

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / PREPARATION
AND COMPANY / UNDERTAKING**

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Use	Subject to Member State regulations, applicable uses are: medical propellant

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Low acute toxicity. High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation. Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to skin and eyes.

EC Classification

EC Directive 67/548/EEC:	Not classified
Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP).	Gases under pressure - Liquefied gas

Label elements

Hazard statement(s)	H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
Signal word(s)	Warning
Hazard pictogram(s)	



GHS04

Precautionary statement(s)	P410 + P403: Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.
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3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Alternative names	HFA 227ea 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane (HFC 227ea)
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HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT(S)

Hazardous ingredient(s)	%(w/w)	CAS No.	EC No.	Hazard symbol(s) and hazard statement(s)
1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane (HFC 227ea)	100	000431-89-0	207-079-2	GHS04 H280

4. FIRST AID MEASURES



The first aid advice given for skin contact, eye contact, and ingestion is applicable following exposures to the liquid or spray. See also section 11.

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.

Skin Contact

Thaw affected areas with water. Remove contaminated clothing. Caution: clothing may adhere to the skin in the case of freeze burns. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of warm water. If irritation or blistering occur obtain medical attention.

Eye Contact

Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 10 minutes. Obtain immediate medical attention.

Ingestion

Unlikely route of exposure. Do not induce vomiting. Provided the patient is conscious, wash out mouth with water and give 200-300 ml (half a pint) of water to drink. Obtain immediate medical attention.

Further Medical Treatment

Symptomatic treatment and supportive therapy as indicated. Adrenaline and similar sympathomimetic drugs should be avoided following exposure as cardiac arrhythmia may result with possible subsequent cardiac arrest.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

General

Non-flammable.
 Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Thermal decomposition will evolve very toxic and corrosive vapours. (hydrogen fluoride)
 Containers may burst if overheated.

Extinguishing media

As appropriate for surrounding fire.
 Keep fire exposed containers cool by spraying with water.

Fire Fighting Protective Equipment

A self contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in fire conditions. See Also Section 8

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Protection

Ensure suitable personal protection (including respiratory protection) during removal of spillages. See Also Section 8

General

Provided it is safe to do so, isolate the source of the leak. 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.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Avoid inhalation of high concentrations of vapours. Atmospheric levels should be controlled in compliance with the occupational exposure limit. Atmospheric concentrations well below the occupational exposure limit can be achieved by good occupational hygiene practice.

The vapour is heavier than air, high concentrations may be produced at low levels where general ventilation is poor, in such cases provide adequate ventilation or wear suitable respiratory protective equipment with positive air supply.

Avoid contact with naked flames and hot surfaces as corrosive and very toxic decomposition products can be formed.

Avoid contact between the liquid and skin and eyes.

Avoid venting to atmosphere.

The fluorinated greenhouse gas HFA 227ea may be supplied in returnable containers (drums/cylinders). The container contains fluorinated greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol. The fluorinated greenhouse gases in containers may not be vented to the atmosphere. Regulation (EC) No. 842/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases.

Process Hazards

The transfer of liquefied gases between containers and to and from processing equipment can result in static generation. Ensure adequate earthing.

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.

Storage

Keep in a well ventilated place away from fire risk and avoid sources of heat such as electric or steam radiators.

Avoid storing near to the intake of air conditioning units, boiler units and open drains.

Specific use

Subject to Member State regulations, applicable uses are: medical propellant

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

General

Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. Wear thermal insulating gloves when handling liquefied gases. In cases of insufficient ventilation, where exposure to high concentrations of vapour is possible, suitable respiratory protective equipment with positive air supply should be used.



Eye Protection



Gloves

Occupational Exposure Limits

Occupational Exposure Limits	CAS No.	LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)	LTEL 8 hr TWA mg/m ³	STEL (ppm)	STEL mg/m ³	Note:
1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane (HFC 227ea)	000431-89-0	1000	-	-	-	COM

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form	liquefied gas
Colour	colourless
Odour	slight ethereal
Solubility (Water)	slightly soluble
Solubility (Other)	Soluble in: alcohols , chlorinated solvents , esters
Boiling Point (° C)	-16.4
Melting Point (° C)	-131
Vapour Density (Air=1)	6.04
Vapour Pressure (mm Hg)	3040 at 21 ° C
Specific Gravity	1.46

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Hazardous Reactions	Certain mixtures of HFCs and chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Incompatible materials: finely divided metals , magnesium and alloys containing more than 2% magnesium . Can react violently if in contact with alkali metals and alkaline earth metals - sodium , potassium , barium
Hazardous Decomposition Product(s)	hydrogen fluoride by thermal decomposition and hydrolysis.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Inhalation	LC50 (rat) (4 hrs) > 500000 ppm (2080000 mg/m ³) High exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Very high atmospheric concentrations may cause anaesthetic effects and asphyxiation.
Skin Contact	Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns. Unlikely to be hazardous by skin absorption.
Eye Contact	Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.
Ingestion	Highly unlikely - but should this occur freeze burns will result.
Long Term Exposure	A lifetime inhalation study in rats exposed to very high concentrations of HFC 227ea did not produce any adverse effects. No adverse reproductive or developmental effects were observed in rats and rabbits exposed to very high concentrations of HFC 227ea.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental Fate and Distribution	High tonnage material produced in wholly contained systems. High tonnage material used in open systems. Vapour
Persistence and Degradation	Decomposed comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 34.2 years. Products of decomposition will be highly dispersed and hence will have a very low concentration. Does not influence photochemical smog (i.e. is not a VOC under the terms of the UNECE agreement). Does not deplete ozone. Has a Global Warming Potential (GWP) of 3500 (relative to a value of 1 for carbon dioxide at 100 years) according to Annex I of Regulation 842/2006 on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases. Values in Annex I are taken from the third assessment report (TAR) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2001 IPCC GWP values). United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reporting GWP is 2900.

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Effect on Effluent Treatment

Discharges of the product will enter the atmosphere and will not result in long term aqueous contamination.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Recommended:

Best to recover and recycle. If this is not possible, destruction is to be in an approved facility which is equipped to absorb and neutralise acid gases and other toxic processing products.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Hazard Label



Road/Rail	
UN No.	3296
ADR/RID Class	2.2
ADR/RID Proper Shipping Name	HEPTAFLUOROPROPANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 227)
SEA	
IMDG Class	2.2
Marine Pollutant	Not classified as a Marine Pollutant
AIR	
ICAO/IATA	2.2

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

European Regulations

Special Restrictions:

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Regulation (EC) No. 842/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

This data sheet was prepared in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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Glossary

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WEL: Workplace Exposure Limit (UK HSE EH40)
COM: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to this limit
TLV: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to the ACGIH limit
TLV-C: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to the ACGIH Ceiling limit
MAK: The company aims to control exposure in its workplace to the German limit
Sk: Can be absorbed through skin
Sen: Capable of causing respiratory sensitisation
Bmgv: Biological monitoring guidance value (UK HSE EH40)

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