

Cost-Effective Replacements for HCFC-141b in Panel Insulation

Honeywell, Blowing Agent Technology Leader for 70+ Years

Honeywell has been at the forefront of blowing agent technology for decades, first offering chlorofluorocarbons like CFC-11, followed by HCFC-141b.

Honeywell's Enovate® 245fa (HFC-245fa), part of the third-generation hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), has long been considered a standard in the foam insulation industry. It has a global-warming-potential (GWP) of 858.

In 2014, Honeywell introduced Solstice® Liquid Blowing Agent (HFO-1233zd(E)), based on hydrofluoro-olefin (HFO) technology, which retained all the positive attributes of Enovate 245fa, but boasts a GWP of 1, which is 99.9 percent lower than HFCs and equal to carbon dioxide.

Cost-Effective Solutions, Available Today, Offer Equal or Better Performance

Honeywell has tested the following blowing agents for panel foam insulation to replace HCFC-141b. Review the information below to evaluate the results and find the solution that best matches your requirements.

Thermal Conductivity of Foam with Various Blowing Agents

	HCFC- 141b	Solstice® LBA	Enovate® 245fa	Cyclo-pentane (CP)	65/35 LBA/CP	85/15 LBA/n-pentane	95/5 245fa/methyl formate (MF)	60/40 245fa/CP
λ (mW/mK)								
4°C	18.32	18.20	18.86	20.48	18.79	18.91	19.11	19.66
24°C	19.93	20.49	21.28	22.38	20.79	21.17	21.42	21.93
Flammability*	Nonflammable	Nonflammable	Nonflammable	Flammable	Flammable	Flammable	Nonflammable**	Flammable

Based on generic formulations. Results will vary by formulation. Note: Blend ratios are shown as weight percent.

* Flammability test methods: OSHA 29CFR1910.1200/DOT 49CFR173.120 were used for all samples except the 245fa/MF blend (95/5) which used ASTM procedure D 3278

** Like any non-azeotropic blend of a flammable and a nonflammable fluid, the blend can become flammable if the nonflammable material evaporates from the mixture

- 65/35 weight % LBA/CP has similar performance to Solstice LBA
- At room temperature, 60/40 weight % Enovate 245fa/CP performs almost as well as neat Enovate 245fa
- Dimensional stability is comparable or better than HCFC-141b for all samples at -29°C, 90°C and 70°C/95% relative humidity
- The table above is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Other co-blowing agent options are available such as methylal, isopentane, and pentane mixtures

Global Environmental Treaty Mandates Product Phaseout

As defined by the Montreal Protocol, Article V countries are being required to phase out their use of HCFC blowing agents, such as HCFC-141b.

In October 2016, delegates to The Montreal Protocol agreed in Kigali, Rwanda to an historic amendment that adds high-GWP HFCs to the Protocol and establishes schedules for their phase down in developed and developing countries.

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