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# Forane<sup>®</sup> FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent Technical Profile



## INTRODUCTION

Energy is critical for the economy. In recent years, concerns about energy costs have increased, and standards for energy efficiency have become more stringent to ensure quality of life and sustain a green environment.

Of the energy we consume today, a significant amount is lost due to poor insulation. Rigid foams, including polyurethane (PUR) foams and polyisocyanurate (PIR) foams, are commonly used for thermal insulation in appliances and in residential and commercial buildings because they help provide higher energy efficiency. Blowing agents are vital components and are responsible for the outstanding thermal performance rigid foams.

Arkema's Forane® FBA1233zd, trans-1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropene is a non-flammable, liquid blowing agent with a boiling point close to room temperature. Forane® FBA1233zd low global warming potential (GWP) blowing agent is designed for most PUR applications, including appliances, pour-in-place, spray, and PIR boardstock. Arkema has granted patents on 1233zd use in Foam applications throughout the world.

## PROPERTIES

Arkema evaluated a range of new blowing agents, formerly known as the "AFA series," designed for most polyurethane (PUR) applications, including appliances, pour-in-place (PIP), spray, and polyisocyanurate (PIR) boardstock. The AFA series includes both liquid and gas blowing agents that possess very low GWP and negligible ozone depletion potential. We selected Forane® FBA1233zd as our choice of a 4th generation, low GWP liquid blowing agent because of its physical, environmental, and toxicology properties, as summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

**TABLE 1 Properties of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent**

Chemical Name	<i>trans</i> -1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropene
CAS Number	102687-65-0
Formula	CHCl=CH-CF <sub>3</sub> (E)
Molecular Weight (g/mol)	130.5
Boiling Point (°C/°F)	18.6/65.5
Vapor Thermal Conductivity <sup>1</sup> (mW/m.K/BTU in ft <sup>2</sup> hr°F) at 20°C/68°F	9.94/0.0689
Liquid Thermal Conductivity <sup>1</sup> (mW/m.K/BTU in ft <sup>2</sup> hr°F) at 20°C/68°F	88.35/0.6127
Vapor Density <sup>1</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) at 20°C/68°F	6.10
Liquid Density <sup>1</sup> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) at 20°C/68°F	1.27
Vapor Pressure <sup>1</sup> (mmHg) at 20°C/68°F	809
Vapor Viscosity <sup>1</sup> (cP) at 20°C/68°F	0.010
Liquid Viscosity <sup>1</sup> (cP) at 20°C/68°F	0.319
Surface Tension <sup>1</sup> (dyne/cm) at 20°C/68°F	14.039
Latent Heat of Vaporization at <sup>1</sup> 20°C/68°F (kJ/kg/BTU/lb)	193.3/83.1
Atmospheric Life <sup>2</sup> (day)	26
GWP <sup>2</sup>	1
ODP <sup>3</sup>	~ 0
Flash Point <sup>4</sup> (°C)	None
Flammability Limit <sup>5</sup> (vol. %) LFL/UFL	None/None
Kauri-Butanol <sup>6</sup> (KB) Value	27

**TABLE 2 Regulatory Information of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent**

US EPA SNAP status	Approved
US TSCA chemical inventory status	Listed

## TRANSPORTATION

Based on the properties of Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent, Arkema has established the following guidelines for transport (Table 3).

**TABLE 3 Transportation Information of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent**

UN Number	3163
Proper shipping name	Liquefied gas, n.o.s
Technical name	<i>trans</i> -1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropene
Class	2.2
Marine pollutant	no

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent was designed to meet the requirement of a 4th generation, low GWP product. The global warming potential<sup>2</sup> of Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent is 1. Similar to hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent should not be considered a VOC molecule due to its low maximum incremental reactivity (MIR). However, as a member of RESPONSIBLE CARE®, Arkema aims to minimize any releases into the environment. Any disposal or treatment of wastes containing Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent should be undertaken within the guidelines set by RESPONSIBLE CARE®.

## TOXICITY

Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent has been approved for polyurethane foam uses by the U.S. EPA under its SNAP program. As a part of the SNAP requirements, an Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) has been established for handling the material during foam preparation or manufacturing. A user of a chemical should always read the label and thoroughly review its Safety Data Sheet before use.

## STABILITY

Forane® FBA1233zd was studied at 100°C for 15 days, no chemical reaction or degradation was observed. It is therefore considered stable for storage and use.

## COMPATIBILITY WITH METALS

The exposure of various metals to Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent was evaluated; measuring the weight change or the extent to which the metal coupons have been dissolved determines the corrosivity of Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent. The study shows that Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent is compatible with stainless steel, carbon steel, copper, brass, aluminum, and other metals commonly used in polyurethane equipment and storage.

The test procedure followed ASTM G31-72 (Reapproved 2004) – Standard Practice for Laboratory Immersion Corrosion Testing of Metals. Three cleaned metal coupons were placed into the test vessel: one completely submerged in the solution, one half submerged in the solution, and one exposed only to the vapor phase. Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent was added to the test vessel, which was then sealed and connected to the reflux condenser. Once the temperature reached the boiling point of Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent, testing continued for 168 hours, after which the coupons were analyzed for corrosion.

TABLE 4 Metals Compatibility of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent	
METAL	COMPATIBILITY
Steel	✓
Stainless steel	✓
Magnesium	✓
Aluminum	✓
Zinc	✓
Silver	✓
Copper	✓
Phosphorus bronze	✓
Brass	✓
Tin	✓
Solder	✓
Tin plate	✓
Cadmium plated	✓
Nickel plated	✓

## COMPATIBILITY WITH PLASTICS AND ELASTOMERS

Arkema used the following procedures to determine compatibility of Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent with plastics and elastomers. Three dog-bone shaped samples were prepared from each of the materials shown just in tables 5 and 6; typical dimensions of the dog-bone were 75 mm x 4 mm x 2 mm (length x width x thickness). Each piece was introduced into a test tube filled with Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent. The tube was sealed and placed in a water bath kept at a temperature slightly above the boiling point of Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent for 5 minutes, 24 hours, or 100 hours. At the end of each designated time period, the elastomer or plastic was removed from the test tube and measured for dimensions and weight. The sample was then subjected to a tensile test with crosshead speed of 50 mm/min and the distance between grips set at 30 mm.

TABLE 5 Plastics Compatibility of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent	
PLASTICS	COMPATIBILITY
PBT (polybutylene terephthalate)	✓
PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene)	✓
PVC	✓
Zytel® (polyamide 6)	✓

All four plastic substrates tested are compatible with Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent.

TABLE 6 Elastomer Compatibility of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent	
ELASTOMER	COMPATIBILITY
Neoprene	✓
Polyacrylate	
Viton® (Fluoroelastomer)	
EPDM (ethylene propylene diene M-class rubber)	✓
Hypalon® (chlorosulfonated polyethylene)	✓
Natural rubber	
Silicone rubber	
SBR (styrene-butadiene rubber)	✓
NBR (nitrile butadiene rubber)	✓

HFO1233zd blowing agent is compatible with neoprene, EPDM, Hypalon, SBR and NPR. It is not recommended to be in contact with polyacrylate, Viton®, natural rubber, and silicone rubber. Among the compatible elastomers, EPDM is preferred due to its lowest loss of weight after 100 hours of immersion in Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent.

## STORAGE AND HANDLING

Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent should only be stored in an approved cylinder that is in a cool and well ventilated area. If Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent needs to be repacked into any vessel different from the original shipping package Arkema's Technical Service Department should be contacted in advance to ensure the new container meets all requirements. The container and its outlet fitting(s) should be protected from physical damage, such as puncturing and denting, and should never be exposed to flame, excessive heat, or direct sunlight. The container valve(s) should be closed if the container is not in use.

Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent should not be pressurized in the presence of air and oxygen. If pressurization is necessary, it is recommended that dry nitrogen be used.

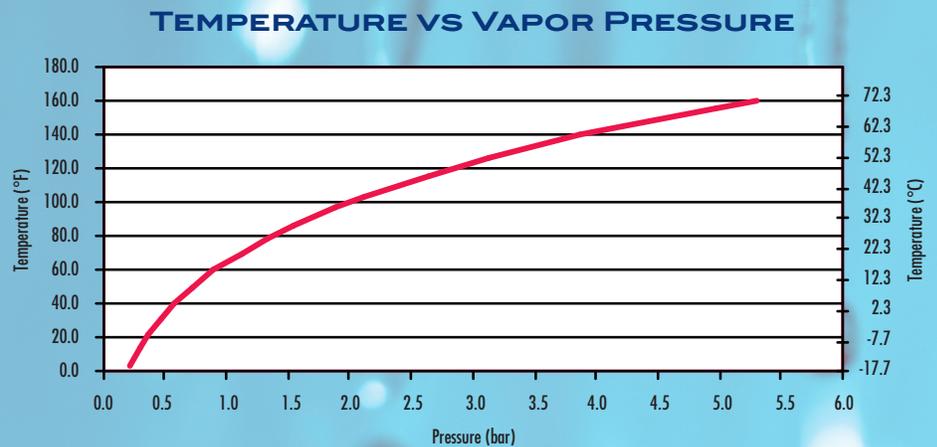
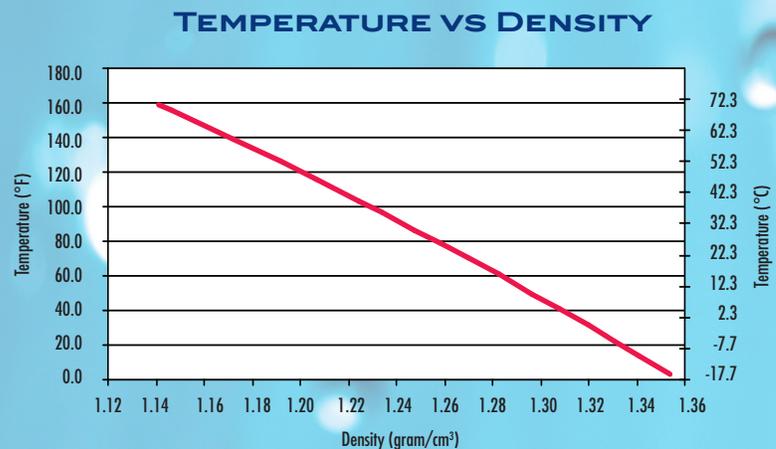
If any additional information is needed, please contact the Arkema Inc. Technical Service Department.

**TABLE 7****Vapor Pressure of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent at Different Temperatures**

TEMPERATURE		PRESSURE
(°C)	(°F)	(bar)
-15	5	0.23
-10	14	0.30
-5	23	0.38
0	32	0.48
5	41	0.59
10	50	0.73
15	59	0.89
20	68	1.08
25	77	1.30
30	86	1.55
35	95	1.83
40	104	2.16
45	113	2.53
50	122	2.94
55	131	3.40
60	140	3.92
65	149	4.50
70	158	5.13

**TABLE 8****Density Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent at Different Temperatures**

TEMPERATURE		DENSITY
(°C)	(°F)	(gram/cm <sup>3</sup> )
-15	5	1.35
-10	14	1.34
-5	23	1.33
0	32	1.32
5	41	1.31
10	50	1.30
15	59	1.28
20	68	1.27
25	77	1.26
30	86	1.25
35	95	1.24
40	104	1.22
45	113	1.21
50	122	1.20
55	131	1.18
60	140	1.17
65	149	1.16
70	158	1.14

**FIGURE 1 Temperature (°F/°C) vs. Vapor Pressure of Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent****FIGURE 2 Temperature (°F/°C) vs. Density of Forane® FBA 1233zd blowing agent****APPLICATION**

Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent is a cost effective and comprehensive solution to meet stricter energy standards with low environmental impact. It has been tested in applications such as, but not limited to, appliance, pour-in-place, panels, and spray foam using existing equipment and tooling and requiring no modifications to the current foam process. Foams blown with Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent typically have very good insulation and other properties.

## MISCIBILITY

Table 9 lists the various polyols and isocyanates examined for miscibility with Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent. Blends were prepared by adding a predetermined weight of polyol to a 125ml (~4 oz.) clear Boston Round bottle with Taparseal lined cap. Forane® FBA1233zd blowing agent was then added to the appropriate weight of polyol to obtain 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 weight percent of blowing agent, i.e. one bottle for each polyol and weight percent level of blowing agent. Weights of both components were adjusted in order to maintain a similar volume and headspace in each bottle. Bottles were immediately capped and placed on a roller mixer for several minutes until thoroughly mixed. The blends were allowed to stand for 24 hours before being reweighed to ensure no loss of blowing agent. Visual observations were made of the blend condition, i.e., stable solution (clear), stable emulsion (cloudy, but not separated), or if the material showed signs of separation. Observations were repeated after one week at room temperature.

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**TABLE 9 Miscibility Forane® FBA 1233zd Blowing Agent in Polyols and Isocyanates**

	OH value*	Viscosity**	Maximum wt%***
<b>Glycerine based polyether polyols</b>			
Carpol® GP-700	230-250	250	30
Carpol® GP-725	230-250	250	30
Carpol® GP-4000	39-42	700	30
Carpol® GP-4520	34-38	890	30
<b>Amine based polyether polyols</b>			
Carpol® TEAP-265	625-645	470	30
Carpol® EDAP-770	757-783	56,000	30
Jeffol® AD-310	310	2400	30
<b>Sucrose based polyether polyols</b>			
Jeffol® SG-360	360	3500	30
Jeffol® SD-361	360	2500	30
Jeffol® SG-522	520	27,000	30
Voranol® 490	490	5500	30
Carpol® SPA-357	335-365	2500	30
<b>Mannich based polyether polyols</b>			
Jeffol® R-425X	425	4500	30
Jeffol® R-470X	470	8200	30
<b>Sorbitol based polyether polyols</b>			
Jeffol® S-490	490	9000	30
<b>Aromatic Polyester polyols</b>			
Terate® 5100	295	6000	20
Terate® 2541	240	3200	30
Terate® 3510	240	6000	30
Stepanpol® PS-2352	240	3000	20
Terol® TR-925	295-315	11,000	30
<b>Polymeric MDI</b>			
Rubinate® M	31.2	190	30
Papi™ 580N	30.8	700	30

\* Per manufactures' literature

\*\* Centipoise at 25°C per manufacturer's literature

\*\*\* Maximum level tested

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