

Why R32

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- **Industry Regulatory Update**
- R32 Benefits
- Flammability

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Environmental Challenges Driving Industry Transitions

2016

Non-Ozone Depleting – high GWP

Kigali Amendment (HFC)
Phase Down

ASHRAE 34 "R"-#	ODP	GWP	Composition
R-410A	0.0	2,088	R-32/125
R-454B	0.0	466	R-32/1234yf
R-32	0.0	675	CH ₂ F ₂ (HFC)

Global Warming Potential (GWP):
The potential for a gas to trap heat in the atmosphere, resulting in climate change.

Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP):
The potential for substances to reduce the amount of ozone in the atmosphere that blocks harmful radiation from the sun.



1985

Ozone Depleting – High CFC/HFC

Montreal Protocol (CFC/HCFC)
Phase Out

ASHRAE 34 "R"-#	ODP	Composition
R-12	1.00	CCl ₂ F ₂ (CFC)
R-22	0.50	CHClF ₂ (HCFC)
R-410A	0.0	R-32/125

High GWP HFC's: > 700 GWP

Phaseout

PHASEOUT TIMELINE

2020

The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act is enacted by Congress. The AIM Act directs the EPA's focus to the phasedown, substitution, and management of HFC refrigerants, including R-410A.

2021

EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan signs the official final rule for the phasedown of HFC refrigerants. The final rule puts forth a plan to reduce HFC refrigerant production by 85% over 15 years.



2022

HFC production will decrease by 10%.

2024

HFC production will decrease by 40%

2029

HFC production will decrease by 70%.

2036

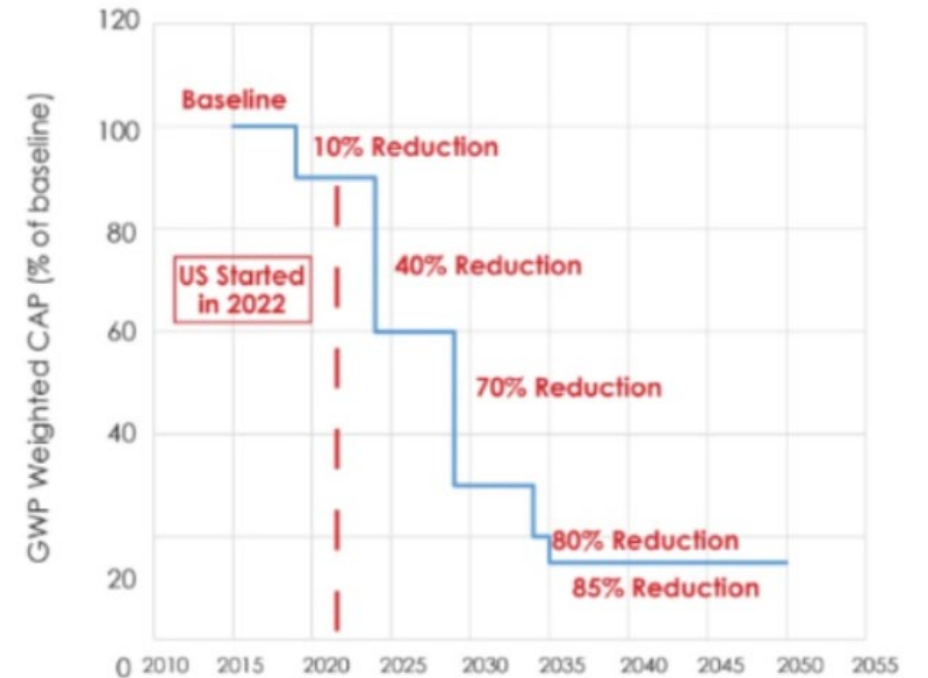
HFC production will decrease by 85%

2034

HFC production will decrease by 80%.

**Baseline established from 2019 full R410a production amount

AIM Act Phasedown Schedule as % of US Baseline



June 19, 2024

The EPA expanded the ruling

January 1, 2025

The Manufacture or Import of *non-3ph VRV Equipment*, and *Products* of all phases containing high GWP HFC's will be prohibited.

January 1, 2026

The Sale and Installation of *non-3ph VRV Systems* containing high HFC's will be prohibited

The Manufacture or Import of *3ph VRV Equipment* containing high GWP HFC's will be prohibited.

January 1, 2027

The Installation and Sale of *3ph VRV Systems* containing high GWP HFC's will be prohibited

January 1, 2028

The Installation and Sale of *Products* containing high GWP HFC's will be prohibited.

EPA FINAL RULING Retrofits of Existing Systems

AIM Technology Transition re: “Date Of Installation”

Retrofits of Existing Systems Allowed but not “Complete System installs”



- R-410A components, heat exchangers, valves are not impacted by the TT Rule
- Individual R410A split ODU’s, indoor coils & ahu’s all can continue to be installed indefinitely*

*MUST MEET DOE REGIONAL GUIDELINES

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MANY FACTORS INFORM THE RIGHT CHOICE

- › No one-size-fits all solution
- › The right choice is determined by many factors including efficiency and capacity, GWP, value, availability, cost, ease of reuse and reclamation
- › The right combination results in the best value for the owner and optimal environmental value for the planet
- › **Daikin has selected R-32 as the best overall replacement for R-410 based on these 5 criteria**

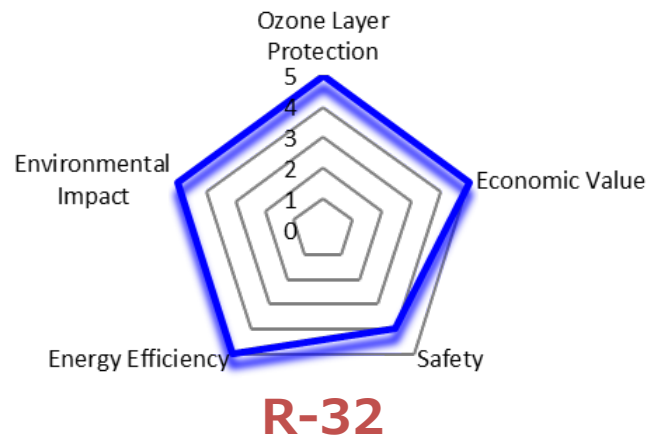
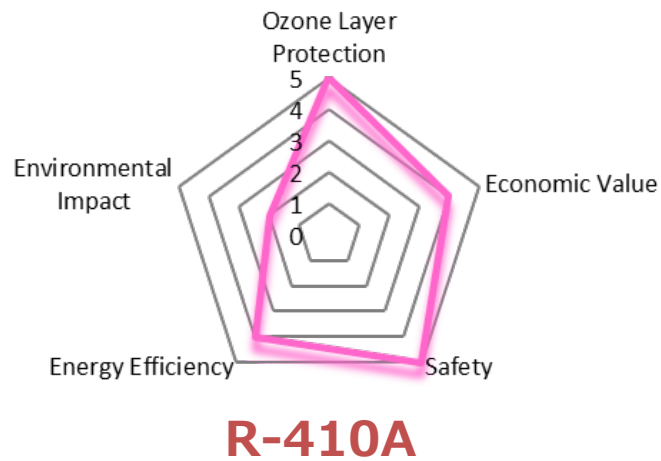


Figure shows COP comparisons based on simulation of a basic vapor compression cycle for an air-conditioner employing a typical forced-convection, air-to-refrigerant heat exchanger, maintaining the same heat flux in the evaporator for a fair comparison.

MANY FACTORS INFORM THE RIGHT CHOICE:

	R-410A Benchmark	R-32
Global Warming Potential (GWP)	2,088	675
Total Emissions (kg CO₂-eq.)	17,263	14,916 (13.6% lower)
Composition	R-32 50% R-125 50%	R-32 100%
Refrigerant Safety Classification	A1	A2L
Temperature Glide	Yes	No
System Capacity	100%	>110%
System Efficiency	100%	>107%
Refrigerant Charge Size	-	Up to 40% smaller
Proprietary	No	No

High GWP HFC's > 700 GWP

R-32 IS A PROVEN COMMODITY USED GLOBALLY

Europe
2014

Japan
2012

North
America
2016

Developing
Countries
India 2013
Thailand 2014

■ Daikin sales
(including limited sales)

Australia
2014

R-32 has achieved a global installed base of over 280 million units in over 120 countries by more than 50 OEMs (*Daikin's estimate)

As of December 2023

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Many factors inform the right choice.

✓ **More eco-friendly**

The biggest benefit of R32 is drastically reduced GWP levels. R32 has one-third the GWP of R410-A, which means it is much better for the environment and has a much lower impact on the ozone layer.

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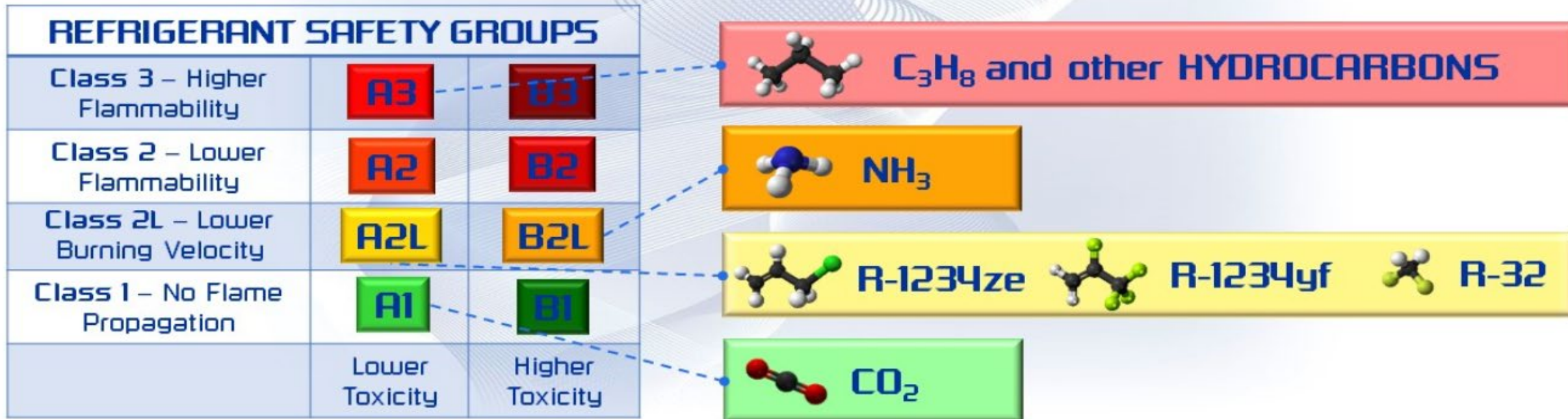
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- ISO Standard 817:2014 Refrigerants—Designation and Safety Classification establishes a system for assigning a safety classification to refrigerant gases based on toxicity and flammability.
- To express the flammability properties of the new unsaturated HFCs (referred to as HFOs) and other refrigerants with similar properties (such as Ammonia), ISO 817-2014 made 2L a separate class, characterized by burning velocities less than or equal to 10 cm/s.



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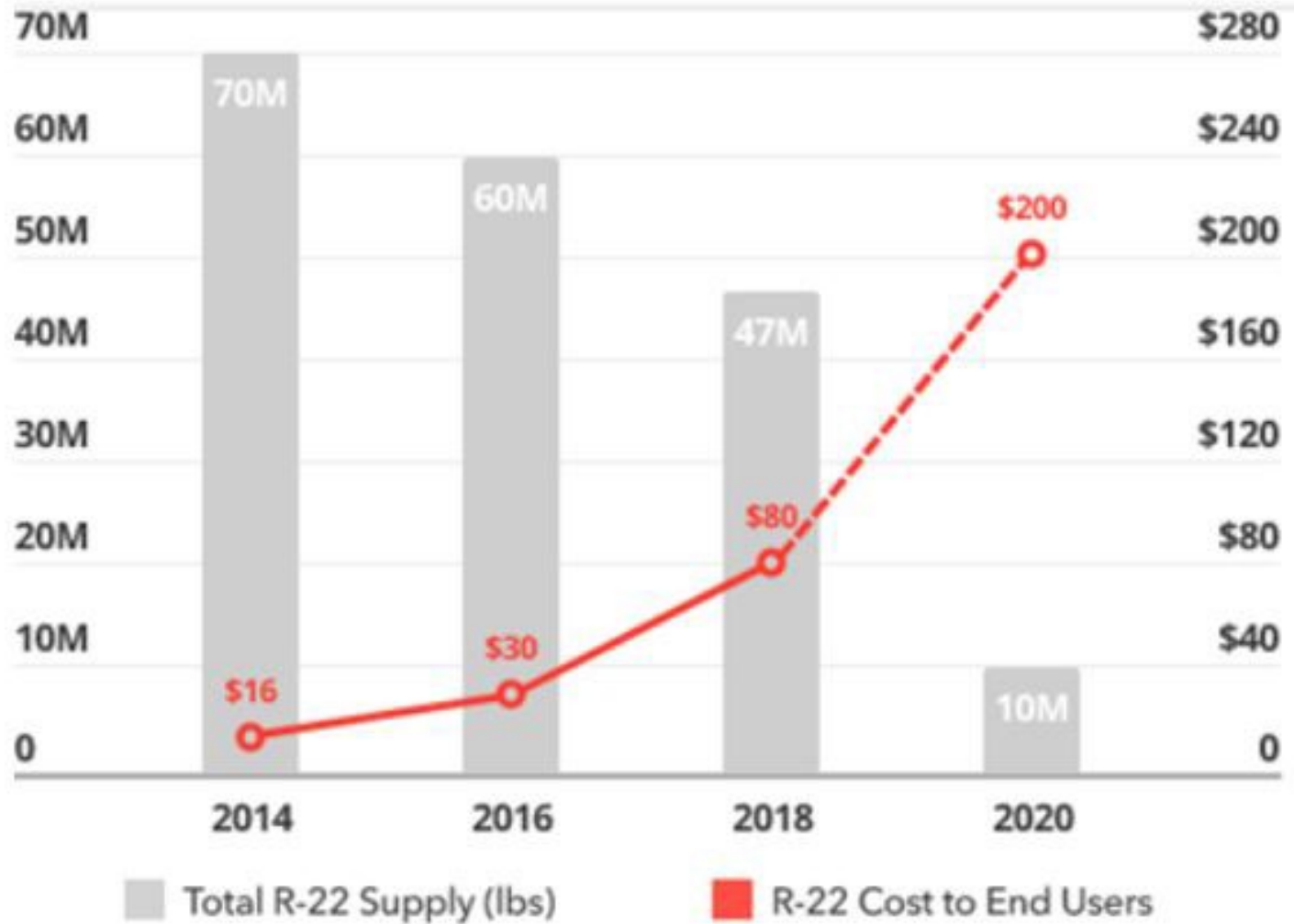
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Total Supply = new import + existing stockpiles + reclaimed
R-22 price based on national average

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- R32 is an open patent that is produced by multiple manufacturers. R454B is a proprietary blend made by just one.
- 40% less charge means 40% less cost to recharge a system

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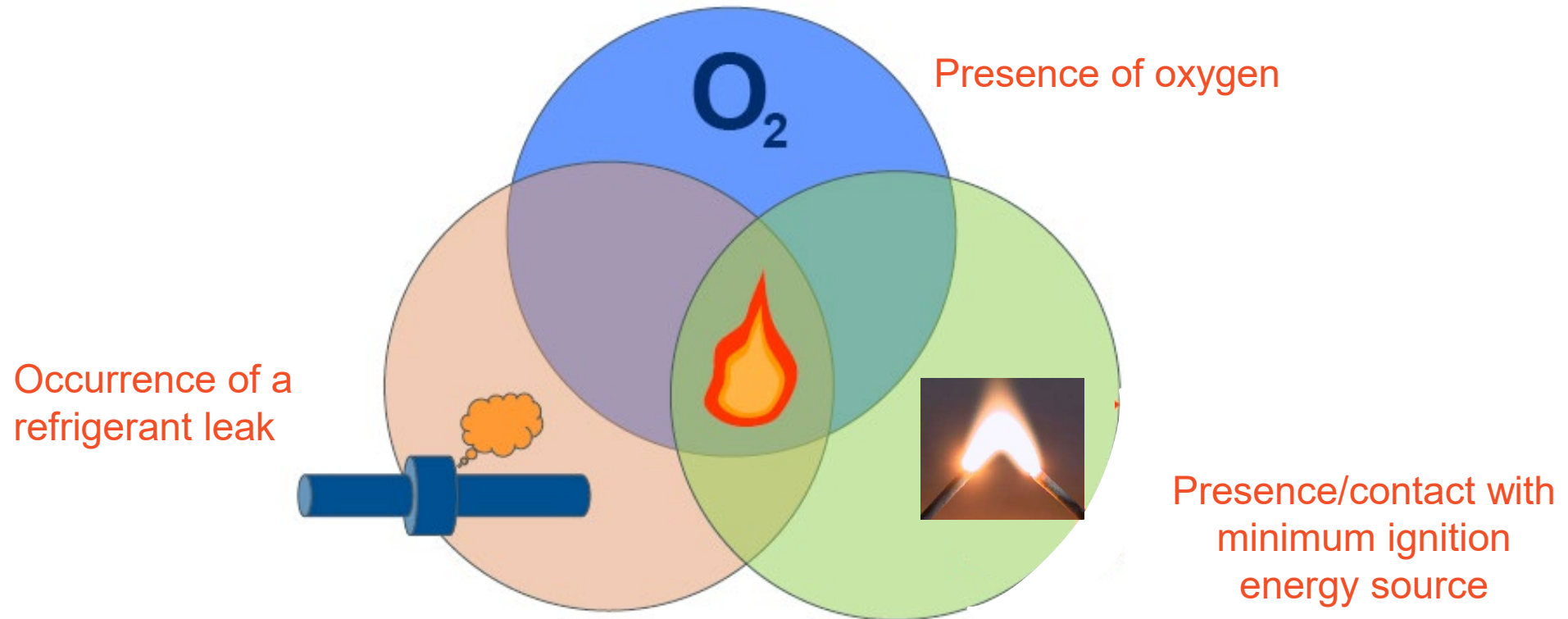
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Conditions for A2L refrigerant ignition

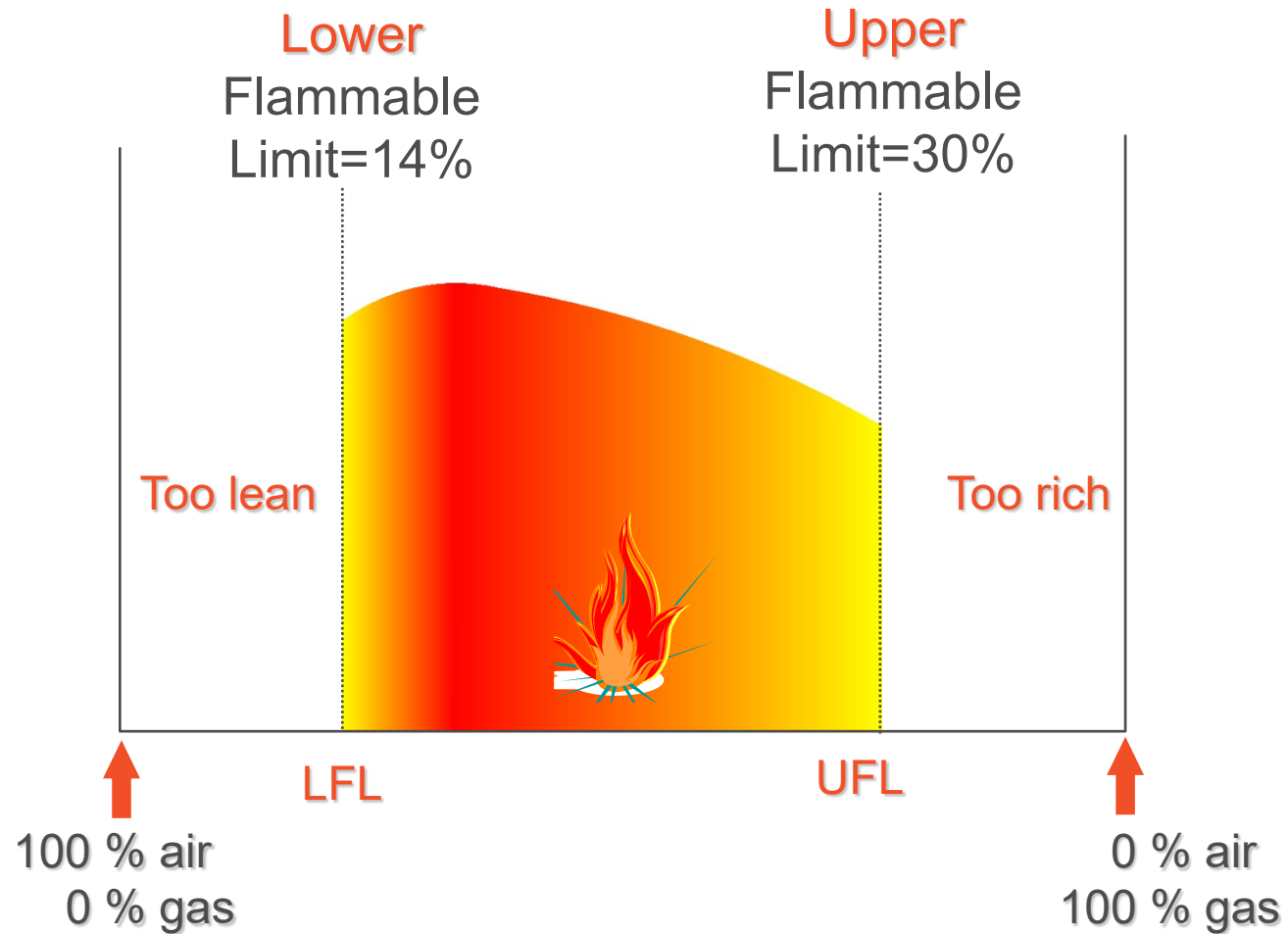
- An ignition of any flammable agent can only be triggered if all 3 conditions are met
- Adequate measures must be taken to prevent such situations from occurring



Flammable Concentration Range



- The Lower Flammable Limit (LFL) and Upper Flammable Limit (UFL) are the minimum and maximum concentrations of refrigerant in air that is capable of burning



Refrigerant Flammability Comparison

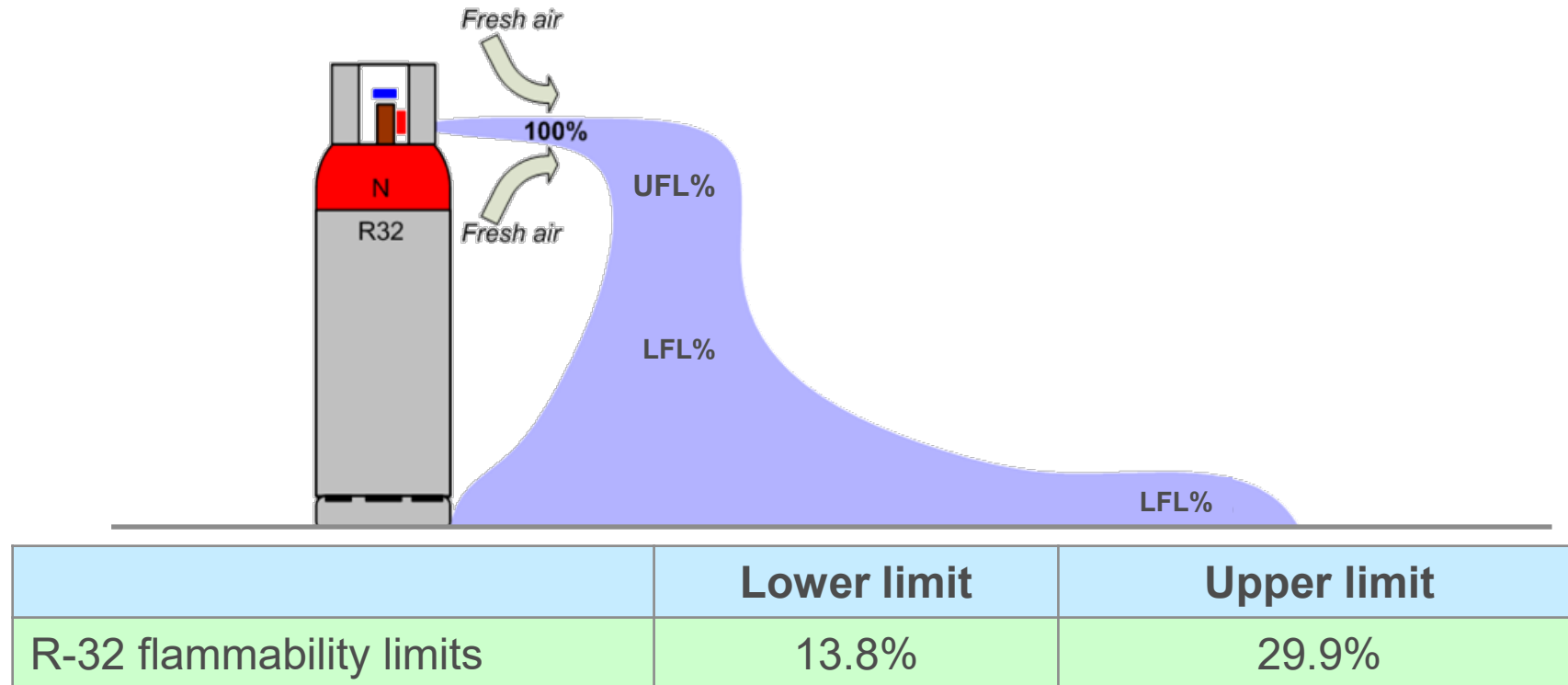
- The minimum ignition energy (MIE) is the minimum electrical spark energy, in millijoules (mJ), required to ignite a flammable gas/air mixture.
- As a reference point, consider the spark from a high-voltage spark plug. It produces 20-30 mJ of ignition energy.

Refrigerant	R-32	R-454B	R-1234yf	R-717 Ammonia	R-152a	R-290 Propane	R-600a Isobutane
Safety Group	A2L	A2L	A2L	B2L	A2	A3	A3
LFL	14.4%	11.8%	6.2%	15%	3.9%	2.1%	1.8%
Auto Ignition Temperature	648°C 1,198.4°F	496°C 924.8°F	405°C 761°F	651°C 1,203.8°F	440°C 824°F	455°C 851°F	460°C 860°F
Minimum Ignition Energy (MIE)	30 – 100 mJ	100-300 mJ	5,000 – 10,000 mJ	100 – 300 mJ	0.38 mJ	0.25 mJ	0.6 – 0.7 mJ
Burning Velocity	6.7 cm/s	5.2 cm/s	1.5 cm/s	7.2 cm/s	23 cm/s	46 cm/s	41 cm/s
Heat of Combustion (HOC)	3,869 Btu/lb	4,420 Btu/lb	4,408 Btu/lb	9,673 Btu/lb	2,708 Btu/lb	19,905 Btu/lb	19,000 – 19,200 Btu/lb

Density

Density of a flammable gas is important to know

- A2Ls are heavier than air, when the gas escapes from a container and no ventilation is present, it will tend to spread over the bottom of the floor where it will mix with air, lowering its concentration.



ASHRAE 15.2 - A2L Maximum design charge limits & Minimum Room Size

Table 9-3 M for A2L Systems Based on 7.2 ft (2.2 m) Dispersal Height^a

Area ^b		<i>M^c</i>			
		<i>With Circulation</i>		<i>Without Circulation</i>	
ft ²	m ²	lb _m	kg	lb _m	kg
100	9.3	6.9	3.1	6.9	3.1
125	11.6	8.6	3.9	8.6	3.9
150	13.9	10.3	4.7	10.3	4.7
175	16.3	12.1	5.5	11.1	5.0
200	18.6	13.8	6.3	11.9	5.4
225	20.9	15.5	7.0	12.6	5.7
250	23.2	17.2	7.8	13.3	6.0
275	25.5	18.9	8.6	13.9	6.3
300	27.9	20.7	9.4	14.6	6.6
325	30.2	22.4	10.2	15.2	6.9
350	32.5	24.1	10.9	15.7	7.1
375	34.8	25.8	11.7	16.3	7.4
400	37.2	27.6	12.5	16.8	7.6



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Table 9-4 Additional Charge Permitted for A2L Systems Using Ventilation

<i>Ventilation Rate</i>		<i>MV^a</i>			
		<i>With Circulation</i>		<i>Without Circulation</i>	
<i>cfm</i>	<i>m³/h</i>	<i>lb_m</i>	<i>kg</i>	<i>lb_m</i>	<i>kg</i>
<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.2</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.3</u>
<u>60</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>0.5</u>
<u>80</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>0.6</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>
<u>120</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.1</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>140</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.1</u>
<u>160</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>180</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<u>200</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>1.6</u>
<u>220</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>1.9</u>
<u>240</u>	<u>408</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>2.1</u>
<u>260</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>2.3</u>



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R-32	1.00
R-452B	1.02
R-454A	0.92
R-454B	0.97
R-454C	0.95
R-457A	0.71



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But what does all of this really mean?

Factory Charge & Minimum Room Size

	ALZS5BA 1810A*	ALZS5BA 2410A*	ALZS5BA 3010A*	ALZS5BA 3610A*	ALZS5BA 4210A*	ALZS5BA 4810A*	ALZS5BA 6010A*
NOMINAL CAPACITIES							
Cooling (BTU/h)	18,000	24,000	30,000	36,000	42,000	48,000	60,000
Heating (BTU/h)	18,000	24,000	30,000	36,000	42,000	48,000	60,000
SEER2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2
Decibels	70.0	73.0	73.0	71.1	72.0	73.6	74.8
COMPRESSOR							
RLA	9.3	11.4	12.9	18.4	16.1	21.6	30.2
LRA	44.3	59.3	76.0	88.0	112.2	127.7	178.0
Stage	Single	Single	Single	Single	Single	Single	Two
Type	Scroll	Scroll	Scroll	Scroll	Scroll	Scroll	Scroll
CONDENSER FAN MOTOR							
Horsepower	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/4	1/4	1/5
FLA	0.95	0.95	0.97	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.0
REFRIGERATION SYSTEM							
Refrigerant Line Size ¹							
Liquid Line Size ("O.D.)	¼"	¼"	¼"	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"
Suction Line Size ("O.D.)	⅝"	⅝"	⅝"	¾"	⅞"	⅞"	⅞"
Refrigerant Connection Size							
Liquid Valve Size ("O.D.)	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"	⅜"
Suction Valve Size ("O.D.)	¾"	¾"	¾"	5.9 lbs.	⅞"	⅞"	⅞"
Valve Connection Type	Sweat	Sweat	Sweat	Sweat	Sweat	Sweat	Sweat
Refrigerant Charge (oz.)	88	83	94	95	139	174	185

Factory Charge & Minimum Room Size

GH5SAN5: Product Data

Physical Data

UNIT SIZE SERIES	18	24	30	36	42	48	60
Compressor Type	Scroll						
REFRIGERANT	Puron Advance™ (R-454B)						
Factory Charge lb (kg)*	6.5(2.95)	5.4(2.45)	6.1(2.77)	7.6(3.45)	7.3(3.31)	10.5(4.76)	8.7(3.95)
Outdoor Heating Piston #	42	46	52	52	61	65	70
COND FAN	Forward Swept or Propeller Type, Direct Drive						
Air Discharge	Vertical						
Air Qty (CFM)	1900	3500	3000	3500	3000	3800	4300
Motor HP	1/12	1/10	1/10	1/4	1/5	1/4	1/4
Motor RPM	800	825	825	825	1100	1110	800
COND COIL							
Face Area (Sq ft)	17.2	19.3	21.4	17.2	17.2	21.4	22.6
Fins per In.	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Rows	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Circuits	7	6	7	8	10	12	12
VALVE CONNECT. (In. ID)							
Vapor	5/8	5/8	3/4	3/4	7/8	7/8	7/8
Liquid	3/8"						
REFRIGERANT TUBES* (In. OD)							
Rated Vapor†	5/8	5/8	3/4	3/4	7/8	7/8	1 1/8
Rated Liquid Line‡	3/8"						

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175	16.3	12.1	5.5	11.1	5.0
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