R-454B Puron Advance A2L

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Why the change?

AIM ACT – SUPPLY WILL BE RESTRICTED





Why the change?

Other Impacts of AIM Act

Product Transitions

Transition date	Equipment	Requirement	Where ⁽¹⁾ ?
January 1, 2023	TRU	GWP<2 200	California [,]
		0111 _ 2,200	National ⁽²⁾
January 1, 2024	Chillers	SNAP Rule 21 Refrigerants ban	12 States - CA, CO, DE, MA, MD, ME, NJ, NY, VA, VT, WA, RI
		$GWP \le 750$	National ⁽²⁾
January 1, 2025	Res and Light CML	GWP < 750	California, Washington
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Stationary A/C	0	National ⁽²⁾
January 1, 2026	VRF	GWP≤750	California, Washington
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<u>Refillable</u> Cylinders



Reclaim! Reclaim! Reclaim!



Why R-454B?

R-454B

Leader in regulatory.

Puron[®] Advance will be compliant until at least 2034

GWP

466

Lower discharge temperatures

- Fewer design changes to the compressor and fewer design changes for higher ambient temperatures
- Lower discharge temperatures are also associated with longer reliability

Little to no glide

R-32

Short term solution. Will begin phase-out in 2029

GWP

675

Over 200 pts higher than R-45B

Higher discharge temperatures

When compared to R-454B

NO glide

R-410A

Short term solution. Anticipated changes before 2025

GWP



Over 75% higher than current 410A

Equal or lower discharge temperatures

When compared to R-454B

Little to no glide



Why R-454B?

		ASHRAE Class	Example Refrigerants	
	Higher Flammability	A3	Propane, Isobutane	Ignites very easily Potentially Explosive
flammability	Lower	A2		Ignites Easily Relatively High Energy Release
Increasing	Flammability	A2L	R-454B, R-32, R-454A, R-455A	"Mildly Flammable" Difficult to Ignite Relatively Low Energy Release Low Flame Speed Coal
	No Flame Propagation	A1	R-410A, R-404A, R-134a, R-452A Equinox Blends	No Flame Propagation



Why R-454B?

• A2L refrigerant is a low risk... it is just a new issue:



A2L Refrigerants are difficult to ignite



Carriers projected release plan

Product	Description	2023			2024			2025					
		ą	Q2	ß	Q4	ą	Q2	6	Q4	۵1	Q2	ß	Q4
	Greenspeed / Extreme VS AC (C / B)												
	VS AC (C / B)												
	2stg AC												
AC	South 1stg AC												
	North 1stg AC												
	3ph 1stg AC												
	Horiz. AC												
	V-Coil Vert												
Furnace	V-Coil MP												
Coil	A-Coil MP												
	Slab-Coil MP												
	Greenspeed / Extreme VS HP (C / B)												
	VS HP (C / B)												
HP	2stg HP												
	3ph 1stg HP												
	1stg HP												
	MF (3rd party) 454B												
Fan	Entry Tier 454B												
Coils	Mid Tier 2-stage 454B (InteliSense)												
	High Tier Var Spd 454B												
Caa	Entry - GF	Separate kit to connect into G terminal											
Gas	Mid - GF	Sopurate kit to connect into O termin											
Turnace	Dlx - GF	Separate kit to connect into G or ABCD terminal											
	Entry MH												
SPP	Entry G												
	Mid G												

- Dates indicate readiness to ship Puron Advance® product. These are not hard cutover timelines.
- Evaluating allocation model to drive early shipment of Puron Advance® products
- Speed of phase out of R410a will depend on a factors such as demand, availability and price of R410a, state codes, etc.



- Equipment covered in this presentation is residential split ducted equipment.
- Does not apply to Ductless, VRF or Commercial



Safety, Storage & Transportation





- How do we store the refrigerant safely in a warehouse?
- Do I need to make changes to my truck to carry this new refrigerant?
- Will my equipment be different when working with A2L refrigerant?
- Do any processes change when I charge or braze on an A2L system?





Safety, Storage & Transportation

Cylinders for A2L Refrigerants



Service cylinder requirements

- Same?
- Different?



Safety, Storage & Transportation

Color

- A1: Light green gray
- A2L: Light green gray with red top
- Type of refrigerant is marked on cylinder and/or tag





Safety, Storage & Transportation



Threads (connections)

- A1: RH thread
- A2L: LH thread









Safety, Storage & Transportation

Two warning labels are required for cylinders that contain A2L refrigerants.





Safety, Storage & Transportation

Cylinder end of life handling

• A1: Remove or puncture rupture disc





Source: https://www.ahrinet.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/AHRI_Guideline_Q_2016.pdf



Safety, Storage & Transportation



Recovery cylinders

- Yellow Top A1 and A2L
- Yellow top with Red band A2L



Safety, Storage & Transportation



How are cylinders of A2L refrigerants <u>stored</u> and transported safely?



Safety, Storage & Transportation

Follow all standards & codes from IFC & NFPA







Safety, Storage & Transportation

Maximum allowable quantity (MAQ)

• Used to evaluate storage capacity

Maximum Allowable Quantity (MAQ) in a Single Control Area					
Occupancy Classification	Non-sprinklered	Sprinklered			
Occupancy classification	Liquefied gas in cylinders	Liquefied gas in cylinders			
M – Mercantile	20,000 lbs.	40,000 lbs.			
S – Storage/Warehouse	20,000 lbs.	40,000 lbs.			
F – Factory/Filling facility	10,000 lbs.	20,000 lbs.			



Safety, Storage & Transportation

Maximum allowable quantity (MAQ)

- Used to evaluate storage capacity
- Type of occupancy
- Number of control areas
- Up to 4 control areas per building

Fire-rated construction





Safety, Storage & Transportation

How are containers stored within control areas?

Characteristic	Shelf Storage	Rack Storage	Solid Pile	
Storage design	Shelf cannot exceed 30" from front to back	Each level designed to hold pallet loads	Pallets stacked one upon another	
Construction materials	Steel shelves Steel rack		N/A	
Storage height	Maximum 6' to top of product	Can exceed 6' (limited by sprinkler design)	Can exceed 6' (limited by sprinkler design)	
Sprinkler system design	Ordinary Hazard Group 2	Extra Hazard Group 1	Extra Hazard Group 1	
Separation from flammable liquids	Required	Required	Required	
Storage of other flammable or combustible products above A2L refrigerants	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	
Storage of flammable liquids adjacent to A2L refrigerants	20' separation	20' separation	20' separation	
Storage of flammable liquids with secondary containment adjacent to A2L refrigerants	10' separation to containment area	10' separation to containment area	10' separation to containment area	



Safety, Storage & Transportation



Ambient temperature $\leq 125^{\circ}$ F



Safety, Storage & Transportation

NFPA-required signage & documentation





Safety, Storage & Transportation

NFPA 704 placard:

BLUE	HEALTH
RED	FLAMMABILITY
YELLOW	CHEMICAL REACTIVITY
WHITE	SPECIAL HAZARDS









Safety, Storage & Transportation



How are cylinders of A2L refrigerants stored and <u>transported</u> safely?



Safety, Storage & Transportation

HAZMAT protocols not needed if ≤ 26.4 lbs (12 kg) of finished goods containing A2L refrigerant

- Per US DOT
- No limit to number of A2L cylinders that can be transported





Safety, Storage & Transportation

You already transport flammable gasses:

- <u>Oxygen</u>
- <u>Acetylene</u>
- Propane
- Mapp Gas
































Safe Service Practices

Safety considerations to be aware of when installing & servicing equipment with A2L refrigerants









Safe Service Practices





Safe Service Practices



BEFORE starting work:

• Ensure clear escape route



Safe Service Practices

BEFORE starting work:

- Adequate ventilation
- Refrigerant leak detector as a personal alarm





Safe Service Practices



Fire risk **SLIGHTLY HIGHER** with A2L than with A1

• Fire extinguisher (type B) must suppress chemical fires



Safe Service Practices

WEAR proper PPE





Safe Service Practices

PROTECT from frostbite





Safe Service Practices

Combustion of refrigerant ==> HF ==> Hydrofluoric acid (corrosive: DANGER)

- Protect skin & eyes
- Can cause chemical burns





Safe Service Practices



SAFELY TRANSFER tank to job site



Safe Service Practices









Safe Service Practices

- Inspect service tools & equipment for compatibility
- Verify compatibility with manufacturers or AHRI

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Safe Service Practices

Gauge manifold & charging hoses

• Dedicated set for R454-B prevents cross-contamination

Service Item (versus R410A)	R454b
Gauge Manifold	No Changes
Charging Hoses	No Changes



Remember, cylinders for A2L refrigerants like R454-B have a lefthanded thread, so adapters may be needed.



Safe Service Practices

Refrigerant leak detector

Service Item (versus R410A)	R454b
Refrigerant Leak Detector	Move to A2L Compatible

- A2L refrigerants have no stenching(no smell) agents
- Ventilation and air circulation are required
- Use of a leak detector as a personal alarm is strongly recommended
- Ensure leak detector is approved for R454-B





Safe Service Practices

Electrical hand tools

Service Item (versus R410A)	R454b
Electrical Hand Tools	Non-sparking available (AHRI-8017)

- Spark-proof
- Check with tool manufacturer





Safe Service Practices

Ventilation fans / additional ventilation

Service Item (versus R410A)	R454b
Ventilation Fan	Similar (May be differences in machine rooms)

• Spark-proof



Safe Service Practices

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Refrigerant Leak Detector	Move to A2L Compatible
Electrical Hand Tools	Non-sparking available (AHRI-8017)
Ventilation Fan	Similar (May be differences in machine rooms)
Dry Chemical/CO ₂ Fire Extinguisher	Chemical Compatible
Scales	No Changes
Gas Detector	Move to A2L Compatible
Vacuum Pump	Check with Manufacturer
Recovery Machine	Move to A2L Compatible
Refrigerant Recovery Cylinder	Flammable (GHS label; left-handed threads)

If unsure, check the AHRI website or contact the manufacturer



Safe Service Practices

Requirement	R410a	R454b
Remove refrigerant safely following local & national codes	Required	Required
Purge circuit with inert gas (nitrogen)	Best Practice	
Evacuate	Best Practice	
Purge with inert gas for 5 min.	Best Practice	
Evacuate again	Best Practice	
Open the circuit by cutting or brazing	Final Step	Final Step
For repairs, purge with nitrogen during brazing	Required	Required
Pressure test	Best Practice	
Leak test	Best Practice	
Evacuate system again after service	Required	Required
Charge system	Required	Required

With the new refrigerant ... Best practice? Required? Optional?



Safe Service Practices

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Ensure ALL refrigerant is out of the system prior to opening for repair or replacement service



Safe Service Practices



Always refer to the installation manual for procedures that may have changed with R454-B



Safe Service Practices

Recovery

- Always recover refrigerants into an approved container
- Clearly mark the container for refrigerant type
- Never mix refrigerant types





Safe Service Practices



Inert gas purge

- Sweep system with inert gas to help release any trapped refrigerant
- What changed with R454-B inert gas purge?
 - Previously best practice now required with R454-B
 - Additional inert gas purge required after 1st evacuation to ensure trapped refrigerant can be pulled out



Safe Service Practices

Evacuation

- Double evacuation PRIOR to service to ensure all refrigerant is out
- Triple evacuation AFTER service, prior to charging





Safe Service Practices



Pressure testing

- Pressure test with nitrogen
- Hold for 1 hour with no drop in pressure
- Required



Safe Service Practices

Leak test

- Required after repairs
- Trace gas test for leaks in hardto-find locations
- Leak test prior to evacuations





Safe Service Practices



Charging

- NEVER exceed maximum allowable charge weight
- Always charge as liquid
- Never mix refrigerants
- Always charge by subcool/superheat
- Weigh in charge during winter as necessary
- Verify charge when temperature exceeds 60° F outside and 70° F inside



Safe Service Practices



Install considerations

- A2L not a "drop-in" refrigerant
- Systems & equipment must be designed for R454-B



Equipment & Manufactures





Agency Requirements on Manufactures & Dealers

- Equipment/Refrigerant Charge Limits
- 3.9 lbs to 33.9 lbs requires a dissipation system
- Tracking and Verification of Total Unit Charge
- Provide guidance in measuring the total system charge compared to the home's occupied space
- Detect, Circulate and Dilute
- Labels



- Ensure A2L labels are located in obvious locations
 - Clearly draw attention to components and procedural changes related to R454-B
 - 5 labels:































Compliance

• Equipment Charge Limits

• 3.9 lbs to 33.9 lbs requires a dissipation system (m2)

✓ All Systems comply with the m2 requirement

Dissipation system: Leak detector activates unit fan; controlled via

mitigation board

Refrigerant Charge Limits: Mitigation			
m1	3.9 lbs.	Dissipation system not required	
m2	33.9 lbs.	Dissipation system required	
m3	169.3 lbs.	Dissipation system in addition to other requirements	

Dissipation system can use:

- Continuous fan
- Leak detectionactivation system
- Other



Compliance

- Tracking and Verification of Total Unit Charge
- What the dealer must DO!

✓ Charging Label

 \checkmark Documents how much refrigerant a system contains

 \checkmark Completed by installing technician

1 = Unit Charge
2 = Additional Charge For
The Line Set Beyond 15ft
3 = (1+2) = Total Charge






Compliance

- Provide guidance in measuring the total system charge compared to the home's occupied space
- ✓ Minimum Area Check
 - ✓Total System Charge amounts consider the home square footage
 - ✓Total System Charge calculates the unit charge amount and the complete line set charge amount that is added on site
 - ✓ Ensures that a home's minimum area is correct, allowing for dilution of a refrigerant leak

3,500sqft House – 5-ton system = \sim 10.58lbs



Total System Charge (lbs.)	Minimum Floor Area (sq.ft.)				
4	59				
5	74				
6	89				
7	103				
8	118				
9	133				
10	148				
11	163				
12	177				
13	192				
14	207				
15	222				
16	236				
17	251				
18	266				
19	281				
20	296				
21	310				
22	325				
23	340				
24	355				
25	369				

Compliance

- Detect, Circulate and Dilute
- ✓ Dissipation System:
 - ✓ Leak sensor in indoor coil cabinet
 - ✓ Mitigation circuit board
 - ✓ Unit blower
 - \checkmark Factory or field installed





Indoor Equipment

- Factory-Installed Leak Detection must do:
 - UL-approved design
 - Factory calibrated
 - Automatic self-test
 - Fail-safe mode
 - Allow field inspection





Indoor Equipment

- Unit installed leak detection:
 - UL approved
 - Continually scans for R454-B leak
 - Mitigation threshold = 20% LFL
 - Located in lower area of coil cabinet
 - Adjustment may be required for horizontal install





LFL = Lower Flammability Limit



Indoor Equipment

• Fan coil

- Mitigation board will come factory installed
- Sensor will be mounted to the coil for vertical application
- Horizontal application may require sensor re-location to factory marked location



Indoor Equipment

- Furnace
 - Mitigation board will be supplied with furnace coil to be mounted in the field (at this time 3rd party coils will not be allowed)
- Furnace Coil
 - Sensor will be mounted to the coil for vertical application
 - Horizontal application may require re-location



Outdoor Equipment

- Ignition source isolation
 - Compressor plug
 - Enclosed plugs provide necessary protection
 - Electrical ignition points
 - Wire sleeves on compressor and crankcase heater wiring
 - Contactor
 - Patented top cover eliminates gap
 - Manual operation still available







Mitigation Board

- Power up 10s sensor warm up delay
- Self test button (60s mode)
- Mitigation threshold 20% LFL (Lower Flammability Level)
- **Green LED** indicates communication with wall control (communicating equipment)
- **Yellow LED** indicates communication with the sensor and flashes for mitigation mode / fault code





Mitigation Board





Mitigation Board

• Mitigation Board Yellow LED (Mitigation active for all faults)

Flash	Description	Wall Control Display				
1	Mitigation in progress	Sensor 1 R454B Leak				
2	Sensor 1 open	Sensor 1 Open				
3	15min minimum Mitigation or 5min blower off delay	Mitigation off delay				
4	0 VAC sensed on G output	Blower output not operating				
5	Fault with A2L digital sensor	Sensor 1 fault (Heat allowed after 10min)				
6	Self-test button stuck (more than 30sec)	Test button stuck				
7	Y out switched with Y in or W out switched with w in	Y or W wiring inverted				
8	Y or W shorted	Y or W output shorted to Y or W input				



Mitigation Board

Sensor wiring





Mitigation Board

- A2L Sensor Testing
 - Power up with sensor connected Wait for 10s sensor warm up delay
 - Ensure the Yellow status LED is on steady (no flashes)
 - Shows the sensor is communicating
 - Disconnect the sensor from the Mitigation board
 - Verify that within 5sec the relays click and the yellow status LED begins flashing 2
 - This shows sensor is no longer communicating



Mitigation Mode

• Self Test





Mitigation Mode







Mitigation Mode





Mitigation Mode

• Stand-by No Call for Cooling or Heating





Mitigation Board Wiring

• Standard furnace wiring diagram will be provided in installation instructions



J1 connection

G,W and Y1 will be routed through the mitigation board R and C provide power to the board



Mitigation Board Wiring

- Mitigation Board is Communicating for Deluxe Models
 - J12 ABCD header will be used
 - Function remains the same





Mitigation Board Communicating System

- Mitigation Board is Communicating for Deluxe Models
 - Mitigation board will be discovered by the wall control during Installation process
 - Puron Advance[™] outdoor equipment will not be allowed without the mitigation board present



Mitigation Board Communicating System

• Wall Control Installation Process - Compatible





Mitigation Board Communicating System

• Wall Control Installation Process – Non-Compatible ODU





Mitigation Board Communicating System

• Wall Control Installation Process – Non-Com 410a ODU





Approved Accessories

Some accessories Carrier has reviewed for competent ignition for R454-B

		Voltage	FLA
Air Purifiers	Infinity Air Purifier	110	0.3
Uumidifiara	HUMCRLFP	120	0.7
Humamers	HUMCRSTM	120 & 208/240	16.0
Dohumidifioro	DEHCRCDB1070	120	6.3
Denumumers	DEHCRCDB1095	120	8.0
	1LP	115	0.6
	2LP	115	1.1
UVC Lamps	1LP	208/230	0.3
	2LP	208/230	
	FAVCRR6C2100-B01	22-30	2.0
	ERVCRSVB1100	120	1.0
	HRVCRSVB1100	120	0.9
	ERVCRLHB1200	120	2.1
Ventilators	HRVCRLHB1150	120	1.5
	HRVCRLHB1250	120	2.1
	HRVCRSVU1157	120	1.0
	ERVCRNVA1090	120	1.3
	FSFXXAOA1180	120	0.7



Third party accessories

Refrigerant	SU	Three phase			Single phase					
	cm/sec	KVA	amps (24V)	amps (110V)	amps (220V)	amps (480V)	KVA	amps (24V)	amps (110V)	amps (230V)
R1234ze(E)	1.2	4859	161966	40157	19205	9603	2429	80983	20078	9603
R1234yf	1.5	1990	66341	16448	7867	3933	995	33171	8224	3933
R452B	3.3	85	2832	702	336	168	42	1416	351	168
R447A	3.8	48	1611	399	191	95	24	805	200	95
R454b	5.2	13.8	459	114	54	27	6.9	230	57	27
R32	6.7	5.0	167	41	20	10	2.5	83	21	10

The amps in the table are the maximum threshold



FAQ's

Limited warranty

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

- Labor or other costs incurred for diagnosing, repairing, removing, installing, shipping, servicing, or handling of either defective parts, or replacement parts, or new units.
- 2. Any product not installed pursuant to applicable regional efficiency standards issued by the Department of Energy.
- 3. Any product purchased over the Internet.

Item 2; means that the installed system must be an AHRI matched system.

We can not retrofit a system from 1 class of system to another, from an A1 refrigerant(R-410A) to a A2L.

WITH R454-B THERE WILL BE NO RETROFIT KIT'S NO PISTON CONVERSION CHARTS NO TXV CROSS REFERENCE CHARTS

The days of taking just an outdoor unit and converting the indoor unit are GONE!!!



Thank you Questions

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