

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR

SPECIALTY FLUID

Technical Information

Lead Free and No Clean Flux Removal

Introduction

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR is an engineered mixture of non-flammable hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), trans-1,2-dichloroethylene (t-DCE) and methanol.

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR is designed to remove difficult to remove high temperature fluxes used in lead free and no clean solders. It has excellent solvency power for a wide range of soils including ionic soils. The low surface tension and non-flammable properties of DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR make it an ideal ultrasonic vapor degreasing solvent.

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR is a non-ozone depleter and can replace many solvents such as trichloroethylene (TCE), n-propyl bromide (nPB), HCFC-225 blends, HCFC-141b, HFEs, PFCs, and CFCs. DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR can also replace aqueous cleaners where floor space and cleanliness are at a premium.

Features and Benefits

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR does a good job balancing performance with favorable environmental and worker safety properties.

- Excellent solvency power (KB Value>100) to remove organic and ionic contaminants: Superior cleaning performance
- Fast drying: Increases productivity
- Low surface tension: Able to penetrate and clean tight areas
- Compatible with most plastics, elastomers, and metals
- Can be used with ultrasonics.
- Non flammable
- Low toxicity
- Zero ozone depletion potential
- Low global warming potential
- Existing equipment can be used with minor or no modification
- No surfactants needed: Residue free cleaning is promoted.

Typical Applications

- Defluxing
- Oil, grease, and wax removal
- Precision Cleaning

Environmental

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR has “zero” ozone depletion potential and low global warming potential. See table below for various environmental properties of Vertrel® SFR. Vertrel® SFR is accepted by the US Environmental Protection Agency under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program as a substitute for ozone-depleting substances (solvent category). It is not SNAP approved for aerosol packages.

Environmental Property	DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR
Ozone-Depletion Potential (ODP)	0
Global Warming Potential (GWP/100yr ITH)*	264
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC, g/liter)	1063

* based on IPCC Second Assessment Report values

All components are listed in the TSCA inventory. The methanol component in Vertrel® SFR is considered a hazardous air pollutant (HAP) and therefore is subject to NESHAP regulation. Methanol is subject to SARA Title III Section 313 list of toxic chemicals and is subject to SARA Title III (EPCRA) reporting requirements.

Refer to the MSDS for regulatory information.



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Table 1
Physical Properties

Property	DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR	HCFC-225 ca/cb	Novec™ HFE-72DA	TCE	nPB	CFC-113	HCFC-141b
Boiling Point, °C	41	54	44	87	71	48	32
°F	106	129	111	189	160	118	90
Freezing Point, °C	<-50	-131	<-38	-86	<-76	-35	-103.5
°F	<-58	-204	<-36	-123	<-105	-31	-154.3
Liquid Density at 25°C (77°F)							
kg/liter	1.28	1.55	1.27	1.46	1.35	1.56	1.23
lb/gal	10.7	12.9	10.6	12.15	11.26	13.06	10.26
Surface Tension at 25°C (77°F)							
N/m	0.0199	0.0162	0.018	0.0323	0.0259	0.1073	0.0193
dyn/cm	19.9	16.2	18.0	32.3	25.9	17.3	19.3
Viscosity at 25°C (77°F), cPs	0.58	0.59	0.40	0.54	0.49	0.47	0.43
Vapor Pressure at 25°C (77°F)							
kPa	57.9	38.5	47.7	9.9	20.3	44.5	76.9
atm	0.57	0.38	0.48	0.099	0.20	0.44	0.75
psia	8.4	5.6	7.0	1.4	2.9	6.46	11.15
Heat of Vaporization at boiling point							
kJ/kg	285	146	252	237.9	248.0	148	225
cal/g	68	35	60	56	58.8	35	53.2
Heat Capacity at 25°C (77°F)							
kJ/kg·°C	1.16	1.2	–	0.87	–	0.87	1.41
BTU/lb·°F	0.28	0.29	–	0.21	–	0.21	0.34
KB Value	101	31	58	129	125	37	56

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Safety/Flammability/Storage

Data from acute toxicity studies has demonstrated that Vertrel® SFR has low toxicity. It has a calculated AEL (Acceptable Exposure Limit) of 187 ppm based on its individual components. AEL is an airborne inhalation exposure limit established by Dupont that specifies time-weighted average concentrations to which nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effects. The calculated AEL is in accordance with ACGIH formulas for TLVs for mixtures. Vertrel® SFR is a slight skin and eye irritant and has low acute inhalation toxicity.

Please refer to the MSDS for information on detailed exposure limits and toxicity-related data.

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR exhibits no closed cup or open cup flash point and is not classified as a flammable liquid by NFPA or DOT. The product is volatile, and if allowed to evaporate and mix with air, the vapor may become flammable. Flash point data and vapor flammability limits in air are shown in the table below.

Table 2
Flammable Properties

	Test Method	DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR
Closed Cup Flash Point	ASTM D93	None
Open Cup Flash Point	ASTM D1310	None
Vapor Flammability in Air		
Lower Explosivity Limit	ASTM E681	7 vol% in air
Upper Explosivity Limit		15 vol% in air

Users should clear equipment of all vapors and liquids before performing any maintenance operations that could result in an ignition source. Users also need to consider the possibility of vapor flammability of this product to determine guidelines for its safe handling in all other parts of the user's operations. For example, when opening a partially-filled container that has been stored, treat the gas/air mixture as if it is flammable.

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR is thermally stable and does not oxidize or degrade during storage. Store in a clean, dry area. Protect from freezing temperatures. If solvent is stored below -10 °C (14 °F), mix prior to use. Do not allow stored product to exceed 52 °C (125 °F) to prevent leakage or potential rupture of container from pressure and expansion.

Recovery

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR is readily recoverable. Please discuss recovery operations with a knowledgeable DuPont or distributor representative and for suggested recovery procedures. The presence of certain soils in high concentrations may affect the flammability characteristics of the material during use and recovery operations. Users should test for flammability in their particular application and test the spent Vertrel® SFR to ensure proper classification for waste disposal.

Material Compatibility

Most metals, plastics and elastomers commonly used for components mounted on printed wiring board assemblies can be safely cleaned with DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR. Plastics that may show signs of softening, swelling or other changes include acrylics, ABS and polycarbonate. Elastomers, if affected, will generally revert to within a few percent of original size after air-drying. Prior-to-use, testing of plastics and elastomers should be performed under conditions expected during normal operation (e.g., time in contact with Vertrel® SFR, temperature, etc.). For more information on material compatibility, contact DuPont or a Vertrel® distributor.

Contact with highly basic materials, pH 10 and above, is not recommended.

Large amounts of water may extract the alcohol component of Vertrel® SFR, and reduce cleaning performance. Therefore, to reduce alcohol loss, use desiccant dryers rather than water separators in the condensate return line.

Product Description, Packaging, and Availability

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR Composition (Typical)

Hydrofluorocarbon mixture	28 – 32 wt%
1,2-trans-Dichloroethylene	66 – 70 wt%
Methanol	< 3 wt %
Water	< 200 ppm
Non-volatile residue	< 10 ppm (drums) or < 50 ppm (pails)
Appearance	Clear, colorless

DuPont™ Vertrel® SFR is available commercially in 55-gal (208-l) drums with a net weight of 500 lb (227 kg) and in 5-gal (19-l) pails with a net weight of 45 lb (20 kg).

If you are interested in purchasing or finding out more about DuPont™ Vertrel® please use the list below to contact the DuPont office closest to you.

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