



DOWTHERM A

Synthetic Organic Heat Transfer Fluid — Liquid and Vapor Phase Data

DOWTHERM* A heat transfer fluid is a eutectic mixture of two very stable compounds, biphenyl (C₁₂H₁₀) and diphenyl oxide (C₁₂H₁₀O). These compounds have practically the same vapor pressures, so the mixture can be handled as if it were a single compound. DOWTHERM A fluid may be used in systems employing either liquid phase or vapor phase heating.

Recommended use temperature range:

Liquid phase: 15°C (60°F) to

400°C (750°F)

Vapor phase: 257°C (495°F) to

400°C (750°F)

Suitable applications: Indirect heat transfer

For health and safety information for this product, contact your Dow sales representative or call the number for your area on the second page of this sheet for a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

Typical Properties of DOWTHERM A Fluid†

Composition: Diphenyl Oxide/Biphenyl Blend

Color: Clear to Light Yellow

Property	SI Units	English Units
Freeze Point	12.0°C	53.6°F
Atmospheric Boiling Point	257.1°C	494.8°F
Flash Point ¹	113°C	236°F
Fire Point ²	118°C	245°F
Autoignition Temperature ³	599°C	1110°F
Density @ 25°C (75°F)	1056 kg/m ³	66.0 lb/ft ³
Surface Tension in Air @		
20°C (68°F)	40.1 Dynes/cm	40.1 Dynes/cm
40°C (104°F)	37.6 Dynes/cm	37.6 Dynes/cm
60°C (140°F)	35.7 Dynes/cm	35.7 Dynes/cm
Estimated Critical Temperature	497°C	927°F
Estimated Critical Pressure	31.34 bar	30.93 atm
Estimated Critical Volume	3.17 l/kg	0.0508 ft ³ /lb
Average Molecular Weight		166.0
Heat of Combustion	36,053 kJ/kg	15,500 Btu/lb

† Not to be construed as specifications

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² C.O.C.

³ ASTM E659-78

Saturated Liquid Properties of DOWTHERM A Fluid (SI units)

Temp. °C	Vapor Pressure bar	Viscosity mPa sec	Specific Heat kJ/kg K	Thermal Cond. W/mK	Density kg/m ³
15	0.00	5.00	1.558	0.1395	1063.5
65	0.00	1.58	1.701	0.1315	1023.7
105	0.01	0.91	1.814	0.1251	990.7
155	0.06	0.56	1.954	0.1171	947.8
205	0.28	0.38	2.093	0.1091	902.5
255	0.97	0.27	2.231	0.1011	854.0
305	2.60	0.20	2.373	0.0931	801.3
355	5.80	0.16	2.527	0.0851	742.3
405	11.32	0.12	2.725	0.0771	672.5

Saturated Liquid Properties of DOWTHERM A Fluid (English units)

Temp. °F	Vapor Pressure psia	Viscosity cP	Specific Heat Btu/lb °F	Thermal Cond. Btu/hr ft ² (°F/ft)	Density lb/ft ³
60	0.000	4.91	0.373	0.0805	66.37
120	0.003	2.12	0.396	0.0775	64.72
180	0.028	1.22	0.418	0.0744	63.03
240	0.16	0.81	0.441	0.0713	61.30
300	0.64	0.59	0.463	0.0682	59.51
360	2.03	0.45	0.485	0.0651	57.65
420	5.38	0.35	0.507	0.0620	55.72
480	12.25	0.28	0.529	0.0590	53.70
540	24.72	0.23	0.552	0.0559	51.57
600	45.31	0.19	0.575	0.0528	49.29
660	76.89	0.16	0.599	0.0497	46.82
720	122.7	0.14	0.627	0.0466	44.08
780	186.4	0.12	0.665	0.0436	40.93

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Saturated Vapor Properties of DOWTHERM A Fluid (SI Units)

Temp. °C	Vapor Pressure bar	Liquid Enthalpy kJ/kg	Latent Heat kJ/kg	Vapor Enthalpy kJ/kg	Vapor Density kg/m ³	Vapor Viscosity mPa·s	Vapor Thermal Cond. W/mK	Z _{vapor}	Specific Heat (c _p) kJ/kg K	Ratio of Specific Heats c _p /c _v
15	0.00	4.9	407.2	412.1		0.0054	0.0075	1.000	1.044	1.050
65	0.00	88.1	380.9	469.1	0.0040	0.0063	0.0104	1.000	1.227	1.043
105	0.01	158.1	362.7	520.9	0.0341	0.0071	0.0129	0.999	1.366	1.038
155	0.06	251.2	341.5	592.7	0.2583	0.0080	0.0163	0.995	1.528	1.035
205	0.28	351.2	320.2	671.5	1.179	0.0090	0.0200	0.982	1.681	1.034
255	0.97	458.2	297.4	755.6	3.831	0.0100	0.0238	0.954	1.829	1.036
305	2.60	572.2	271.5	843.6	9.896	0.0110	0.0279	0.908	1.976	1.042
355	5.80	693.1	240.6	933.8	22.03	0.0122	0.0322	0.838	2.133	1.057
405	11.32	822.0	201.7	1023.7	45.17	0.0138	0.0368	0.740	2.333	1.094

Saturated Vapor Properties of DOWTHERM A Fluid (English Units)

Temp. °F	Vapor Pressure psia	Liquid Enthalpy Btu/lb	Latent Heat Btu/lb	Vapor Enthalpy Btu/lb	Vapor Density lb/ft ³	Vapor Viscosity cP	Vapor Thermal Cond. Btu/hr ft ² (°F/ft)	Z _{vapor}	Specific Heat (c _p) Btu/lb °F	Ratio of Specific Heats c _p /c _v
60	0.000	2.5	175.1	177.6		0.0054	0.0044	1.000	0.250	1.050
120	0.003	26.2	167.3	193.5		0.0060	0.0055	1.000	0.279	1.045
300	0.64	103.0	148.0	251.1	0.0130	0.0079	0.0092	0.996	0.361	1.035
360	2.03	131.1	142.0	273.1	0.0388	0.0086	0.0106	0.989	0.385	1.034
420	5.38	160.6	135.8	296.3	0.0967	0.0092	0.0120	0.977	0.409	1.034
480	12.25	191.4	129.2	320.5	0.2100	0.0098	0.0135	0.959	0.433	1.035
540	24.72	223.5	122.1	345.5	0.4102	0.0105	0.0150	0.932	0.456	1.039
600	45.31	256.9	114.2	371.1	0.7389	0.0113	0.0166	0.895	0.480	1.045
660	76.89	291.7	105.3	397.0	1.254	0.0121	0.0183	0.848	0.505	1.055
720	122.7	327.9	95.0	422.9	2.045	0.0130	0.0200	0.789	0.534	1.073
780	186.4	365.9	82.5	448.4	3.270	0.0142	0.0219	0.714	0.571	1.108

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