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# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

The Dow Chemical Company

Product Name: DOWTHERM\* RP HEAT TRANSFER FLUID

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The Dow Chemical Company encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

# 1. Product and Company Identification

#### **Product Name**

DOWTHERM\* RP HEAT TRANSFER FLUID

#### **COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

The Dow Chemical Company 2030 Willard H. Dow Center Midland, MI 48674 USA

Customer Information Number: 800-258-2436

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER** 

**24-Hour Emergency Contact:** 989-636-4400 **Local Emergency Contact:** 989-636-4400

### 2. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview
Color: Colorless to yellow
Physical State: Liquid

Odor: Mild

Hazards of product:

WARNING! Prolonged exposure may cause skin burns. May cause eye irritation. May cause central nervous system effects. Aspiration hazard. Can enter lungs and cause damage. Isolate area. Keep upwind of spill. Highly toxic to fish and/or other aquatic organisms.

#### **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### **Potential Health Effects**

**Eye Contact:** May cause moderate eye irritation. Vapor or mist may cause eye irritation. Corneal injury is unlikely.

**Skin Contact:** Brief contact is essentially nonirritating to skin. Prolonged contact may cause skin burns. Symptoms may include pain, severe local redness, swelling, and tissue damage. Repeated exposure may cause irritation, even a burn.

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**Skin Absorption:** Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts. **Inhalation:** At room temperature, exposure to vapor is minimal due to low volatility. If material is heated or aerosol/mist is produced, concentrations may be attained that are sufficient to cause respiratory irritation and other effects. May cause central nervous system effects. Symptoms may include headache, dizziness and drowsiness, progressing to incoordination and unconsciousness. **Ingestion:** Low toxicity if swallowed. Small amounts swallowed incidentally as a result of normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury; however, swallowing larger amounts may cause injury. Aspiration into the lungs may occur during ingestion or vomiting, causing lung damage or even death due to chemical pneumonia.

# 3. Composition Information

| Component   | CAS#                    | Amount                 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-5-(1-phenylethyl)naphthalene 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-6-(1-phenylethyl)naphthalene | 60466-61-7<br>6196-98-1 | >= 85.0 %<br><= 15.0 % |

#### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes thoroughly with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses after the initial 1-2 minutes and continue flushing for several additional minutes. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with plenty of water.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration; if by mouth to mouth use rescuer protection (pocket mask, etc). If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Call a physician or transport to a medical facility.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician and/or transport to emergency facility immediately. **Notes to Physician:** The decision of whether to induce vomiting or not should be made by a physician. If lavage is performed, suggest endotracheal and/or esophageal control. Danger from lung aspiration must be weighed against toxicity when considering emptying the stomach. Maintain adequate ventilation and oxygenation of the patient. If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

# 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water fog or fine spray. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers. Foam. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Alcohol resistant foams (ATC type) are preferred. General purpose synthetic foams (including AFFF) or protein foams may function, but will be less effective.

**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire. Burning liquids may be moved by flushing with water to protect personnel and minimize property damage. Contain fire water run-off if possible. Fire water run-off, if not contained, may cause environmental damage. Review the "Accidental Release Measures" and the "Ecological Information" sections of this (M)SDS.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). Avoid contact with this material during fire fighting operations. If contact is likely, change to full chemical resistant fire fighting clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus. If this is not available, wear full chemical resistant clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus and fight fire from a remote location. For protective equipment in post-fire or non-fire clean-up situations, refer to the relevant sections.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot liquids. Liquid mist of this product can burn. Flammable concentrations of vapor can accumulate at temperatures above flash point; see Section 9. **Hazardous Combustion Products:** During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

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#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:** Small spills: Absorb with materials such as: Non-combustible material. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. Large spills: Contain spilled material if possible. Dike area to contain spill. Wash the spill site with large quantities of water. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** Isolate area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area. Keep upwind of spill. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Refer to Section 7, Handling, for additional precautionary measures. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information. Spills or discharge to natural waterways is likely to kill aquatic organisms.

# Handling and Storage

#### Handling

**General Handling:** Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid breathing vapor. Do not swallow. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed. Use with adequate ventilation. Spills of these organic materials on hot fibrous insulations may lead to lowering of the autoignition temperatures possibly resulting in spontaneous combustion. See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

#### Storage

Store in original container. Store away from incompatible materials. See STABILITY AND REACTIVITY section.

# 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### **Exposure Limits**

None established

#### **Personal Protection**

**Eye/Face Protection:** Use chemical goggles. If exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator.

**Skin Protection:** When prolonged or frequently repeated contact could occur, use protective clothing chemically resistant to this material. Selection of specific items such as faceshield, boots, apron, or full-body suit will depend on the task.

Hand protection: Use gloves chemically resistant to this material when prolonged or frequently repeated contact could occur. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Polyethylene. Ethyl vinyl alcohol laminate ("EVAL"). Polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA"). Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl"). Styrene/butadiene rubber. Viton. Examples of acceptable glove barrier materials include: Butyl rubber. Chlorinated polyethylene. Natural rubber ("latex"). Neoprene. Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR"). NOTICE: The selection of a specific glove for a particular application and duration of use in a workplace should also take into account all relevant workplace factors such as, but not limited to: Other chemicals which may be handled, physical requirements (cut/puncture protection, dexterity,

thermal protection), potential body reactions to glove materials, as well as the instructions/specifications provided by the glove supplier.

**Respiratory Protection:** Respiratory protection should be worn when there is a potential to exceed the exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, wear respiratory protection when adverse effects, such as respiratory irritation or discomfort have been experienced, or where indicated by your risk assessment process. For most conditions, no respiratory protection should be needed; however, if material is heated or sprayed, use an approved air-purifying respirator. The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Organic vapor cartridge with a particulate pre-filter.

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**Ingestion:** Avoid ingestion of even very small amounts; do not consume or store food or tobacco in the work area; wash hands and face before smoking or eating.

#### **Engineering Controls**

**Ventilation:** Use local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, general ventilation should be sufficient for most operations. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

# 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State Liquid

Color Colorless to yellow

Odor Mild

Flash Point - Closed Cup 194 °C (381 °F) Pensky-Martens Closed Cup ASTM D 93

Flammable Limits In Air Lower: 0.39 %(V) Literature Approximately

Autoignition TemperatureUpper: 4.59 %(V) Literature385 °C (725 °F) ASTM E659Vapor Pressure<= 1.0 mmHg @ 20 °C Literature</td>

**Boiling Point (760 mmHg)** 332 - 355 °C (630 - 671 °F) *Literature*.

Vapor Density (air = 1) Not available Specific Gravity (H2O = 1) 1.03 Literature

Freezing Point
-34 °C (-29 °F) Literature
Melting Point
-34 °C (-29 °F) Literature

34 °C (-29 °F) Literature

34 °C (-29 °F) Literature

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weight)

pH Not applicable
Octanol/Water Partition Not applicable
6.11 Estimated

Coefficient

Kinematic Viscosity 30.8 cSt @ 25 °C Literature

# 10. Stability and Reactivity

#### Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at typical use temperatures.

Conditions to Avoid: Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose.

Incompatible Materials: Avoid contact with oxidizing materials. Avoid contact with: Mineral acids.

#### **Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

#### **Thermal Decomposition**

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials.

# 11. Toxicological Information

#### **Acute Toxicity**

Ingestion

LD50, Rat > 2,000 mg/kg

**Skin Absorption** 

LD50, Rabbit > 2,000 mg/kg

Sensitization

Skin

Did not cause allergic skin reactions when tested in guinea pigs.

#### **Repeated Dose Toxicity**

Repeated skin application to laboratory animals did not produce systemic toxicity.

#### **Developmental Toxicity**

Did not cause birth defects or other effects in the fetus even at doses which caused toxic effects in the mother.

#### **Reproductive Toxicity**

In animal studies, did not interfere with reproduction.

#### **Genetic Toxicology**

In vitro genetic toxicity studies were negative.

### 12. Ecological Information

#### CHEMICAL FATE

#### **Movement & Partitioning**

Bioconcentration potential is high (BCF > 3000 or Log Pow between 5 and 7). Expected to be relatively immobile in soil (Koc > 5000).

Henry's Law Constant (H): 4.67E-4 atm\*m3/mole; 25 °C Estimated Partition coefficient, n-octanol/water (log Pow): 6.11 Estimated

Partition coefficient, soil organic carbon/water (Koc): > 5,000 Estimated

#### **Persistence and Degradability**

Material is expected to biodegrade only very slowly (in the environment). Fails to pass OECD/EEC tests for ready biodegradability. Material is inherently biodegradable (reaches > 20% biodegradation in OECD test(s) for inherent biodegradability).

#### **OECD Biodegradation Tests:**

| Biodegradation | Exposure Time | Method         |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 6 %            |               | OECD 301B Test |
| > 40 %         |               | OECD 302B Test |

#### **ECOTOXICITY**

Material is very highly toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC50/EC50 <0.1 mg/L in most sensitive species).

### Fish Acute & Prolonged Toxicity

LC50, rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss), 48 h: > 1,000 mg/l

# **Aquatic Invertebrate Acute Toxicity**

LC50, water flea Daphnia magna, 48 h: 0.0225 mg/l

#### **Aquatic Plant Toxicity**

EC50, green alga Selenastrum capricornutum, biomass growth inhibition, 96 h: > 0.07 mg/l

#### **Toxicity to Micro-organisms**

, OECD 209 Test; activated sludge: 0.062 mg/l

# 13. Disposal Considerations

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DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal practices must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. DOW HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION: Composition Information. FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: Reclaimer. Incinerator or other thermal destruction device. As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customer Information Group at 1-800-258-2436 or 1-989-832-1556 (U.S.), or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada) for further details.

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# 14. Transport Information

#### **DOT Non-Bulk**

**NOT REGULATED** 

#### **DOT Bulk**

**NOT REGULATED** 

#### **IMDG**

**NOT REGULATED** 

#### ICAO/IATA

NOT REGULATED

This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.

# 15. Regulatory Information

#### **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

# Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Sections 311 and 312

Immediate (Acute) Health HazardYesDelayed (Chronic) Health HazardNoFire HazardNoReactive HazardNoSudden Release of Pressure HazardNo

# Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Section 313

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

# Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Hazardous Substances List and/or Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance List:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

# Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substances List:

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To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

#### California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)

This product contains no listed substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, at levels which would require a warning under the statute.

#### **US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30. This product contains a substance subject to a TSCA Section 5(a)(2) Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) and export notification under TSCA 12(b). The SNUR is described in 40 CFR 721.5225 and requires the following Hazard Communication information: This substance may be toxic to fish and toxic to aquatic organisms. Notice to users: Disposal restrictions apply, do not release to water.

#### **CEPA - Domestic Substances List (DSL)**

All substances contained in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

#### 16. Other Information

**Hazard Rating System** 

NFPA Health Fire Reactivity

#### **Recommended Uses and Restrictions**

Intended as a heat transfer fluid for closed-loop systems. Dow recommends that you use this product in a manner consistent with the listed use. If your intended use is not consistent with Dow's stated use, please contact Dow's Customer Information Group.

#### Revision

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#### Legend

| N/A          | Not available   |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| W/W          | Weight/Weight   |  |
| OEL          | Occupational Exposure Limit   |  |
| STEL         | Short Term Exposure Limit   |  |
| TWA          | Time Weighted Average   |  |
| ACGIH        | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.                     |  |
| DOW IHG      | Dow Industrial Hygiene Guideline  |  |
| WEEL         | Workplace Environmental Exposure Level  |  |
| HAZ_DES      | Hazard Designation  |  |
| Action Level | evel A value set by OSHA that is lower than the PEL which will trigger the need for |  |
|              | activities such as exposure monitoring and medical surveillance if exceeded.        |  |

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