

**3M™ Novec™ Fluids**  
For Organic Rankine Cycle Systems



Stable  
**Efficient**  
Sustainable

Environmentally sustainable working fluids  
for Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) Systems



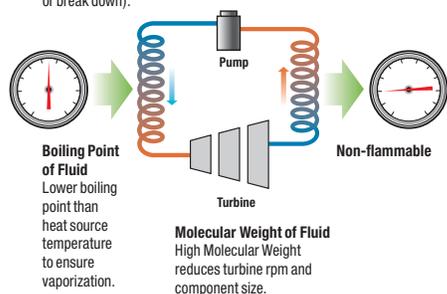
### Critical considerations for choosing the right working fluid

#### Thermal Stability of Fluid

Fluid must remain stable at maximum cycle temperature (does not decompose or break down).

#### Environmental factors

will ensure sustainable system ODP, GWP, Toxicity.



3M™ Novec™ 649 Fluid showed insignificant changes in purity during tests carried out in sealed glass ampules at temperatures ranging from 200–300°C for durations between 120 hours and 30 days. The extreme thermal stability of Novec 649 fluid makes it particularly well-suited for recovering energy from high temperature sources such as internal combustion engines and industrial processes.

Products with other boiling points are available or under development. Contact your 3M sales representative for details.

## Engineered for stable, predictable performance

Increased fuel demand, rising costs and the need to reduce greenhouse gases and other pollutants have spurred the development of technologies enabling more efficient use of all forms of power.

In particular, there has been growing interest in the *Organic Rankine Cycle* (ORC), which uses low-grade waste heat or heat from geothermal, solar, or other heat sources to generate useful mechanical or electrical energy. ORC is being evaluated for its ability to increase the efficiency of a wide range of systems, from automotive engines to power plants and general industrial processes.

A critical element in the development of practical ORC systems is the fluid used to absorb heat from the primary energy source. This fluid is converted to a vapor, which drives a turbine before condensing and being re-routed to the heat source.

A number of factors must be taken into consideration when choosing the optimal working fluid for an application incorporating an Organic Rankine Cycle. Among these are:

- **Performance** – In general, the thermal efficiency of a Rankine cycle improves as the difference between the heat source and sink temperatures increases. However, the actual performance of any given system will depend on the thermodynamic properties of the chosen working fluid. The thermophysical properties of the fluid will have implications on component sizing, cost and overall system design.
- **Stability** – The fluid should offer long-term thermal stability at the expected maximum cycle temperature. It should also be non-corrosive, to protect the integrity of coils, seals and other system components.
- **Safety** – The fluid should be nonflammable and low in toxicity
- **Long-Term Sustainability** – As environmental regulations become more stringent, factors such as low global warming potential and a short atmospheric lifetime will help ensure the viability of a fluid, both today and at the time of decommissioning.

### 3M™ Novec™ Fluids – The sustainable solution for ORC working fluids

3M has developed two high-performance working fluids that are particularly suited to the unique requirements of ORC applications: **3M™ Novec™ 649 Fluid** and **3M™ Novec™ 7000 Engineered Fluid**. Both are from the Novec family of low global warming materials, designed to deliver safe, effective and sustainable solutions in a wide range of applications.

Novec fluids offer proven heat transfer performance, with properties that include:

- Good materials compatibility
- Low toxicity
- Nonflammable
- Zero Ozone Depletion Potential
- Low Global Warming Potential

#### Typical Physical Properties

|                               |   | Novec 649        | Novec 7000      |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Boiling Point                 | °C (°F)                                 | 49 (120.2)       | 34 (93.2)       |
| Pour Point                    | °C (°F)                                 | -108 (-162)      | -122 (-188)     |
| Molecular Weight              | g/mol (lb/lbmol)                        | 316              | 200             |
| Critical Temperature          | °C (°F)                                 | 169 (336)        | 165 (329)       |
| Critical Pressure             | MPa (psia)                              | 1.88 (273)       | 2.48 (360)      |
| Vapor Pressure                | kPa (psia)                              | 40 (5.8)         | 65 (9.4)        |
| Heat of Vaporization          | kJ/kg (BTU/lb)                          | 88.0 (37.8)      | 142 (61.0)      |
| Liquid Density                | kg/m <sup>3</sup> (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) | 1600 (99.9)      | 1400 (87.4)     |
| Coefficient of Expansion      | K <sup>-1</sup> (°F <sup>-1</sup> )     | 0.0018 (0.0010)  | 0.0022 (0.0012) |
| Kinematic Viscosity           | cSt                                     | 0.4              | 0.32            |
| Absolute Viscosity            | cP                                      | 0.64             | 0.45            |
| Specific Heat                 | J/kg-K (BTU/lb-°F)                      | 1103 (0.263)     | 1300 (0.311)    |
| Thermal Conductivity          | W/m-K (BTU/hr-ft-°F)                    | 0.059 (0.034)    | 0.075 (0.043)   |
| Surface Tension               | mN/m                                    | 10.8             | 12.4            |
| Solubility of Water in Fluid  | ppm by weight                           | 20               | ~60             |
| Dielectric Strength, 0.1" gap | kV                                      | >40              | ~40             |
| Dielectric Constant@1kHz      | –                                       | 1.8              | 7.4             |
| Volume Resistivity            | Ohm-cm                                  | 10 <sup>12</sup> | 10 <sup>8</sup> |

## Environmental and Safety Properties and Exposure Guidelines

|   | Novec 649 | Novec 7000 | HFC 245fa |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Ozone Depletion Potential                                   | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Global Warming Potential <sup>1</sup>                       | 1         | 420        | 1030      |
| Atmospheric Lifetime (years)                                | 0.014     | 4.1        | 7.6       |
| Flashpoint  | None      | None       | None      |
| Flammability Range in Air                                   | None      | None       | None      |
| Exposure Guidelines (ppm) 8 hr. time-weighted average       | 150       | 75         | 300       |
| Acute Inhalation Toxicity (ppm) 4 hr LC <sub>50</sub> [Rat] | >100,000  | >100,000   | >200,000  |

<sup>1</sup> IPCC 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Method 100 Year (1TH)

### Novec 649 Thermodynamic Properties

| Temperature (°C) | P (Bars) | $\rho_L$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | $\rho_v$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | H <sub>L</sub> (kJ/kg) | $\Delta H_{vap}$ (kJ/kg) | H <sub>v</sub> (kJ/kg) | S <sub>L</sub> (kJ/kgK) | S <sub>v</sub> (kJ/kgK) |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| -40              | 0.01     | 1766                          | 0.164                         | 0.00                   | 109                      | 109                    | 0.00                    | 0.47                    |
| -20              | 0.04     | 1718                          | 0.605                         | 21.6                   | 105                      | 127                    | 0.09                    | 0.50                    |
| 0                | 0.13     | 1665                          | 1.768                         | 43.4                   | 101                      | 144                    | 0.17                    | 0.54                    |
| 20               | 0.33     | 1608                          | 4.331                         | 65.4                   | 96.1                     | 161                    | 0.25                    | 0.58                    |
| 40               | 0.73     | 1546                          | 9.269                         | 88.4                   | 90.2                     | 179                    | 0.33                    | 0.61                    |
| 60               | 1.45     | 1480                          | 17.89                         | 111                    | 85.0                     | 196                    | 0.40                    | 0.65                    |
| 80               | 2.63     | 1408                          | 32.21                         | 134                    | 78.8                     | 212                    | 0.46                    | 0.68                    |
| 100              | 4.45     | 1329                          | 55.33                         | 157                    | 71.3                     | 229                    | 0.53                    | 0.72                    |
| 120              | 7.11     | 1239                          | 92.82                         | 182                    | 61.8                     | 244                    | 0.59                    | 0.75                    |
| 140              | 10.8     | 1125                          | 157.0                         | 209                    | 48.9                     | 258                    | 0.66                    | 0.77                    |
| 160              | 16.0     | 929                           | 292.9                         | 240                    | 27.7                     | 268                    | 0.73                    | 0.79                    |

Novec 649 fluid has been shown to exhibit very good thermal stability in laboratory tests inside sealed glass ampoules. Contact 3M Technical Service for more information.

### Novec 7000 Thermodynamic Properties

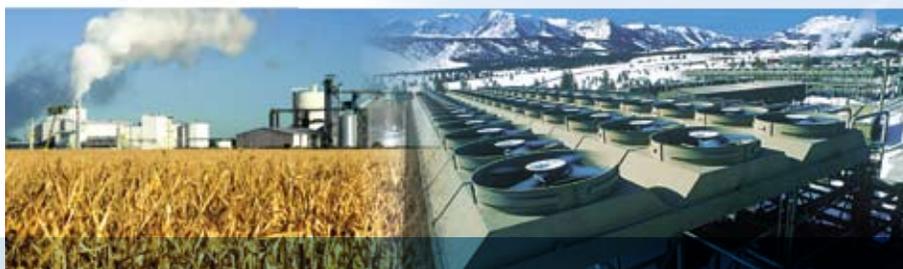
| Temperature (°C) | P (Bars) | $\rho_L$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | $\rho_v$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | H <sub>L</sub> (kJ/kg) | $\Delta H_{vap}$ (kJ/kg) | H <sub>v</sub> (kJ/kg) | S <sub>L</sub> (kJ/kgK) | S <sub>v</sub> (kJ/kgK) |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| -40              | 0.03     | 1585                          | 0.265                         | 3.25                   | 159                      | 162                    | 0.01                    | 0.69                    |
| -20              | 0.09     | 1536                          | 0.845                         | 24.3                   | 152                      | 176                    | 0.10                    | 0.70                    |
| 0                | 0.24     | 1483                          | 2.175                         | 46.2                   | 145                      | 191                    | 0.18                    | 0.72                    |
| 20               | 0.57     | 1428                          | 4.840                         | 68.9                   | 138                      | 207                    | 0.26                    | 0.74                    |
| 40               | 1.19     | 1372                          | 9.705                         | 92.3                   | 130                      | 223                    | 0.34                    | 0.76                    |
| 60               | 2.25     | 1311                          | 18.03                         | 117                    | 122                      | 238                    | 0.42                    | 0.78                    |
| 80               | 3.98     | 1246                          | 31.71                         | 142                    | 113                      | 254                    | 0.49                    | 0.81                    |
| 100              | 6.62     | 1173                          | 53.81                         | 168                    | 101                      | 269                    | 0.56                    | 0.83                    |
| 120              | 10.5     | 1089                          | 90.01                         | 195                    | 87.8                     | 283                    | 0.63                    | 0.85                    |

## Materials Compatibility

3M™ Novec™ Fluids are compatible with a wide variety of materials used in ORC equipment. Most of the materials commonly considered “hard” plastics will perform well with Novec fluids. In addition, all metals, hard polymers and variety of inexpensive elastomers can be used. Elastomers should be limited to those that are not heavily plasticized. 3M engineers can assist you with recommendations and testing on specific compounds.

In addition to these two featured products, Novec fluid products are available in a wide range of boiling points, to meet your specific design requirements. Contact your 3M representative for more details.

Early ORC systems have used commercial refrigerants for decades (*Heat Recovery Systems* CHP Vol 13, No. 5 pgs 409-418). 3M now offers improved fluids with low environmental impact and excellent stability and performance.



## Novec Fluids vs. HFCs: Designing for long-term viability

For several years, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) have been utilized as working fluids in commercial ORC systems. Although current environmental regulations allow the use of these materials in this application, the high global warming potential of HFCs is the “achilles heel” for ORC technology which, ultimately, is sold on the basis of its energy savings and climate impact. HFCs, due to their climate impact, are targeted for emission reduction by the Kyoto protocol and European regulations, making it likely they will be subject to future production phase-down schedules. For this reason their incorporation into a climate-sensitive technology such as ORC is a contradiction that 3M™ Novec™ Fluids can help resolve. Because they are more sustainable for the long term, Novec fluids are well suited as working fluids for an evolving ORC technology intended to save energy for our future generations.

For example, 3M™ Novec™ 649 Fluid (C<sub>6</sub>-fluoroketone) is a non ozone-depleting material with a global warming potential of 1 – the same as naturally-occurring carbon dioxide. It also has a very short atmospheric lifetime of only 5 days.

Novec 649 fluid, like all Novec fluids, is also nonflammable and has an excellent toxicological profile – helping to ensure the health and safety of both workers and end-users.

As technologies with low climate impact, such as C<sub>6</sub>-fluoroketone, become available, they are likely to increase regulatory pressures on HFCs, potentially limiting the useful life of systems based on these compounds. Companies will have to decide whether it is worth the risk to invest in designs based on HFCs, a currently acceptable alternative subject to regulatory attention, rather than choosing a sustainable technology with low climate impact.

Even though ORC is considered a “non-emissive” application, factors such as leakage, spills, equipment damage and eventual decommissioning/disposal must be taken into account when evaluating the sustainability of a working fluid.

The regulatory community generally works from the assumption that a pound produced is a pound emitted and policy reflects that assumption. Although no one can predict what will happen in the future, current regulatory activity is undeniably moving toward reducing greenhouse gases – a critical consideration for engineers concerned about the long-term viability of their systems.



## An experienced global partner

For over 50 years, 3M has been providing high performance heat transfer fluids used in a number of critical military, aerospace and electronics manufacturing applications. As a 3M customer, you can put that experience to work for you, with design assistance, testing services and technical support that can help reduce your costs and optimize system performance.

## Heat Transfer Seminar/Design Assistance

Given free of charge at qualifying customer sites, this seminar teaches appropriate design procedures by discussing material compatibility, sources of leakage, pumping, component selection, environmental issues and more. The content of these seminars can be tailored to the specific interests of the audience. 3M has conducted seminars at numerous customer locations.

## Compatibility Testing

3M engineers can evaluate parts with advanced testing methods to help you determine if a component or material is suitable in your design.

## On-Site Consultations

Working side-by-side with equipment designers and end users, 3M engineers frequently help customers tighten-up equipment and optimize system performance.

## Analytical Services

3M has state-of-the-art analytical resources which are used to help answer customer questions.

3M Novec fluid products are commercially available and supported by 3M technical service specialists around the world. To arrange for a free Novec fluid sample, or to request more information, contact us at 800-810-8513 in the U.S., or at one of our global locations listed below.

## The 3M™ Novec™ Brand Family

The Novec brand is the hallmark for a variety of patented 3M products. Although each has its own unique formula and performance properties, all Novec products are designed in common to address the need for safe, effective, sustainable solutions in industry-specific applications. These include precision and electronics cleaning, heat transfer, fire protection, lubricant deposition and several specialty chemical applications.

3M™ Novec™ Engineered Fluids • 3M™ Novec™ Aerosol Cleaners • 3M™ Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid • 3M™ Novec™ Electronic Coatings • 3M™ Novec™ Electronic Surfactants

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