marine water	0.75 mg/l	-	-
PNEC	Microorganisms in sewage treatment	73 mg/l	-	-
DNEL	Inhalation	13936 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	Systemic
PNEC	Fresh water sediments	0.75 mg/kg	-	-

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Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effect
DNEL	Inhalation	273 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	-
PNEC	Fresh water	> 0.1 mg/l	-	-
PNEC	Marine water	> 0.01 mg/l	-	-
PNEC	Fresh water sediments	> 1.77 mg/kg	-	-
PNEC	Soil (agricultural)	> 1.54 mg/kg	-	-

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Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effect
DNEL	Inhalation	3902 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	Systemic
DNEL	Inhalation	830 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Consumers	Systemic

## 8.2. Exposure controls

**Engineering measures:** Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area.

**Respiratory protection:** Self-contained breathing apparatus must be available in case of emergency. Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing the oxygen available for breathing.

**Hand protection:** Protective gloves.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses with side-shields. Safety goggles. Face-shield. Safety glasses.

**Skin protection:** Protective clothing.

## Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

**State:** Liquefied gas

**Colour:** Colourless

**Odour:** Characteristic odour

**Boiling point/range°C:** -45.9 to -39.8

**Autoflammability°C:** 628

**Relative density:** 1.11 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Flash point°C:** Not applicable.

**Vapour pressure:** 1120 kPa at 21.10C

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## 9.2. Other information

**Other information:** R448A Relative Vapour Density 2.98 (Air=1)

## Section 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

**Reactivity:** Stable under recommended transport or storage conditions.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal conditions. Stable at room temperature.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous reactions:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal transport or storage conditions.  
Decomposition may occur on exposure to conditions or materials listed below.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat. Hot surfaces. Sources of ignition. Flames.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

**Materials to avoid:** Strong oxidising agents. Strong acids.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

**Haz. decomp. products:** In combustion emits toxic fumes.

## Section 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

**Hazardous ingredients:**

#### DIFLUOROMETHANE

GASES	RAT	LD50	520000	ppmV
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#### PENTAFLUOROETHANE

GASES	RAT	4H LC50	800000	ppmV
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GASES	RAT	4H LC50	567000	ppmV
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GASES	RAT	4H LC50	> 400000	ppmV
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GASES	RAT	LC0	207000	ppmV
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**Toxicity values:** No data available.

### Symptoms / routes of exposure

**Skin contact:** There may be redness or whiteness of the skin in the area of exposure. Frost-bite may occur causing the affected area to become white and numb.

**Eye contact:** There may be severe pain. Corneal burns may occur. May cause permanent damage.

**Ingestion:** There may be irritation of the throat.

**Inhalation:** Inhalation may produce the following symptoms: Shortness of breath, dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache, narcosis, irregular cardiac activity. asphyxia May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

## Section 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Hazardous ingredients:

##### DIFLUOROMETHANE

ALGAE	96H ErC50	142	mg/l
Daphnia magna	48H EC50	652	mg/l
FISH	96H LC50	1.057	mg/l

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Daphnia magna	48H EC50	980	mg/l
GREEN ALGA (Selenastrum capricornutum)	72H ErC50	118	mg/l
RAINBOW TROUT (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	96H LC50	450	mg/l

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ALGAE	96H LC50	> 100	mg/l
Daphnia magna	48H EC50	> 83	mg/l
FISH	96H ErC50	>197	mg/l

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ALGAE	NOEC	>170	mg/l
Daphnia magna	48H EC50	>160	mg/l
FISH	LC0	117	mg/l

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability:** Not biodegradable.

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## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No bioaccumulation potential.

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

**Mobility:** No data available.

## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT identification:** This product is not identified as a PBT/vPvB substance.

## 12.6. Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects:** Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP): 0 (R11 = 1) R448A Global Warming Potential = 1387 (CO<sub>2</sub>=1) Contains fluoronated greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol.

## Section 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Disposal operations:** Product evaporates.

**Recovery operations:** Consult manufacturer or supplier for information regarding recovery and recycling of the product. If recovery is not possible, incinerate at a licensed installation.

**Waste code number:** 14 06 01

**Disposal of packaging:** Return to supplier.

**NB:** The user's attention is drawn to the possible existence of regional or national regulations regarding disposal.

## Section 14: Transport information

### 14.1. UN number

**UN number:** UN3163

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

**Shipping name:** LIQUEFIED GAS, N.O.S.  
(1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE; 2,3,3,3-TETRAFLUOROPROP-1-EN)

### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

**Transport class:** 2

### 14.4. Packing group

### 14.5. Environmental hazards

**Environmentally hazardous:** No

**Marine pollutant:** No

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

**Special precautions:** No special precautions.

**Tunnel code:** C/E

**Transport category:** 3

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## Section 15: Regulatory information

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

**Specific regulations:** Contains fluorinated greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol.

### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

**Chemical safety assessment:** A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier.

## Section 16: Other information

### Other information

**Other information:** This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 2015/830.

\* indicates text in the SDS which has changed since the last revision.

**Phrases used in s.2 and s.3:** H220: Extremely flammable gas.

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

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