

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Genetron® 500

#### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** Genetron® 500  
**OTHER/GENERIC NAMES:** R-500  
**PRODUCT USE:** Refrigerant  
**MANUFACTURER:** Honeywell  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**  
(Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm)  
Product Safety Department  
1-800-707-4555

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:**  
(24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)  
800-707-4555  
CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300

#### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>CAS NUMBER</u>	<u>WEIGHT %</u>
Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12)	75-71-8	73.8
1,1 Difluoroethane (HFC-152a)	75-37-6	26.2

Trace impurities and additional material names not listed above may also appear in Section 15 toward the end of the MSDS. These materials may be listed for local "Right-To-Know" compliance and for other reasons.

#### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** Colorless, volatile liquid with ethereal and faint sweetish odor. Non-flammable material. Overexposure may cause dizziness and loss of concentration. At higher levels, CNS depression and cardiac arrhythmia may result from exposure. Vapors displace air and can cause asphyxiation in confined spaces. At higher temperatures, (>250°C), decomposition products may include Hydrofluoric Acid (HF) and carbonyl halides such as phosgene.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS

**SKIN:** Irritation would result from a defatting action on tissue. Liquid contact could cause frostbite.

**EYES:** Liquid contact can cause severe irritation and frostbite. Mist may irritate.

**INHALATION:** Genetron 500 is low in acute toxicity in animals even at a concentrations of 4% (40,000ppm). However, when oxygen levels in air are reduced to 12–14% by displacement, symptoms of asphyxiation, loss of coordination, increased pulse rate and deeper respiration will occur. At high levels, cardiac arrhythmia may occur.

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**INGESTION:** Ingestion is unlikely because of the low boiling point of the material. Should it occur, discomfort in the gastrointestinal tract from rapid evaporation of the material and consequent evolution of gas would result. Some effects of inhalation and skin exposure would be expected.

**DELAYED EFFECTS:** None known

Ingredients found on one of the OSHA designated carcinogen lists are listed below.

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>NTP STATUS</u>	<u>IARC STATUS</u>	<u>OSHA LIST</u>
No ingredients listed in this section			

#### **4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**SKIN:** Promptly flush skin with water until all chemical is removed. If there is evidence of frostbite, bathe (do not rub) with lukewarm (not hot) water. If water is not available, cover with a clean, soft cloth or similar covering. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.

**EYES:** Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes (in case of frostbite water should be lukewarm, not hot) lifting eyelids occasionally to facilitate irrigation. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.

**INHALATION:** Immediately remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Use oxygen as required, provided a qualified operator is available. Get medical attention. Do not give epinephrine (adrenaline).

**INGESTION:** Ingestion is unlikely because of the physical properties and is not expected to be hazardous. Do not induce vomiting unless instructed to do so by a physician.

**ADVICE TO PHYSICIAN:** Because of the possible disturbances of cardiac rhythm, catecholamine drugs, such as epinephrine, should be used with special caution and only in situations of emergency life support. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical conditions.

#### **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

##### **FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES**

**FLASH POINT:** Gas, not applicable per DOT regulations

**FLASH POINT METHOD:** Not applicable

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** Unknown

**UPPER FLAME LIMIT (volume % in air):** None\*

**LOWER FLAME LIMIT (volume % in air):** None\*

\*Based on ASHRAE Standard 34 with match ignition

**FLAME PROPAGATION RATE (solids):** Not applicable

**OSHA FLAMMABILITY CLASS:** Not applicable

##### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Use any standard agent – choose the one most appropriate for type of surrounding fire (material itself is not flammable)

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#### **UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

Contact with certain reactive metals may result in formation of explosive or exothermic reactions under specific conditions (e.g. very high temperatures and/or appropriate pressures).

This material may become flammable when mixed with air under pressure and exposed to strong ignition sources.

#### **SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PRECAUTIONS/INSTRUCTIONS:**

Firefighters should wear self-contained, NIOSH-approved breathing apparatus for protection against possible toxic decomposition products. Proper eye and skin protection should be provided. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

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### **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

#### **IN CASE OF SPILL OR OTHER RELEASE:**

(Always wear recommended personal protective equipment.)

Evacuate unprotected personnel. Protected personnel should remove ignition sources and shut off leak, if without risk, and provide ventilation. Unprotected personnel should not return until air has been tested and determined safe, including low-lying areas.

Spills and releases may have to be reported to Federal and/or local authorities. See Section 15 regarding reporting requirements.

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### **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

#### **NORMAL HANDLING:**

(Always wear recommended personal protective equipment.)

Avoid breathing vapors and liquid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Do not puncture or drop cylinders, expose them to open flame or excessive heat. Use authorized cylinders only. Follow standard safety precautions for handling and use of compressed gas cylinders.

#### **STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Store in a cool, well-ventilated area of low fire risk and out of direct sunlight. Protect cylinder and its fittings from physical damage. Storage in subsurface locations should be avoided. Close valve tightly after use and when empty.

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### **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS:**

Provide local ventilation at filling zones and areas where leakage is probable. Mechanical (general) ventilation may be adequate for other operating and storage areas.

#### **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

##### **SKIN PROTECTION:**

Skin contact with refrigerant may cause frostbite. General work clothing and gloves (leather) should provide adequate protection. If prolonged contact with the liquid or gas is anticipated, insulated gloves constructed of PVA, neoprene or butyl rubber should be used. Any contaminated clothing should be promptly removed and washed before reuse.

##### **EYE PROTECTION:**

For normal conditions, wear safety glasses. Where there is reasonable probability of liquid contact, wear chemical safety goggles.

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#### RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

None generally required for adequately ventilated work situations. For accidental release or non-ventilated situations, or release into confined space, where the concentration may be above the PEL of 1,000 ppm, use a self-contained, NIOSH - approved breathing apparatus or supplied air respirator. For escape: use the former or a NIOSH-approved gas mask with organic vapor canister.

#### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Where contact with liquid is likely, such as in a spill or leak, impervious boots and clothing should be worn. High dose-level warning signs are recommended for areas of principle exposure. Provide eyewash stations and quick-drench shower facilities at convenient locations. For tank cleaning operations, see OSHA regulations, 29 CFR 1910.132 and 29 CFR 1910.133.

#### EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>OTHER LIMIT</u>
Dichlorodifluoromethane	1000 ppm TWA (8hr)	1000 ppm TWA (8hr)	None
1,1-Difluoroethane	None	None	**1000 ppm TWA (8hr)

\* = Limit established by Honeywell.

\*\* = Workplace Environmental Exposure Level (AIHA).

\*\*\* = Biological Exposure Index (ACGIH).

#### OTHER EXPOSURE LIMITS FOR POTENTIAL DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

Hydrogen Fluoride: ACGIH TLV = 3 ppm ceiling

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, colorless liquid and vapor

**PHYSICAL STATE:** Gas at ambient temperatures

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 99.31 average

**CHEMICAL FORMULA:** CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, CHF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

**ODOR:** Faint ethereal odor

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water = 1.0):** 1.171 @ 30°C (86°F)

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER (weight %):** Unknown

**pH:** Neutral

**BOILING POINT:** -33.5°C (-28.3°F)

**FREEZING POINT:** -158°C (-252.4°F)

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 100.1 psia @ 70°F

231.7 psia @ 130°F

**VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1.0):** 4.2

**EVAPORATION RATE:** >1 **COMPARED TO:** CCl<sub>4</sub> = 1

**% VOLATILES:** 100

**FLASH POINT:** Not applicable

(Flash point method and additional flammability data are found in Section 5.)

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#### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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##### **NORMALLY STABLE? (CONDITIONS TO AVOID):**

The product is stable.

Do not mix with oxygen or air above atmospheric pressure. Any source of high temperature, such as lighted cigarettes, flames, hot spots or welding may yield toxic and/or corrosive decomposition products.

##### **INCOMPATIBILITIES:**

(Under specific conditions: e.g. very high temperatures and/or appropriate pressures) – Freshly abraded aluminum surfaces (may cause strong exothermic reaction). Chemically active metals: potassium, calcium, powdered aluminum, magnesium and zinc.

##### **HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:**

Halogens, halogen acids and possibly carbonyl halides.

##### **HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:**

Will not occur.

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#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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##### **IMMEDIATE (ACUTE) EFFECTS:**

###### Dichlorodifluoromethane

LC<sub>50</sub> : 4 hr. (rat) - > 760,000 ppm

Cardiac Sensitization threshold (dog) – 50,000 ppm

10 min EC<sub>50</sub> – 254,000 ppm

###### Difluoroethane

LD<sub>50</sub>: single dose (rat) – non-lethal at 1,500 mg/kg

LC<sub>50</sub>: 2 hr (rat) - ~383,000 ppm. Non-lethal at 200,000 ppm

Cardiac Sensitization NOEL – >150,000 ppm

##### **DELAYED (SUBCHRONIC AND CHRONIC) EFFECTS:**

###### Dichlorodifluoromethane

Subchronic: NOEL - 10,000 ppm

###### Difluoroethane

Exposures of rats 6 hrs/day, 5 days/week, for two years at levels up to 25,000 ppm, did not cause chronic toxicity or carcinogenic response.

##### **OTHER DATA:**

Teratology: Not a teratogen

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#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Degradability (BOD):** Genetron 500 is a gas at room temperature; therefore, it is unlikely to remain in water.

**Octanol Water Partition Coefficient:** Unknown



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The following ingredients are SARA 313 "Toxic Chemicals". CAS numbers and weight percents are found in Section 2.

**INGREDIENT NAME**

Dichlorodifluoromethane

**COMMENT**

None

**STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW**

In addition to the ingredients found in Section 2, the following are listed for state right-to-know purposes.

**INGREDIENT NAME**

No ingredients listed in this section

**WEIGHT %    COMMENT**

**ADDITIONAL REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

Genetron 500 is subject to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act Regulations at 40 CFR Part 82.

**WARNING:**

**Do not vent** to the atmosphere. To comply with provisions of the U.S. Clean Air Act, any residual must be recovered.

Contains Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12), a substance which harms public health and environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere. Destruction of the ozone layer can lead to increased ultraviolet radiation which, with excess exposure to sunlight, can lead to an increase in skin cancer and eye cataracts.

Contains Genetron 152a, a greenhouse gas, a substance which may contribute to global warming.

**WHMIS CLASSIFICATION (CANADA):**

This product has been evaluated in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**FOREIGN INVENTORY STATUS:**

Dichlorodifluoroethane

Canada – Listed on DSL

EU – EINECS # 2206926

Difluoroethane

EU – EINECS # 2008661

ECL Serial No. 2-276

Canada – Listed on DSL

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**CURRENT ISSUE DATE:**    January, 2000

**PREVIOUS ISSUE DATE:**    August, 1999

**CHANGES TO MSDS FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE DATE ARE DUE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Section 1: New company name

Section 16: Modified NFPA and HMIS codes

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**OTHER INFORMATION:** HMIS Classification: Health – 1, Flammability – 1, Reactivity – 0  
NFPA Classification: Health – 2, Flammability – 1, Reactivity – 0  
ANSI/ASHRAE 34 Safety Group – A1

Regulatory Standards:

1. OSHA regulations for compressed gases: 29 CFR 1910.101
2. DOT classification per 49 CFR 172.101
3. Clean Air Act Class I Substance

General

- a) CGA pamphlet P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*, 1984, Compressed Gas Association (1980 Printing)
- b) Bretherick, L., *Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 1992, Butterworths, Boston, MA