



## DuPont™ FE-25® fire extinguishing agent

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This SDS adheres to the standards and regulatory requirements of Great Britain and may not meet the regulatory requirements in other countries.

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

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product name : DuPont™ FE-25® fire extinguishing agent

Registration number : 01-2119485636-25-0002

Synonyms : Pentafluoroethane  
CAS: 354-33-6

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

Use of the Substance/Mixture : Fire extinguishing agent

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

Company : Du Pont de Nemours (Nederland) B.V.  
Baanhoekweg 22  
NL-3313 LA Dordrecht  
Netherlands

Telephone : +31-78-630.1011

E-mail address : sds-support@che.dupont.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : +44-(0)8456-006.640

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

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

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

Not a hazardous substance or mixture according to EC-directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC.

#### 2.2. Label elements



Gas cylinder

Warning

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Special labelling of certain substances and mixtures

Contains: Pentafluoroethane / Contains fluorinated greenhouse gas covered by the Kyoto Protocol.

P410 + P403

Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

Special labelling of certain substances and mixtures

Contains: Pentafluoroethane / Contains fluorinated greenhouse gas covered by the Kyoto Protocol.

The product does not need to be labelled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws.

**2.3. Other hazards**

This substance is not considered to be persistent, bioaccumulating nor toxic (PBT).

This substance is not considered to be very persistent nor very bioaccumulating (vPvB).

Rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite.

Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing.

May cause cardiac arrhythmia.

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

**3.1. Substances**

Registration number	Classification according Directive 67/548/EEC	Classification according Regulation 1272/2008 (CLP)	Concentration
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**Pentafluoroethane (CAS-No.354-33-6) (EC-No.206-557-8)**

01-2119485636-25-0002		Press. Gas H280	>= 99.5 %
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**3.2. Mixtures**

not applicable

The above products are REACH compliant; Registration number(s) may not be provided because substance(s) are exempted, not yet registered under REACH or are registered under another regulatory process (biocide uses, plant protection products), etc.

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**4.1. Description of first aid measures**

General advice : If unconscious place in recovery position and seek medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration. If symptoms persist, call a physician.



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- II** : First aider needs to protect himself.
- Inhalation : Remove from exposure, lie down. Move to fresh air. Keep patient warm and at rest. Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary. Consult a physician.
- Skin contact : Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Flush area with lukewarm water. Do not use hot water. If frostbite has occurred, call a physician.
- Eye contact : Hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
- Ingestion : Is not considered a potential route of exposure.

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

- III** Symptoms : Inhalation of high concentration may cause central nervous system depression resulting in dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache and possibly unconsciousness., Anaesthetic effects, Light-headedness, Confusion, Incoordination, Drowsiness, irregular heartbeat with a strange sensation in the chest, heart thumping, apprehension, feeling of fainting, dizziness or weakness
- : Skin contact may provoke the following symptoms:, Frostbite

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

- Treatment : Do not give adrenaline or similar drugs.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
- : Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

- Specific hazards during firefighting : Pressure build-up.
- : Fire or intense heat may cause violent rupture of packages.
- : Hazardous thermal decomposition products:
- : Carbon oxides
- : Hydrogen fluoride
- : Fluorocarbons
- : Exposure to decomposition products may be a hazard to health.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Special protective equipment for firefighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment. Wear neoprene gloves during cleaning up work after a fire.



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Further information : Cool containers / tanks with water spray.

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

Personal precautions : Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ventilate area, especially low or enclosed places where heavy vapours might collect. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions : Should not be released into the environment.  
In accordance with local and national regulations.

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

Methods for cleaning up : Evaporates.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For disposal instructions see section 13.

### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling : Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.  
Avoid breathing vapours or mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. For personal protection see section 8.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : The product is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. When pressurised with air or oxygen, the mixture may become flammable. Certain mixtures of HCFCs or HFCs with chlorine may become flammable or reactive under certain conditions.

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

Requirements for storage areas and containers : Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Never attempt to lift cylinder by its cap. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder. Keep at temperature not exceeding 52°C. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from contamination. Protect cylinders from damage. Keep away from direct sunlight. Store only in approved containers.

Advice on common storage : No materials to be especially mentioned.  
For further information see Section 10 of the safety data sheet.

Storage temperature : < 52 °C



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### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

no data available

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

If sub-section is empty then no values are applicable.

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

- Pentafluoroethane : Type of Application (Use): Workers  
Exposure routes: Inhalation  
Health Effect: Chronic effects, Systemic toxicity  
Value: 16444 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- : Type of Application (Use): Consumers  
Exposure routes: Inhalation  
Health Effect: Chronic effects, Systemic toxicity  
Value: 1753 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

- Pentafluoroethane : Value: 0.1 mg/l  
Compartment: Fresh water
- : Value: 1 mg/l  
Compartment: Water  
Remarks: Intermittent use/release
- : Value: 0.6 mg/kg  
Compartment: Fresh water sediment

### 8.2. Exposure controls

Engineering measures : Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

|| Eye protection : Wear safety glasses or coverall chemical splash goggles.  
Eye protection complying with EN 166.  
or  
ANSI Z87.1  
Additionally wear a face shield where the possibility exists for face contact due  
to splashing, spraying or airborne contact with this material.

|| Hand protection : Material: Leather gloves  
The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers  
of the protective gloves.

|| : Material: Low temperature resistant gloves

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II	:	Protective gloves complying with EN 374. or US OSHA guidelines
III	:	The choice of an appropriate glove does not only depend on its material but also on other quality features and is different from one producer to the other. Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. Also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion, and the contact time.
Skin and body protection	:	Wear suitable protective equipment. Wear as appropriate: impervious clothing
Protective measures	:	Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is required if a large release occurs. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Hygiene measures	:	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
Respiratory protection	:	For rescue and maintenance work in storage tanks use self-contained breathing apparatus. Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. Respiratory protection complying with EN 137.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Form	:	Liquefied gas
Colour	:	colourless
Odour	:	slight, ether-like
Freezing point	:	-103.0 °C at 1,013 hPa
Boiling point/boiling range	:	-48.5 °C at 1,013 hPa
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	The product is not flammable.
Oxidizing properties	:	The product is not oxidizing.
Vapour pressure	:	13,758 hPa at 25 °C
Water solubility	:	0.43 g/l at 25 °C
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	POW: 1.48 at 20 °C
Relative vapor density	:	4.1 at 20 °C, (Air = 1.0)

#### 9.2. Other information

no data available



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**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

- 10.1. Reactivity** : Decomposes on heating.
- 10.2. Chemical stability** : The product is chemically stable.
- 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions** : Stable under recommended storage conditions.
- 10.4. Conditions to avoid** : The product is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. When pressurised with air or oxygen, the mixture may become flammable. Certain mixtures of HCFCs or HFCs with chlorine may become flammable or reactive under certain conditions.
- 10.5. Incompatible materials** : Alkali metals  
Alkaline earth metals  
Powdered metals  
Powdered metal salts
- 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** : Hazardous thermal decomposition products may include:  
Carbon oxides  
Hydrogen fluoride  
Carbonyl fluoride  
Fluorocarbons

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

**11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

Acute oral toxicity

- Pentafluoroethane  
not applicable

Acute inhalation toxicity

- Pentafluoroethane  
LC50 / 4 h rat :> 800000 ppm

Low Observed Adverse Effect Concentration (LOAEC) / dog :100000 ppm  
Cardiac sensitization

Acute dermal toxicity

- Pentafluoroethane  
not applicable

Skin irritation

- Pentafluoroethane  
Not tested on animals  
Classification: Not classified as irritant  
Result: No skin irritation  
Not expected to cause skin irritation based on expert review of the properties of the substance.



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Eye irritation

- Pentafluoroethane  
Not tested on animals  
Classification: Not classified as irritant  
Result: No eye irritation  
Not expected to cause eye irritation based on expert review of the properties of the substance.

Sensitisation

- Pentafluoroethane  
Not tested on animals  
Classification: Not a skin sensitizer.  
Result: Does not cause skin sensitization.  
Not expected to cause sensitization based on expert review of the properties of the substance.

There are no reports of human respiratory sensitization.

Repeated dose toxicity

- Pentafluoroethane  
Inhalation rat  
No toxicologically significant effects were found.

Mutagenicity assessment

- Pentafluoroethane  
Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects. Tests on bacterial or mammalian cell cultures did not show mutagenic effects.

Carcinogenicity assessment

- Pentafluoroethane  
Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

Toxicity to reproduction assessment

- Pentafluoroethane  
No toxicity to reproduction

Assessment teratogenicity

- Pentafluoroethane  
Did not show teratogenic effects in animal experiments.

Further information

- || Anaesthetic effects threshold limit : 490000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Avoid skin contact with leaking liquid (danger of frostbite).

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1. Toxicity**





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### Toxicity to fish

- Pentafluoroethane  
LC50 / 96 h / Danio rerio (zebra fish): > 200 mg/l  
Information given is based on data obtained from similar substances.

LC50 / 96 h / Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout): 450 mg/l  
Information given is based on data obtained from similar substances.

### Toxicity to aquatic plants

- Pentafluoroethane  
EC50 / 96 h / Algae: 142 mg/l  
Information given is based on data obtained from similar substances.

### Toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

- Pentafluoroethane  
EC50 / 48 h / Daphnia magna (Water flea): > 200 mg/l  
Information given is based on data obtained from similar substances.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

no data available

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

#### Bioaccumulation

|| No bioaccumulation is to be expected (log Pow <= 4).

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

#### Mobility in soil

|| Koc: 20

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

#### PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance is not considered to be persistent, bioaccumulating nor toxic (PBT). / This substance is not considered to be very persistent nor very bioaccumulating (vPvB).

### 12.6. Other adverse effects

#### Ozone depletion potential

0

#### Global warming potential (GWP)

3400



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### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

- Product : Can be used after re-conditioning.  
If re-conditioning is not practicable, dispose of in compliance with local regulations.
- Contaminated packaging : Empty pressure vessels should be returned to the supplier.
- If recycling is not practicable, dispose of in compliance with local regulations.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### ADR

- 14.1. UN number: 3220  
14.2. UN proper shipping name: Pentafluoroethane  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es): 2  
14.5. Environmental hazards:  
14.6. Special precautions for user:  
Tunnel restriction code: (C/E)

#### IATA\_C

- 14.1. UN number: 3220  
14.2. UN proper shipping name: Pentafluoroethane  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es): 2.2  
14.5. Environmental hazards :  
14.6. Special precautions for user:  
no data available

#### IMDG

- 14.1. UN number: 3220  
14.2. UN proper shipping name: Pentafluoroethane  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es): 2.2  
14.5. Environmental hazards :  
14.6. Special precautions for user:  
no data available

#### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

not applicable

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

- Other regulations : Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work.

#### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance.

### SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under section 3.



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**Further information**

|| An Exposure Scenario (ES) is not required.  
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