

## 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43

### Product description

3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43 is a clear, colorless, fully-fluorinated liquid. Like other Fluorinert electronic liquids, Fluorinert liquid FC-43 is thermally and chemically stable, compatible with sensitive materials, nonflammable, demonstrates low toxicity and leaves essentially no residue upon evaporation. This unique combination of properties makes Fluorinert liquid FC-43 ideal for many electronics applications, including many electronic quality and reliability tests.

With a boiling point of 174°C, Fluorinert liquid FC-43 is ideal for use in liquid burn-in testing, environmental stress screening and some vapor phase soldering processes. It conforms to Military Specification 883 as an indicator fluid in gross leak testing and as the hot fluid for thermal shock testing.

The wide liquid range of Fluorinert liquid FC-43 makes it an ideal heat transfer fluid. Its inert nature allows for use as a reaction medium.

### Typical physical properties

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Properties	3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43
Appearance	Clear, colorless
Average Molecular Weight	670 (g/mol)
Boiling Point (@ 1 atm)	174 °C (345.2°F)
Pour Point	-50 °C (-58°F)
Calculated Critical Temperature	294 (°C)
Calculated Critical Pressure	1.13 x 10 <sup>6</sup> (pa)
Vapor Pressure	192 (pa)
Latent Heat of Vaporization (at normal boiling point)	70 (J/g)
Liquid Density	1860 (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Kinematic Viscosity	2.5 (cSt)
Absolute Viscosity	4.7 (cP)
Liquid Specific Heat	1100 (J kg <sup>-1</sup> °C <sup>-1</sup> )
Liquid Thermal Conductivity	0.065 (W m <sup>-1</sup> °C <sup>-1</sup> )
Coefficient of Expansion	0.0012 (°C <sup>-1</sup> )
Surface Tension	16 (dynes/cm)
Refractive Index	1.29
Ozone Depletion Potential	0
Flash Point	None

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## Typical Electrical Properties

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Properties	3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43
Dielectric Strength (0.1" gap)	42 (kV)
Dielectric Constant (@ 1 kHz)	1.9
Electrical Resistivity (ASTM D-257)	$3.4 \times 10^{15}$ (ohm cm)

## Heat Transfer Properties

The following formulas can be used to calculate the specific heat, thermal conductivity, density and vapor pressure of 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43 at various temperatures.

$$\text{Specific Heat (J kg}^{-1} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}) = 1014 + 1.554 (T, ^{\circ}\text{C})$$

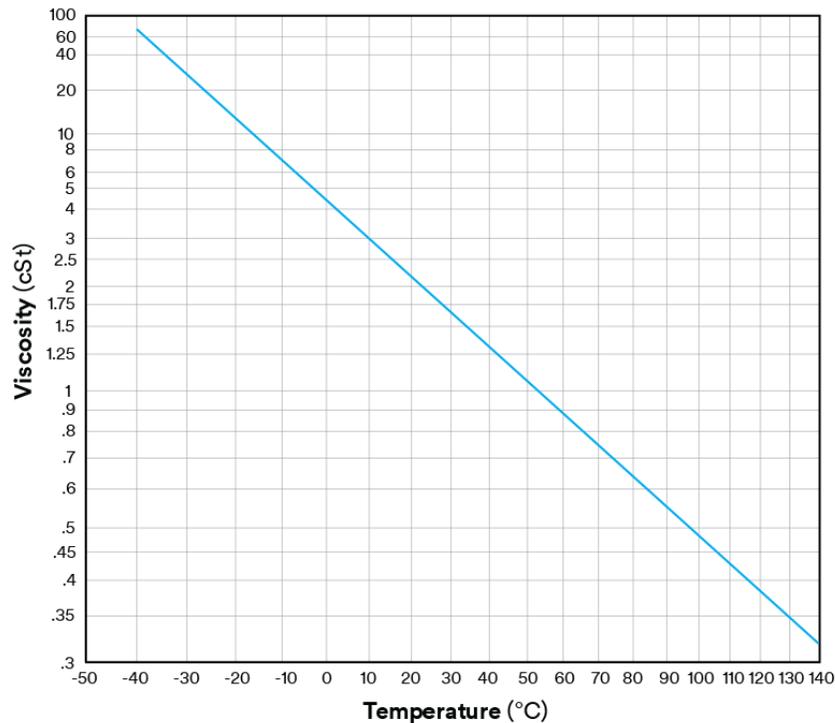
$$\text{Thermal Conductivity (W m}^{-1} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}) = 0.067 - 0.00007 (T, ^{\circ}\text{C})$$

$$\text{Density (kg/m}^3) = 1913 - 2.18 (T, ^{\circ}\text{C})$$

$$\text{Log}_{10} (\text{Vapor Pressure (pascals)}) = 10.511 - (2453/(T, \text{K}))$$

The following graph can be used to determine the viscosity of Fluorinert liquid FC-43 over the indicated temperature range.

3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43 Viscosity vs. Temperature



## Materials compatibility

Fluorinert liquid FC-43 is compatible with most metals, plastics and elastomers. Contact 3M for more information.

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## Storage and shelf life

The shelf life of 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43 is 36 months from the date of manufacture when stored in the original packaging materials and stored at 21°C (70°F) and 50% relative humidity.

## Toxicity profile

Not for specification purposes.

Fluorinert liquid FC-43 is virtually non-irritating to the eyes and skin. The product also demonstrates very low toxicity and was not mutagenic in the Ames assay. A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is available from [www.3m.com/SDS](http://www.3m.com/SDS).

## Safety and handling

Before using this product, please thoroughly read the current product SDS and label, following all applicable safety precautions described therein (e.g., recommended storage and safe handling, appropriate exposure controls and personal protective equipment (PPE), addressing accidental spills, disposal considerations, etc.). 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-43 is nonflammable and is resistant to thermal breakdown and hydrolysis during typical use and storage.

## Environmental properties

Fluorinert liquid FC-43 has zero ozone depletion potential. Additionally, this product has negligible photochemical reactivity and therefore it does not appreciably contribute to ground-level smog formation. As such, it is not defined or regulated by the U.S. EPA as a volatile organic compound (VOC).

As a perfluorocarbon (PFC), this product has a high global warming potential and a long atmospheric lifetime. As such, its use should be carefully managed to minimize emissions.

3M recommends that users of Fluorinert liquid FC-43 further limit emissions by employing good conservation practices, and by implementing recovery, recycling and/or proper disposal procedures. In general, 3M recommends that Fluorinert-branded liquids be disposed of by incineration at a permitted industrial waste facility capable of handling halogenated materials, in accordance with all applicable local, regional, national, and/or international regulations. See product SDS for further details. 3M also offers a Used Fluid Disposal Program.

## Recycle and Disposal Options

### Used Fluid Disposal Program

As part of 3M's commitment to product stewardship and customer service, we offer the 3M Used Fluid Disposal Program for free pickup of used 3M fluids in the U.S. This program is provided through Clean Harbors Environmental Services. Working with Clean Harbors will ensure that your used 3M fluids will be managed properly and responsibly. A minimum of 30 gallons of used 3M fluid is required for participation in this free program. Amounts of less than 30 gallons will be at your own expense and will be determined based upon quantity and approved profile of waste.

For additional information on the 3M Used Fluid Disposal Program, send an email to [3Musedfluid@cleanharbors.com](mailto:3Musedfluid@cleanharbors.com).

## Resources

For more information on 3M Fluorinert products or to contact a 3M representative, visit [3M.com/electronics](http://3M.com/electronics).

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