



# Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72

Product  
Information

## Introduction

3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72 is a clear, colorless, fully-fluorinated liquid. Like other Fluorinert electronic liquids, Fluorinert liquid FC-72 is thermally and chemically stable, compatible with sensitive materials, nonflammable, practically non-toxic and leaves essentially no residue upon evaporation. This unique combination of properties makes Fluorinert liquid FC-72 ideal for many electronics applications, including quality and reliability testing.

Fluorinert liquid FC-72 conforms to Military Specification 883 as a detector fluid in a vacuum/pressure vessel used in gross leak testing. Its inert nature makes FC-72 liquid a useful reaction medium.

## Physical Properties

Not for specification  
purposes

All values determined  
at 25°C unless  
otherwise specified

Properties	FC-72
Appearance	Clear, colorless
Average Molecular Weight	338
Boiling Point (1 atm)	56°C
Pour Point	-90°C
Estimated Critical Temperature	449 K
Estimated Critical Pressure	1.83 x 10 <sup>6</sup> pascals
Vapor Pressure	30.9 x 10 <sup>3</sup> pascals
Latent Heat of Vaporization (at normal boiling point)	88 J/g
Liquid Density	1680 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Kinematic Viscosity	0.38 centistokes
Absolute Viscosity	0.64 centipoise
Liquid Specific Heat	1100 J kg <sup>-1</sup> C <sup>-1</sup>
Liquid Thermal Conductivity	0.057 W m <sup>-1</sup> °C <sup>-1</sup>
Coefficient of Expansion	0.00156 °C <sup>-1</sup>
Surface Tension	10 dynes/cm
Refractive Index	1.251
Water Solubility	10 ppmw
Solubility in Water	<5 ppmw
Ozone Depletion Potential	0

Properties	FC-72
Dielectric Strength	38 kV, 0.1" gap
Dielectric Constant	1.75
Electrical Resistivity	1.0 x 10 <sup>15</sup> ohm cm

## Heat Transfer Properties

The following formulas can be used to calculate the specific heat, thermal conductivity and density of 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72 at various temperatures.

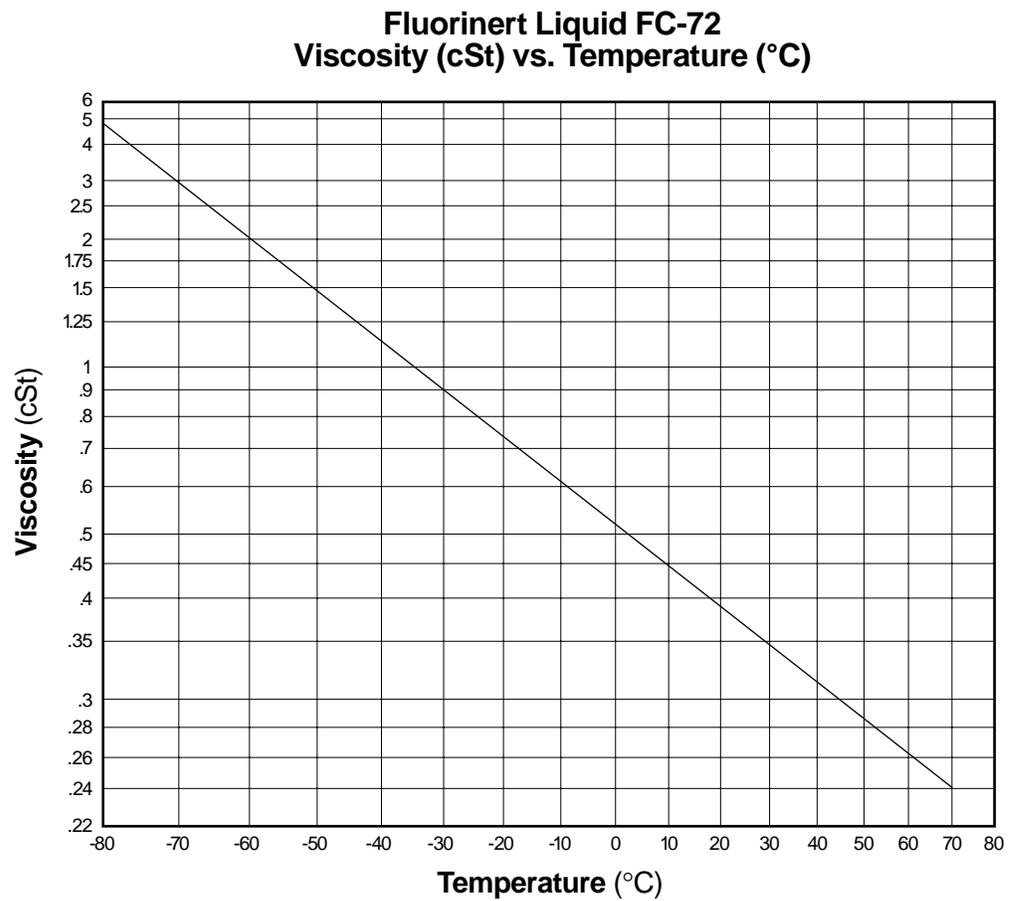
$$\text{Specific Heat (J kg}^{-1} \text{ C}^{-1}) = 1014 + 1.554 (T, \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\text{Thermal Conductivity (W m}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}) = 0.060 - 0.00011 (T, \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\text{Density (kg/m}^3) = 1740 - 2.61 (T, \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\text{Log}_{10}(\text{Vapor Pressure (pascals)}) = 9.729 - (1562/(T, \text{ K}))$$

The following graph can be used to determine the viscosity of Fluorinert liquid FC-72 over the indicated temperature range.



## 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72 Materials Compatibility

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3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72 is compatible with most metals, plastics and elastomers.

## Toxicity Profile

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Fluorinert liquid FC-72 is non-irritating to the eyes and skin, and is practically non-toxic orally. The product also demonstrates very low acute and sub-chronic inhalation toxicity. It is not a mutagen (ames) or a cardiac sensitizer. A Material Safety Data Sheet is available upon request.

## Safety and Handling

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Before using this product, please read the current product Material Safety Data Sheet (available through your 3M sales or technical service representative) and the precautionary statement on the product package. Follow all applicable precautions and directions. Fluorinert liquid FC-72 is nonflammable, and is highly resistant to thermal breakdown and hydrolysis in storage and during use. Recommended handling procedures are given in the Material Safety Data Sheet.

## Environmental Properties

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Fluorinert liquid FC-72 has zero ozone depletion potential. The material is exempt from the U.S. EPA and most State definitions of a volatile organic compound (VOC), and does not contribute to ground-level smog formation.

Fluorinert liquid FC-72, a perfluorocarbon (PFC), has a high global warming potential and a long atmospheric lifetime. As such, it should be carefully managed so as to minimize emissions.

3M recommends that users of FC-72 liquid further limit emissions by employing good conservation practices, and by implementing recovery, recycling and/or proper disposal procedures. 3M offers a program for used fluid return.

## Environmental Policy

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3M will recognize and exercise its responsibility to:

- prevent pollution at the source wherever and whenever possible
- develop products that will have a minimal effect on the environment
- conserve natural resources through the use of reclamation and other appropriate methods
- assure that its facilities and products meet and sustain the regulations of all Federal, State and local environmental agencies
- assist, wherever possible, governmental agencies and other official organizations engaged in environmental activities

## 3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72 Used Fluid Return Program

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3M offers a program for free pickup and return of used 3M Specialty Materials in the U.S. through Safety-Kleen Corporation. A pre-negotiated handling agreement between users and this service provider offers users broad protection against future liability for used 3M product. The fluid return program is covered by independent third-party financial and environmental audits of treatment, storage and disposal facilities. Necessary documentation is provided. A minimum of 30 gallons of used 3M Specialty Materials is required for participation in this free program.

Safety-Kleen Corporation has a network of 156 branch service centers in the U.S. This large fleet will provide timely, economical fluid disposal service.

For additional information on the 3M Used Fluid Return Program, contact Safety-Kleen Corporation at this toll-free line: 1.888.932.2731.

## Resources

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3M™ Fluorinert™ Electronic Liquid FC-72 customers are supported by global sales, technical and customer sales resources, with fully staffed technical service laboratories in the U.S., Europe, Japan, Latin America and Southeast Asia. Users benefit from 3M's broad technology base and continuing attention to product development, performance, safety and environmental issues.

For other 3M global offices and additional information on Fluorinert electronic liquid FC-72 in the U.S., call 3M Performance Materials, 800.833.5045, or visit our web site at: [www.3m.com/fluids](http://www.3m.com/fluids)

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