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## PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET

**Product Name**                      **RS-44 (R424A)**

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Product Identifier	REACH Registration No	CAS No	EC No
Pentafluoroethane (HFC125)	01-2119485636-25	354-33-6	206-557-8
1,1,1,2 Tetrafluoroethane (HFC 134a)	01-2119459374-33	811-97-2	212-377-0
Iso-Pentane (HC 601a)	01-2119475602-38	78-78-4	201-142-8
n-Butane (HC 600)	01-2119474691-32	106-97-8	203-448-7
Iso-Butane (HC 600a)	01-2119485395-27	75-28-5	200-857-2

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Use    Subject to Member State regulations, applicable uses are: refrigerant, blowing agent,  
propellant, solvent

### SECTION 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.

EU Classification                          Not classified as hazardous according to Directive EC 1272/2008

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Label Elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]



## WARNING

### Hazard Statement(s)

CLP H281 – Contains Refrigerated gases, may cause cryogenic burns or injury.

### Precautionary Statement(s)

CLP P282 – Wear cold insulating gloves/ Face shield/ Eye protection

CLP P336 – Thaw frosted parts in lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area.

CLP P315 – Get immediate medical advice/attention.

CLP P403 – Store in a well ventilated place.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Ingredient(s)	% w/w	CAS No	EC No	EC Classification
Pentafluoroethane	50.5	354-33-6	206-557-8	GHS04; H280
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	47	811-97-2	212-377-0	GHS04; H280
Iso-Pentane	0.6	78-78-4	201-142-8	H220; H280
n-Butane	1	106-97-8	203-448-7	H220; H280
Isobutane	0.9	75-28-5	200-857-2	H220; H280

## SECTION 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.

- Eyes:** If substance has got into the eyes immediately wash out with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.  
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
- Skin:** May cause frostbite. Wash frost-bitten area immediately with plenty of water. Do not remove clothing. Wash affected skin with warm water. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
- Inhalation:** Move to fresh air in case of accidental inhalation of vapours. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Do not apply artificial respiration if patient is breathing. Consult a physician after significant exposure. Do not give adrenaline or similar drugs.
- Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting without medical advice.  
Call a physician immediately. Do not give drugs from adrenaline-ephedrine group.
- General advice:** Consult a physician for severe cases.

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## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

General	<p>This refrigerant is none flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. Certain mixtures of this refrigerant and air when under pressure may be flammable. Mixtures of this refrigerant and air under pressure should be avoided.</p> <p>Certain mixtures of HFC's and Chlorine may be flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Thermal decomposition will evolve very toxic and corrosive vapours (Hydrogen Fluoride).</p> <p>Containers may rupture violently if overheated.</p>
Extinguishing Media	<p>As appropriate for the surrounding fire.</p> <p>Keep containers exposed to fire cool, by spraying them with water.</p>
Protective Equipment	<p>A self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in fire conditions. See also section 8.</p>

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Protection	<p>Ensure suitable personal protection (including respiratory protection) during removal of spillages. See also section 8.</p>
General	<p>Provided it is safe to do so, isolate the source of the leak. Allow small spillages to evaporate, provided there is adequate ventilation. For large spillages, ventilate the area. Contain the spillages with sand, soil or any suitable absorbent material. Prevent liquid from entering drains, sewers, basements and work pits, as the vapour may create a suffocating atmosphere.</p>

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	<p>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.</p> <p>The vapour is heavier than air, high concentrations may be produced at low levels where generally ventilation is poor, in such cases provide additional ventilation or wear suitable positive air supply respiratory protective equipment.</p> <p>Avoid contact with naked flames and hot surfaces as corrosive and very toxic decomposition products can be formed.</p> <p>Avoid contact between the liquid, skin and eyes.</p> <p>For correct refrigerant composition, systems should be charged using the liquid phase and not the vapour phase.</p> <p>Avoid venting to atmosphere.</p> <p>The fluorinated greenhouse gas RS44 (R424A) maybe supplied in returnable containers (cylinders or drums). The container contains fluorinated greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto protocol. The fluorinated greenhouse gases in the containers may not be vented to atmosphere. Regulation (EC) No. 842/2006 of the European Parliament and the council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases.</p>
Process Hazards	<p>Liquid refrigerant transfers between refrigerant containers and systems can result in static generation. Ensure adequate earthing. Certain mixtures of HFC's and Chlorine maybe flammable or reactive under certain conditions. Care must be taken to mitigate the risk of developing high pressures in equipment caused by a temperature rise when liquid is trapped in a confined space, between two closed valves for instance.</p>

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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 the intake of air conditioning units, boiler units and open drains.
Specific use agent,	Subject to Member State regulations, applicable uses are: refrigerant, blowing propellant, solvent

## SECTION 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 a positive pressure air supply should be used.
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Wear Eye protection to EN166



Wear gloves to EN511

## Occupational Exposure Limits

Occupational Exposure Limits	CAS No	LTEL 8hr TWA ppm	LTEL 8hr TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL (ppm) 15 min average	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min average	Source
Pentafluoroethane	354-33-6	500	2500	750	3750	GESTIS
1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	811-97-2	1000	4240	-	-	GESTIS
Iso-Pentane	78-78-4	1000	3000	-	-	GESTIS - EU
n-Butane	106-97-8	800	1900	-	-	GESTIS
Isobutane	75-28-5	800	1900	-	-	GESTIS

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form	Liquefied Gas
Colour	Colourless
Odour	Slight Ethereal
Solubility (water)	Insoluble
Solubility (other)	Soluble in: alcohols, chlorinated solvents, esters
Boiling Point	-38.7°C
Vapour Pressure	967 kPa at 25°C
Liquid Density	1169kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Critical Temperature	88.8°C
Critical Pressure	4040 kPa
Flammability	Non Flammable
Flash Point	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	Not determined

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Hazardous Reactions	Certain mixtures of HFC's and chlorine maybe 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 and barium.
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Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen Fluoride by thermal decomposition and hydrolysis.
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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Inhalation	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 and spray may cause freeze burns. Unlikely to be hazardous by skin absorption.
Eye Contact	Liquid splashes and spray may cause freeze burns.
Ingestion	Highly unlikely – but should this occur freeze burns will result.
Long Term Exposure	HFC 125: LC 50 inhalation (Rat)/4hrs: > 769,000 ppm HFC 134a: LC 50 inhalation (Rat)/4hrs: > 350,000 ppm Iso-Pentane LC 50 inhalation (Rat)/4hrs: > 434,590 ppm Butane LC 50 inhalation (Rat)/4hrs: > 658 ppm Iso-Butane LC 50 inhalation (Rat)/4hrs: > 52 ppm

## SECTION 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	HFC 125: Decomposed slowly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 29 years.  HFC 134a: Decomposed comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 14 years.  Iso-Pentane: Has an atmospheric lifetime of approximately 10 years.  Butane: Has an atmospheric lifetime of approximately 10 years.  Iso-Butane: Has an atmospheric lifetime of approximately 10 years.  RS44 (R424A): 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 2328 (relative to 1 of carbon dioxide at 100 years) according to Annex 1 of regulation 842/2006 on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases. Values in Annex 1 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 2025.
Effect on Effluent Treatment	Discharges of the product will enter the atmosphere and will not result in long term aqueous contamination.
PBT and vPvB	This mixture does not contain any substances that are assessed to be a PBT or a vPvB.

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Recommended	It is best to recover and recycle, Refrigerant Solutions Limited will take back product for reclamation provided RS44 has not been mixed with other products. If this is not possible, destruction is to be in an approved facility which is equipped to absorb and neutralise acidic gases and other toxic processing products.
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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number	1078
UN proper shipping name	Refrigerant Gas R424A (RS44)
Transport hazard class(es)	2.2
Packing group	2
Environmental Hazards	The container contains fluorinated greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol and may not be vented to atmosphere.
Special precautions for user	Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns to skin and eyes.
Transport in bulk	It is not intended that this product will be transported in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

European Regulations	Not classified as hazardous according to Directive EC 1272/2008
Special restrictions:	<p>The fluorinated greenhouse gas RS44 (R424A) 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 atmosphere.</p> <p>Regulation (EC) No. 842/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council on certain fluorinated gases.</p> <p>Directive 2006/40/EC of the European Parliament and the Council relating to emissions from the air-conditioning systems in motor vehicle vehicles and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC.</p>
R-phrases(s):	No R-phrases
S-phrases(s):	<p>S7/9 – Keep container tightly closed in a well-ventilated place S24/25 – Avoid contact with skin and eyes S47 – Keep at temperature not exceeding 50°C S51 – Use only in well ventilated areas S61 – Avoid release to the environment.</p>

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Modifications to Revision 3 SDS    Modifications to Section 3

Glossary	
GESTIS:	GESTIS International Limit values Database
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance
vPvT	Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
LC50	Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population
CLP	Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
EU	European Union
CAS#	Chemical Abstracts Service number
LTEL	Long Term Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit

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