

Fluorocarbons

Substances and main applications

Major HFC - HFO – HCFC molecules

Major HFC molecules

Designation	Complete Name	Formula	CAS number	GWP (1)		Atmospheric lifetime (3)	Main Applications
				F-Gas Regulation AR4 (2)	AR5 (3)		
HFC-23	trifluoromethane	CHF ₃	75-46-7	14800	12400	222 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very low temperature specialist refrigerant • By product in production of HCFC-22 and aluminium smelting
HFC-32	difluoromethane	CH ₂ F ₂	75-10-5	675	677	5.2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for air-conditioning • Component of refrigerants for air-conditioning, commercial refrigeration and heat pumps
HFC-125	pentafluoroethane	CHF ₂ CF ₃	354-33-6	3500	3170	28.2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blend component for stationary air-conditioning, commercial refrigeration and heat pumps • Firefighting agent

HFC-134a	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	CH ₂ FCF ₃	811-97-2	1430	1300	13.4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for mobile air-conditioning applications (servicing only for cars) • Blend component for stationary-air conditioning and commercial refrigeration • Propellant for pharmaceutical aerosols (MDIs); and for technical aerosols, to meet national safety standards from 2018 • Blowing agent component for extruded polystyrene foams (XPS)
HFC-143a	1,1,1-trifluoroethane	CH ₃ CF ₃	420-46-2	4470	4800	47.1 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blend component for commercial refrigeration
HFC-152a	1,1-difluoroethane	CH ₃ CHF ₂	75-37-6	124	138	1.5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propellant for specialized industrial aerosols • Blowing agent component for extruded polystyrene foams (XPS)
HFC-227ea	1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane	CF ₃ CHFCF ₃	431-89-0	3220	3350	38.9 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propellant for Pharmaceutical Aerosols (MDIs) • Firefighting Agent • Refrigerant for high-temperature environments
HFC-236fa	1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropane	CF ₃ CH ₂ CF ₃	290-39-1	9810	8060	242 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighting Agent • Refrigerant for high-temperature environments

HFC-245fa	1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane	CHF ₂ CH ₂ CF ₃	460-73-1	1030	858	7.7 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foam Blowing agent for Polyurethane (PUR) foams • Working fluid for organic rankine cycles (ORC)
HFC-365mfc	1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane	CF ₃ CH ₂ CF ₂ CH ₃	406-58-6	794	804	8.7 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foam Blowing agent for Polyurethane (PUR) and phenolic foams • Blend component for Solvents • Working fluid for organic rankine cycle (ORC)
HFC-43-10mee	1,1,1,2,2,3,4,5,5,5-decafluoropentane	CF ₃ CHFCHFCF ₂ CF ₃	138495-42	1640	1650	16.1 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solvent for specialized applications

Major HFO molecules

Designation	Complete Name	Formula	CAS number	GWP (1)		Atmospheric lifetime (3) unless stated	Ozone Depleting Substance (ODS)	Main Applications
				F-Gas Regulation AR4 (2) unless stated	AR5 (3) unless stated			
HCFO-1224yd(Z)	2,3,3,3 Tetrafluoro-1-chloroprop-1-ene	CF ₃ -CF=CHCl	111512-60-8	<i>na</i>	< 1 (4)	21 days (4)	No, a VSLS (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for centrifugal chillers, high temperature heat pumps • working fluid for organic rankine cycle (ORC) • Blowing agent for polyurethane foams

HBFO-1233xfB	2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene	$\text{CF}_3\text{CBr}=\text{CH}_2$	1514-82-5	na	0.26 (4)	7 days (4)	No, a VSLS (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire extinguishant streaming agent (also known as 2-BTP)
HCFO-1233zd(E)	Trans 1-Chloro-3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-ene	Trans- $\text{CHCl}=\text{CHCF}_3$	2730-43-0	4.5	1	26 days	No, a VSLS (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for chiller applications, high temperature heat pumps • Working fluid for organic rankine cycle (ORC) • Blowing agent for Insulation foams • Precision solvents
HFO-1234yf	2,3,3,3-tetrafluoroprop-1-ene	$\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{CH}_2$	754-12-1	4 (6)	<1	10.5 days	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for mobile air-conditioning, stationary air conditioning and refrigeration • Blend component for HFC-HFO blends
HFO-1234ze(E)	Trans-1,3,3,3-tetrafluoroprop-1-ene	Trans- $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}=\text{CFH}$	29118-24-9	7 (6)	<1	16.4 days	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for chillers, refrigeration • Blend component for HFC-HFO blends • Aerosol propellant • Blowing agent for insulation foams
HFO-1336mzz(Z)	Cis-1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobut-2-ene	Cis- $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHCF}_3$	692-49-9	9	2	22 days	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant for chillers, high temperature heat pumps • Working fluid for organic rankine cycle (ORC) • Fire extinguishant

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Major HCFC molecules

Designation	Complete Name	Formula	CAS number	GWP (1)		Atmospheric lifetime (3) unless stated	Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP)	Main Applications
				AR4 (2)	AR5 (3)			
HCFC-22	chlorodifluoromethane	CHClF ₂	75-45-6	1810	1760	11.9 years	0.055	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used as feedstock for the production of PTFE and other fluorocarbons polymers
HCFC-123	2,2-dichloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane	CHCl ₂ CF ₃	306-83-2	77	79	1.3 years	0.020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer used in the EU
HCFC-124	1-chloro-1,2,2,2-tetrafluoroethane	CHClFCF ₃	20837-89-0	609	527	5.9 years	0.022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer used in the EU
HCFC-141b	1,1-dichloro-1-fluoroethane	CH ₃ CCl ₂ F	1717-00-6	725	782	9.2 years	0.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer used in the EU
HCFC-142b	1-chloro-1,1 - difluoroethane	CH ₃ CClF ₂	75-68-3	2310	1980	17.2 years	0.065	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer used in the EU

NOTES

- 1) See [Selecting and Using GWP Values](#)
- 2) [IPCC Fourth Assessment Report GWP values](#)
- 3) IPCC Working Group I – [The Physical Science Basis](#) – Chap.8 Annex 8.A.1, 5th Assessment Report
- 4) Measured by the [National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology \(AIST\)](#), Japan, GWP calculated according to the IPCC AR5 method
- 5) Very short-lived substances (VSLs) have chemical lifetimes comparable with tropospheric transport time scales, with the result that the amount of the substance in the atmosphere depends on where and when (time of year) it is released. In practice, this happens for species with atmospheric lifetimes of a few months or less. From a regulatory point of view this means that VSLs cannot be included in the normal categories of the Montreal Protocol; not only is their contribution to ozone depletion very low but it is highly variable between countries and regions. For more detail see [Learn About HCFO-1224yd\(Z\), HCFO-1233zdE, HBFO-1233xfB, Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Change](#)
- 6) GWP according to the Report of the 2010 Assessment of the Scientific Assessment Panel (SAP) of the Montreal Protocol, Tables 1-11, citing two peer-reviewed scientific references.