

→ Natural refrigerants

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Cool by nature.

Natural refrigerants for a cleaner tomorrow.

Cool by nature. Meet environmental regulations with natural refrigerants.

Thanks to our long track record of technical expertise, BOC is able to provide our customers with far-reaching benefits while protecting the environment. We have committed ourselves to the responsible use of natural resources, the development of clean technologies and the replacement of harmful substances with eco-friendly alternatives.

Whether your application is air conditioning, commercial refrigeration, process chilling or heat extraction, we can help you meet environmental regulations.

Our range of high quality natural refrigerants can provide you with a cost efficient solution that perfectly suits your requirements. It's a natural choice.

Introduction

Natural refrigerants are chemicals which occur in nature's bio-chemical processes and can be used as cooling agents in refrigerators and air conditioners. They do not deplete the ozone layer and make negligible (or zero) contribution to global warming. Their high efficiency also means that they make a lower indirect contribution to global warming than many fluorocarbon refrigerants.

The benefits of natural refrigerants

Regulatory compliance: In many countries, the use and availability of HCFCs and HFCs are controlled by legislation due to their environmental impact. Natural refrigerants, by contrast, are not subject to the Montreal Protocol, the Kyoto Protocol or other related local environmental legislation.

Long-term viability: Natural refrigerants have been used since the 19th century. They are neither subject to future phase out controls nor is it likely that they will be subject to future legislation.

Low environmental impact: They have zero ODP and minimal GWP. In comparison, commonly used HCFCs and HFCs have a GWP varying from hundreds to thousands.

High performance: They have excellent thermodynamic properties.

Cost competitiveness: The use of natural refrigerants generally leads to lower operating costs due to less leakage, lower maintenance requirements and better energy efficiency.

Compatibility: Natural refrigerants work well with commonly used oils and other fluids. **Please note that they are not generally suitable for retrofitting into existing systems.**

The choice is yours

BOC offers a comprehensive range of natural refrigerants as well as traditional fluorocarbon refrigerants to the refrigeration and air conditioning industry. We provide packages from laboratory samples to 15-tonne bulk deliveries.

Natural refrigerants

- R717 (ammonia)
- R744 (CO₂)
- Hydrocarbon refrigerants

Fluorocarbon refrigerants

- HCFCs, HFCs and fourth-generation HFOs



Natural refrigerants ensure a top score in environmental performance – for ice rinks and many other applications.



Reliability at home: Natural refrigerants keep food fresh and tasty.

Quality, safety and innovation

Impurities such as moisture can have a significantly negative impact on the efficiency of the refrigerant. We therefore ensure that our products and packages meet or exceed the highest quality and safety standards through tight quality controls. All our sites supplying liquid CO₂ are certified to ISO 9001.

Natural refrigerants have some different chemical properties than fluorocarbon refrigerants and require adequate safety measures. Our highly experienced experts are on hand to provide advice on how to handle our products in the safest way. They can also help you with your product choice, offering guidance on regulatory matters, product details and applications.

Through our strong focus on innovation, we stay on top of the latest developments. We are able to continually provide you with state of the art products, packages and engineering solutions that increase the efficiency and profitability of your application.

R717 ammonia (NH₃)

Environmentally friendly: zero ODP, zero GWP

- Excellent thermodynamic properties and low energy requirements; often acknowledged as the most efficient refrigerant
- Mildly toxic and flammable with a pungent odour
- Applications: large air conditioning systems (chillers), commercial refrigeration, chilled storage, food freezing, brewing, industrial heat extraction, ice rinks etc.

R744 Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

- Environmentally friendly: zero ODP, GWP=1
- Excellent thermodynamic properties and low energy requirements
- Often used as a secondary refrigerant along with ammonia, thereby opening up applications where ammonia as a single stage refrigerant would not be applicable
- Non flammable, mildly toxic, asphyxiant in high concentrations and odourless
- Applications: static and mobile air conditioning systems, chilled warehousing, commercial refrigeration, chill cabinets and vending machines, industrial heat extraction, process chilling, low and ultra low temperature applications

Hydrocarbon refrigerants

- Wide range of high performance hydrocarbon refrigerants including R600a (isobutane), R290 (propane), R1150 (ethylene), R1270 (propylene) and blends of these products
- Environmentally friendly: zero ODP, GWP<20 (relative to CO₂=1)
- Flammable and non toxic
- Applications: industrial and domestic air conditioning systems, domestic appliances, commercial and industrial refrigeration, chill cabinets and vending machines, heat pumps, low and ultra low temperature applications

BOC – turning ideas into solutions

BOC is a member of The Linde Group, the leading global gases and engineering company. BOC is the UK's largest provider of industrial, specialist and medical gases, as well as related products and services. As a leader in the application of technology, we are constantly looking for new ways to provide our customers with high quality products and innovative solutions.

At BOC we help our customers to create added value, clearly discernible competitive advantage and hence greater profitability. To achieve this we have a comprehensive range of products and services, and technical support which can be customised to meet the individual requirements of our clients.

To keep ahead of the competition in today's market, you need a partner for whom quality, service, process and productivity optimisation are an integral part of customer support. We are there for you and with you, helping to build your success.

BOC's reputation has been forged through partnerships – with customers, with relevant regulatory authorities and with key suppliers. In this way, we deliver comprehensive and consistent benefits to you.

BOC – world-leading knowledge and resources adapted to local requirements.

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