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Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants

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FOREWORD

This addendum adds new refrigerant 407F to Table 2 and Table D2.

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~strikethrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum a to 34-2010

Add the following underlined data to Table 2 and Table D2 in the columns indicated.

TABLE 2 Data and Safety Classifications for Refrigerant Blends

Refrigerant Number = 407F
Composition (Mass %) = R-32/125/134a (30.0/30.0/40.0)
Composition tolerances = (±2.0 / ± 2.0 / ± 2.0)
OEL = 1000
Safety Group = A1
RCL = 87,000 ppm v/v; 290 g/m^3; 18 lb/Mcf
Highly Toxic or Toxic Under Code Classification = Neither

TABLE D2 Data for Refrigerant Blends

Refrigerant Number = 407F
Composition (Mass %) = R-32/125/134a (30.0/30.0/40.0)
Average Molecular Mass = 82.1
Bubble Point (°C) = –46.1
Dew Point (°C) = –39.7
Bubble Point (°F) = –51.0
Dew Point (°F) = –39.5

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FOREWORD

This addendum adds new refrigerant 417B to Table 2 and Table D2.

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Addendum b to 34-2010

Add the following underlined data to Table 2 and Table D2 in the columns indicated.

TABLE 2 Data and Safety Classifications for Refrigerant Blends

Refrigerant Number = 417B
Composition (Mass %) = R-125/134a/600 (79.0/18.3/2.7)
Composition tolerances = (±1.0 / ± 1.0 / +0.1, -0.5)
OEL = 1000
Safety Group = A1
RCL = 15,000 ppm v/v, 70 g/m^3; 4.3 lb/Mcf
Highly Toxic or Toxic Under Code Classification = Neither

TABLE D2 Data for Refrigerant Blends

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Refrigerant Number = 417B
Composition (Mass %) = R-125/134a/600 (79.0/18.3/2.7)
Average Molecular Mass = 113.1
Bubble Point (°C) = –44.9
Dew Point (°C) = –41.5
Bubble Point (°F) = -48.8
Dew Point (°F) = -42.7

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FOREWORD

This addendum modifies the language in 6.1.2, Toxicity Classification, to clarify the intent.

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Addendum d to 34-2010

Revise Section 6.1.2 as follows:

6.1.2 Toxicity Classification. Refrigerants shall be assigned to one of two classes—A or B—based on allowable exposure:

Class A refrigerants ~~are of a lower degree of toxicity as indicated by a PEL of 400 ppm or greater, if assigned; otherwise, a recommended~~have an occupational exposure limit (OEL) of 400 ppm or greater.

Class B refrigerants ~~are those of a higher degree of toxicity as indicated by a PEL of less than 400 ppm, if assigned; otherwise, a recommended~~have an OEL of less than 400 ppm.

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ASHRAE's short-range goal is to ensure that the systems and components within its scope do not impact the indoor and outdoor environment to a greater extent than specified by the standards and guidelines as established by itself and other responsible bodies.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive technical committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date standards and guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised standards developed by other responsible organizations.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

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The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.