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#### The Path to Greener HVAC Refrigerants

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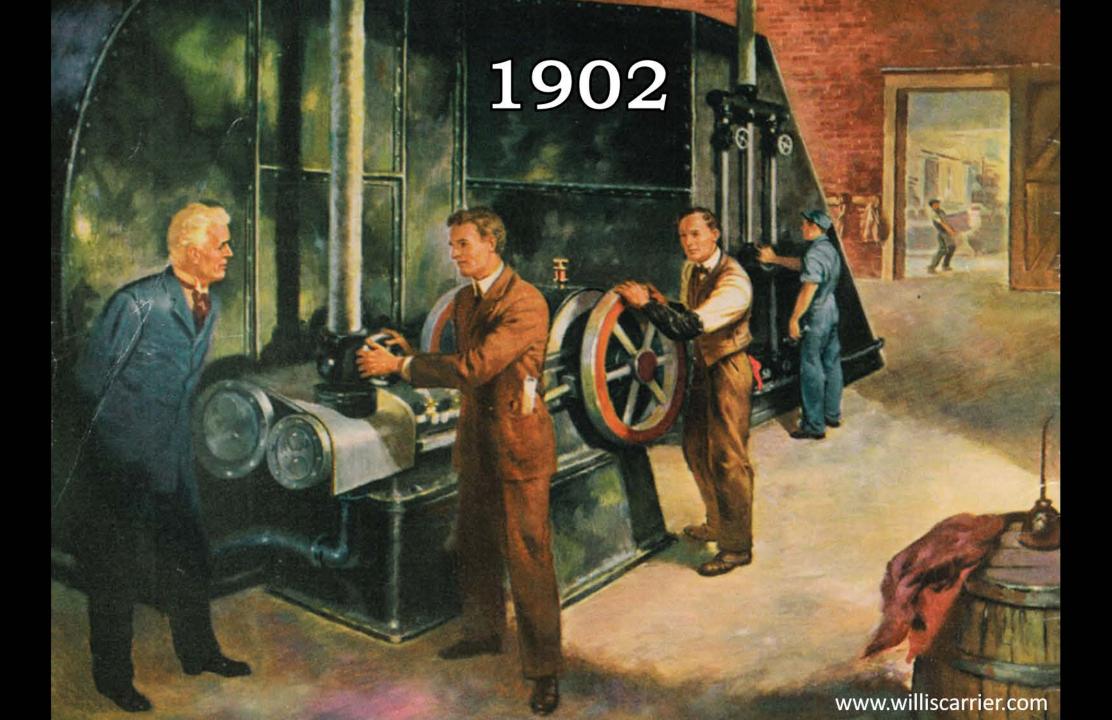
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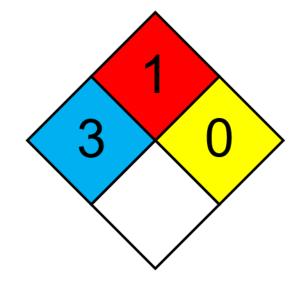


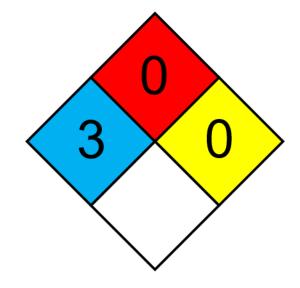
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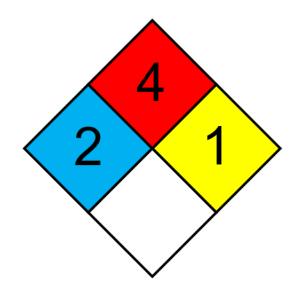
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Methyl Chloride







### 1928

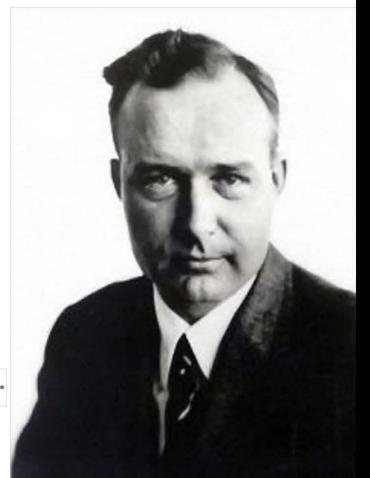
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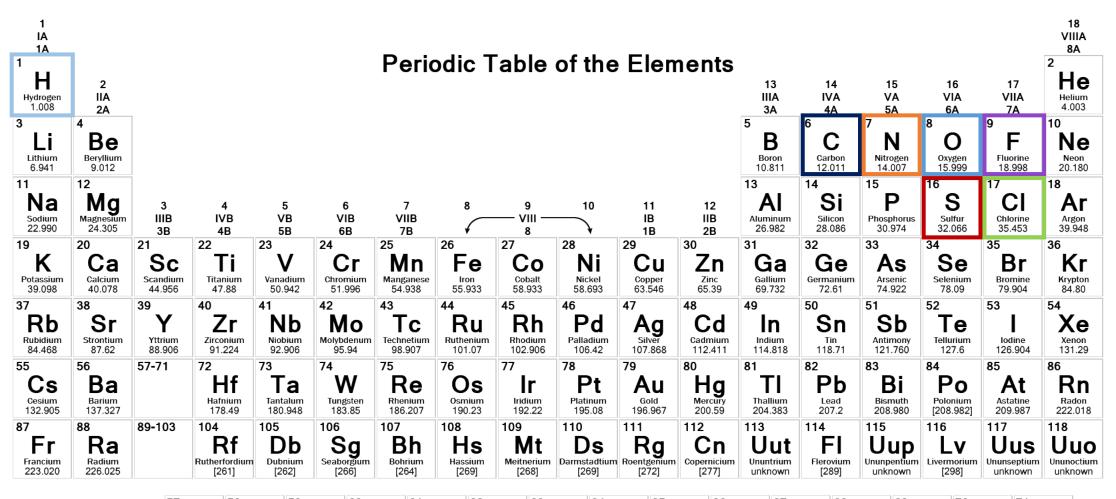
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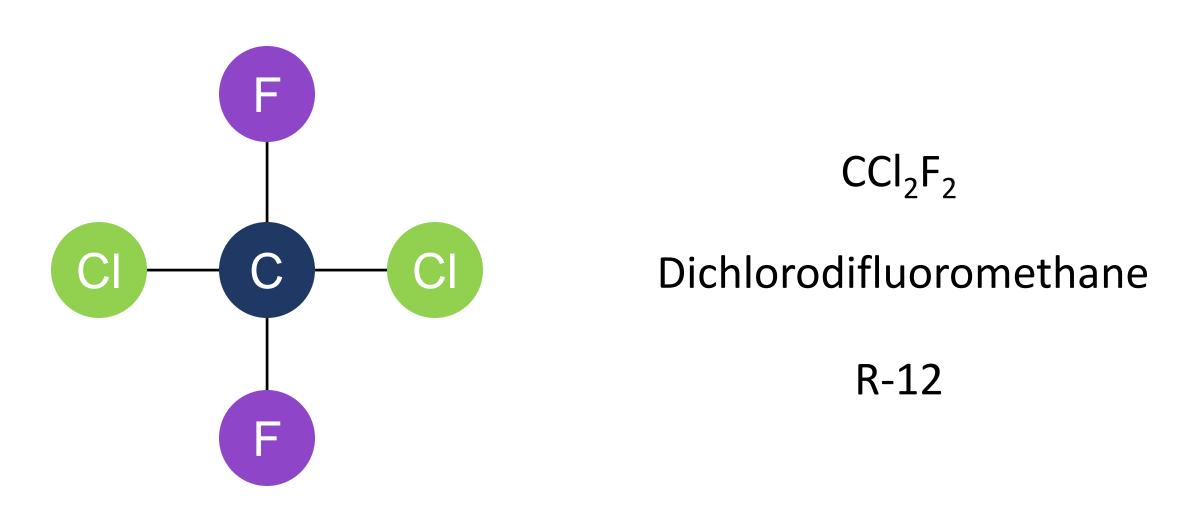
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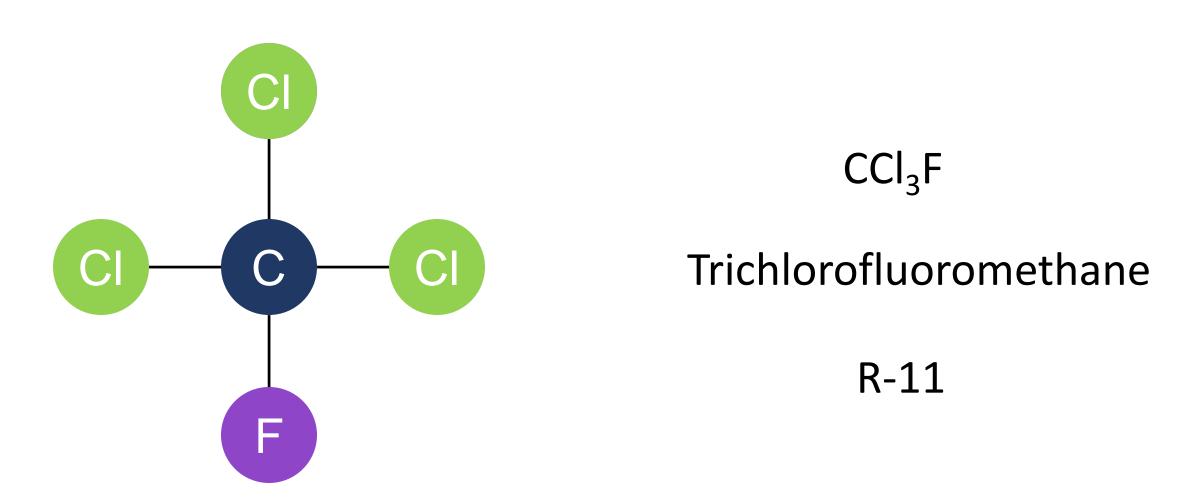




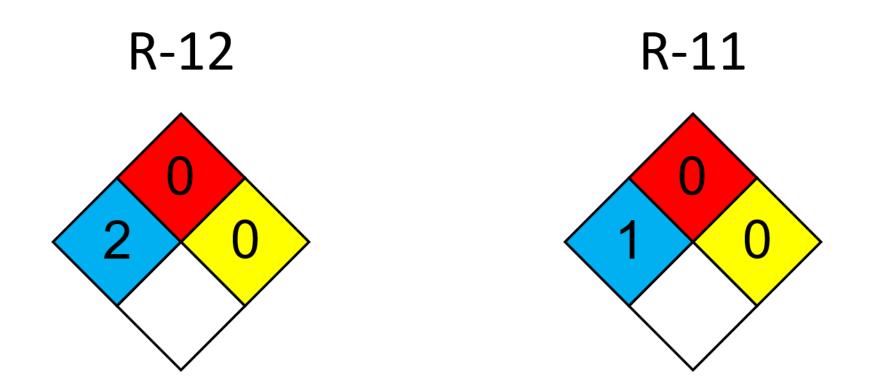
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### Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) 1928 - 1996





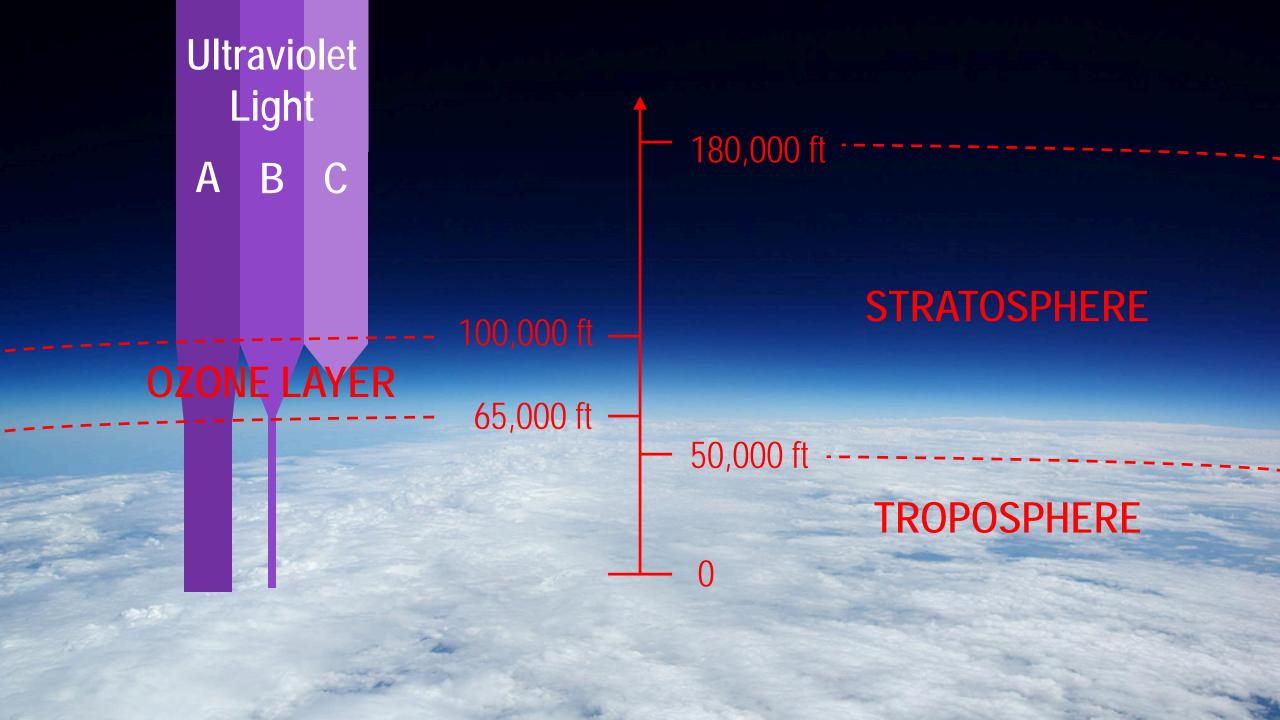


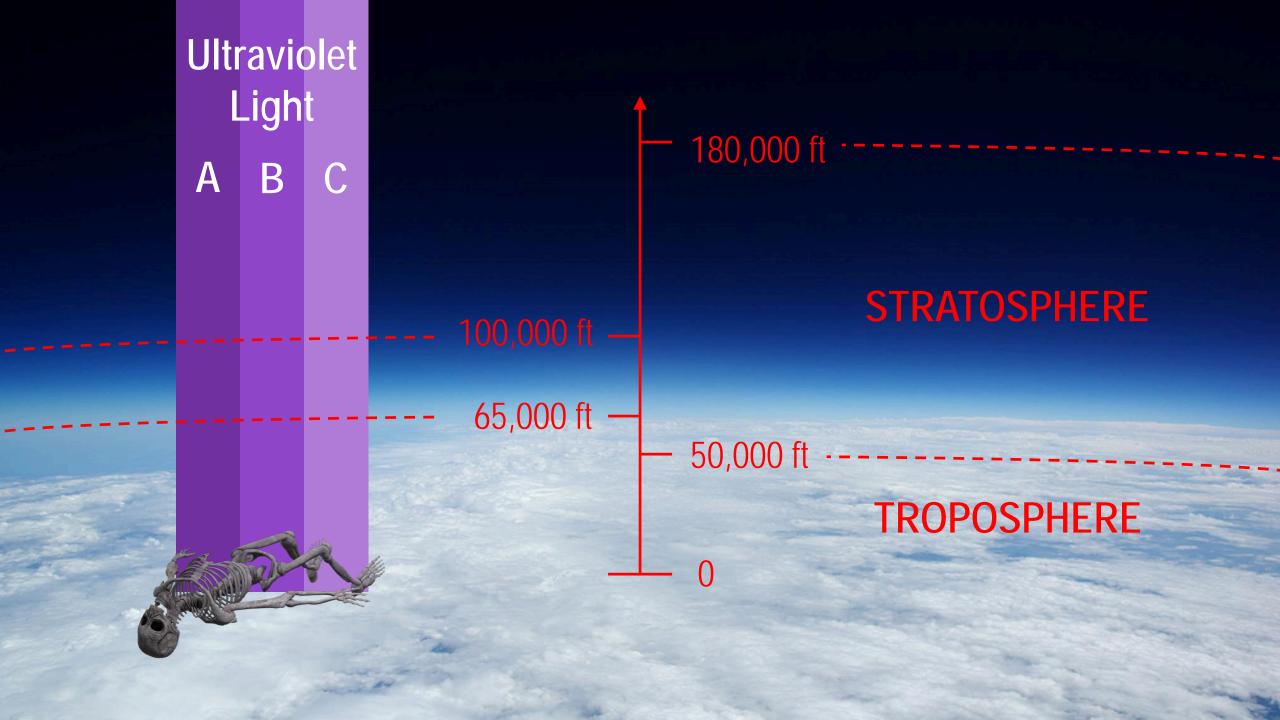
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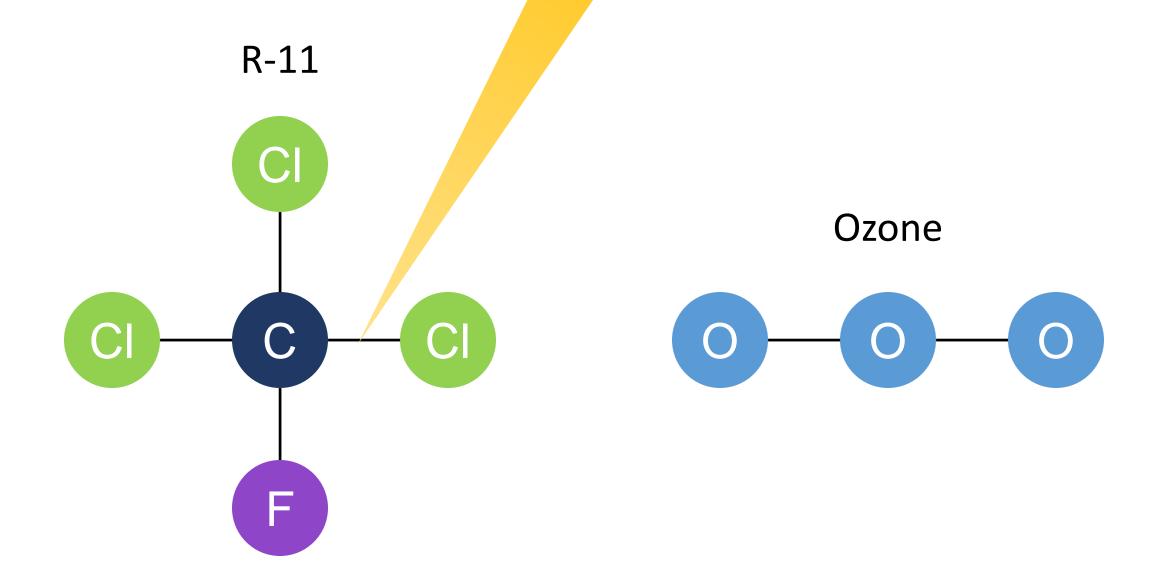
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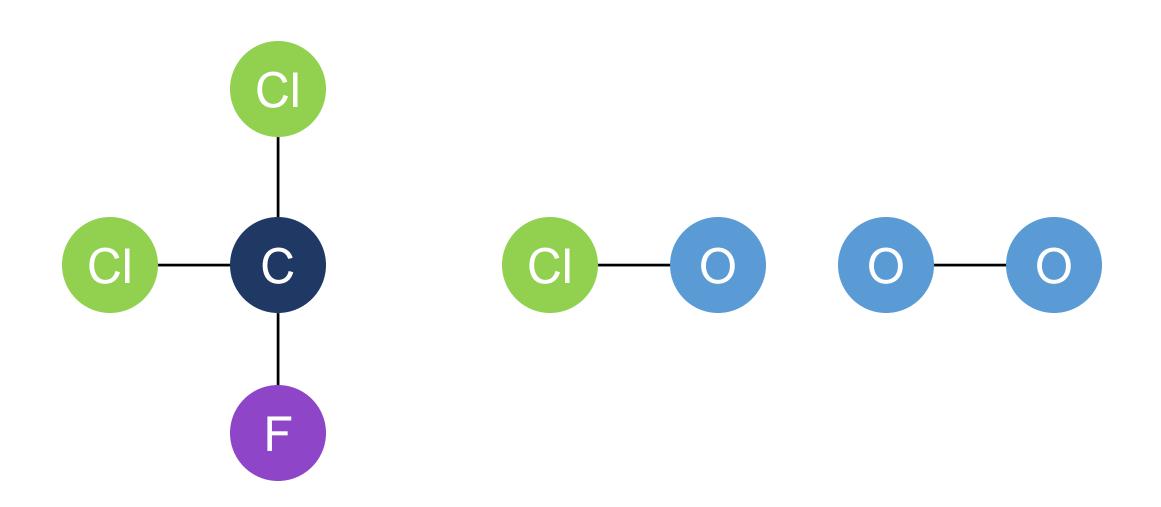




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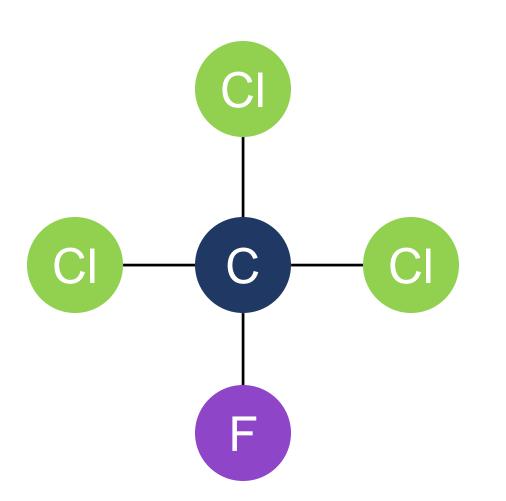


## 1987



### Montreal Protocol

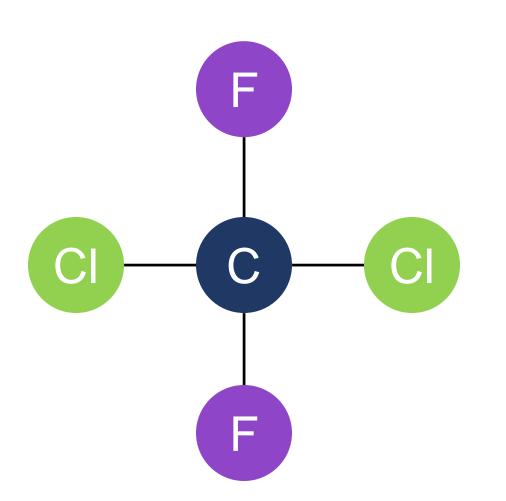




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ODP: 1

No New Production: 1996

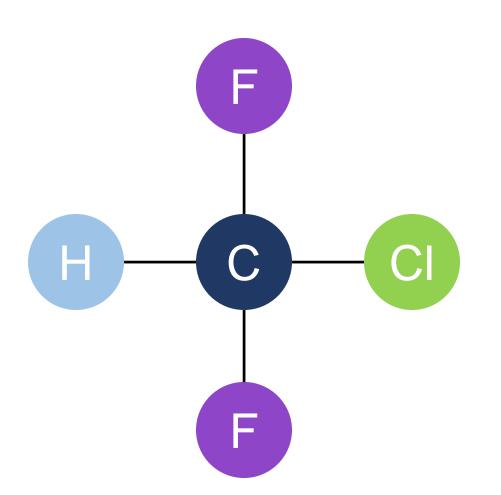


R-12

ODP: 1

No New Production: 1996

#### HydroChlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)



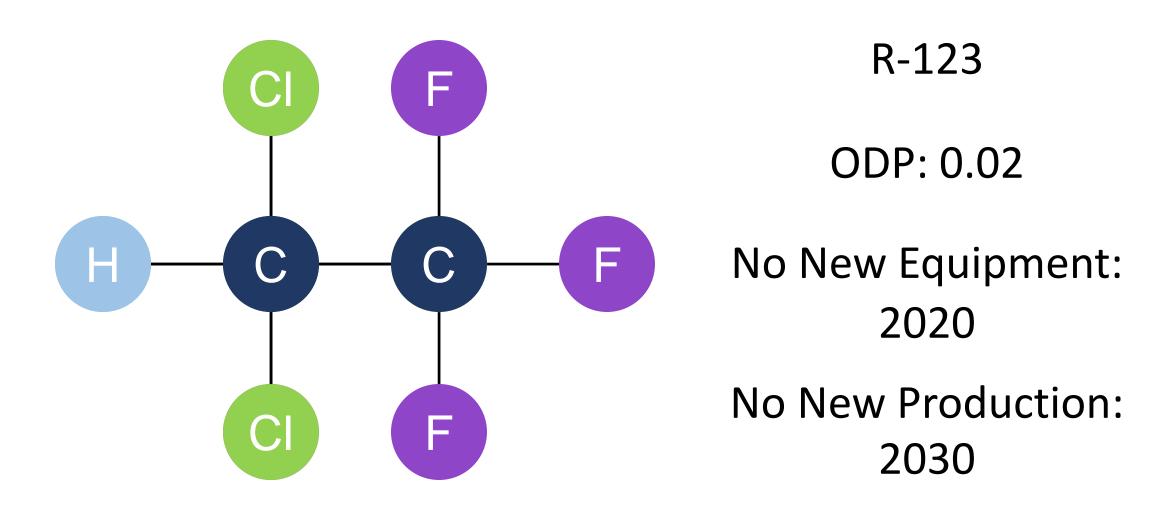
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ODP: 0.05

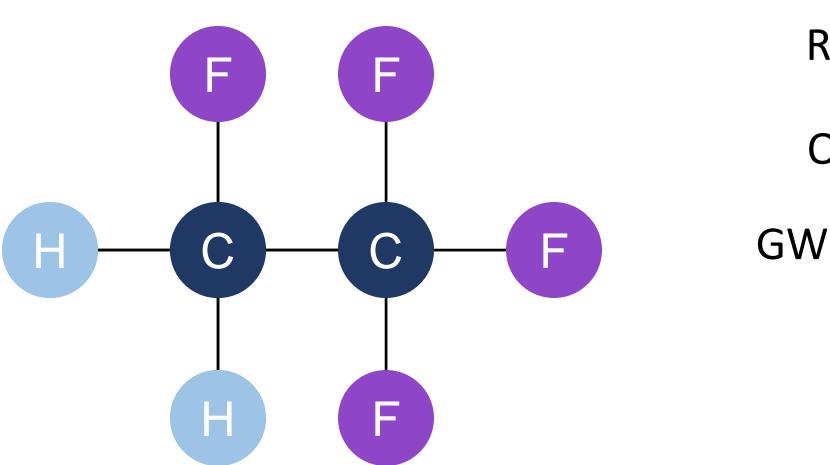
No New Equipment: 2010

No New Production: 2020

#### HydroChlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)



### Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC)



R-134a

ODP: 0

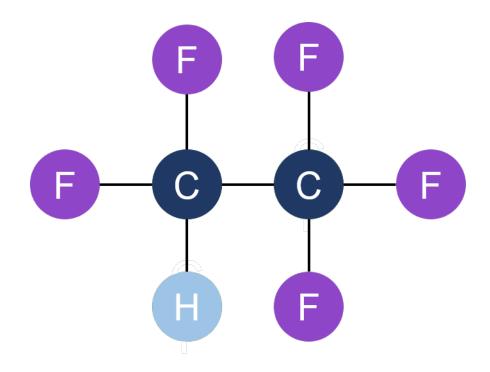
GWP: 1,300

### Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Blend

R-410A

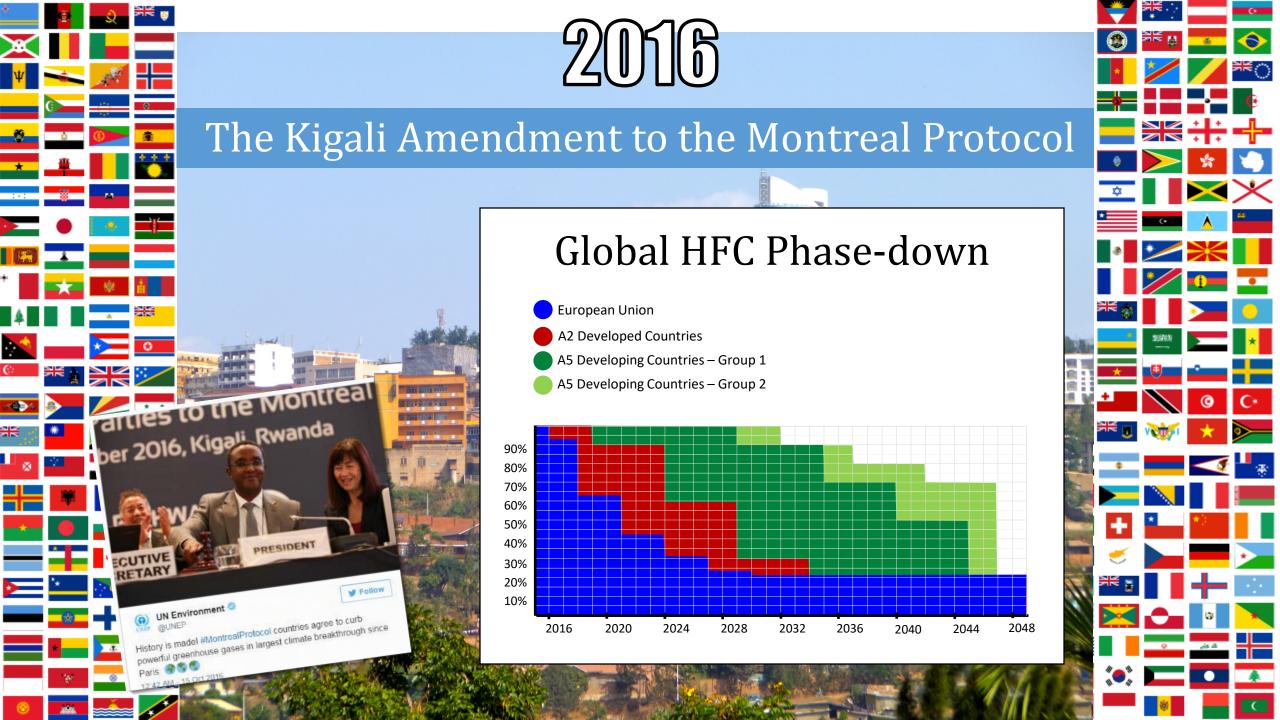
ODP: 0

GWP: 1,924



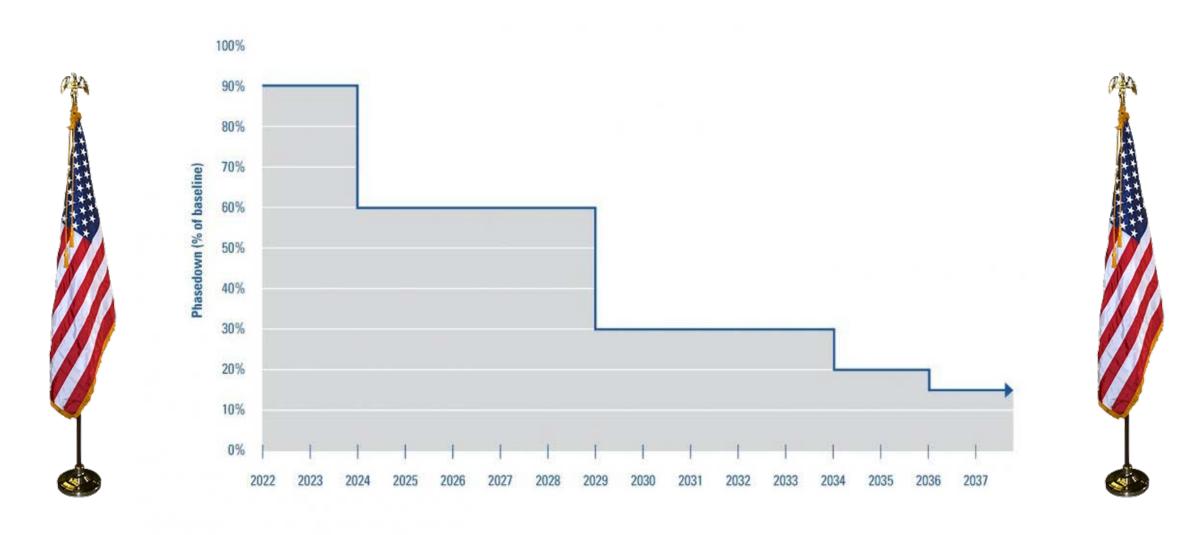
50% R-32

50% R-125



## 2020

#### AIM Act to phase down HFC production 85% over 15 years



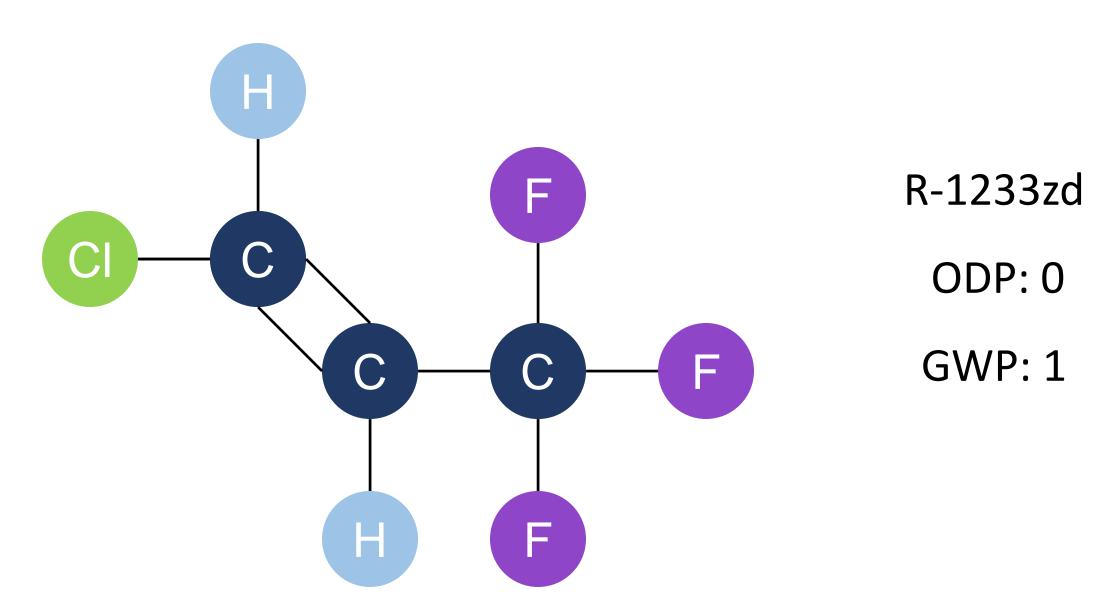
#### **Low Pressure Refrigerants – Easy to replace**

Pressure	Туре	Refrigerant	Toxicity	Flammability	ODP	GWP
Low	CFC	R-11	А	1	1	4,660
	HCFC	R-123	В	1	0.01	79
	HFO	R-514A	В	1	0	2
	HCFO	R-1233zd	А	1	0	1

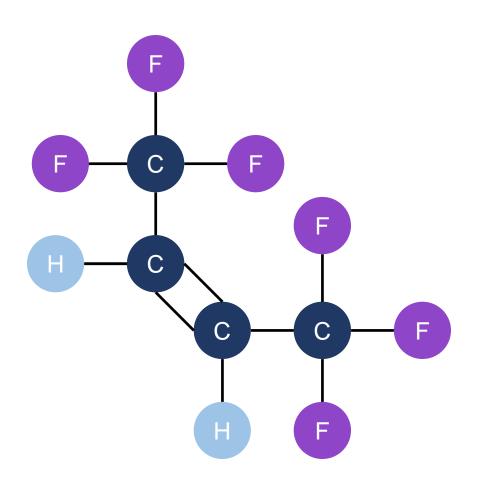




### Hydrochlorofluoro-olefin (HCFO)



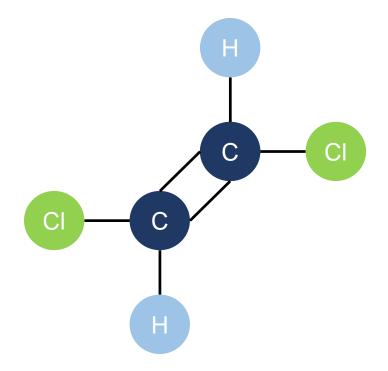
### Hydrofluoro-olefin (HFO) Blend



R-514A

ODP: 0

**GWP: 1.5** 



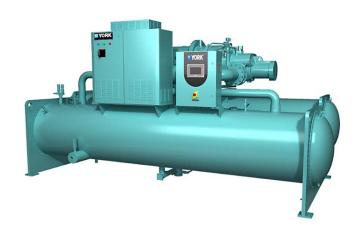
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25.3% R-1130(E)

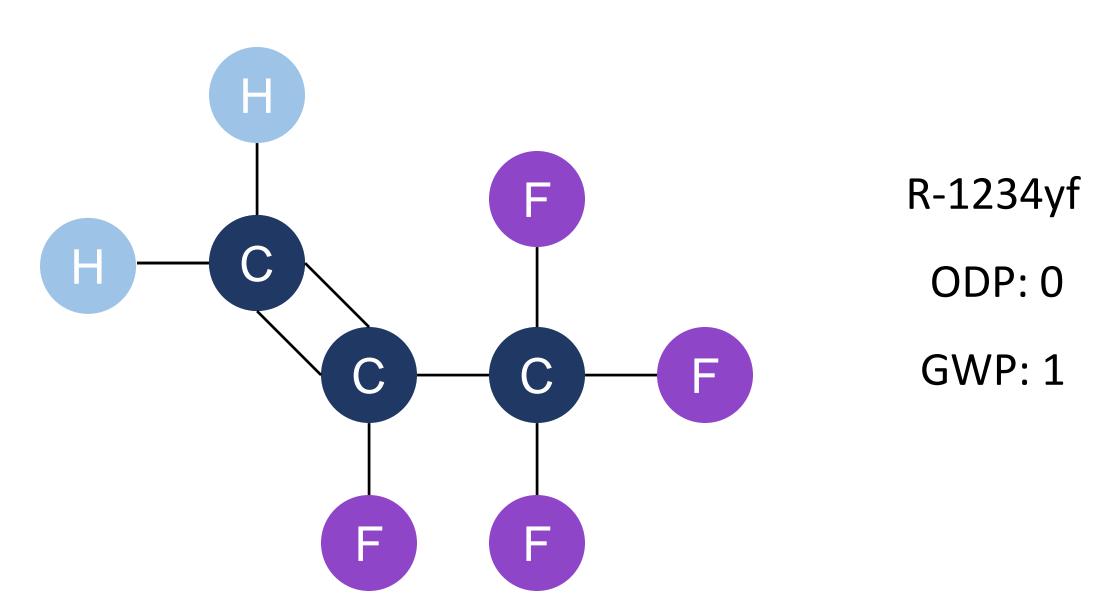
#### **Medium Pressure Refrigerants – Easy to replace**

Pressure	Туре	Refrigerant	Toxicity	Flammability	ODP	GWP
Medium	CFC	R-12	А	1	1	10,200
	HFC	R-134a	А	1	0	1,300
	HFO	R-513A	А	1	0	573
	HFO	R-1234ze	А	2L – BV 0.0	0	1
	HFO	R-1234yf	А	2L – BV 1.5	0	1





### Hydrofluoro-olefin (HFO)

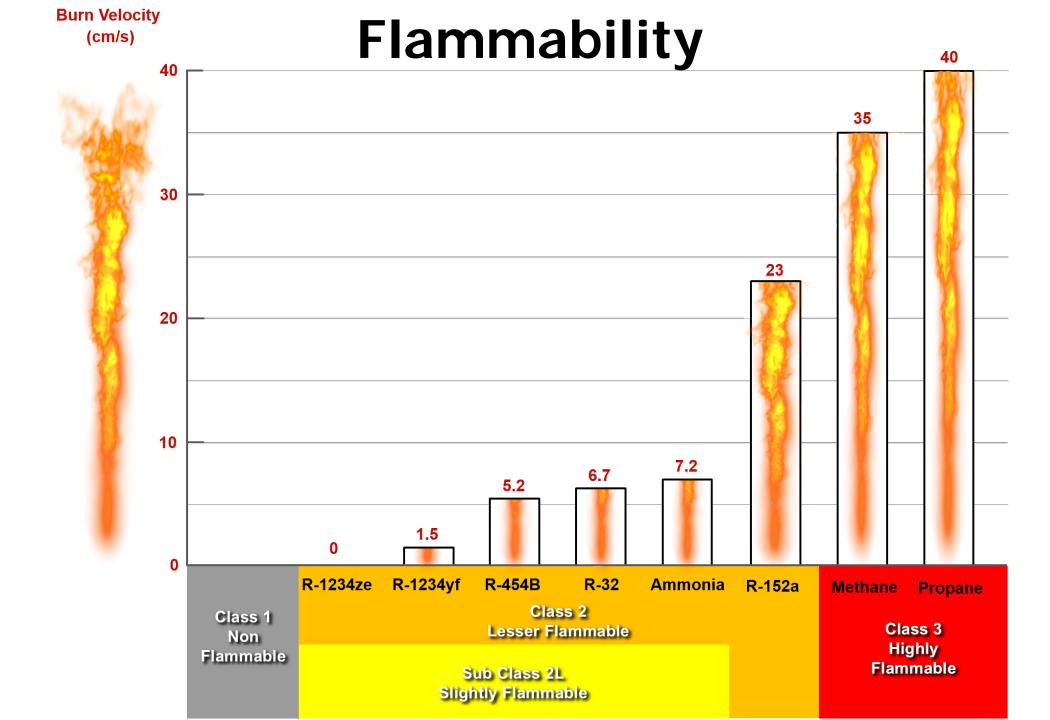


#### **High Pressure Refrigerants – Challenging to replace**

Pressure	Туре	Refrigerant	Toxicity	Flammability	ODP	GWP
High	HCFC	R-22	А	1	0.05	1,810
	HFC	R-410A	А	1	0	1,924
	HFC	R-32	А	2L – BV 6.7	0	677
	HFC	R-454B	А	2L – BV 5.2	0	467
	HFC	R-152a	А	2 – BV 23	0	138
		R-290 (Propane)	А	3 – BV 40	0	5







#### **Toxicity Classes A&B – Long Term Exposure**

#### Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL)

The time-weighted average concentration for a normal eight-hour work day and a 40-hour work week to which nearly all workers can be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect.

Class A: ≥ 400 ppm

Class B: < 400 ppm



www.epa.gov/snap/refrigerant-safety

"Concerns with refrigerant safety have been heightened by negative marketing by competing equipment and refrigerant vendors. Frequent overstatement (to influence customer perceptions) coupled with contradictions have fueled discomfort in refrigerant choices for some alternative refrigerants."

#### Replacing R-410A



1,924 GWP

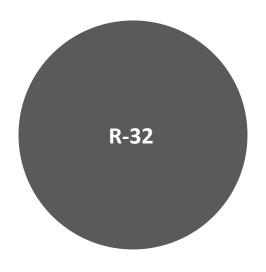


50% R-32

50% R-125

#### <u>R-32</u>

677 GWP



100% R-32

#### R-454B

467 GWP



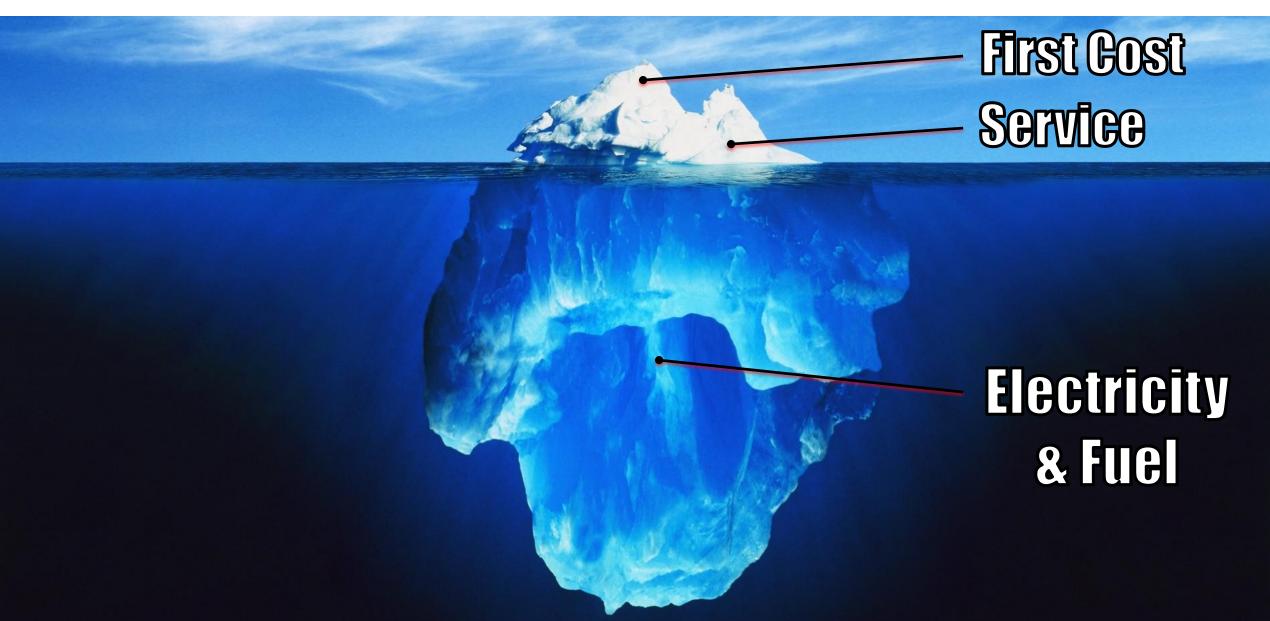
31.1% R-1234yf

68.9% R-32



#### How much does an HVAC system cost?







"Energy efficiency is, by far, the biggest impact to the environment, especially if you are able to contain the refrigerant inside the machine."

# \* YORK®

"Efficiency is essential to a chiller's environmental impact. About 95% of a chiller's lifetime carbon footprint comes from indirect emissions."

# DAIKIN

"For chillers, the vast majority of impact on climate change will come from generating electricity to run the equipment, versus refrigerant emissions."



"Energy efficiency is the main environmental consideration in the selection of a chiller as long as the equipment is carefully maintained and refrigerant emissions are kept near zero."

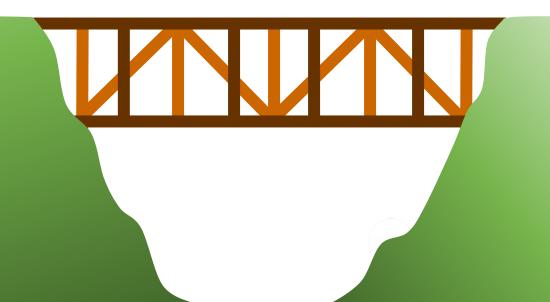


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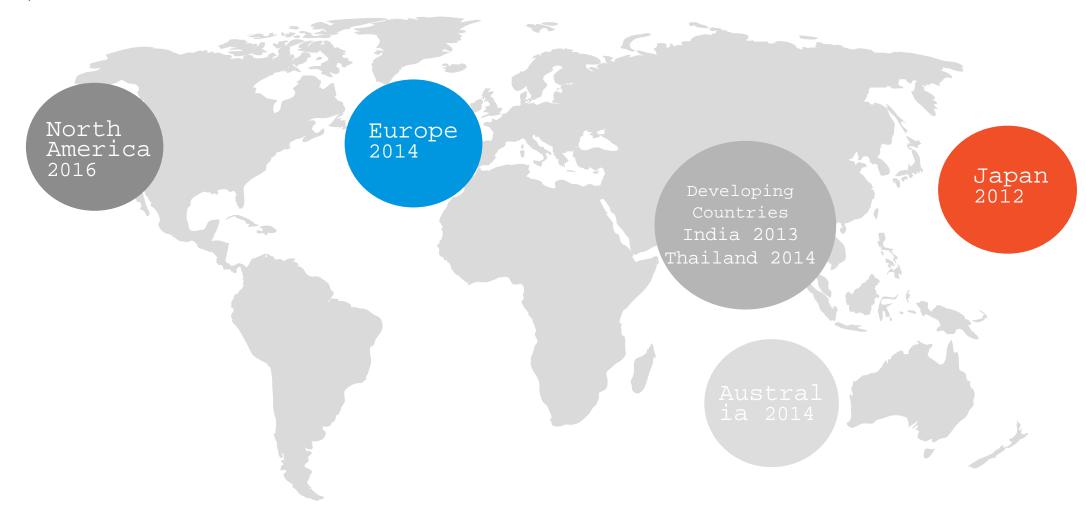


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## R-32 IS A PROVEN COMMODITY USED GLOBALLY

R-32 has achieved a global installed base of over 190 million units in over 120 countries by more than 50 OEMs (\*Daikin's estimate)



## **Daikin Global R32 Product Offering**

Products will be ready when the codes, standards and market is ready

R32 Mini/Multi/Commercial Splits (Globally )



R32 VRV (Japan ) 6-10 tons



R32 VRVS (Europe)
2-5 tons 1ph
6-24tons 3ph



R-32 technology at its best

**R32 Compact Inverter Chillers (5-25 tons)** 



R-32 Altherma
Heat/Cool/Hot Water
Residential/ Multi-Family



# Daikin Starts Global R32 Experience in North America

Daikin has chosen R32 as the next refrigerant in NA based on global experience and superior ease of use

Over 68% reduction in GWP (Global Warming Potential) from R410a and approx. 6-10% more

efficient



- Daikin has taken the lead in North America by launching the

first systems with next generation low GWP R32 refrigerant.





Over 190 million units from over 50 OEMs in over 120 countries through 2021

- Pure, singlecomponent refrigerant
- Easy to top off, or clean and reuse on-site
- Easy to reclaim and recycle

Environmental Impact of Air Conditioner Refrigerants and Trends				
	Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)	100 Year Global Warming Potential of Different Refrigerants*		
R12 (CFC)	1.0	10,900		
R22 (HCFC)	0.055	1,810		
R410A (HFC)	0	2,090		
R32	0	675		

Up to 12% higher SEER

Up to 18% higher HSPF

Up to 14% higher COP at 5F

Up to 21% higher max cooling capacity at 115F

Up to 51% higher max heating capacity at -13F



Daikin Announces Daikin ATMOSPHERA with R-32 Refrigerant





- Installation in Florida residential 2021



# Daikin Proves Cold Climate Heat Pumps in NYC – Centralized Oil Burner Boiler to de-centralized heating

• In 2020, Daikin converted the heating system in a nearly 100-year-old, 10-unit, multifamily Manhattan building from an oil-burning steam boiler to Daikin Aurora multi-split heat pumps. These 20 century buildings are common throughout the U.S. Northeast region. Daikin's demonstration project shows how its products can reduce fossil fuel heating and, in the process, bring 20 century buildings into the 21 century.

#### More than 40%

of U.S. energy consumption comes from heating and cooling houses, buildings, and water



#### 10 million+ homes

in the Northeast U.S. still rely on

gas-fired furnaces

That accounts for -

20%

of U.S. greenhouse

Heat pumps are proven to be

3x more efficient

than fossil-fuel-burning furnaces

Measurements were taken throughout a period of over 18 months, using more than 100 sensors in the building to validate the heat pumps' performance and measure comfort:



The Daikin system reduced direct heating system emissions **58 percent** and building wide greenhouse gas emission (GHG) emissions by **49 percent**.



Switching to air-source heat pumps for heating reduced building energy costs by more than **16 percent**.



The cold-climate air source heat pumps provided **100 percent** of the space heating in the building for two full winters without ever needing to use the building's oil-fired boiler.



### **DOE Cold Climate Heat Pump Challenge Mandates Low GWP Refrigerants**

While older heat pumps may have underperformed in cold climates, Daikin is proud to partner with the U.S. Department of Energy's Cold Climate Heat Pump Challenge to develop new variable speed inverter heat pump solutions utilizing lower GWP refrigerant R-32, which will deliver effective heating performance and efficiency in ambient temperatures of 5° Fahrenheit and below.



#### **Performance Requirements**

#### **Seasonal Heating**

- · 8.5 HSPF2 (Region V)
- · Heating at 5°F [-15°C]
- Minimum COP of 2.1-2.4 at 5°F
- Capacity ratio of 100% for 5°F capacity to 47°F capacity
- Minimum turndown ratio at 47°F
- Compressor cut-in and cut-out temperatures

#### Heating at -15°F [-26°C] (optional)

· HP operation at -15°F as measured by compressor cut-in and cut-out temperatures

#### Auxiliary heat

· Staged auxiliary heating

#### Low GWP Requirement

 Employ refrigerant with a global warming potential (GWP) value of no more than 750 (AR4,100 year)



#### **OEM Partners**























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## AIM Act will reduce R-410A production, Low-GWP Refrigerant acceptance increases

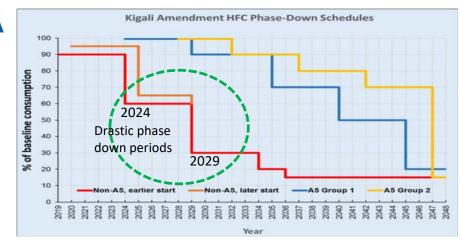
AIM Act passed in 2020 will address hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) use in three ways:

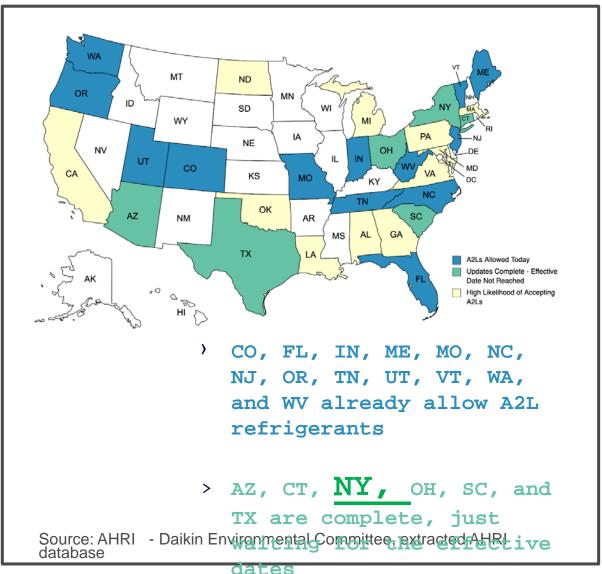
- 1. Phasing down the production and consumption
- Maximizing reclamation and minimizing release from equipment
- 3. Facilitating the transformation to next-generation technologies.

#### **AIM Act HFC Phasedown Schedule**



The AIM
Act gives
authority to
the EPA
to phase
down
HFC
refrigerant
s in the US





date

## AIM Act: Law Passed Dec. 27, 2020: EPA Rulemaking Sept. 23



- EPA finalized rules to phase down production and consumption of bulk HFCs in 2022 and 2023
- Set the baseline
- 2024 allocations not in rule. 40% reduction guaranteed
- HFC allowance allocation and trading program. Can't carry forward unused allocations
- Imported Products Containing <u>not</u> included
- QR Codes on cylinders (tracking). Compliance is extended to 2025
- Disposable cylinders (heel). Compliance is extended to 2025
- Sector-based petitions not covered but EPA has ruled in favor of 11 petitions
  - Align with CARB 750 limit and dates
  - Petitions can't delay the phasedown schedule
- Increase reclamation

- Early California Position: 750 GWP limit
  - Jan '23 for PTAC and Window AC
  - Jan '24 for Chillers
  - Jan '25 for Direct HVAC other than VRF
  - Jan '26 for VRF

High probability USA will transition
Chillers on Jan '24 and residential
HVAC on Jan '25, same as CA.
VRV/F will follow in '26.

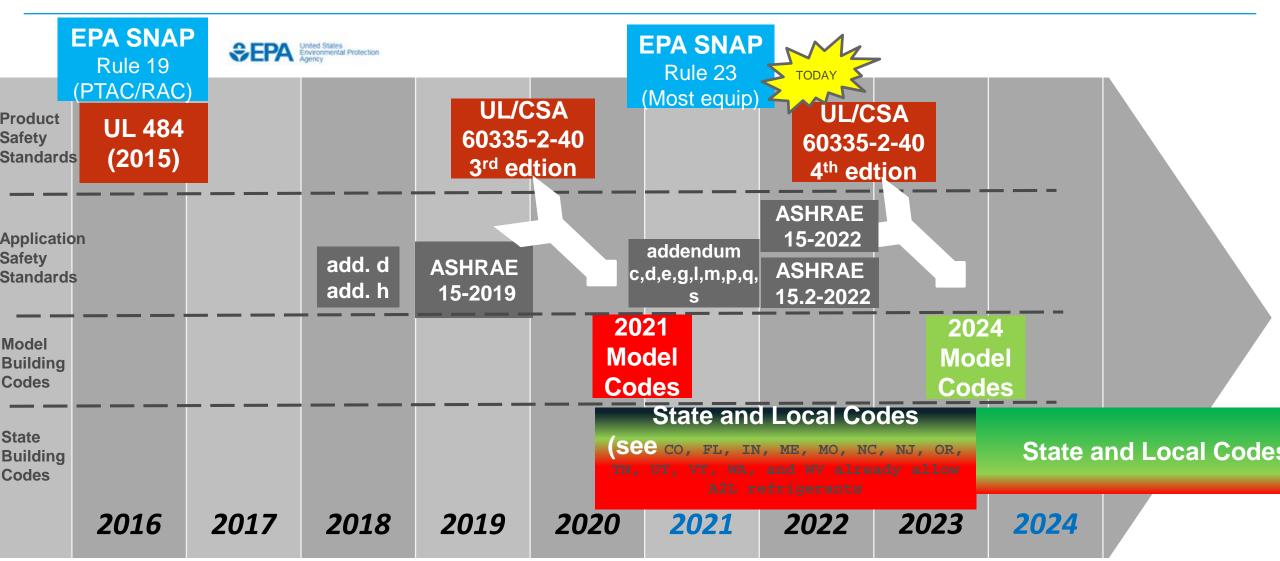
New or Revised Product Safety Standard

Updated
Model Code
(triennial)

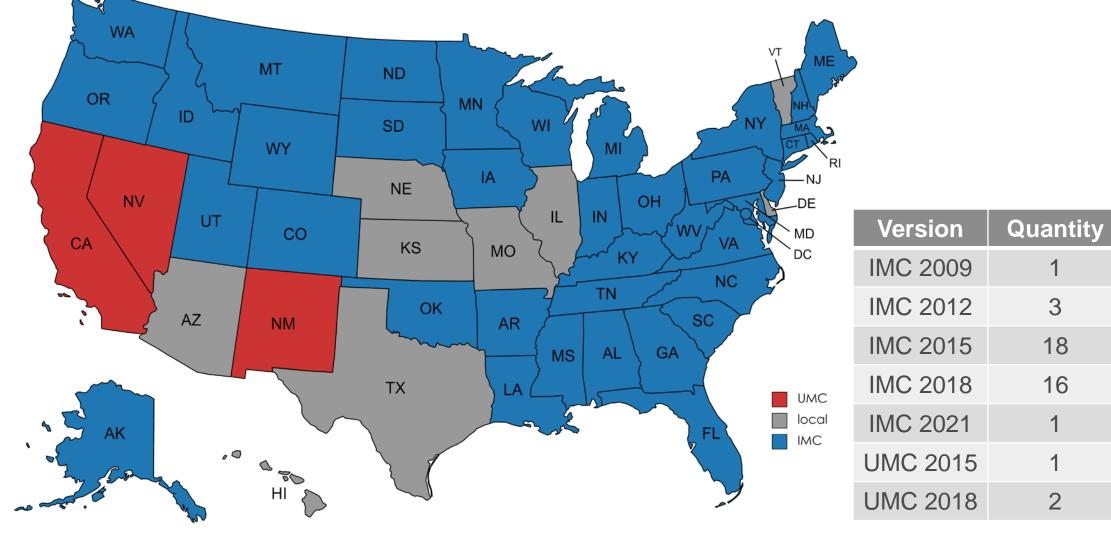
Your state
code adopts
model code\*

Updated
Application
Safety Standard

### Standard/Code Readiness - Group A2L



#### **MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTION**



Based on upcodes.com

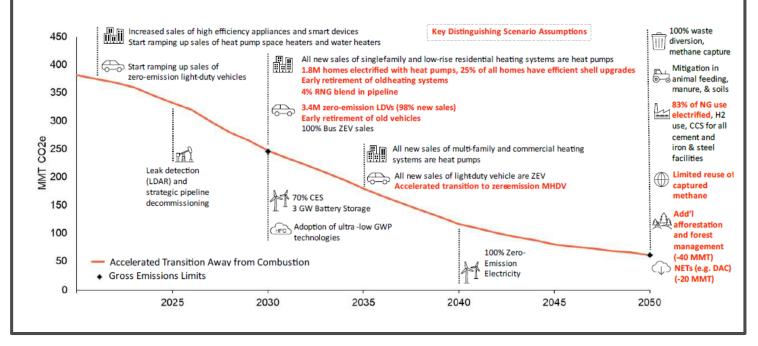
## New York is pursuing a Future with reduced environmental impact from Refrigerants



- Governor Kathy Hochul signed "Advanced Building Codes Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022" on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- The law ensures that substances allowed under U.S. EPA's SNAP (Significant New Alternative Policy) are not prohibited by any building

NY's <u>Draft Scoping Plan</u> outlines refrigerant-related strategies the state needs to pursue to achieve long-term climate goals set forth in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA):

- 1. Transition to low-GWP Refrigerants and enhanced management
- 2. Adopting Ultra-Low GWP Technologies by 2030



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#### Safety Standards (subset of actual) – Based on Extensive Research







New Safety Requirements for Low GWP Refrigerants
Understanding the <u>Updated UL</u>
60335-2-40 Refrigerant Detector
Requirements and Future
Standard Updates.

- AHRTI-9007: Benchmarking Risk by Whole Room Scale Leaks and Ignitions Testing
- AHRTI-9008: Investigation of Hot surface Ignition Temperature (HSIT) for A2L Refrigerants
- AHRTI-9009: Leak Detection of A2L Refrigerants in HVACR Equipment
- AHRTI-9012/Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL): Real-world Leak Assessments of Alternative Flammable Refrigerants
- AHRTI-9015: Assessment of Refrigerant Leakage Mitigation Effectiveness for Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment
- AHRI-8017: Investigation of Energy Produced by Potential Ignition Sources in Residential Application
- ASHRAE-1806: Flammable Refrigerants Post-Ignition Simulation and Risk Assessment Update
- ORNL: Investigate the Proper Basis for Setting Charge Limits of A2L, A2, and A3 for Various Types of Products
- NIST: Modeling tools for low-GWP Refrigerant Blends Flammability
- ASHRAE-1808: Servicing and Installing Equipment using Flammable Refrigerants: Assessment of Field-made Mechanical Joints
- AHRI 8028: A2L Refrigerants and Firefighter Tactical Considerations

### Mitigation Strategies – DX Human Comfort (and Refrigeration) Applications

#### System Design Considerations (select)

- Keep potential refrigerant charge released to a minimum
  - Verify minimum area (Amin) is met.
  - Locate equipment to minimizing piping and charge.
  - Two smaller systems versus one larger system.
- Circulation
  - Most equipment will have refrigerant sensor to trigger air circulation in the event of detected refrigerant leak.
- Safety Shut-off Valves
  - Factory Installed Refrigerant Sensor, if applicable
  - Minimizes releasable charge, initiated by refrigerant sensor(s).
- Ventilation
  - Remove air/refrigerant mixture from smaller space to either larger space or outdoors, also initiated by refrigerant sensor(s).

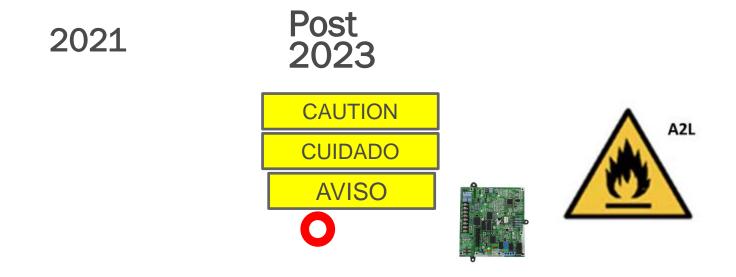
### Building Owners and Operators

- Stay informed and trained on regulations and building codes for A2Ls
- Understand and only use contractors that are trained to install A2L equipment
- Understand and stay trained on safety procedures associated with leaks
- Know and actively prohibit ignition sources
- First responder training and procedures will need to be updated to incorporate the properties, hazards, and fire-fighting measures associated with Class A2L refrigerants



## **Product Differences**

- New labeling requirements for A2L systems will be used, with new symbols indicating that A2L refrigerants are in use.
- Understand that A2L systems are uniquely designed with different compressor oils, design piping pressures, and specific heat exchangers, so it is prohibited to service existing A1 refrigeration equipment with new A2L refrigerants or vice-versa.



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#### **Tools for R-32**

 Per the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Significant New Alternative Policy Program (SNAP) guidelines, "spark proof tools are recommended"

Tooling	R-410A	R-32
Gauge Manifold	Normal	Different Scale
Vacuum pump	Normal	Equipped with oil backflow prevention function
Leak detector	Normal	HFC capable. Torch type models cannot be used
Recovery unit	Normal	Different – must be R-32 certified
Ventilation	Recommended	Necessary (fan)
Recovery cylinder	580 psig, right thread	696 psig, possibly left thread

#### **AHRI Guideline M-2020**

- Unique Fittings and Service Ports for Flammable Refrigerant Use
- Recommended Fittings for refrigerant cylinders should be of the type described in Table 1
  - A2L fittings on units are proposed to be the same as fittings on current A1 (most service fittings are ¼" SAE flare right hand thread), while fittings on cylinders on proposed to be left hand thread.
- This is a big notable item left hand thread on cylinder, right hand thread on equipment

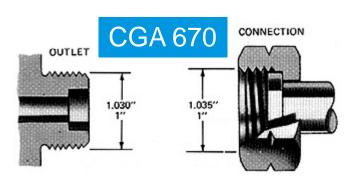


Table 1. Recommended Fittings for Refrigerant Cylinders				
Pofrigorant Containor Type	Refrigerant Classification			
Refrigerant Container Type	A2L			
<2 lb	CGA 164			
>2&<50 lb	CGA 164			
50 – 240 lb	CGA 670			
>240-1000 lb	CGA 670			

Note: SAE Flare is 45°, per SAE Standard J513

#### Gauge manifold and hoses

- Supports R-32 (R-410A) pressure
  - If the gauge manifold and hoses support R-410a, it can also be used with R-32 if the temperature is recalculated
  - High-pressure gauge: -14.5 to 753 psig
  - Low-pressure gauge: -14.5 to 536 psig
- Bore of connecting portion uses 5/16" flare screw



#### **Recovery unit for R-32**

- Supports R-32 (R-410A) pressure
- Some units have an ambient pressure switch which stops recovery above ambient pressure for leaking systems to prevent pulling air into recovery cylinder.
- Must be approved for A2L refrigerants



#### Vacuum pump

- Older vacuum pumps MAY NOT BE certified for A2L refrigerants.
- Equipped with oil backflow prevention function (In the case of using a vacuum pump without reverse flow preventive function, use only after connecting it to a reverse flow preventive vacuum adapter.)



#### **Electronic leak tester**

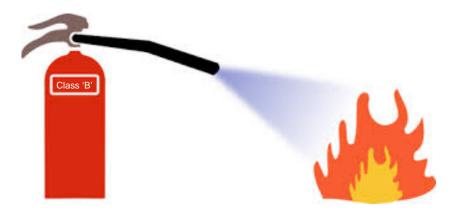
- Detectors that can be used with R-410A can also be used for R-32 if approval from tooling manufacturer.
- Must be HFC capable
- Torch type models cannot be used.

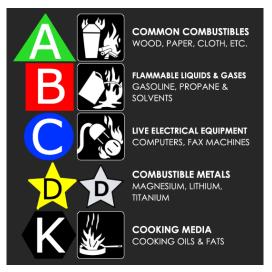


#### Tools for R-32

- A monitor to check for presence of combustible gas should always be used when entering a service area
- No service should begin on the system until the area has been checked for flammable refrigerants.
- Monitors that use audible signals are recommended.
- The monitor should also remain on for the duration of work.

 A Class B dry powder type fire extinguisher shall be kept nearby when working with slightly flammable refrigerants.





#### **Recovery Cylinder**

- Only cylinders with pressure resistance to 696 psig or greater can be used.
- Keep in mind that the bottle might have left hand thread. In that case, an adapter piece is necessary.
- Never exceed the maximum allowable liquid fill weight of a cylinder
- Never mix recovered refrigerants.
- Label cylinder with refrigerant recovered



#### **Adapter**

- Adapter piece left thread to right thread
- Flammable gas cylinders may have left thread.
- This adapter piece converts left thread to right thread, for use of manifolds.



#### Wrap-Up

- Our Industry can safely commercialize low GWP refrigerants to reduce the impact of global warming
- Evolution of refrigerants we can apply our knowledge to solve climate change by increasing energy efficiency with lower GWP refrigerants
- Codes and Standards need to rapidly embrace the changes – State and local code officials need to ensure smooth transition
- Heat Pumps will evolve and replace fossil fuel usage (aided by lower GWP refrigerants) – already proving acceptable – ccHP challenge
- Tools and Safety awareness training must accelerate in the trades





Date	Event	New Refrigerants
1902	Invention of the modern air conditioner	Ammonia, Sulfur Dioxide, Methyl Chloride
1928	Invention of Freon to increase safety	CFCs
1987	Montreal Protocol to phase out Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)	HFCs and HCFCs
2016	Kigali Amendment to phase down Global Warming Potential (GWP)	HFOs and HCFOs
2020	AIM Act to phase down HFC production 85% over 15 years	

