

# Fluoromethane

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Product form	: Substance
Substance name	: Fluoromethane
CAS No	: 593-53-3
Product code	: SG-1001-04643
Formula	: CFH3
Other means of identification	: Methyl Fluoride Freon 41 R41 Refrigerant gas R41

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

Use of the substance/mixture	: Laboratory chemicals Manufacture of substances
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#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Air Liquide USA LLC and its affiliates  
9811 Katy Freeway, Suite 100  
Houston, TX 77024 - USA  
T 1-800-819-1704  
[www.us.airliquide.com](http://www.us.airliquide.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number	: CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300
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### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

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

##### GHS-US classification

Flam. Gas 1	H220 -	Extremely flammable gas
Liquefied gas	H280 -	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
Full text of H-phrases: see section 16		

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



Signal word (GHS-US)

: Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-US)

: H220 - Extremely flammable gas  
H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated  
OSHA-H01 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation  
CGA-HG01 - May cause frostbite  
CGA-HG04 - May form explosive mixtures with air

Precautionary statements (GHS-US)

: P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, open flames, sparks. - No smoking  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
P280 - Wear eye protection, face protection, protective gloves, protective clothing  
P302 - IF ON SKIN: Thaw frostbitten parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area, Get immediate medical advice/attention  
P304+P340 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
P305+P351+P338 - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
P308+P313 - If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention  
P377 - Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely  
P381 - Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so  
P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international

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### regulations

- CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F)
- CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping
- CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty
- CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure
- CGA-PG14 - Approach suspected leak area with caution
- CGA-PG21 - Open valve slowly

### 2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

Name : Fluoromethane  
CAS No : 593-53-3

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Fluoromethane (R41)	(CAS No) 593-53-3	> 99	Flam. Gas 1, H220 Liquefied gas, H280

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

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

Symptoms/injuries after inhalation : May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Symptoms/injuries after skin contact : May cause frostbite.

Symptoms/injuries after eye contact : Contact with the product may cause cold burns or frostbite.

Symptoms/injuries after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Symptoms/injuries upon intravenous administration : Not known.

Chronic symptoms : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

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

If you feel unwell, seek medical advice. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

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

Fire hazard : This product is flammable.

Explosion hazard : Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire and increasing risk of burns and injuries. May form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture.

Reactivity : None known.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

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### Protection during firefighting

: Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation.

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment : Wear protective equipment consistent with the site emergency plan.

Emergency procedures : Escape the danger area by the closest safe route. Close doors and windows of adjacent premises. Keep containers closed. Mark the danger area. Seal off low-lying areas. Keep upwind.

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

Emergency procedures : Evacuate and limit access. Ventilate area. Remove ignition sources. Monitor concentration of released product. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering atmospheres of unknown contaminant concentration until proven to be safe.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release if safe to do so.

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

For containment : Try to stop release if safe to do so.

Methods for cleaning up : Dispose of this material and its container in accordance with local regulations.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See also Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed : Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Close valve after each use and when empty. Handle empty containers with care because residual vapors are flammable. In use, may form flammable vapor-air mixture.

Precautions for safe handling : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking. Use only non-sparking tools.

Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

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

Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations. Proper grounding procedures to avoid static electricity should be followed.

Storage conditions : Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 52°C (125°F). Keep container closed when not in use. Protect cylinder from physical damage. Store in well ventilated area.

Incompatible products : None known.

Incompatible materials : Oxidizing materials. Air.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits. Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers. 29 CFR 1910.138: Hand Protection.

Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection.

Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing, e.g. - lab coats, coveralls or flame resistant clothing.

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Respiratory protection	: None necessary during normal and routine operations. See Sections 5 & 6.
Thermal hazard protection	: None necessary during normal and routine operations.
Environmental exposure controls	: Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.
Other information	: Wear safety shoes while handling containers. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Physical state	: Gas
Appearance	: Clear, colorless gas.
Color	: Colorless
Odor	: ether-like
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point	: -142 °C
Freezing point	: -142 °C
Boiling point	: -77.5 °C
Critical temperature	: 42.85 °C
Critical pressure	: 5880 kPa
Flash point	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: See Section 2.1 and 2.2
Explosion limits	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Without adequate ventilation formation of explosive mixtures may be possible.
Oxidizing properties	: None.
Vapor pressure	: 25462 mm Hg at 21 °C
Relative density	: 0.61
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: 1.195
Molecular mass	: 34.03 g/mol
Relative gas density	: 1.2 Heavier than air
Solubility	: Water: 2295 mg/l
Log Pow	: 0.51
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

Additional information	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.
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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Can form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

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### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. Thermal decomposition generates : Hydrogen fluoride.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.
Symptoms/injuries after skin contact	: May cause frostbite.
Symptoms/injuries after eye contact	: Contact with the product may cause cold burns or frostbite.
Symptoms/injuries after ingestion	: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
Symptoms/injuries upon intravenous administration	: Not known.
Chronic symptoms	: Adverse effects not expected from this product.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

No additional information available

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Fluoromethane (R41) (593-53-3)	
Persistence and degradability	No data available.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Fluoromethane (593-53-3)	
Log Pow	0.51
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Log Pow	0.51
Bioaccumulative potential	Not expected to bioaccumulate due to the low log Kow (log Kow < 4). Refer to section 9.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Fluoromethane (R41) (593-53-3)	
Ecology - soil	Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution.

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer : No known effects from this product.

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### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment methods : Contact supplier if guidance is required. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded. Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor. Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air. Toxic and corrosive gases formed during combustion should be scrubbed before discharge to atmosphere.

Waste disposal recommendations : Refer to the CGA Pamphlet P-63 "Disposal of Gases" available at [www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com) for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN2454 Methyl fluoride, 2.1

UN-No.(DOT) : UN2454

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Methyl fluoride

Transport hazard class(es) (DOT) : 2.1 - Class 2.1 - Flammable gas 49 CFR 173.115

Hazard labels (DOT) : 2.1 - Flammable gas



DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 304

DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 314;315

DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 306

DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27) : Forbidden

DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75) : 150 kg

DOT Vessel Stowage Location : E - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel carrying a number of passengers limited to not more than the larger of 25 passengers, or one passenger per each 3 m of overall vessel length, but is prohibited from carriage on passenger vessels in which the limiting number of passengers is exceeded.

DOT Vessel Stowage Other : 40 - Stow "clear of living quarters"

Other information : No supplementary information available.

#### TDG

Transport document description : UN2454 Methyl Fluoride, 2.1

UN-No. (TDG) : UN2454

TDG Proper Shipping Name : Methyl Fluoride

TDG Primary Hazard Classes : 2.1 - Class 2.1 - Flammable Gas.

#### Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : UN2454

Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : Methyl Fluoride

Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases

#### Air transport

UN-No. (IATA) : UN2454

Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Methyl Fluoride

Class (IATA) : 2

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### 15.1. US Federal regulations

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### Fluoromethane (R41) (593-53-3)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

##### Fluoromethane (R41) (593-53-3)

Listed on the Canadian NDSL (Non-Domestic Substances List)

WHMIS Classification	Class A - Compressed Gas
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#### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

#### National regulations

##### Fluoromethane (R41) (593-53-3)

Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)

Listed on the Japanese ISHL (Industrial Safety and Health Law)

Listed on NZIoC (New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals)

Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances)

### 15.3. US State regulations

##### Fluoromethane (R41) (593-53-3)

U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

## SECTION 16: Other information

Indication of changes

: Revised safety data sheet in accordance with OSHA final rule on GHS implementation promulgated March 26, 2012.

Other information

: This Safety Data Sheet is offered pursuant to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR, 1910.1200. Other government regulations must be reviewed for applicability to this product.

Full text of H-phrases:

Flam. Gas 1	Flammable gases Category 1
Liquefied gas	Gases under pressure Liquefied gas
H220	Extremely flammable gas
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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