

# MSDS

Material Safety Datasheets

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**NAF SIII FIRE EXTINGUISHING AGENT**

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**1 PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

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Product Name      FIRE EXTINGUISHING AGENT NAF SIII  
 Chemical Constituents      i)      Dichloro-1, 1, 1, - Trifluoroethane  
    ii)      Chlorodifluoromethane  
    iii) 2 Chloro 1, 1, 1, 2- Tetrafluoroethane  
    iv)      Isopropenyl-1-1 Methylcyclohexene  
 Trade Name      NAFSIII  
 Colour Coding      Cylinders, Opaline Green (SABS 109 – 1975) body  
 Valve      Cylinder BS 341 No6 outlet 5/8 inch BSP right hand male. Dip tube fitted for liquid withdrawal  
    Bulk container BSP 341 No6 outlet 5/8 inch BSP right hand male.  
    2 Valves fitted. 1× Vapour withdrawal.  
    1× Fitted with dip tube for liquid withdrawal.  
 Company Identification      African Oxygen Limited  
    23 Webber Street  
    Johannesburg, 2001  
    Tel. No: (011) 490-0400  
    Fax No: (011) 490-0506  
**Emergency No.**      **0800 020202 or 011 873 4382**

**2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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    iii) 2 Chloro 1, 1, 1, 2-Tetrafluoroethane  
    iv)      Isopropenyl-1-1 Methylcyclohexene  
 Chemical families      Chlorofluorocarbons  
 CAS Nos      i)      306-83-2  
 (See Section 1 above for      ii)      75-45-6  
 chemical names)      iii) 2837-89-0  
    iv) 5989-27-5  
 UN No.      3163  
 ERG No      126  
 Hazchem Warning      2C Non-flammable gas

**3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Main Hazards** All cylinders are portable gas containers, and must be regarded as pressure vessels at all times. NAF SIII does not support life. It can act as a simple asphyxiant by diluting the concentration of oxygen in air below the levels necessary to support life. Contact with the liquid could cause cold burns.

**Chemical Hazards** Thermal decomposition could result in the formation of hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride and phosgene.

**Biological hazards** NAF SIII has no known acute biological hazards

**Vapour inhalation** Mild irritation of the nose, throat and upper airways, light headaches, giddiness, dizziness, drowsiness and loss of co-ordination. More severe exposures may cause nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat and death from cardiac arrest.

**Eye Contact** (Vapour)      No known effect  
 (Liquid)      Could cause cold burns  
**Skin Contact** (Vapour)      No known effect  
 (Liquid)      Could cause cold burns

**Ingestion** Ingestion of liquid is not likely to happen, but the liquid could cause severe cold burns to the mouth and throat.

**4 FIRST AID MEASURES**

Prompt medical attention is mandatory in all cases of overexposure to NAF SIII. Rescue personnel should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus. In case of frostbite from contact with liquid NAF SIII, place the frost-bitten part in warm water, about 40-42°C. If warm water is not available, or is impractical to use, wrap the affected part gently in blankets. Encourage the patient to exercise the affected part whilst it is being warmed. Do not remove clothing whilst frosted. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be removed to an uncontaminated area, and given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and supplemental oxygen.

**Eye Contact.** Immediately flush with large quantities of tepid water, or with sterile saline solution. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact.** See above for handling of frostbite.

**Ingestion.** Allow damaged areas to warm gently. Seek medical attention.

**5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Extinguishing media** The appropriate media should be used for the surrounding fire. If feasible, cylinders of NAF SIII could be used to help extinguish the fire.

**Specific Hazards** NAF SIII does not support life. It can act as a simple asphyxiant by diluting the concentration of oxygen in the air below the levels to support life.

**Emergency Actions** If possible, shut off the source of escaping NAF SIII. Ventilate the area. Prevent liquid NAF SIII from entering sewers, basements and workpits. Keep the bulk tank or cylinders cool by spraying with water if exposed to a fire. CONTACT THE NEAREST AFROX BRANCH.

**Protective Clothing** Self-contained breathing apparatus. Safety gloves and shoes, or boots, should be worn when handling cylinders. **Environmental precautions.** NAF SIII is heavier than air and care should be taken when entering a potentially oxygen-deficient environment. If possible, ventilate the affected area.

**6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal Precautions** Do not enter any areas where NAF SIII has been spilled unless tests have shown that it is safe to do so.

**Environmental precautions.** NAF SIII does not pose a hazard to the environment

**Small spills** Shut off the source of the escaping NAF SIII. Ventilate the area.

**Large spills** Evacuate the area. Shut off the source of the spill if this can be done without risk. Restrict access to the area until completion of the clean-up procedure. Ventilate the area using forced-draught if necessary.

**7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Do not allow cylinders to slide or come into contact with sharp edges. NAF SIII containers should always be stacked vertically, firmly secured to prevent them from being knocked over. Use the "first in - first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Keep out of reach of children.

**8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Occupational exposure hazards.** As NAF SIII is a simple asphyxiant, avoid any areas where spillage has taken place. Only enter once testing has proved the atmosphere to be safe.

**Engineering control measures.** Engineering control measures are preferred to reduce exposures to oxygen depleted atmospheres. General methods include forced-draught ventilation, separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Ensure that sufficient fresh air enters at, or near, floor level.

**Personal protection** Self contained breathing apparatus should always be worn when entering area where oxygen depletion may have occurred. Safety goggles, gloves and shoes or boots should be worn when handling cylinders.

**Skin.** No known effect.

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**9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Molecular Weight                            | 92,9     |
| Boiling point @ 101,325 kPa                 | - 38,3°C |
| Critical temperature                        | 124,4°C  |
| Density of saturated vapour @ boiling point | 4,5 g/l  |

**10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Conditions to avoid** The dilution of the oxygen concentration in the atmosphere to levels which cannot support life.

**Incompatible materials.** NAF SIII is stable under normal conditions and most common structural materials may be used.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products.** NAF SIII thermally decomposes to hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride and phosgene.

**11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Acute Toxicity       | Prolonged or repeated contact may cause skin irritation, reddening, drying and cracking |
| Skin & eye contact   | No known effect   |
| Chronic Toxicity     | No known effect   |
| Carcinogenicity      | No known effect   |
| Mutagenicity         | No known effect   |
| Reproductive Hazards | No known effect   |

**12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) : | 0.04    |
| Global Warming Potential (GWP) :  | 0.1     |
| Atmospheric Lifetime (AL) :       | 7 years |

**13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Disposal Methods** Small amounts may be blown to the atmosphere under controlled conditions. Large amounts should only be handled by the gas supplier.

**Disposal of packaging** The disposal of cylinders must only be handled by the gas supplier.

**14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**
**ROAD TRANSPORTATION**

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| UN No.          | 3163                 |
| ERG No          | 126                  |
| Hazchem warning | 2C Non-flammable gas |

**SEA TRANSPORTATION**

|       |                   |
|-------|-------------------|
| IMDG  | 3163              |
| Class | 2.2               |
| Label | Non-flammable gas |

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**AIR TRANSPORTATION**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| ICAO/IATA Code           | 3163   |
| Class                    | 2.2    |
| Packaging instructions   |        |
| - Cargo                  | 200    |
| - Passenger              | 200    |
| Maximum quantity allowed |        |
| - Cargo                  | 150 kg |
| - Passenger              | 75 kg  |

**15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

EEC Hazard class Non-flammable  
 National legislation OHSact and Regulations 85 of 1993  
 Reference SANS 10234 and its supplement.

**16 OTHER INFORMATION**

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**17 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

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