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

1.1 Product identifier		
Product name	R438A	
<b>REACH</b> registration number	See section 3: Composition/information on ingredients	
CAS No.	See section 3: Composition/information on ingredients	
EC No.	See section 3: Composition/information on ingredients	
1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against		
Product use	Refrigerant	
	Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial	
	sites	
	Professional uses: Public domain (administration, education, entertainment,	
	services, craftsmen)	
Restricted use	Consumer uses: Private households (= general public = consumers)	
Description	Gas	
1.3 Details of the supplier of the	e safety data sheet	
Company	Harp International Limited	
Address	Gellihirion Industrial Estate	
	Pontypridd	
	Rhondda Cynon Taff	
	CF37 5SX	
	UK	
Web	www.harpintl.com	
Telephone	+44 (0) 1443 842 255	
Fax	+44 (0) 1443 841 805	
Email	harp@harpintl.com	
Email of competent person	safety@harpintl.com	
1.4 Emergency telephone numb	er	
Emergency telephone number	+44 (0) 1270 502 891	

# SECTION 2: Hazards identification

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#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification – EC 1272/2008	Compressed gas: H280
2.2 Label elements	
Hazard pictograms	
Signal word	Warning
Hazard statement	H280 – Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
Precautionary statement	P410+P403 – Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.
2.3 Other hazards	
Other hazards	Asphyxiant in high concentrations. May cause cold burns/frostbite.

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# **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

#### 3.1 Substances

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Chemical name	CAS No.	EC No.	REACH registration number	Concentration (%w/w)	Classification
Difluoromethane (R32)	75-10-5	200-839-4	01-2119471312-47	ca. 8	Flam. Gas 1: H220 Compressed gas: H280
Pentafluoroethane (R125)	354-33-6	206-557-8	01-2119485636-25	ca. 45	Compressed gas: H280
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R134a)	811-97-2	212-377-0	01-2119459374-33	ca. 44	Compressed gas: H280
n-Butane (R600)	106-97-8	203-448-7	01-2119474691-32	ca. 2	Flam. Gas 1: H220 Compressed gas: H280
n-Pentane (R601)	109-66-0	203-692-4	01-2119459286-30	ca. 1	Flam. Gas 2: H225 STOT SE 3: H336 Asp. Tox. 1: H304 Aquatic chronic 2: H411

# SECTION 4: First aid measures

## 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation	Move the exposed person to fresh air
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water
Skin contact	Frostbite: treat as thermal burns
Ingestion	Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure
4.2 Most important symptoms a	nd effects, both acute and delayed
Inhalation	Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be
	aware of asphyxiation. Respiratory arrest.
Eye contact	Contact with liquefied gas can cause damage due to evaporative cooling
Skin contact	Contact with liquefied gas can cause damage due to evaporative cooling
Ingestion	Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure
4.3 Indication of any immediate	medical attention and special treatment needed
Inhalation	If you feel unwell, seek medical advice
Eye contact	Seek medical attention if irritation or symptoms persist
Skin contact	Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get
	immediate medical advice/attention.
Ingestion	Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

	This product is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of
	temperature and pressure. Use extinguishing media appropriate to the
5.2 Special bazards arising from	the substance or mixture
5.2 Special hazards ansing nom	
	At high temperature, toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by
	thermal decomposition (gaseous hydrogen fluoride (HF), carbon oxides).
5.3 Advice for firefighters	
	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Heat may
	cause the containers to explode. Keep fire exposed containers cool by
	spraying with water. Fire exposed containers may vent contents through
	pressure relief devices. In case of fire nearby, remove exposed containers.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

	Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Evacuate personnel to a safe area. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Vapours are heavier than air. Prevent from entering sewers, basements or workpits. Do not enter confined spaces where gas may have accumulated.
6.2 Environmental precautions	
	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
6.3 Methods and material for co	ntainment and clean up
	Allow to evaporate. Provide adequate ventilation.
6.4 Reference to other sections	
	See section 8 Exposure controls / personal protection
	See section 13 Disposal considerations

# SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

	Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases
	under pressure. Protect containers from physical damage. Do not drag, roll,
	slide or drop. Do not remove or deface labels. Adopt best manual handling
	considerations when handling, carrying and dispensing. Secure cylinders in
	an upright position at all times. Close valves when not in use and when
	empty. Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area. Do not allow
	backfeed into the container. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. When using,
	do not eat, drink or smoke. Never use direct flame or electrical heating
	device to raise the pressure of the container.
7.2 Conditions for safe storage, i	ncluding any incompatibilities
	Keep containers tightly closed. Keep in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.

	Store in correctly labelled containers. Keep away from sources of ignition –
	no smoking. Store out of direct sunlight.
Suitable packaging	Stainless steel, steel.
7.3 Specific end use(s)	
	See section 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and

uses advised against for further information.

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

Component	CAS No.	Value type	Exposure limit values	Source
		(form of exposure)		
Difluoromethane	75-10-5		Not listed in EH40	
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	811-97-2	TWA	1000ppm / 4240mg/m <sup>3</sup>	EH40
Pentafluoroethane	354-33-6		Not listed in EH40	
n-Butane	106-97-8	TWA	600ppm / 1450mg/m <sup>3</sup>	EH40
(<0.1% butadiene)				
n-Pentane	109-66-0	TWA	600ppm / 1800mg/m <sup>3</sup>	EH40

#### 8.1 Control parameters – exposure limit values

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8.2 Exposure controls	
Appropriate engineering controls	Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area. Oxygen detectors should
	be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Systems under
	pressure should be regularly checked for leaks.
Individual protection measures	Wear protective clothing
Eye/face protection	Approved safety goggles
Skin & body protection	Wear suitable gloves. Wear safety shoes when handling containers.
Respiratory protection	Wear suitable respiratory protection equipment when necessary
Occupational exposure controls	Keep away from food, drink and animal feedstuffs.
Hygiene protection	Good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Do not eat, drink or smoke
	when using the product.

# **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

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

Appearance - Physical state	Gas
Appearance - Form	Liquefied gas
Colour	Colourless
Odour	Slight ethereal
Odour threshold	No data available
рН	Not applicable
Melting point	No data available
Boiling point / range	-42.3°C
Flash point	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	This product is not flammable
Upper explosion limit / Lower	Not applicable
flammability limit	
Vapour pressure	11,171 hPa (25°C)
Vapour density	3.5 (air = 1)
Relative density	1.15 (25°C)
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	No data available
Partition coefficient:	
n-octanol/water	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	
Viscosity, kinematic	No data available
Explosive properties	Not applicable
Oxidising properties	Not applicable

# SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1 Reactivity

	Stable under normal conditions
10.2 Chemical stability	
	Stable under normal conditions. The gaseous product in the presence of air can form, under certain conditions of temperature and pressure, a flammable mixture.

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10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions	
	No data is available on this product
10.4 Conditions to avoid	
	Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Avoid contact with flames and red hot metallic surfaces.
10.5 Incompatible materials	
	Alkaline hydroxides, alkaline earth metals, strong oxidizing agents, finely divided metals.
10.6 Hazardous decomposition products	
	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. At high temperature, thermal decomposition can give rise to toxic and corrosive products.

# SECTION 11: Toxicological information

## **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

Acute toxicity	As with other volatile aliphatic halogenated compounds, through vapour accumulation and/or inhalation of large quantities, the product can cause loss of consciousness and cardiac disorders aggravated by stress and lack of oxygen. Risk of mortality.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Ejection of liquefied gas: frostbite possible
Serious eye damage/irritation	Ejection of liquefied gas: frostbite possible
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	No data available
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available
Carcinogenicity	No data available
Reproductive toxicity	No data available
STOT single exposure	No data available
STOT repeated exposure	No data available
Aspiration hazard	No data available
Repeated or prolonged exposure	No data available

# **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

## 12.1 Toxicity

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	No data available
12.2 Persistence and degradability	
	Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures
12.3 Bioaccumulative potential	
	Expected to biodegrade and not expected to persist for long periods in an aquatic environment
12.4 Mobility in soil	
	Unlikely to cause ground or water pollution due to its high volatility
12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	
	Not classified as PBT or vPvB
12.6 Other adverse effects	
	Contains fluorinated greenhouse gases. When discharged in large quantities may contribute to the greenhouse effect. Global warming potential: 2264

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Dispose of in accordance with all local and national regulations. Avoid
discharges to atmosphere. Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information
on recovery/recycling. Dispose of container via supplier only.
EWC code: 14 06 01* Chlorofluorocarbons, HCFC, HFC

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

## Hazard pictograms



#### 14.1 UN number

	UN 1078
14.2 UN proper shipping name	
	REFRIGERANT GAS, N.O.S.
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	
ADR/RID	
Class	2
Labels	2.2
Hazard No. (ADR)	20
Tunnel category	(C/E)
Emergency action code	2TE
IMDG	
Class	2.2
EmS No.	F-C, S-V
ΙΑΤΑ	
Class	2.2
Packing instruction	200
14.4 Packing group	
	-
14.5 Environmental hazards	
Environmental hazards	Not applicable

Environmental hazards	Not applicable
Marine pollutant	Not classified as a marine pollutant
14.6 Special precautions for user	
	Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure container valves are closed, not leaking and caps in place. Ensure containers are firmly secured. Ensure adequate air ventilation.
14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	
	Not applicable

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

Regulations	REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF
	THE COUNCIL of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration,
	Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH),
	establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive
	1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and
	Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive
	76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC,
	93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC.
15.2 Chemical safety assessment	
	No CSA has been carried out

## SECTION 16: Other information

#### Other information

Text of Hazard Statements in	H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
Section 3	H220: Extremely flammable gas
	H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapour
	H336: May cause drowsiness or dizziness
	H304: May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways
	H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Reference materials	HSE publication EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits (latest edition)
Changes from previous versions	-

**Further information** 

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