

# **Refrigerants Technology**

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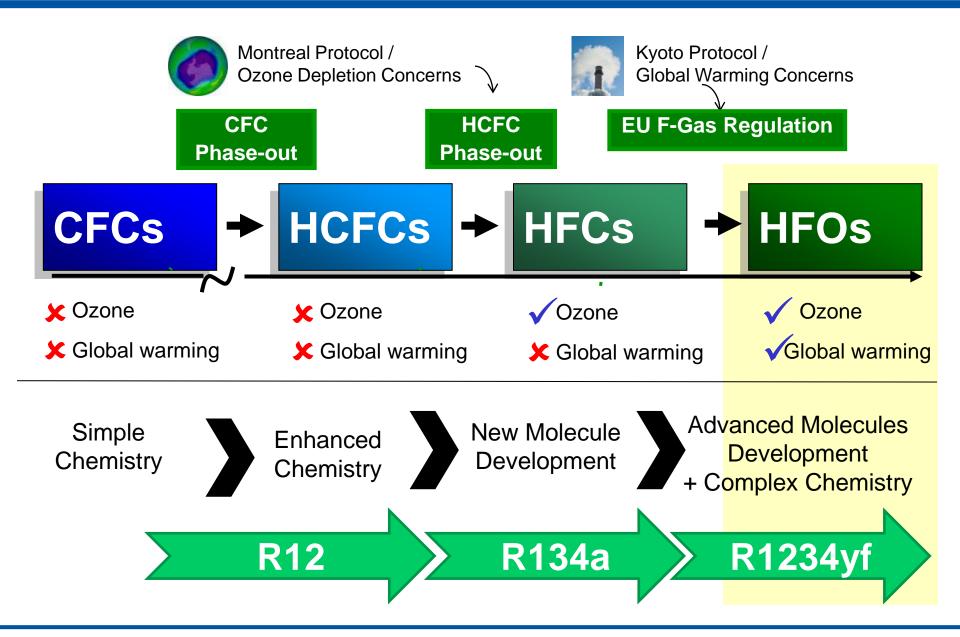
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# Agenda

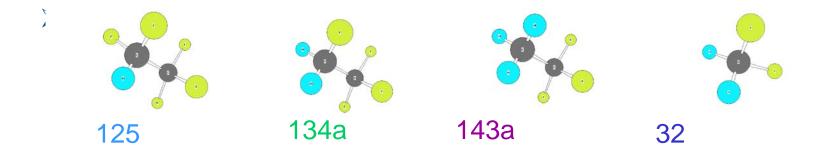
- Introduction to Refrigerants
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- Next Generation Low GWP Refrigerants
  - Auto AC applications: HFO-1234yf
  - Low GWP refrigerants for Stationary applications
- Final Comments

# **Honeywell Regulatory Requirements Driving Change**





# **HFC Refrigerants**



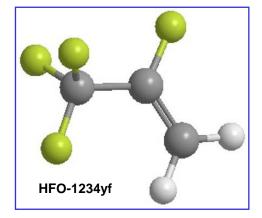
> The major HFC refrigerants (by volume):

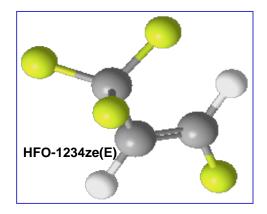
- R-410A: 50/50 mixture of 32 and 125 which is industry choice to replace R-22 in residential and light commercial a/c.
- R-134a: Used in mobile a/c, large chillers, & small refrigeration applications.
- R-404A: 44/52/4 mixture of 125, 143a, and 134a &
- R-507: 50/50 mixture of 125 & 143a. Both are used in commercial (supermarket) and industrial refrigeration.

## **Honeywell** Low Global Warming Molecules

#### New Hydro-Fluoro-Olefins have been developed:

- Solstice<sup>TM</sup>1234yf (R-1234yf) has been identified as replacement for R134a by the automotive industry.
  - It has an atmospheric life of only 11 days (12 years for HFC-134a) and an extremely low GWP~0 (1430 for R-134a).
  - ➤ R-1234yf is mildly flammable, ASHRAE Safety Classification A2L
  - Can also be used in refrigerant blends
- Solstice<sup>™</sup> 1234ze(E), is currently replacing R-134a for onecomponent foam applications and looks promising for centrifugal chillers.
  - > This molecule has a very short atmospheric lifetime with a GWP=1
  - R-1234ze is nonflammable at room temp but ASHRAE A2L
  - Can also be used refrigerant blends
- ➤ Solstice<sup>™</sup> 1233zd(E) is also being commercialized
  - > Intended refrigerant application is low pressure centrifugal chillers.
  - > It has a GWP of 1 and is non-flammable , likely AHSRAE A1



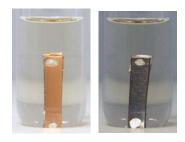


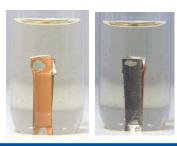
# **Refrigerant Stability**

#### Thermal Stability:

- Sealed tube tests using 1234ze and 1234yf with lower viscosity POE oils ISO-10 and ISO-7.
- Test Conditions: 2-week duration; 2 temperatures (175°C and 200°C); 2 moisture levels (<50 ppm and 1000 ppm).</p>
- Both 1234yf and 1234ze show <u>excellent</u> stability: Clear color and very low TAN numbers.

1234ze 2-week Tests 1000 ppm Moisture @ 200°C











# **Refrigerants: Flammable Gas Definitions**

>ASHRAE Standard 34 (for a single component refrigerant)

>ASTM E681-01: 12 liter flask, spark ignition, 1 atmosphere, air RH (50% at 23°C) 60°C

Class 1: no flame propagation

Class 2: < 19,000 kJ/kg and > LFL 0.10 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

> Safety Group 2 is subdivided into 2 and 2L

> 2L refrigerants have a Burning Velocity less than 10 cm/sec (less flammable)

**Class 3**:  $\geq$  19,000 kJ/kg or  $\leq$  LFL 0.10 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Japan Definition

Flammable if the LEL < 10 vol.%</p>

Flammable if the difference UEL-LEL > 20 vol.%

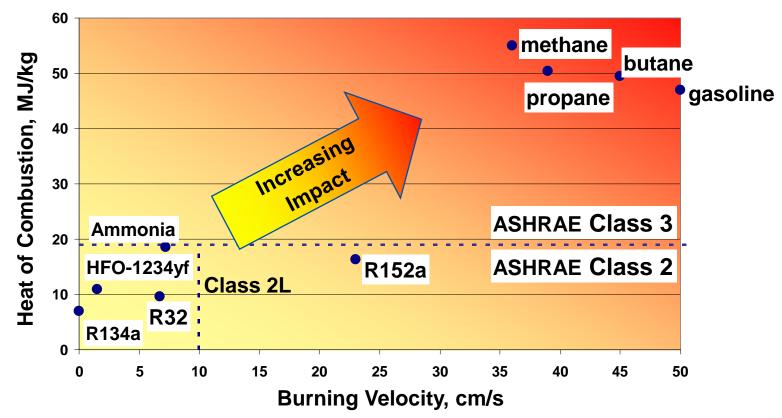
> Measurement temperature and apparatus not clearly defined.

#### ISO 817 (Standard is published but not yet approved)

Flammability classification is essentially the same as ASHRAE Standard 34 (test temperature is 60°C)

#### **Damage Potential**

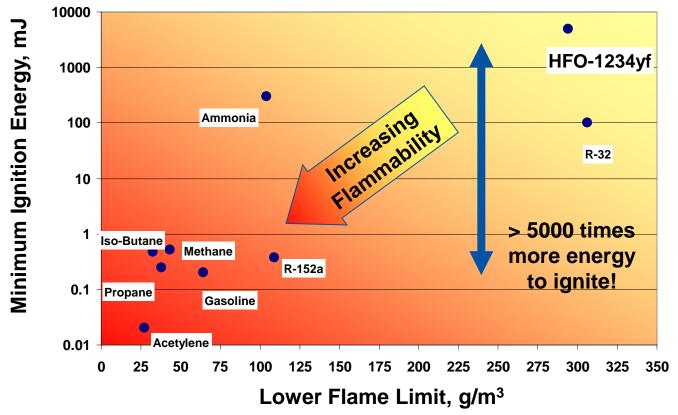
Flammability is evaluated by 'Chance of Flame occurring' and 'Effect of Flame occurring' •Effect of Flame occurring -> Burning Velocity, Heat of Combustion



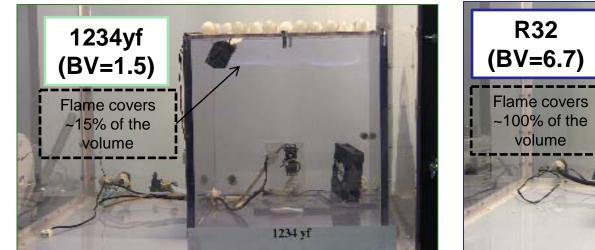
### **Probability of Ignition**

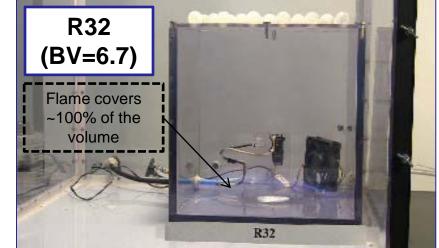
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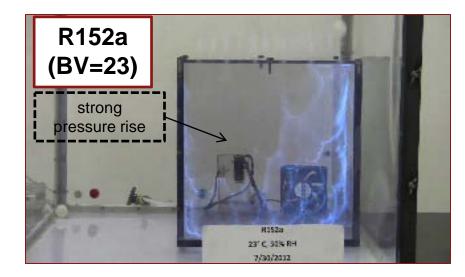
Chance of Flame occurring -> Lower Flame Limit, Minimum Ignition Energy

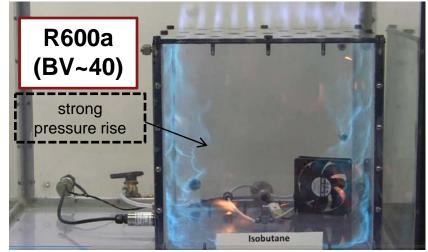


# **Ignition/Deflagration of 2L Refrigerants**









# **Practical Application - Refrigerator Test**

		Total Refrigerator Volume			For an Homogeneus distributio 1234yf is not in the flammable ra		
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		25	0.70792				
Refrigerant	Vapor Density (23°C, 1 Atm)	Leaked Refrig. (80% of Charge)	Volume Occupied by Refrig.	C-vol	LFL - UFL		
	kg/m3	kg	m3	%	%		
HFO-1234yf	4.801	0.111	0.02312	3.3%	6.2% - 12.3%		
R152a	2.779	0.089	0.03202	4.5%	3.9% - 16.9%		
lsobutane	2.458	0.055	0.02237	3.2%	1.8% - 8.4%	]	



1234yf (A2L)



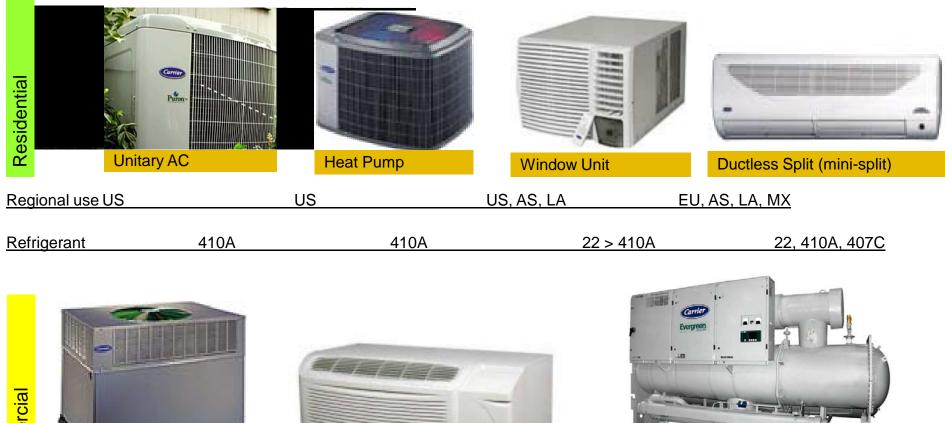
R-152a (A2)



Isobutane (A3)

# Air Conditioning

# Honeywell Air Conditioning Equipment Segments



**Commercial** 

Packaged Ro	oftop PTAC		Chillers
Regional us Glo	obal	Global	Global
Refrigerant 22	, 410A	22 > 410A	123, 134a, 22, 407C, 410A

Primary Replacements for HCFC-22 in A/C

Product	Primary Application	Lubricant	Segregation Potential	Retrofit?
R-410A	Unitary A/C	POE	Very Low	NO
R-407C	Unitary A/C	POE	High	YES
R-134a	Chillers	POE	None	NO

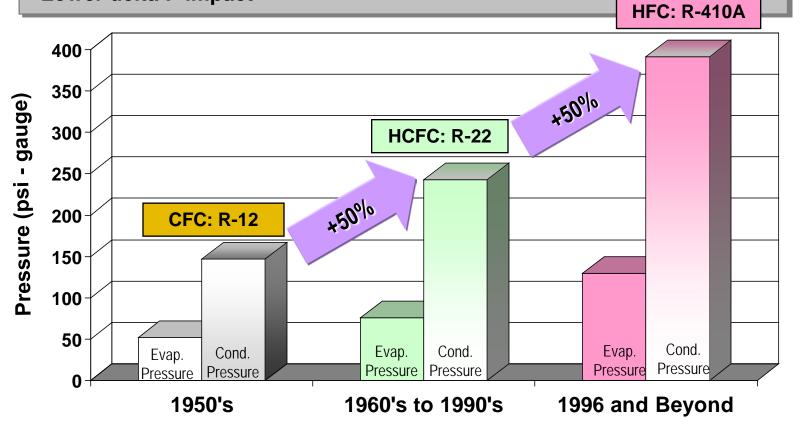
There were few good candidates to replace R-22 in A/C

# **System/Refrigerant Interaction**

Efficiency Effect (%)	R-134a	R-407C	R-410A
Thermodynamics	+2	-4	-7
Compressor	-3	-1	+5
Heat Exchangers	-6	-2	+5
Lines	-2	0	+2
Total (Net)	-9	-7	+5

# Why R-410A?

- Higher system efficiency despite lower thermodynamic efficiency
- More compact equipment
- Better heat transfer
- Lower delta P impact



**Evaporation Pressure at 45° F & Condensing Pressure at 115° F** 

# Honeywell Retrofitting HVAC Systems

Refrigerant Options					
	Best capacity and efficiency match to R-22				
	The most efficient R-22 retrofit option in the marketplace				
Hericywell Gaentron 497C	A change to POE lubricant is recommended. If existing MO is used, the addition of some POE to the system is required for proper oil return				
	Requires a minimum of 20% POE for close-coupled A/C systems				
	No TXV change required				
R-407C (HFC)	Lowest GWP (1774) among R-22 replacements				
	Lower discharge temperatures than R-22				
$\nabla \mathbf{I}$	No oil change* or TXV change** in most installations				
Hanaywell Genetron 4220	Satisfies customers looking for a "drop-in" option				
	Slightly less capacity and efficiency but lower discharge temperatures				
	Can be used with AB, MO, POE lubricants* when short connecting lines are used				
R-422D (HFC)	Lower discharge temperatures than R-22				

\* System designs vary and the addition of POE may be required to assure proper oil return

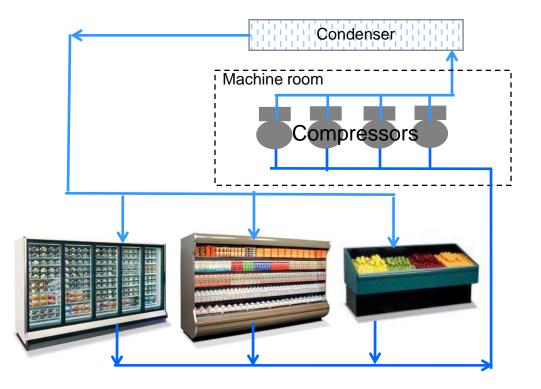
\*\* The mass flow of R-422D is higher than that of R-22 and an evaluation of the expansion device is recommended

# Refrigeration

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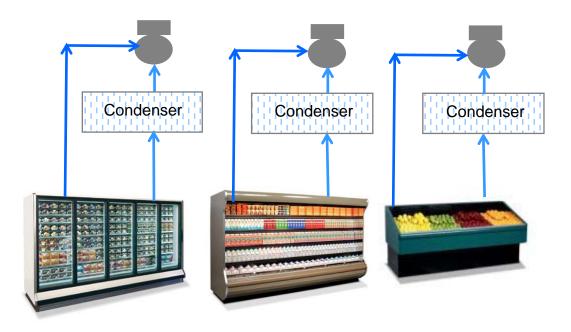


## **Centralized DX System**



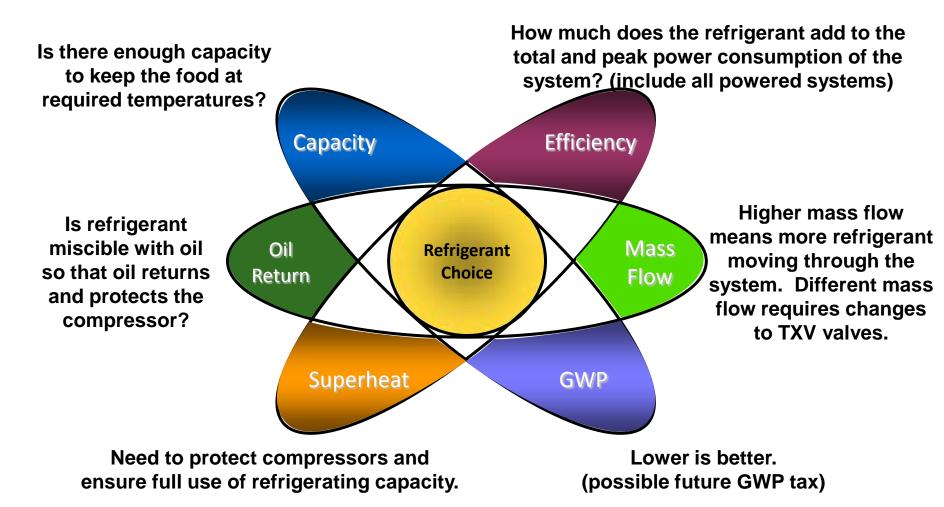
Features	Pros	Cons	Current	Future
<ul> <li>Compressor rack in machine room far from cases</li> <li>Long connecting lines</li> </ul>	-Convenient installation in most buildings – in common practice -Very familar to store owners and contractors	- Larger refrigerant charge - Higher leak rates	R22 R404A R407A R407F	N40

## **Distributed DX System**



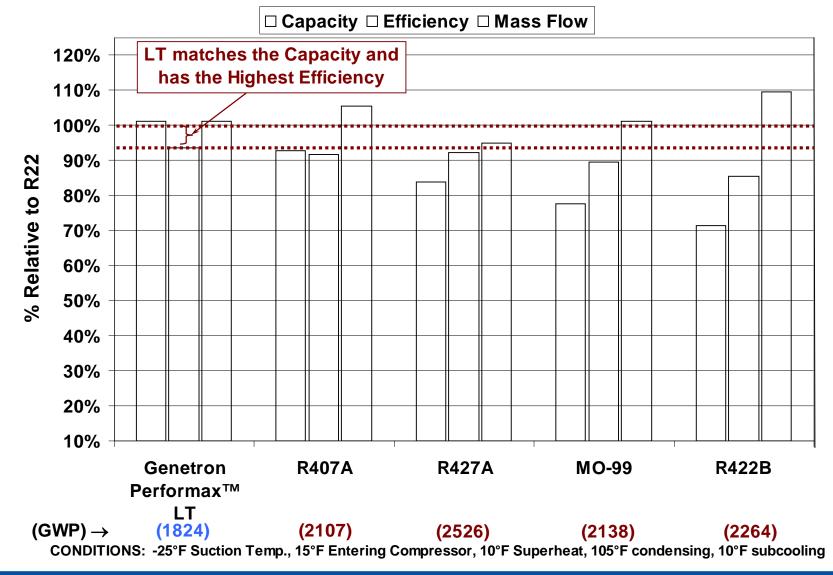
Features	Pros	Cons	Current	Future
<ul> <li>Condenser in rooftop and compressor at store level closer to cases</li> <li>Short connecting lines</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lower refrigerant charge (about 1/2 of centralized systems)</li> <li>Lower leak rates since condensing units are factory assembled</li> <li>potentially more efficient than centralized – better match of suction groups, shorter lines</li> </ul>	- Not always feasible in some buidings	R22 R404A R407F	N40

## **Selection Criteria for Supermarket Refrigeration**



Key Selection Criteria for New Installations and Retrofits

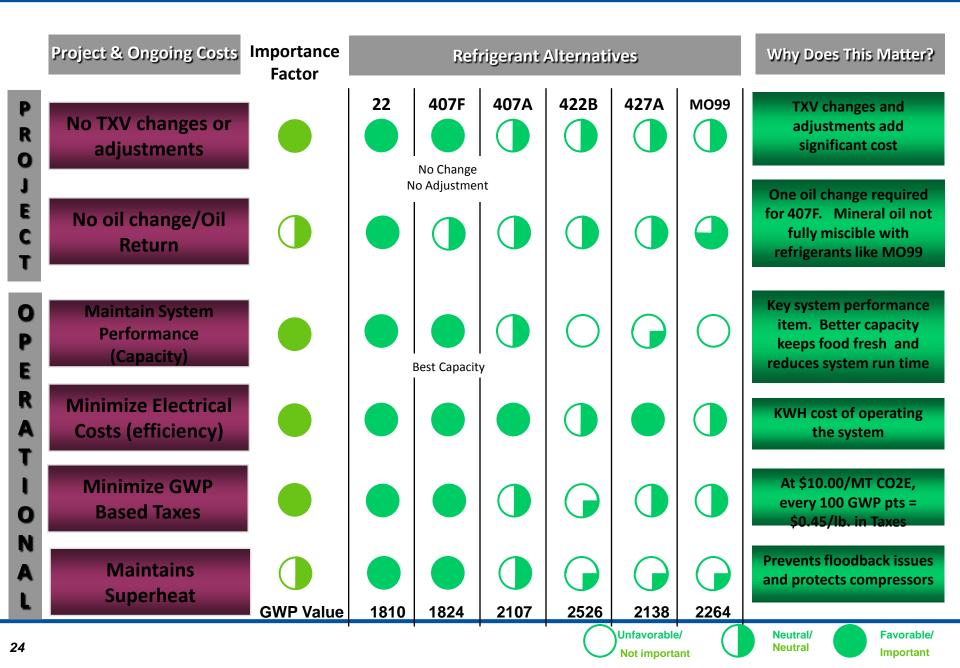
## Performance Comparison



Genetron Performax<sup>™</sup> LT Outperforms Alternatives

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# Honeywell R22 Options - Summary

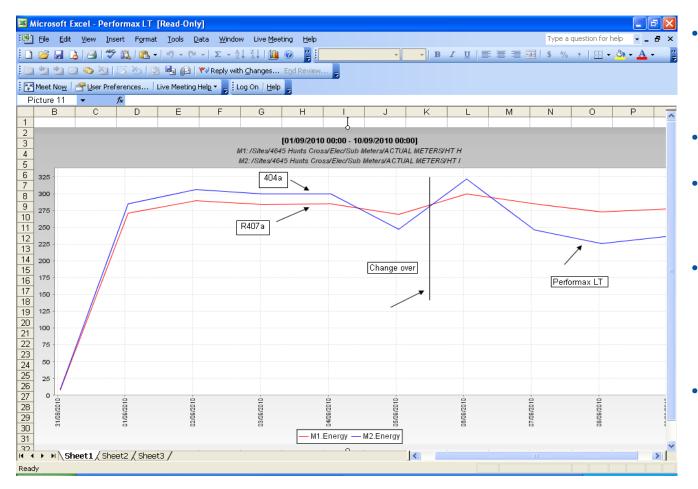


#### Honeywell Sorting Thru all Options **Commercial Options:** Commercial **Commercial Options:** 16 Refrigerants 5 Refrigerants 1 Refrigerant 407A, 407C, G.P. LT No TXV 407F 421A, 422A, 422B Change Better 407A GWP < 422C, 422D, 417A than 95% 2000 **428A** 427A, 424A, 428A, Capacity Efficiency **404A** (95% + 507A, 404A, 434A relative to 507A **R438 R-22)**

R407F **Performax**<sup>™</sup> The capacity, mass flow, efficiency, GWP, superheat & oil return solution

Solution:

# **ASDA Hunts Crossing Case Study**



- Case study by ASDA, Copeland, local utility, Honeywell, refrigeration contractor and consultants
- Identical MT systems
- The R404A system had a 7% over consumption vs. the R407A system
- After retrofit to Performax LT, system is using 13% less power than the R407A system and around 20% less than the R404A performance
- Why? The extra capacity of Performax LT allowed for more compressor down time vs. 407A

#### Performax consumed 13% less energy than 407A

# Next Generation Low GWP Refrigerants

## Solstice<sup>™</sup> 1234yf for MAC Applications



#### The Product

- Global Warming Potential of <1</li>
   >99% Reduction in Greenhouse Gases
- Performance Similar to R-134a
- Effective Cooling in All Climates
- Developed Specifically for MAC Systems
- Familiar Serviceability
- Reliable Technology

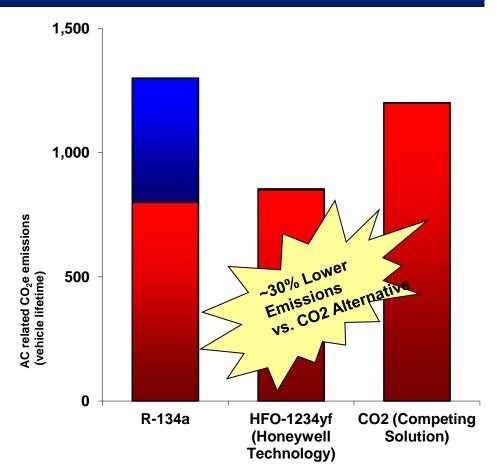


#### **The Properties**

- GWP of <1 is Significantly Below the MAC Directive
- High Performance with Lower Fuel Consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
- Near Drop-in Solution, Minimal Redesign Required
- Global Solution
- Easy Implementation for Aftermarket
- Cost-Effective

### A Global Solution to Benefit the Environment and Industry

#### **Superior Environmental Performance**



#### Drivers

- Europe: Regulates Use of Refrigerant with GWP Below 150 for New Vehicle Types
- US: Trade-off with CAFE Tailpipe Emission for LGWP Refrigerant Replacement
- Asia: Conversion for Vehicles Exported to EU and U.S.
- Demand: Global Annual Light Vehicle Builds Expected to Grow from 67M to 94M by 2019

Superior Environmental Performance

## Honeywell's Solstice<sup>™</sup> Low GWP Refrigerants

Current Product	Non Flammable	Mildly Flammable (ASHRAE A2L)	Examples of Possible Applications	
HFC-134a GWP=1300		Solstice yf GWP=0	Auto A/C, Vending, Refrigerators	
GVVP=1300		Solstice ze GWP=1	Chillers, CO <sub>2</sub> Cascades Refrigerators	
R-123 GWP= 79	Solstice zd GWP = 1		Centrifugal Chillers	

Note: All GWP values use the latest assessment from the ICCP, "AR5"

Solstice<sup>™</sup> HFO's for Low and Medium Pressure Applications

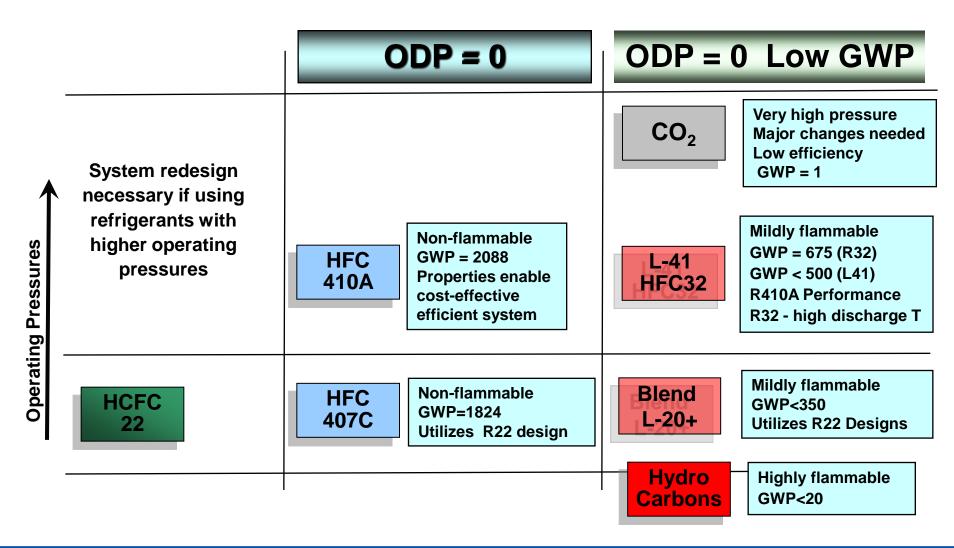
## Honeywell's Solstice<sup>™</sup> Low GWP Refrigerant Blends

	Solstice™ HFO Blends					
Current Product	Solstice <sup>™</sup> N Series Reduced GWP Option Non Flammable (ASHRAE A1)	Solstice <sup>™</sup> L Series Lowest GWP Option Mildly Flammable (ASHRAE A2L)	Examples of Possible Applications			
HFC-134a GWP=1300	<mark>N-13</mark> - GWP=547		Chillers, Med-temp Refrigeration			
HCFC-22 GWP=1760	<mark>N-20</mark> - GWP=891	L-20 - GWP=295	Stationary A/C, Refrigeration			
R-404A GWP=3943	<mark>N-40</mark> - GWP=1273	L-40 - GWP=285	Low-Temp Refrigeration			
R-410A GWP=1924		L-41 – GWP=461 GWP=572	Stationary A/C Applications			

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Solstice<sup>™</sup> HFO Blends for Medium & High Pressure Applications

# **Evolution of Replacements in Air Conditioning**



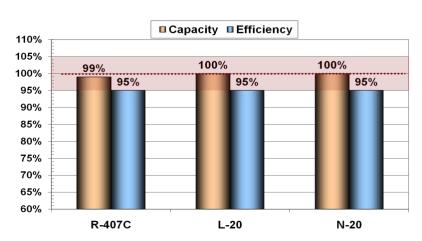
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# **R410A and R22 Replacements in AC Systems**



#### L-41 HFC-410A Replacement

■Capacity ■Eficiency 110% 103% 103% 105% 101% 100% 100% 95% 90% 85% 80% 75% 70% 65% 60% Cooling Heating \*Used 11% larger displacement compressor



L-20

HCFC-22 Replacement

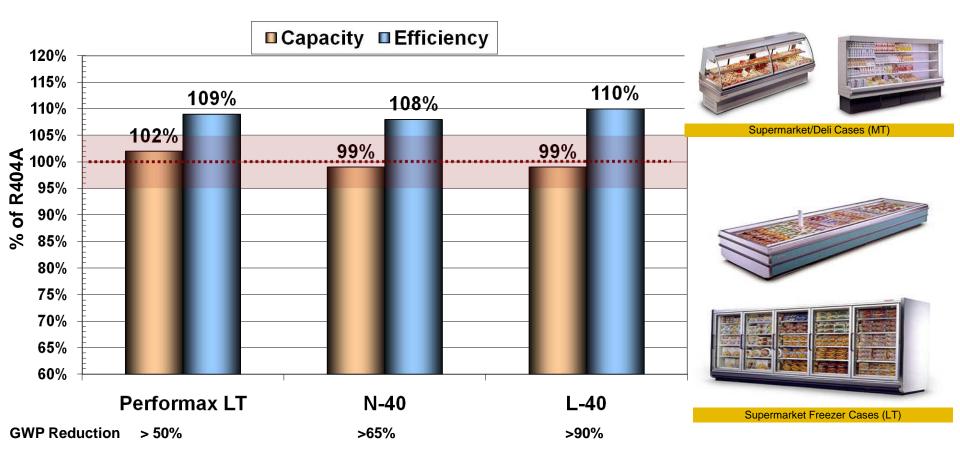




- After recovering capacity, L-41 offers excellent performance and a significant GWP reduction.
- It enables compact high efficiency systems in many regions.
- No problems with high discharge temperatures.

- L-20 replaces R-22 in AC systems without significant design changes.
- With a GWP of 295, it reduces significantly environmental impact.
- It performs well at high ambient temperatures.

# Honeywell Refrigeration Applications



All options offer significantly improved efficiency & GWP reduction compared to R-404A

## Solstice<sup>™</sup> Low GWP Replacements for Chillers

#### **Solstice**<sup>™</sup> ze

- Equal (or better) efficiency compared to R-134a
- 99.7% reduction in GWP

#### Solstice<sup>™</sup>N-13

- Comparable efficiency to R-134a and is non flammable. Potential for retrofit.
- ~60% reduction in GWP

#### Solstice<sup>™</sup> zd

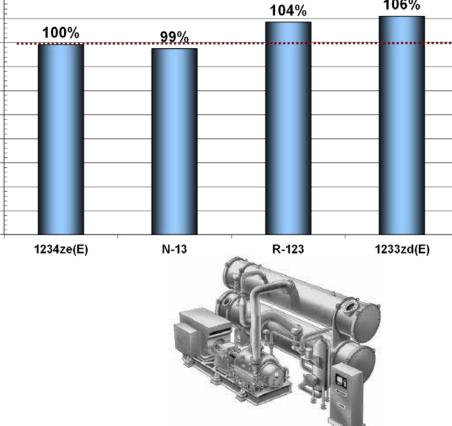
- Higher efficiency than R-123 the current efficiency leader.
- 94% reduction in GWP

**HFOs Offer Large GWP Reductions & High Efficiency** 

#### 110% 106% 104% 105% 100% 99% 100% 95% 90% 85% 80% 75% 70% 65% 60% 1234ze(E) R-123 1233zd(E) N-13

#### Performance of Solstice ze, zd, N-13

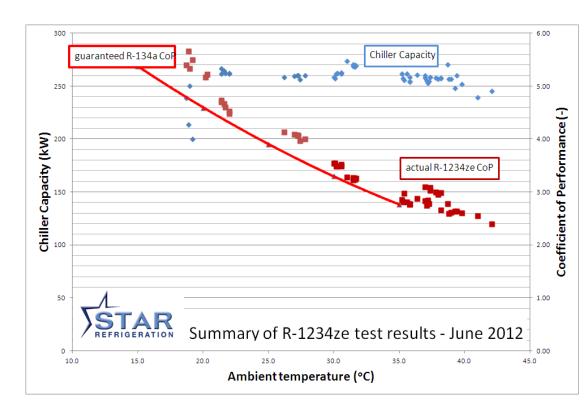
Efficiency Relative to R-134a



# Star Chiller with Solstice<sup>™</sup> ze

Star Chiller Installed at Honeywell's Research Center





Solstice<sup>™</sup> ze Shows 7 to 12% Higher COP than R-134a

# Commercial Status of Solstice<sup>™</sup> Products

## Solstice<sup>™</sup> yf

- In commercial use by auto industry now
- Sample quantities available today for stationary applications

#### Solstice<sup>™</sup> ze

- Commercially available today
- Announced world scale plant for 2013

#### Solstice<sup>™</sup> zd

- Commercial plant on stream 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2014
- Sampling for chiller, foam and solvent applications

#### Solstice<sup>™</sup> Blends

- Contains Solstice ze and/or yf blended with other products
- ➢ Recently announced availability of Solstice <sup>™</sup> L-41
- Currently sampling to OEM's, compressor mfgrs, and AREP

## *Working with Industry to Commercialize Solstice*<sup>TM</sup>

# **Final Comments**

- Reduced and Low GWP replacements have been identified for all major refrigerant applications.
- > GWP reductions of 50 to 99% are possible
  - Solstice<sup>™</sup>1234yf for Mobile Air Conditioning
  - > HFO blends for Commercial Refrigeration and Stationary A/C
  - > Performax<sup>™</sup> LT to replace R-22 and R-404A in new and existing equipment
  - Solstice<sup>™</sup> 1234ze(E) and Solstice<sup>™</sup> 1233zd(E) for Medium and low pressure chillers, respectively
- Some of the lowest GWP options are mildly Flammable but much safer the HC's