

# **SOLKANE® 365 for Polyurethane Foam**

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#### Around the world with Solkane® 365: the perfect choice

Solar Impulse is an airplane designed to fly around the world on solar energy instead of fossil fuels by day and night.

The design of the Solar Impulse cockpit must be lightweight and mechanically stable. The cockpit should also conserve ambient temperature despite the variable outside temperatures ranging from – 56°C to 130°C.

Solkane® 365 was used to produce the polyurethane foam (PU-F) for the cockpit of the Solar Impulse plane. The PU-F has the following outstanding properties: Best foam insulation values Best foam dimensional stability Best foam compressive strength

Case study: http://www.solvaychemicals.com/Chemicals%20Literature%20Documents/Fluor/HFC/SOLKANE\_365\_Case\_Study\_Solar\_Impulse.pdf



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AROUND THE WORLD IN A SOLAR AIRPLANE





- SOLKANE® foaming agents
  - Properties
  - Safety and handling
  - Case studies
- Conclusion



# SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365 & 365/227 foaming agents



- Easy and safe handling
  - SOLKANE® 365/227 is non-flammable as blend and in optimised systems
  - Available blends:
    - SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365/227 93:07 (recommended for foaming agent, direct use )
    - SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365/227 87:13 (recommended for foaming agent, systems)
- SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365 is flammable and can be used for co-blowing of pentane boards
- Performance and benefits
  - $\lambda_{initial}$ : 19 20 mW/m K of PU-foams
  - GWP is compensated by (thermal) energy saving
  - Lower density PU than HCFC 141b and water blown foams



# **Physical properties**



	HFC-365mfc	HFC-245fa	HFC-134a	HCFC-141b	
Structure	CF <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CF <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	$_{3}CF_{3}-CH_{2}-CF_{2}H$	CF <sub>3</sub> -CFH <sub>2</sub>	CCl <sub>2</sub> F-CH <sub>3</sub>	
MolWeight	148	134	102	116,9	
Boiling Point [°C	] 40,2	15,3	-26,1	31,7	
Vapour pressure at 20 °C [bar]	0,4	1,2	5,7	0,6	
λ [gas at 25 °C]	10,6	12,2	13,4	9,5	
Flash point	-27	none	none	none	
Flammability limi [% v/v]	ts 3,6 - 13,3	none	none	7,4 - 17,7	



# **Physical properties**



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	HFC-365mfc	n-pentane	i-pentane	c-pentane	
Structure	CF <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CF <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>3</sup> CH <sub>3</sub> -(CH <sub>2)3</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> -CH-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH ĊH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>3</sub>	
MolWeight	148	72	72	70	
Boiling Point [°C]	40,2	36,1	27,8	49,5	
Vapour pressure at 20 °C [bar]	0,4	0,6	0,8	0,35	
λ [gas at 25 °C]	10,6	15,2	14,7	12,0	
Flash point [°C]	-27	-49	-57	-37	
Flammability limits [% v/v]	3,6 - 13,3	1,4 - 7,8	1,4 - 8,3	1,4 - 8,3	( <b>\$</b> )

# **Physical properties**



	HFC-365mfc	Dimethoxymethane (Methylal)	Methylmethano (Methyl format	ate e)
Structure	CF <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CF <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> -O-CH <sub>2</sub> -O-CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> OOCH	
MolWeight	148	76 60		
Boiling Point [°C]	40,2	41	32	
Vapour pressure at 20 °C [bar]	0,4	0,44	0,58	
λ [gas at 25 °C]	10,6	13,1	10,7	
Flash point [°C]	-27	-18	-32	
Flammability limits [% v/v]	3,6 - 13,3	2,2 – 19,9	5 - 23	( <b>\$</b> )
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# Physical and ecological properties



HFC-365mfc HFC-245fa n-Pentane c-Pentane Methylal Methylformate HCFC-141b

Boiling Point [°C]	40.2	15.3	36.1	49.5	41	32	31.7
Atm. Lifetime [years, IPCC 4,	8.6	7.6	5 days	"few days"	"few days"	20 days	9.3
ODP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,11
GWP [IPCC 4, 2007]	794	1030	3-7	11	negligible	~ 1	725
VOC	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no
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# Why SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365 for Spray Foam?



 Life cycle assessments (LCA) of Spray Foam insulation show a benefit for the environment because of energy savings even compared with low-GWP products. We deducted from the LCA that 1 kg SOLKANE® 365 saves 1000 kg CO<sub>2</sub> considering the life time of PU-rigid foam sprays.



From: "HFC-365mfc and high performance rigid polyurethane insulation"; Elastogran, Kingspan, Solvay, Synthesia, 2000 http://www.solvaychemicals.com/Chemicals%20Literature%20Documents/Fluor/HFC/LCA\_HFC\_365mfc\_blown\_pu\_insulation\_sprays\_EN.pdf



# Open and closed cell PU foams







#### Open cell (left) and closed cell (right) PU foams



# Open and closed cell PU foams



Parameter	Open cell	Closed cell
	Water blown	SOLKANE <sup>®</sup> 365/227 blown
Thermal conductivity $\lambda$ , initial (mW / m K)	25	19
Thermal conductivity $\lambda$ , aged (mW / m K)	35	25
Density (kg / m <sup>3</sup> )	8	32 medium 48 high
Permeability	High	Low
Air Barrier	Y	Y
Water absorption	Υ	Ν
Others	Good sound barrier	Good thermal insulation







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# Emissions during a Foam Spray trial



Box dimensions: 80 x 120 x 120 cm

Average foam thickness after spraying: 15 cm (12,5 % v/v)





# Emissions during a Foam Spray trial



#### Gas concentration SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365mfc during spraying



# SOLKANE® 365/227 for cellar roof insulation

# **SOLKANE**<sup>®</sup>

**Dimensions:** Square area: Height: Opening (Top): ~70 x 70 cm Foam thickness:

~60 m<sup>2</sup> ~70 cm ~20 cm

Classification:	PUR
Fire class:	В
Core density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]:	32.3
Compressive Strength [kPa]:	213

 $\lambda$ , initial [mW/m.K]: 19.8







# SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365/227 for cellar roof



 Cell gases in Foam [% m/m] after 6 days

 Air
 CO2
 R 227ea
 R 365mfc

 2.4
 21.2
 7.5
 68.9



# Transport Packaging Storage

- Unloading: dry disconnect coupling
- Closed loop:
  - Liquid filling line
  - Gas phase line

Parameter	Unit	SOLKANE® 365mfc	SOLKANE® 365/227 93/07	SOLKANE® 365/227 87/13
Specific gravity (at 20 ℃)	kg∕dm³	1.27	1.28	1.29
Pressure (at 20 ℃)	bar	0.43	0.69	0.88
Pressure (at 50 °C)	bar	1.38	1.91	2.32



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During Delivery - emission free dry coupling parts are connected

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# Co-blowing – Household appliances



Refrigerator type	Normal type	Energy saving type	Three-door type
cPentane blowing agent	0.410 kWh/24h	0.398 kWh/24h	0.665 kWh/24h
Multi-Co-blowing system (SOLKANE <sup>®</sup> 365)	0.370 kWh/24h	0.356 kWh/24h	0.600 kWh/24h
Energy Consumption	- 10 %	- 11 %	- 10 %



# Co-blowing: Solar Water Heater



#### HCFC-141b HFC-365mfc c-Pentane

Overall Density	55	47	52	[kg/m³]	
Core density	42	38	37	[kg/m³]	
CompStrength	168	171	161	[kPa]	1 49 8 1 × 10 81
λ at 23 °C	19.1	20.5	22.8	[mW/m K]	
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### LNG Storage Tank Insulation



Liquefied natural ga	as is c	ooled	down to	-162	°C ar	nd shippe	d in LNG Tankers,
	HCFC-141b		SOLKANE 365				
	Тор	Wall	Bottom	Тор	Wall	Bottom	
Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	42	84	118	41.5	82.7	110	
Compressive Strength Required Result	170 270	530 770	870 1280	170 340	530 840	870 1330	
CompStrength cryo. Required Result	220 530	690 1690	1230 2520	220 840	690 1130	1230 1950	- A
λ at 25 °C (mW/m K) Required Result	21.3 20.8	22.9 22.2	25.1 23.8	21.3 21.0	22.9 22.5	25.1 24.4	

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# Spray foam on a roof (outside) insulation in Czech Republic





Spray Foam is the typical application for nonflammable Blowing Agents such as SOLKANE<sup>®</sup> 365/227.

Due to the good properties Spray Foam is the most

effective, the easiest, the fastest and often the cheapest

solution of insulation for most of the buildings or houses. Better thermal insulation saves energy and reduce  $CO_2$  emissions. Note: it also offers a benefit to repair the surface of damaged roofs.



## Conclusion



- SOLKANE® Blowing Agents for Spray Foams
  - Liquid
  - Safe handling
  - Suitable for new and old buildings
  - Fast to implement
  - Cost effective
  - Good Adhesion
  - Best performance
    - λ initial
       λ aged
       Energy savings
       High dimensional stability
       Fire class



# Thank you



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