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DESCRIPTION

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention pertains to azeotropic or azeotrope-like compositions of 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (HCC-240fa or 240fa) and hydrogen fluoride (HF).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) based chemicals have been widely used in industry in a variety of different applications including as refrigerants, aerosol propellants, blowing agents and solvents, among others. However, certain CFCs are suspected of depleting the Earth's ozone layer. Accordingly, more environmentally friendly substitutes have been introduced as replacements for CFCs. For example, 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane (HFC-245fa) is recognized as having favorable physical properties for certain industrial applications, such as foam blowing agents and solvents, and therefore is considered to be a good substitute for the CFCs previously used for these applications. Unfortunately, the use of certain hydrofluorocarbons, including HFC-245fa, in industrial applications is now believed to contribute to the global warming. Accordingly, more environmentally friendly substitutes for hydrofluorocarbons are now being sought.

[0003] The compound 1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropene, also known as HCFO-1233zd or simply 1233zd, is a candidate for replacing HFC-245fa in some applications, including uses as blowing agents and solvents. 1233zd has a Z-isomer and an E-isomer. Due to differences in the physical properties between these two isomers, pure 1233zd (E), pure 1233zd (Z), or certain mixtures of the two isomers may be suitable for particular applications as refrigerants, propellants, blowing agents, solvents, or for other uses.

[0004] The compound 1,1,1,2,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) is a reactant useful in the production of both 245fa and 1233zd. Processes for making these compounds are well known in the art. See for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,763,706 and 6,844,475. See also, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2011-0201853, which provides an integrated process and methods of producing 1233zd (E). Similarly, US 6759381 B1 discloses azeotropic and azeotrope-like mixtures of 1-chloro-1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene and 1,2-dichloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropene that are useful as an intermediate in the production of HFC-245fa.

[0005] It has now been found that an important intermediate in the production of both 245fa and 1233zd, is an azeotrope or azeotrope-like mixture of 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) and hydrogen fluoride (HF). This intermediate, once formed, may thereafter be separated into its component parts, for example, by extraction or distillation techniques. HCC-240fa has a boiling point of about 178.5°C and HF has a boiling point of about 20°C at standard atmospheric pressure. These azeotropic or azeotrope-like compositions find use not only as reactor feeds in the production of 245fa and 1233zd, but they are additionally useful as solvent compositions useful for removing surface oxidation from metals.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] The present invention is directed to an azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition consisting essentially of from 10 to 3 weight percent of 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) and from 90 weight percent to 97 weight percent of hydrogen fluoride, which composition has a boiling point of 24°C to 60°C at a pressure of from 123 kPa (17.8 psia) to a pressure of 382 kPa (55.4 psia). Such compositions are useful as an intermediate in the production of HFC-245fa and HCFO-1233zd.

[0007] In certain embodiments of this composition, the composition consists of hydrogen fluoride and 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa).

[0008] In certain embodiments of this composition, the composition comprises from 90 weight percent to 95 weight percent 240fa.

[0009] In certain embodiments of this composition, the composition comprises from 10 weight percent to 5 weight percent 240fa.

[0010] In certain embodiments of this mixture, the invention is directed to an azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition having 92 ± 2 weight percent HF and 8 ± 2 weight percent 240fa which has a boiling point of 24°C at 123 kPa (17.8 psia).

[0011] Another aspect of the present invention is directed to a method of forming an azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition consisting essentially of from 10 to 3 weight percent of 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) and from 90 weight percent to 97 weight percent of hydrogen fluoride (HF), wherein the method comprises forming a composition of hydrogen fluoride and 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa), which composition has a boiling point of 24°C to 60°C at pressure of 123 kPa (17.8 psia) to pressure of 382 kPa (55.4 psia).

[0012] In certain embodiments of this method, the composition consists of hydrogen fluoride and 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa).

[0013] In certain embodiments of this method, the composition consists essentially of 92 ± 2 weight percent HF and 8 ± 2 weight percent 240fa and has a boiling point of 24°C at 123 kPa

(17.8 psia).

[0014] Another aspect of the invention is directed to a method of producing 245fa comprising producing the 245fa from the azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition defined above.

[0015] Another aspect of the invention is directed to a method of producing 1233zd comprising producing the 1233zd from the azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition defined above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] Figure 1 shows a plot of the vapor pressures of the mixtures formed in Example 1 and Example 2 as measured at 30°C and 60°C.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0017] The present invention provides an azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition which consists essentially of from 90 to 97 weight percent hydrogen fluoride and from 10 to 3 weight percent 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa). The composition has a boiling point of 24°C to 60°C at pressure of 123 kPa (17.8 psia) to a pressure of 382 kPa (55.4 psia).

[0018] The invention also provides a method of forming an azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition which consists essentially of from 90 to 97 weight percent hydrogen fluoride and from 10 to 3 weight percent 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa), wherein the method comprises forming a composition of HF and 240fa, which composition has a boiling point of 24°C to 60°C at pressure of from 123 kPa (17.8 psia) to 382 kPa (55.4 psia).

[0019] When 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) and HF were added to a vessel, it was observed that 240fa forms an azeotropic or azeotrope-like mixture with HF. The unreacted 240fa/HF intermediate was found in the vapor space of the vessel.

[0020] The thermodynamic state of a fluid is defined by its pressure, temperature, liquid composition and vapor composition. For a true azeotropic composition, the liquid composition and vapor phase are essentially equal at a given temperature and pressure. In practical terms this means that the components cannot be separated during a phase change.

[0021] For the purpose of this invention, an azeotrope is a liquid mixture that exhibits a maximum or minimum boiling point relative to the boiling points of surrounding mixture compositions. An azeotrope or an azeotrope-like composition is an admixture of two or more different components which, when in liquid form under given pressure, will boil at a substantially constant temperature, which temperature may be higher or lower than the boiling temperatures of the components and which will provide a vapor composition essentially

identical to the liquid composition undergoing boiling.

[0022] For the purpose of this invention, azeotropic compositions are defined to include azeotrope-like compositions, which means, a composition that behaves like an azeotrope, i.e., has constant-boiling characteristics or a tendency not to fractionate upon boiling or evaporation. Thus, the composition of the vapor formed during boiling or evaporation is the same as or substantially the same as the original liquid composition. Hence, during boiling or evaporation, the liquid composition, if it changes at all, changes only to a minimal or negligible extent. This is in contrast with non-azeotrope-like compositions in which during boiling or evaporation, the liquid composition changes to a substantial degree.

[0023] Accordingly, the essential features of an azeotrope or an azeotrope-like composition are that at a given pressure, the boiling point of the liquid composition is fixed and that the composition of the vapor above the boiling composition is essentially that of the boiling liquid composition, i.e., essentially no fractionation of the components of the liquid composition takes place. Both the boiling point and the weight percentages of each component of the azeotropic composition may change when the azeotrope or azeotrope-like liquid composition is subjected to boiling at different pressures. Thus, an azeotrope or an azeotrope-like composition may be defined in terms of the relationship that exists between its components or in terms of the compositional ranges of the components or in terms of exact weight percentages of each component of the composition characterized by a fixed boiling point at a specified pressure.

[0024] In the preferred embodiment, the inventive composition contains from 90 weight percent to 97 weight percent. In the preferred embodiment, the inventive composition contains from 10 to 3 weight percent 240fa and most preferably from 10 weight percent to 5 weight percent. The composition of the present invention has a boiling point of from 24°C to 60°C at a pressure from 123 kPa (17.8 psia) to 382 kPa (55.4 psia). An azeotropic or azeotrope-like composition having 92 ± 2 weight percent HF and 8 ± 2 weight percent 240fa has been found to boil at 24°C and 123 kPa (17.8 psia).

[0025] The following non-limiting examples serve to illustrate the invention.

EXAMPLE 1

[0026] 9 g of 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) were dissolved in 14.7 g of HF to form a heterogeneous azeotrope mixture. This experiment was done at 24°C, and at 123 kPa (17.8 psia).

EXAMPLE 2

[0027] Binary compositions containing solely 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) and HF are

blended to form a heterogeneous azeotrope mixtures at different compositions. The vapor pressures of the mixtures are measured at about 29.9°C, 30°C and 60°C and the following results are noticed.

[0028] Tables 1 and 2 show the vapor pressure measurement of 240fa and HF as a function of composition of weight percent HF at constant temperatures of about 29.9°C, 30°C and 60°C.

Table 1: P-T-X of 240fa/HF at T= 30°C and 60°

P in kPa (Psia)		
Wt.% HF	T = 30°C	T= 60°C
0	3 (0.4)	4.8 (0.69)
9.7	148 (21.4)	372 (53.9)
17.4	149 (21.6)	376 (54.6)
91.3	147 (21.3)	382 (55.4)
100	145 (21.1)	365 (52.9)

[0029] As shown in Table 1, variation of the amount of HF in the composition shows no significant (+/- 2 kPa [0.3 psia] or less) change in pressure at 30°C, and similarly no significant change in pressure (+/- 6 kPa [0.8 psia]) at 60°C, supporting the azeotrope-like nature of the composition over this range of HF in the composition.

Table 2: P-T-X of 240fa/HF at T = 29.9°C

Wt.% HF	P kPa (psia)
0	3 (0.4)
10.7	142 (20.6)
27.1	146 (21.2)
40.4	147 (21.3)
47.8	149 (21.6)
51.6	148 (21.5)
65.4	149 (21.6)
70.8	147 (21.3)
81.0	146 (21.2)
100	145 (21.1)

[0030] As shown in Table 2, variation of the amount of HF in the composition shows no

significant (+/- 7 kPa [1 psia] or less) change in pressure at 29.9°C, supporting the azeotrope-like nature of the composition over this range of HF in the composition.

[0031] These data show that the mixture is an azeotrope or azeotrope-like since the vapor pressures of mixtures of 240fa and HF are higher, at all indicated blend proportions, than 240fa and HF alone, i.e., as indicated in the first and last rows when HF is 0.0 wt % and 240fa is at 100.0 wt% as well as when 240fa is at 0.0 wt% and HF is at 100.0 wt%. The data from Table 1 are shown in graphic form in Figure 1.

COMPARISON EXAMPLE 3

[0032] The azeotropic composition of the 240fa/HF mixture is also verified by Vapor-Liquid - Liquid Equilibrium (VLLE) experiment.

[0033] 62.6 g of 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropane (240fa) are dissolved in 31.6 g of HF to form a heterogeneous mixture (visual observation) at 24°C. The vapor compositions of the mixture were sampled at room temperature of 24°C. The result shows that the azeotropic composition is about 92 ± 2 wt% HF at 24°C.

[0034] As used herein, the singular forms "a", "an" and "the" include plural unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Moreover, when an amount, concentration, or other value or parameter is given as either a range, preferred range, or a list of upper preferable values and lower preferable values, this is to be understood as specifically disclosing all ranges formed from any pair of any upper range limit or preferred value and any lower range limit or preferred value, regardless of whether ranges are separately disclosed. Where a range of numerical values is recited herein, unless otherwise stated, the range is intended to include the endpoints thereof, and all integers and fractions within the range. It is not intended that the scope of the invention be limited to the specific values recited when defining a range.

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**AZEOTROPISKE SAMMENSÆTNINGER AF 1,1,1,3,3-PENTACHLOROPROPAN OG
HYDROGENFLUORID**

PATENTKRAV

1. Azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning, grundlæggende bestående af mellem 10 og 3 vægtprocent af 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropan (240fa) og mellem 90 vægtprocent og 97 vægtprocent af hydrogenfluorid (HF), hvis sammensætning har et kogepunkt på 24° C til 60° C ved et tryk på mellem 123 kPaa (17,8 psia) og et tryk på 382 kPaa (55,4 psia).
2. Azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning i krav 1, hvor sammensætningen grundlæggende består af mellem 10 vægtprocent og 5 vægtprocent 240fa og mellem 90 vægtprocent og 95 vægtprocent af hydrogenfluorid (HF).
3. Azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning i ethvert af kravene 1 til 2, som består af hydrogenfluorid og 1,1,1,3,3-pentachloropropan (240fa).
4. Azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning i krav 1, som inkluderer 92 ± 2 vægtprocent HF og 8 ± 2 vægtprocent 240fa og har et kogepunkt på 24°C ved 123 kPaa (17.8 psia).
5. Fremgangsmåde til dannelsel af en azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning ifølge ethvert af kravene 1 til 3, hvor fremgangsmåden omfatter dannelsel af en sammensætning af HF og 240fa, hvis sammen sætning har et kogepunkt på 24°C til 60°C ved et tryk på 122,7 kPaa (17,8 psia) til 382,0 kPaa (55,4 psia).
6. Fremgangsmåde i krav 5, hvor den azeotropiske eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning grundlæggende består af 92 ± 2 vægtprocent HF og 8 ± 2 vægtprocent 240fa og har et kogepunkt på 24°C ved 123 kPaa (17,8 psia).
7. Fremgangsmåde til separation af 240fa fra en azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende blanding, som grundlæggende består af mellem 10 til 3 vægtprocent af 240fa

og mellem 90 vægtprocent og 97 vægtprocent af HF, og som omfatter udvinding af HF fra blandingen.

8. Fremgangsmåde i krav 7, hvor HF udvindes ved hjælp af vand eller en anden vandholdig blanding.

9. Fremgangsmåde i krav 7, hvor HF udvindes ved hjælp af svovlsyre.

10. Fremgangsmåde i krav 7, hvor HF udvindes ved hjælp af destillering.

11. Fremgangsmåde i ethvert af kravene 7 til 10, hvor den azeotropiske eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning er som defineret i ethvert af kravene 1 til 6.

12. Fremgangsmåde til fremstilling af 245fa, som omfatter anvendelse af den azeotropiske eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning i ethvert af kravene 1 til 4 som et mellemstof til fremstilling af 245fa.

13. Fremgangsmåde til fremstilling af 1233zd, som omfatter anvendelse af den azeotropiske eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning i ethvert af kravene 1 til 4 som et mellemstof til fremstilling af 1233zd.

14. Anvendelse af en azeotropisk eller azeotrop-lignende sammensætning ifølge ethvert af kravene 1 til 4 i en proces til fremstilling af 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorpropan (HFC-245fa) eller 1-chlor-3,3,3-trifluorpropen (1233zd).

DRAWINGS

Drawing

Figure 1: P-T-X of 240fa/HF

