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New HFC-125 Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

Attached is a revised Material Safety Data Sheet from DuPont™ for HFC-125 (FE-25™), the fire extinguishing agent utilized in Fike's ECARO-25 System.

What's the difference? The original HFC-125 MSDS supplied in the ECARO-25 launch package was based on using HFC-125 as a refrigerant, not as a clean agent for fire suppression. Obviously, the two scenarios are very different from a handling and exposure perspective.

The original MSDS version contained a "*Fire and Explosion Hazards*" part under the "*Fire Fighting Measures/Flammable Properties*" section (Page 3) which pertains to high pressure refrigeration use of HFC-125. This could be very misleading when HFC-125 is being utilized for fire suppression purposes. The new MSDS has omitted the "Fire and Explosion Hazards" part because there is no such hazard when HFC-125 is utilized in a fire suppression system. Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) testing confirms that HFC-125 does not present fire and explosion hazard and that HFC-125 **will not** auto-ignite when used as a fire extinguishing agent.

In summary, HFC-125 **does not** contain fire and explosion hazards when utilized with the ECARO-25 system.

Please forward this announcement to pertinent personnel within your company. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 816-229-3405 (x1047), 816-229-0314 (fax), or via email at tyler.aebersold@fike.com





The MSDS format adheres to the standards and regulatory requirements of the United States and may not meet regulatory requirements in other countries.

DuPont
Material Safety Data Sheet

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CHEMICAL PRODUCT/COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material Identification

Corporate MSDS Number : DU002868
CAS Number : 354-33-6
Formula : CHF₂-CF₃
CAS Name : PENTAFLUOROETHANE

Company Identification

MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR
DuPont Fluoroproducts
1007 Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19898

PHONE NUMBERS

Product Information : 1-800-441-7515 (outside the U.S.
302-774-1000)
Transport Emergency : CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300(outside U.S.
703-527-3887)
Medical Emergency : 1-800-441-3637 (outside the U.S.
302-774-1000)

COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components

Material	CAS Number	%
ETHANE, PENTAFLUORO-	354-33-6	100

HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Potential Health Effects

INHALATION

Gross overexposure may cause: Central nervous system depression with dizziness, confusion, incoordination, drowsiness or unconsciousness. Suffocation, if air is displaced by vapors. Based on animal data, this material may cause: Irregular heart beat with a strange sensation in the chest, "heart thumping", apprehension, lightheadedness, feeling of fainting, dizziness, weakness, sometimes progressing to loss of consciousness and death.

(HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION - Continued)

SKIN CONTACT

Immediate effects of overexposure may include: Frostbite, if liquid or escaping vapor contacts the skin. Significant skin permeation, and systemic toxicity, after contact appears unlikely. There are no reports of human sensitization.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Increased susceptibility to the effects of this material may be observed in persons with pre-existing disease of the: cardiovascular system.

Carcinogenicity Information

None of the components present in this material at concentrations equal to or greater than 0.1% are listed by IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH as a carcinogen.

FIRST AID MEASURES

First Aid

INHALATION:

If concentrations above the recommended levels are inhaled, immediately move person to fresh air. Keep person calm. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

SKIN CONTACT:

Flush area with lukewarm water. Do not use hot water. If frostbite has occurred, call a physician.

EYE CONTACT:

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician.

INGESTION:

Not a probable route. However, in case of accidental ingestion, call a physician.

Notes to Physicians

THIS MATERIAL MAY MAKE THE HEART MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ARRHYTHMIAS. Catecholamines such as adrenaline, and other compounds having similar effects, should be reserved for emergencies and then used only with special caution.

FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties

NOTE: HFC-125 is used as a fire extinguishant.

Flash Point: No flash point

Flammable Limits in air, % by Volume:

LEL : None per ASTM E681

UEL : None per ASTM E681

Autoignition: Not determined

Extinguishing Media

Use media appropriate for surrounding material.

Fire Fighting Instructions

Evacuate personnel to a safe area. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and full protective equipment. Cool tank/container with water spray.

ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Safeguards (Personnel)

NOTE: Review FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES and HANDLING (PERSONNEL) sections before proceeding with clean-up. Use appropriate PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT during clean-up.

Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area, especially low or enclosed places where heavy vapors might collect. Do not reoccupy area until the HFC-125 vapor concentration is within recommended levels and the room atmosphere is safe. Extinguish open flames or eliminate sources of extremely high temperature that may produce decomposition products. Comply with Federal, State, and local regulations on reporting releases.

HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling (Personnel)

Avoid breathing high concentrations of vapor. Use with sufficient ventilation to keep employee exposure below recommended limits. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing.

Storage

Clean, dry area. Do not store above 52 deg C (125 deg F).

EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls

Normal ventilation for standard manufacturing procedures is generally adequate. Local exhaust should be used when large amounts are released. Mechanical ventilation should be used in low or enclosed places.

Personal Protective Equipment

Impervious gloves should be used to avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Chemical splash goggles should be available for use as needed to prevent eye contact. Under normal manufacturing conditions, no respiratory protection is required when using this product. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is required if a large release occurs.

Exposure Guidelines

Exposure Limits

FE-25

PEL (OSHA)	: None Established
TLV (ACGIH)	: None Established
AEL * (DuPont)	: 1000 ppm, 8 & 12 Hr. TWA
WEEL (AIHA)	: 1000 ppm, 4900 mg/m ³ , 8 Hr. TWA

* AEL is DuPont's Acceptable Exposure Limit. Where governmentally imposed occupational exposure limits which are lower than the AEL are in effect, such limits shall take precedence.

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical Data

Boiling Point	: -48.5 C (-55.3 F)
Vapor Pressure	: 1377 kPa 200 psia at 25 deg C (77 deg F)
Vapor Density	: 4.2 (Air = 1)
Freezing Point	: -103 C (-153 F)
% Volatiles	: 100 WT%
Solubility in Water	: 0.09 WT% @ 25 C (77 F)
Odor	: Slight ethereal
Form	: Liquefied gas
Color	: Clear, colorless
Density	: 1.248 g/cc at 20 deg C (68 deg F) - Liquid

(PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES - Continued)

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STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability

Material is stable under normal storage conditions. In the presence of open flames or extremely high temperatures, decomposition may occur.

Incompatibility with Other Materials

Incompatible with alkali or alkaline earth metals- powdered Al, Zn, Be, etc.

Decomposition

Decomposition products are hazardous. This material can be decomposed by high temperatures (open flames, glowing metal surfaces, etc.) forming hydrofluoric acid and possibly carbonyl fluoride.

As in the case with all HFC fire extinguishants, there is a potential to produce hazardous thermal decomposition products. Appropriate caution must be used to ensure that safe levels of fire extinguishant and decomposition products exist before allowing personnel to enter the area without appropriate personal protective equipment.

Polymerization

Polymerization will not occur.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Animal Data

EYE:

This material has not been tested for eye irritation.

SKIN:

(TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION - Continued)

LD50: No information found.

This material has not been tested for skin irritation or sensitization.

INGESTION:

LD50: No information found.

INHALATION:

4 hour, ALC, rat: > 709,000 ppm (Very low toxicity).

Single exposure to high doses caused: Lethargy. Labored breathing. Weak cardiac sensitization, a potentially fatal disturbance of heart rhythm caused by a heightened sensitivity to the action of epinephrine. Lowest-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level for cardiac sensitization: 100,000 ppm.

Repeated exposure caused: No significant toxicological effects. No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level (NOAEL): 75,000 ppm

ADDITIONAL TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS:

No animal data are available to define the following effects of this material: carcinogenicity, reproductive toxicity. In animal testing this material has not caused developmental toxicity. Tests have shown that this material does not cause genetic damage in bacterial or mammalian cell cultures, or in animals. This material has not been tested for its ability to cause permanent genetic damage in reproductive cells of mammals (not tested for heritable genetic damage).

DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal

Treatment, storage, transportation and disposal must be in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local regulations.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Shipping Information

DOT/IMO
Proper Shipping Name : PENTAFLUOROETHANE
Hazard Class : 2.2
UN No. : 3220
DOT/IMO Label : NONFLAMMABLE GAS

REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA Inventory Status : Reported/Included.

TITLE III HAZARD CLASSIFICATIONS SECTIONS 311, 312

Acute : Yes
Chronic : No
Fire : No
Reactivity : No
Pressure : Yes

LISTS:

SARA Extremely Hazardous Substance -No
CERCLA Hazardous Substance -No
SARA Toxic Chemical -No-----
OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA, NPCA-HMIS

NPCA-HMIS Rating
Health : 1
Flammability : 0
Reactivity : 1

Personal Protection rating to be supplied by user depending on use conditions.

Additional Information

MEDICAL USE: CAUTION: Do not use in medical applications involving permanent implantation in the human body. For other medical applications see DuPont CAUTION Bulletin No. H-50102.

The data in this Material Safety Data Sheet relates only to the specific material designated herein and does not relate to use in combination with any other material or in any process.Responsibility for MSDS : MSDS Coordinator
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Indicates updated section.

This information is based upon technical information believed to be reliable. It is subject to revision as additional knowledge and experience is gained.

End of MSDS