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# **Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems in Residential Applications**

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## **FOREWORD**

*This proposed standard is the “residential” companion to the existing ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15, Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems. As the title implies, this standard is focused for residential applications. SSPC 15 and the Standard 15.2 subcommittee notes the following aspects of the proposed standard. Historically, residential HVAC systems have not been subjected to as rigorous application safety requirements as commercial HVAC systems related to accidental refrigerant release primarily due to: a) only refrigerants classified as A1 by ASHRAE Standard 34 have been permitted by product safety standards such as UL 1995 and UL 60335-2-40 and b) acute toxicity exposure limit (ATEL) limits of the pertinent refrigerants in residential applications would typically not be exceeded in the event of a catastrophic leak. The current movement towards refrigerants having lower global warming potential (GWP) – many of which are classified as A2L by ASHRAE 34 – has resulted in the need for an application safety standard on which building codes could rely. The primary objective of this proposed Standard 15.2 is to craft a stakeholder document that can be utilized to seek changes in the model building codes. It is the intention that this standard can be understood and applied by manufacturers, installers, contractors, service technicians, building code officials and any other stakeholder.*

*North American product safety standards for residential products have been modified to address flammable refrigerants. UL/CSA 60335-2-40 3rd edition was released in December of 2019. This proposed ASHRAE application safety standard was developed in parallel and is more conservative than the UL standard in several places and never less conservative.*

*The following is a summary of the contents in the key sections.*

### **1/2. PURPOSE/SCOPE**

*This limits the application to listed, fixed, direct systems in residential applications with details of the building types that are included*

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE**

*Outlines standard approach to conflicts with local codes and recognizes authority of AHJ’s.*

### **5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

*Here the standard explicitly limits coverage to only the equipment listed to UL 60335 2-40, “Particular Requirements for Electrical Heat Pumps, Air-Conditioners and Dehumidifiers”. This eliminates built in refrigerators, wine coolers, ice makers, and other similar appliances. It also requires field installed accessories to be listed, identifies the standards that ductwork need to meet, and what additional markings are needed after installation. It does not specify the nameplate as that is explicitly covered by the UL standard.*

### **6. REFRIGERANT CLASSIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

*The section limits refrigerants to A1’s and A2L’s giving the typical requirements for purity, recycling, recovering and reclaiming. It prohibits mixing refrigerants with different designations and prohibits converting the refrigerant to one in a different safety group than was used originally. No ammonium systems are covered by this standard.*

### **7. LOCATION OF REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND RESTRICTIONS**

*This section provides basic information on placement of indoor and outdoor equipment.*

### **8. PIPING REQUIREMENTS**

*This section gives explicit requirements on interconnecting piping; materials, joining, routing, protecting, and testing with pressure and vacuum. Extra requirements for piping with A2L’s are also provided.*

### **9. MAXIMUM REFRIGERANT CHARGE**

*This section provides the methods to determine the dispersal volume and a set of tables that makes the determination of allowable charge level for the dispersal volume easy to do without needing to use equations. This is done using a “worst case” refrigerant density based on known A2L’s. This provides a bit more conservative installation than would*

result if the equations were used, but the option to use the equations is given in Section 13. The values in the tables follow the equations provided in UL 60335 2-40 with some exceptions:

- The maximum charge in any single system is limited to  $m^2$
- The amount of ventilation allowed to keep a space < 25% LFL is limited to 200 cfm
- To allow an adjacent space to be included in the volume calculation there can be no doors that can be closed between the spaces unless there is a transfer fan.

## 10. SYSTEM INSTALLATION

This section provides requirements for piping safeguards (referring to section 8), access, and for following the manufacturer's installation instructions.

### 11. MECHANICAL VENTILATION

This section provides requirements for mechanical ventilation including use of detection systems, what to do with airflow control devices and emergency control devices.

### 12. ADD-ON HEAT PUMPS

This covers what are commonly called furnace coils which are the indoor coils of air conditioning systems that use the furnace blower for air flow. The requirements in this section call for integral detector(s), appropriate interconnecting wiring, appropriate airflow in the case of a leak, the maximum inductive load of the indoor blower, and testing for proper operation after installation.

### 13. REFRIGERANT CHARGE CALCULATION METHOD FOR A2L REFRIGERANTS

This section provides the equations and methodology for calculating the maximum allowable charge of a system which can be followed instead of using the tables in section 9.

### 14. MAXIMUM INDUCTIVE ELECTRICAL LOAD FOR ADD-ON HEAT PUMPS

The switched electrical load (inductive load) for the indoor blower sections that coils are added on to is limited to prevented possible ignition of an A2L leak when the blower is turned on to mitigate. This section gives the equations for calculating that load. Section provided the level when R32 is used which is the lowest of the A2L's currently being considered.

## INFORMATIVE APPENDIX B—GENERAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

### 1. PURPOSE

This standard specifies the minimum requirements for the safe design and installation of *refrigeration systems* used in residential applications.

### 2. SCOPE\*

- 2.1** This standard applies to *listed direct refrigeration systems* in the following residential applications that are limited to serving only a single *dwelling unit* or *sleeping unit*:
- a. one- and two-family *dwelling*s and townhouses;
  - b. detached outbuildings associated with a one- or two-family *dwelling* or townhouse and located on the same property included in a) above, and
  - c. individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units* located in a multi-family occupancy.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 3.1 Precedence with Conflicting Requirements.** Where there is a conflict between this standard and local building, electrical, fire, mechanical, or other adopted codes, the provisions of the local or adopted code *shall* take precedence, unless otherwise stated in those codes.
- 3.2 Alternative Materials, Methods, Equipment, and Appliances.** The provisions of this standard are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this standard, provided that any alternative is *approved* by the *authority having jurisdiction*.

- 3.3 Nothing in this standard *shall* be construed as a restriction on new technologies or alternative methods, provided that the level of safety as herein described is not reduced and is acceptable to the *authority having jurisdiction*.

#### 4. DEFINITIONS

**access (to):** that which enables a device, appliance, or equipment to be reached by *ready access* or by a means that first requires the removal or movement of a panel, door, or similar obstruction.

**\*add-on heat pump:** a *refrigeration system* for heating and cooling, cooling only, or heating only that normally consists of an *outdoor section*, one or more *indoor sections* (without a circulating fan), and related control devices.

**air conditioner:** a *refrigeration system* used to transfer heat from a *space* or substance.

**appliance:** *equipment*, generally other than industrial, that is normally built in standardized sizes or types and is installed or connected to perform one or more functions such as clothes washing, air-conditioning, food mixing, deep frying, and so forth.

**approved:** acceptable to the *authority having jurisdiction*.

**authority having jurisdiction (AHJ):** an organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving *equipment*, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

**attic:** the unfinished *space* between the ceiling assembly and the roof assembly.

**blends:** *refrigerants* consisting of mixtures of two or more different chemical compounds that are often used individually as *refrigerants* for other applications.

**brazed joint:** a gas-tight joint obtained by the joining of metal parts with metallic mixtures or alloys that melt at temperatures above 842°F (450°C) but less than the melting temperatures of the joined parts.

**circulation:** mechanically inducing airflow movement within a *space* or *duct* connected *spaces*.

**compressor:** a machine used to compress *refrigerant* vapor.

**conditioned floor area:** the horizontal projection of the floors associated with the *conditioned space*.

**conditioned air:** air that has been heated, cooled, humidified, or dehumidified.

**conditioned space:** an area, room, or *space* that is enclosed within the building thermal envelope that is directly or indirectly heated or cooled. *Spaces* are indirectly heated or cooled where they communicate through openings with *conditioned spaces*, where they are separated from *conditioned spaces* by uninsulated walls, floors, or ceilings, or where they contain uninsulated *ducts*, *tubing*, or other sources of heating or cooling.

**crawl space:** an uninhabitable *space* between the bottom of the floor joists and the earth under a *dwelling* to which service personnel have *access*.

**design pressure:** the maximum gage pressure for which a specific part of a *refrigeration system* is designed.

**direct (refrigeration) system:** a refrigeration system in which the evaporator or condenser of the refrigeration system is in direct contact with the air or other substances to be cooled or heated.

**dispersal volume:** the cubic measure of space into which *refrigerant* flows in the event of a *refrigerant* leak.

**duct:** a tube or conduit used to convey or encase. **Informative Note:** *Ductwork* and *duct* system may be used interchangeably with *duct*.

**air duct:** a tube or conduit used to convey air. (Air passages in *self-contained systems* are not *air ducts*).

**pipe duct:** a tube or conduit used to encase pipe or *tubing*.

**ducted HVAC:** an *air conditioner*, *heat pump*, *whole house dehumidifier*, or *whole house dehumidifying ventilator* in which *conditioned air* is distributed through any amount of *ductwork*.

**ductless HVAC:** an *air conditioner*, *heat pump* in which *conditioned air* is distributed directly into the *conditioned space* from the *equipment* without the use of *ductwork*.

***dwelling***: any building that contains one or two *dwelling units* used, intended, or designed to be built, used, rented, leased, or otherwise occupied for living purposes.

***dwelling, multi-family***: a building that contains three or more *dwelling units*.

***dwelling unit***: a single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

***equipment***: all control devices, condensing sections, evaporator sections, combination *appliances*, and other components of *fixed* systems that are integrated to provide control of environmental conditions for buildings.

***\*field installed accessories***: components added to comfort conditioning systems during or after installation, including items added directly to the *equipment*.

***fixed***: a type of *refrigeration system* that is intended to be used while fastened to a support or while secured in a specific location.

***fusible plug***: a plug containing an alloy that will melt at a *specified* temperature and relief pressure.

***header***: a pipe or tube (extruded, cast, or fabricated) to which other pipes or tubes are connected.

***heat pump***: a *refrigeration system* used to transfer heat into a *space* or substance.

***heat pump water heater***: a *refrigeration system* used to heat potable water.

***\*ignition source***: a flame, spark, or hot surface capable of igniting flammable vapors or fumes.

***line set***: a set of two refrigerant pipes that extends from the condenser to the evaporator in *direct systems*, consisting of a suction line and a liquid line.

***listed***: *equipment* or materials included in a list published by an *approved, nationally recognized testing laboratory*, inspection agency, or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of production of *listed equipment* or materials and whose listing states either that the *equipment* or material meets nationally recognized standards or has been tested and found suitable for use in a *specified* manner.

***lower flammability limit (LFL)***: the minimum concentration of the *refrigerant* at which a flame is capable of propagating through a homogenous mixture of the *refrigerant* and air under specific test conditions, as defined by ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34.

***manufacturer***: the company or organization that evidences its responsibility by affixing its name, trademark, or trade name to *refrigeration equipment*.

***manufacturer's installation instructions***: printed instructions included with *equipment* as part of the conditions of listing and labeling.

***mechanical code***: the mechanical code adopted by the jurisdiction.

***mechanical joint***: a gas-tight joint obtained by joining metal parts with a positive-holding mechanical construction such as flanged, screwed, or flared joints or compression fittings.

***micron***: a unit of pressure equal to the height of column of mercury in  $\mu\text{m}$  of Hg which is used to denote absolute pressure on a scale where a perfect vacuum is 0 microns and atmospheric pressure at sea-level is 760,000 microns.

***multi-split system***: a *split system air conditioner* or *heat pump* having three or more steps of capacity with two or more independently controlled *indoor sections* on a single *refrigeration system*.

***nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL)***: an organization which is recognized by OSHA and which tests for safety, and lists or labels or accepts, *equipment* or materials, as defined by 29 C.F.R. §1910.7.

***occupied space***: that portion of the *premises* to which people have *access* or can be occupied by people.

***pipng***: see *tubing*.

***plenum***: a compartment or chamber to which one or more *air ducts* are connected and that forms part of the air distribution system.

**premises:** a tract of land and the buildings thereon.

**pressure-limiting device:** a pressure-responsive electronic or mechanical control designed to automatically stop the operation of the pressure-imposing element at a predetermined pressure.

**\*pressure-relief device:** a pressure-, not temperature-, actuated valve or *rupture member* designed to automatically relieve pressure higher than its setting.

**pressure vessel:** any *refrigerant*-containing receptacle in a *refrigeration system*. This does not include evaporators where each separate evaporator section does not exceed 0.5 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.014 m<sup>3</sup>) of *refrigerant*-containing volume regardless of the maximum inside dimension. This also does not include evaporator coils, *compressors*, condenser coils, controls, *headers*, pumps, and *pipng*.

**ready access (to):** that which enables a device, appliance, or equipment to be directly reached, without requiring the removal or movement of any panel, door, or similar obstruction.

**reclaimed refrigerants:** *refrigerants* reprocessed to the same specifications as new *refrigerants* by any means, including distillation. Such *refrigerants* have been chemically analyzed to verify that those specifications have been met.

**recovered refrigerants:** *refrigerants* removed from a system in any condition without testing or processing them.

**recycled refrigerants:** *refrigerants* for which contaminants have been reduced by oil separation, removal of non-condensable gases, and single or multiple passes through filter driers or other devices that reduce moisture, acidity, and particulate matter.

**refrigerant:** the fluid used for heat transfer in a *refrigeration system*; the *refrigerant* absorbs heat and transfers it at a higher temperature and a higher pressure, usually with a change of state.

**refrigerant charge:** the quantity of *refrigerant* in a *refrigeration system*.

**refrigerant charge, actual ( $m_c$ ):** the mass of *refrigerant* in a single *refrigeration system* after completion of field *refrigerant charge* adjustment.

**refrigerant charge, maximum ( $m_{c,max}$ ):** the largest permissible mass of *actual refrigerant charge*.

**refrigerant charge, releasable ( $m_{rel}$ ):** the mass of *refrigerant* that can potentially be released from the *refrigeration system* into the *space*.

**refrigerant charge, maximum releasable ( $m_{rel,max}$ ):** the largest permissible mass of *releasable refrigerant*.

**refrigerant charge, safety shut-off ( $m_{ssoy}$ ):** the mass of *refrigerant* contained in the *refrigeration system* with *safety shut-off valves* closed.

**refrigerant charge, ventilation ( $m_v$ ):** the mass of additional *refrigerant* permitted in the *refrigeration system* due to the use of *ventilation air*.

**releasable charge ( $m_{rel}$ ):** the portion of the total *system charge* that could potentially be released to an *occupied space*.

**refrigerant circuit:** any *refrigerant* bearing parts of the *refrigeration system*, including but not limited to, *compressor(s)*, *coil(s)*, *tubing*, *pipng*, filter drier(s), accumulator(s), receiver(s), reversing valve(s), and service valve(s).

**refrigerant concentration limit (RCL):** see definition in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34.

**refrigerant designation:** the unique identifying alphanumeric value or *refrigerant* number assigned to an individual *refrigerant* as published in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34.

**refrigerant detector:** a device that is capable of sensing the presence of *refrigerant* vapor.

**refrigeration system:** a combination of interconnected *equipment*, connected by *tubing*, which forms a closed *refrigerant circuit* in which *refrigerant* is circulated to extract, then reject, heat.

**return system:** an assembly of connected *ducts*, air passages, or *plenums* and fittings through which air from the *space* or *spaces* to be *conditioned* is conducted back to the heat exchanger.

**rupture member:** a non-reclosing device that will rupture and release *refrigerant* to relieve pressure.

**safety shut-off valve (SSOV):** an automatically controlled *refrigerant* valve that is part of a *refrigerant* detection system to limit the amount of *refrigerant* released into a *space* when a *refrigerant* leak is detected.

**self-contained system:** a complete, factory-assembled, and factory-tested system that is shipped in one or more sections and has no *refrigerant*-containing parts that are joined in the field by other than companion or block valves.

**shall:** used in this standard when a provision is mandatory.

**shall not:** used in this standard when an action is prohibited.

**sleeping unit:** a single *unit* that provides rooms or *spaces* for one or more persons, includes permanent provisions for sleeping and can include provisions for living, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and *spaces* that are also part of a *dwelling unit* are not *sleeping units*.

**space:** an enclosed volume within a residential building.

**specified:** explicitly stated in detail. *Specified* limits or prescriptions are mandatory.

**split system:** any *air conditioner* or *heat pump* that has one or more of the major assemblies separated from the others.

**indoor section:** a component of a *split system* central *air conditioner* or *heat pump* that is designed to transfer heat between *refrigerant* and the *conditioned space*.

**outdoor section:** a component of a *split system* central *air conditioner* or *heat pump* that is designed to transfer heat between *refrigerant* and heat sink outside the *conditioned space*.

**transfer air:** air moved from one occupiable *space* to another, usually through doorways, grilles, or other such opening.

**transfer fan:** an air movement device utilized to move *transfer air* from one occupiable *space* to another occupiable *space*.

**tubing:** pipe or tube used to convey fluid from one part of a *refrigeration system* to another. *Tubing* includes tubes, flanges, bolting, gaskets, valves, fittings, tube-supporting fixtures, structural attachments, and the pressure-containing parts of other components, such as expansion joints, strainers, filters, and devices that serve such purposes as mixing, separating, muffling, snubbing, distributing, metering, or controlling flow.

**ventilation:** providing a *space* with *ventilation air*.

**ventilation air:** external air delivered to a *space* via mechanical methods that is intended to dilute released refrigerant.

**whole house dehumidifier:** a *refrigeration system* used to remove water vapor from a *dwelling*.

**whole house dehumidifying ventilator:** a *refrigeration system* used to remove water vapor from outdoor air supplied to a *dwelling* or a combination of outdoor air and recirculated air.

## 5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**5.1 Equipment Requirements.** All *fixed refrigeration systems* shall be listed to UL 60335-2-40. *Manufacturer's installation instructions*, owner's manuals, service manuals, and any other product literature provided with the *equipment* shall be left with the homeowner or building owner.

**5.2 Field Installed Accessory Requirements.** All *field installed accessories* shall be listed to the component standards of UL 60335-2-40. *Field installed accessories* for A2L *refrigeration systems* that are *ignition sources* shall additionally be listed to UL 60079-15. All *field installed accessories* shall be installed per the *manufacturer's installation instructions* ensuring that all mitigation features continue to function properly.

- 5.3 Ductwork Duct Systems.** All *ductwork* and *duct systems* shall comply with one of the following codes: the ICC International Residential Code (Mechanical Section), ICC International Mechanical Code, IAPMO Uniform Mechanical Code, NFPA 90A, and/or NFPA 90B.
- 5.4 Signs and Identification.** Each *refrigeration system* shall have the following information legibly and permanently indicated on a markable label provided by the *equipment manufacturer*:
- contact information of the responsible company that installed the *refrigeration system*, and
  - the total amount of *refrigerant* contained in the system after the installation is complete.

## 6. REFRIGERANT CLASSIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 Permissible Refrigerants.** Only *refrigerants* having a *refrigerant designation* of safety group A1 or A2L in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34 shall be used in conjunction with this standard. *Refrigeration systems* other than A1 or A2L shall be regulated by ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15.
- 6.2 Refrigerant Requirements**
- 6.2.1 Refrigerant Type and Purity.** *Refrigerants* used in a *refrigeration system* shall have a designation specified by the *equipment manufacturer* and marked on the *appliance*. *Refrigerants* used to adjust the charge in new *equipment*, shall conform to AHRI 700 in purity unless a more restrictive *equipment* is specified by the *equipment manufacturer*.
- 6.2.2 Recovered Refrigerants.** *Recovered refrigerants* shall not be reused except in the system from which they were removed, or in another system of the same owner and using the same *refrigerant designation*, or as provided in Sections 6.2.3 or 6.2.4. When contamination is evident by discoloration, odor, acid test results out of *manufacturer* specifications, or system history, *recovered refrigerants* shall be reclaimed in accordance with Section 6.2.4 before reuse.
- 6.2.3 Recycled Refrigerants.** *Recycled refrigerants* shall not be reused except in systems using the same *refrigerant* and a compatible lubricant and belonging to the same owner as the systems from which they were removed. When contamination is evident by discoloration, odor, acid test results out of *manufacturer* specification, or system history, *recycled refrigerants* shall be reclaimed in accordance with Section 6.2.4.
- 6.2.4 Reclaimed Refrigerants.** Used *refrigerants* shall be reclaimed and found to meet the requirements of AHRI 700. *Reclaimed refrigerants* reclaimed by an EPA-certified *refrigerant* reclaimer shall be permitted to be used in a different owner's *equipment*. Contaminated *refrigerants* shall not be used.
- 6.2.5 Mixing.** *Refrigerants*, whether single component or *refrigerant blends*, shall not be mixed in a system.
- 6.2.6 Refrigerant Conversion.** Changes of *refrigerant* in an existing *refrigeration system* to a *refrigerant* with a different *refrigerant designation*, shall only be allowed where in accordance with all requirements of Sections 6.2.6.1 through 6.2.6.5.
- The replacement *refrigerant* shall be in the same safety group as the original *refrigerant*.
  - The change of *refrigerant* shall be approved by the owner.
  - Requirements that were applicable to the original system shall continue to apply.
  - The designation per ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34 of the new *refrigerant* shall be clearly marked on the *appliance* and references to the replaced *refrigerant* removed or permanently covered.
  - All requirements of Sections 5 and 6 shall be met.

## 7. LOCATION OF REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 7.1 General.** *Refrigeration systems* shall be listed and installed per *manufacturer's installation instructions*.
- 7.1.1 Indoor Equipment.** *Equipment* marked with an ingress protection code of less than IP54 on the nameplate per ANSI/IEC 60529 or CAN/CSA-C22.2 no. 60529:05 (R2016) shall not be installed outdoors.
- 7.1.2 Outdoor Equipment.** *Equipment* marked "For outdoor use only" shall only be installed outdoors. Outdoor *equipment* using A2L *refrigerants* shall be located no closer than 5 ft/1.52 m horizontally from any door or operable window where the lowest point of the door or operable window is below grade.



## 8. PIPING REQUIREMENTS

### 8.1 Materials

**8.1.1 General.** Materials used in the construction and installation of *refrigeration systems shall* be suitable for conveying the *refrigerant* used. Materials *shall not* be used that will deteriorate because of the *refrigerant*, the lubricant, or their combination in the presence of air or moisture to a degree that poses a safety hazard.

**8.1.2 Refrigerant Piping, Valves, and Fittings.** *Refrigerant piping*, valves, and fittings *shall* comply with the requirements of Sections 8.3 through 8.6.

### 8.2 Alloy Restriction

**8.2.1 General.** Magnesium alloys *shall not* be used in contact with any halogenated *refrigerants*.

**8.3 Refrigerant Piping, Valves, Fittings, and Related Parts.** *Refrigerant piping*, valves, fittings, and related parts *shall* conform to the requirements of Sections 8.3.1 through 8.3.7.

**8.3.1 Refrigerant piping**, valves, fittings, and related parts having a maximum internal or external *design pressure* greater than 15 psig (103.4 kPa gage) *shall* be *listed* either individually or as part of an assembly or a system by an *approved, nationally recognized testing laboratory*, or *shall* comply with ASME B31.5 where applicable.

**8.3.2 Reuse of Piping Materials on Existing Systems.** Reused pipe, fittings, valves, or other materials on existing *refrigerant* systems being renovated or modified *shall* comply with the requirements of Section 8.3.

**8.3.3 Piping Materials Standards.** *Refrigerant* pipe *shall* either be *listed* or demonstrate conformance to one or more of the standards in Table 8.3.3.

**Table 8.3.3 Refrigerant Pipe**

<i>Piping Material</i>	<i>Standard</i>
Aluminum Tube	ASTM B210, ASTM B210M, ASTM B491/B491M
Copper Tube	ASTM 68, ASTM B75, ASTM B280, ASTM B819
Copper <i>Line Sets</i>	ASTM B1003, ASTM B280

**8.3.4 Pipe Fittings.** *Refrigerant* pipe fittings *shall* be *approved* for installation with the *piping* materials to be installed and *shall* demonstrate conformance to one or more of the standards listed in Table 8.3.4 or *shall* be *listed* as complying with UL 207.

**Table 8.3.4 Refrigerant Pipe Fittings**

<i>Fitting Material</i>	<i>Standard</i>
Aluminum	ASTM B361
Brass (Copper Alloy)	ASME B16.15, ASME B16.24
Copper	ASME B16.15, ASME B16.18, ASME B16.22, ASME B16.24, ASME B16.26, ASME B16.50
Steel	ASTM A105, ASTM A181, ASTM A234, ASTM A420

**8.3.5 Copper Brazed Field Swaged.** The minimum and maximum cup depth of field fabricated copper brazed swaged fitting connections *shall* comply with Table 8.3.5.

**Table 8.3.5 Copper Brazed Swaged Cup Depths**

<i>Fitting Size (Inch)</i>	<i>Minimum (Inch)</i>	<i>Maximum (Inch)</i>
1/8	0.15	0.23

3/16	0.16	0.24
1/4	0.17	0.26
3/8	0.20	0.30
1/2	0.22	0.33
5/8	0.24	0.36
3/4	0.25	0.38
1	0.28	0.42
1-1/4	0.31	0.47
1-1/2	0.34	0.51
2	0.40	0.60
2-1/2	0.47	0.71
3	0.53	0.80
3-1/2	0.59	0.89
4	0.64	0.96

**8.3.6 Valves, Flexible Connectors, Expansion, and Vibration Compensators.** Valve, flexible connectors and expansion, vibration control devices, or other similar components *shall* be *listed* to UL 207 for the *refrigerant* systems and *shall* meet the *design pressure* for the systems in which they are installed.

**8.3.7 Annealed Copper Tube Limitation.** Soft annealed copper *tubing* larger than 1-3/8 in. (35 mm) O.D. *shall not* be used for field assembled *refrigerant piping*, unless it is protected from mechanical damage.

#### 8.4 Joints and Connections

**8.4.1 General.** Joints and connections *shall* be either a *listed* or an *approved* type. Joints and connections *shall* be tight for the pressure of the *refrigerant* system when tested in accordance with Section 8.6.

**8.4.2 Joints Between Different Piping Materials.** Joints between different *piping* materials *shall* be made with either *listed* or *approved* adapter fittings. Joints between dissimilar metallic *piping* materials *shall* be designed to prevent galvanic corrosion which includes but is not limited to the use of a dielectric fitting or a dielectric union conforming to dielectric tests of ASSE 1079. Adapter fittings with threaded ends between different materials *shall* be joined with proper thread lubricant in accordance with Section 8.4.5.5.

**8.4.3 Allowable Joints.** The allowable joints for a specific *piping* material *shall* be in accordance with Table 8.4.3.

**Table 8.4.3 Allowable Joints**

Material	Brazed (Section 8.4.5.1)	Mechanical (Section 8.4.5.2)	Flared (Section 8.4.5.3)	Press-Connect (Section 8.4.5.4)
Aluminum Tube	X	X		X
Copper Tube	X	X	X	X

**8.4.4 Preparation of Pipe Ends.** Pipes *shall* be cut square, reamed, and chamfered, and *shall* be free of burrs and obstructions. Pipe ends *shall not* be undercut to reduce pipe wall below the minimum thickness as required for the application.

**8.4.5 Joint Preparation and Installation.** Where required by Sections 8.4.4 through 8.4.9, the preparation and installation of brazed, flared, mechanical, press-connect, soldered, and threaded joints *shall* comply with Sections 8.4.5.1 through 8.4.5.5.

**8.4.5.1 Brazed Joints.** Joint surfaces *shall* be cleaned. A flux *approved* for the application *shall* be applied where required by the braze filler metal *manufacturer*. The *piping* being brazed *shall* be purged of air to remove the oxygen and filled with one of the following inert gases: oxygen-free nitrogen, helium, or argon. The *piping* system *shall* be pre-purged with an inert gas for a minimum time corresponding to five volume changes through the *piping* system prior to brazing. The pre-purge rate *shall* be at a minimum velocity

of 100 feet per minute. The inert gas *shall* be directly connected to the tube system being brazed to prevent the entrainment of ambient air. After the pre-purge, the inert gas supply *shall* be maintained through the *pipng* during the brazing operation at a minimum pressure of 1.0 psi and a maximum pressure of 3.0 psi. The joint *shall* be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**8.4.5.2 Mechanical Joints.** *Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.*

**8.4.5.3 Flared Joints.** Flared fittings *shall* be installed in accordance with the *manufacturer's installation instructions*. The flared fittings *shall* be used with the tube materials *specified* by the fitting *manufacturer*. The flared tube end *shall* be made by a tool designed for that operation.

**8.4.5.4 Press-Connect Joints.** Press-connect joints *shall* be installed in accordance with the *manufacturer's installation instructions*.

**8.4.5.5 Threaded Joints.** Threads *shall* conform to ASME B1.20.1, ASME B1.20.3, ASME B1.13M, or ASME B1.1. Thread lubricant, pipe-joint compound, or tape *shall* be applied on the external threads only and *shall* be *approved* for application on the *pipng* material.

## 8.5 Refrigerant Pipe Installation

**8.5.1 Piping Location.** *Refrigerant piping shall comply with the installation location requirements of Sections 8.5.1.1 through 8.5.1.8. Refrigerant piping for Group A2L shall also comply with the requirements of Section 8.5.2.*

**8.5.1.1 Minimum Height.** Exposed *refrigerant piping* installed in open *spaces* that afford passage *shall* be not less than 7 feet 3 inches (2210 mm) above a walking surface.

**8.5.1.2 Pipe Protection.** The exterior of the pipe *shall* be protected from corrosion and degradation. *Refrigerant piping shall be:*

1. Within either the building elements or protective enclosure; in concealed locations where aluminum tube or copper tube is installed through holes or notches in studs, joists, or similar members less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the nearest edge of the member, the tube *shall* be protected by steel shield plates having a minimum thickness of 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage). Protective steel shield plates *shall* cover the area of the tube where the member is notched or bored, and *shall* extend not less than 2 inches (51 mm) above sole plates and below top plates, or
2. More than 7 feet 3 inches (2.2 m) above the finished floor, or
3. Inside the building exposed within 72 inches (1830 mm) of the *appliance*, or
4. In an *attic* or *crawl space*: aluminum tube or copper tube *shall* be protected in accordance with Item 1 when located within 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the nearest edge of the member, or
5. Outside the building:
  - a. Protected from damage from the weather, including but not limited to hail, ice, and snow loads, and
  - b. Protected from damage within the expected foot or traffic path
  - c. Outside underground installed below the frost line, but not less than 8 inches below finished grade and protected against corrosion.

**8.5.1.3 Prohibited Locations.** *Refrigerant piping shall not be installed in any of the following locations:*

1. Exposed within a fire-resistance-rated exit *access* corridor
2. Exposed within an interior exit stairway
3. Interior exit ramp
4. Exit passageway
5. Elevator, dumbwaiter, or other shaft containing a moving object
6. Inside an *air duct*

**8.5.1.4 Piping in Concrete Floors.** *Refrigerant piping* installed in concrete floors *shall* be encased in pipe, conduit, or *ducts*. The *pipng* *shall* be protected to prevent damage from vibration, stress, and corrosion.

**8.5.1.5 Refrigerant Pipe Shafts.** *Refrigerant piping* that penetrates two or more floor/ceiling assemblies *shall*

be enclosed in a fire-resistance-rated shaft enclosure in accordance with building code.

**Informative Note:** Other building utilities or *pipng* systems are permitted to be in the *refrigerant piping* shaft.

**8.5.1.5.1 Shaft Not Required.** A shaft enclosure *shall not* be required for the *refrigerant piping* for any of the following systems:

1. *Piping* in a *direct system* using Group A1 *refrigerant* where the *refrigerant* quantity does not exceed the *RCL* for the smallest *occupied space* through which the *pipng* passes.
2. *Piping* located on the exterior of the building where leaked *refrigerant* is vented to the outdoors.

**8.5.1.6 Exposed Piping Surface Temperature.** Exposed *pipng* with *ready access* having temperatures greater than 120°F (49°C) or less than 5°F (–15°C) *shall* be protected from contact or have thermal insulation which limits the exposed insulation surface temperature to a range of 5°F (–15°C) to 120°F (49°C).

**8.5.1.7 Pipe Support.** *Piping* *shall* be supported at intervals *specified* in Table 8.5.1.7 or in accordance with ANSI/MSS SP-58.

**Table 8.5.1.7 Pipe Hanger Spacing**

<i>Piping Material</i>	<i>Maximum Horizontal Spacing (ft)</i>	<i>Maximum Vertical Spacing (ft)</i>
Aluminum Tube		
1/4 inch to 1-1/4 inch	10	15
Copper Tube		
1/4 inch	5	10
3/8 to 1/2 inch	6	10
3/4 inch	7	10
1 inch	8	10
1-1/4 inch	9	10

**8.5.2 Installation Requirements for A2L Refrigerants.** *Piping* systems using Group A2L *refrigerant* *shall* comply with the requirements of Section 8.5.2.1 through 8.5.2.3.

**8.5.2.1 Pipe Protection.** In addition to the requirements in Section 305.5, aluminum or copper tube for Group A2L *refrigerants* located in concealed locations where *tubing* is installed in studs, joists, rafters, or similar member *spaces* and located less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the nearest edge of the member, *shall* be continuously protected by shield plates. Protective steel shield plates having a minimum thickness of 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage) *shall* cover the area of the tube and *shall* extend a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm) beyond the outside edge of the tube. *Refrigerant* tube *shall not* be in direct contact with metal that can cause galvanic corrosion. *Refrigerant* tube *shall not* be in contact with building material that can abrade the tube.

**8.5.2.2 Field Applied Joints.** When a *refrigeration system* is installed with field applied joints at the *indoor section*, the joints *shall* be:

- a. in compliance with UL 207; or
- b. enclosed to vent to the *appliance* where a leak would be detected.

**8.5.2.3 Shaft Ventilation.** *Refrigerant* pipe shafts required by Section 8.5.1.5 for systems using Group A2L *refrigerants* *shall* be naturally or mechanically ventilated and *shall* comply with one of the following:

- a. Naturally ventilated shafts *shall* have a minimum of a 4-inch diameter pipe, *duct*, or conduit that connects at the lowest point of the shaft and connects to the outdoors. The pipe, *duct*, or conduit *shall* be level or pitched to the outdoors. A makeup air opening *shall* be provided at the top of the shaft. Required *ventilation* openings *shall* open directly to the outside air and *shall* be protected to prevent the entry of birds, rodents, snakes, and other similar creatures.

- b. Mechanically ventilated shafts *shall* have a minimum air velocity in accordance with Table 8.5.2.3. The mechanical *ventilation shall* either be continuously operated or activated by a *refrigerant detector*. Systems utilizing a *refrigerant detector shall* activate the mechanical *ventilation* at a detection threshold not exceeding the *RCL* of the *refrigerant*. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, *shall* be located in an area where *refrigerant* from a leak will concentrate. Make up air *shall* be provided at the inlet to the shaft for mechanically ventilated shafts.
- c. The shaft *shall not* be required to be ventilated for double wall *refrigerant* pipe where the interstitial space of the double wall pipe is vented to the outdoors.

**Table 8.5.3.2 Shaft Ventilation Velocity**

Cross-Sectional Area of Shaft (Sq. In.)	Minimum Ventilation Velocity (feet per minute)
≤20	100
>20 to ≤250	200
>250 to ≤1250	300
>1250	400

**8.5.3 Refrigerant Pipe Penetrations.** The annular space between the outside of a *refrigerant* pipe and the inside of a pipe sleeve or opening in a building envelope wall, floor, or ceiling assembly penetrated by a *refrigerant* pipe *shall* be sealed in an *approved* manner with caulking material, foam sealant, or closed with a gasketing system. The caulking material, foam sealant, or gasketing system *shall* be designed for the conditions at the penetration location and *shall* be compatible with the pipe, sleeve, and building materials in contact with the sealing materials. *Refrigerant* pipes penetrating fire-resistance-rated assemblies or membranes of fire-resistance-rated assemblies *shall* be sealed or closed in accordance with the *AHJ*.

**8.5.4 Stress and Strain.** *Refrigerant piping shall* be installed so as to prevent strains and stresses that exceed the structural strength of the pipe. Where necessary, provisions *shall* be made to protect *piping* from damage resulting from vibration, expansion, contraction, and structural settlement.

**8.6 Provision for Service**

**8.6.1** All serviceable components of *refrigeration systems shall* have *access* by service personnel.

**8.6.2** *Outdoor sections* or outdoors sections with enclosures *shall* have *access* by service personnel.

**9. MAXIMUM REFRIGERANT CHARGE**

**9.1 General Requirements.** All *refrigeration systems shall* have *refrigerant charge* added or adjusted per *equipment manufacturer’s installation instructions*. The total *refrigerant charge* level, *mc*, is the total charge after completion of field *refrigerant charge* adjustment.

For Group A2L *refrigerants*, a simplified *maximum refrigerant charge* procedure is given in Sections 9.2 to 9.6. Alternatively, the comprehensive procedure described in Section 13 may be used. The use of Section 13 *shall* be required for *refrigeration systems* using Group A2L *refrigerants* with a *LFL* < 0.28 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.0175 lbm/ft<sup>3</sup>).

**9.2 Flammable A2L Refrigerant Charge Levels for Mitigation**

**9.2.1** *Refrigerant charge* limits for Group A2L *refrigerants* essential to delineate maximum charge level and levels of mitigation for leaks are given in Table 9.2-1.

**Table 9.2-1 Flammable A2L Refrigerant Charge Limits**

Charge Limit	kg	lbm
m1	1.7	3.7

m2	14.6	32.1
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- 9.2.2** Refrigeration systems using A2L refrigerants shall not have a refrigerant charge greater than m2. However, if the RCL of the Group A2L refrigerant is less than 0.25\*LFL, then the maximum charge shall be calculated as for a Group A1 refrigerant (see Section 9.3).
- 9.2.3** Refrigeration systems with refrigerant charge levels as shown in Table 9.2-2 requiring leak mitigation shall have mitigation integral to the equipment as supplied from the manufacturer, and approved to UL 60335 2-40.
- 9.2.4** Refrigeration systems with a charge level,  $m_c$ , greater than m1, as defined below in Table 9.2-2, shall be evaluated for compliance with Section 9.4.

**Table 9.2-2 Flammable A2L Refrigerant Charge Limits for Mitigation**

Charge $m_c$	Mitigation for Leaks Required	Evaluate for Compliance with Section 9.3
$m_c \leq m_1$	No	No
$m_1 < m_c \leq m_2$	Yes	Yes

**9.3 Maximum Allowable Refrigerant Charge for A1 Refrigerants**

The concentration of refrigerant in a space from a complete discharge of a single refrigeration system shall not exceed the RCL shown in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34, Table 4-1 or 4-2.

**9.4 Maximum Allowable Refrigerant Charge for A2L Refrigerants**

- 9.4.1** The maximum refrigerant charge,  $m_{c,max}$ , permitted for a single refrigeration system installed in a space shall be as specified in the manufacturer’s installation instructions of the listed equipment. In the absence of the manufacturer’s installation instructions, the maximum allowable refrigerant charge,  $m_{c,max}$ , for any single refrigeration system shall be determined using Tables 9.4-1, 9.4-2, and 9.4-3. In all situations,  $m_{c,max}$  for Group A2L refrigerants shall not exceed m2 as shown in Table 9.2-1.

**Table 9.4-1 Maximum Charge for A2L Refrigerants**

Safety Shut-Off Valve Installed	Ventilation Installed	A2L Charge
No	No	Table 9.4-2
Yes	No	14.6 kg/32.2 lbm
No	Yes	Table 9.4-2 and Table 9.4-3
Yes	Yes	14.6 kg/32.2 lbm

**Table 9.4-2 Maximum Charge for A2L Systems with No Safety Shut-Off Valves or Ventilation Installed—Based on 7.2 ft (2.2 m) Space Height\***

Area**		Maximum Released Charge***	
ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	lbm	kg
25	2.3	0.8	0.4
50	4.6	1.6	0.7
75	7.0	2.4	1.1
100	9.3	3.2	1.4

**Table 9.4-2 Maximum Charge for A2L Systems with No Safety Shut-Off Valves or Ventilation Installed—Based on 7.2 ft (2.2 m) Space Height\***

Area**		Maximum Released Charge***	
ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	lbm	kg
125	11.6	3.9	1.8
150	13.9	4.7	2.1
175	16.3	5.5	2.5
200	18.6	6.3	2.9
225	20.9	7.1	3.2
250	23.2	7.9	3.6
275	25.5	8.7	3.9
300	27.9	9.5	4.3
325	30.2	10.3	4.6
350	32.5	11.0	5.0
375	34.8	11.8	5.4
400	37.2	12.6	5.7
425	39.5	13.4	6.1
450	41.8	14.2	6.4
475	44.1	15.0	6.8
500	46.5	15.8	7.2
525	48.8	16.6	7.5
550	51.1	17.3	7.9
575	53.4	18.1	8.2
600	55.7	18.9	8.6
625	58.1	19.7	8.9
650	60.4	20.5	9.3
675	62.7	21.3	9.7
700	65.0	22.1	10.0
725	67.4	22.9	10.4
750	69.7	23.7	10.7
775	72.0	24.4	11.1
800	74.3	25.2	11.4
825	76.6	26.0	11.8
850	79.0	26.8	12.2
875	81.3	27.6	12.5
900	83.6	28.4	12.9
925	85.9	29.2	13.2
950	88.3	30.0	13.6
975	90.6	30.8	13.9
1000	92.9	31.5	14.3
1025	95.2	32.2	14.6

\* For space heights (h) less than 7.2 ft (2.2 m), multiply the charge sizes in this table by a correction factor of  $h_c$ , where  $h_c = h/7.2$  ft (2.2 m). Volume heights  $\geq 7.2$  ft (2.2 m) shall determine charge using the values shown in this table.

\*\* *Dispersal volumes* are determined per the requirements of Section 9.5.

\*\*\* For area sizes falling in between the values listed in this table, interpolation may be used to determine precise charges. Alternatively, the closest lower value for area may be used in lieu of interpolation.

**Table 9.4-3 Additional Charge Permitted for A2L Systems without Safety Shut-Off Valves but Using Ventilation**

Ventilation Rate		Additional Charge*	
cfm	m <sup>3</sup> /hr	lbm	kg
20	34	0.4	0.2
40	68	0.7	0.3
60	102	1.1	0.5
80	136	1.4	0.6
100	170	1.8	0.8
120	204	2.1	1.0
140	238	2.5	1.1
160	272	2.8	1.3
180	306	3.2	1.4
≥200	340	3.5	1.6

\* For ventilation rates falling between the values listed in this table, interpolation may be used to determine precise increase in charge size. Alternatively, the closest lower value for volume may be used in lieu of interpolation.

**9.4.2 Releasable Charge for Multi-Split Systems Using Safety Shut-Off Valves with A2L Refrigerants.** The releasable charge,  $m_{rel}$ , shall be the largest value determined in Sections 9.4.2.1 and 9.4.2.2. The releasable charge,  $m_{rel}$ , shall not exceed the maximum releasable charge,  $m_{rel,max}$  (as calculated in Section 9.4). As an alternative, the releasable charge shall be permitted to be calculated in accordance with Section 13. Three pipe multi-split systems shall have the releasable charge calculated in accordance with Section 13.

**9.4.2.1 Releasable Refrigerant Charge in Heating Mode.** The releasable charge in heating mode shall be the releasable charge in interconnecting tubing plus the charge in the indoor section located downstream of the safety shut-off valve. Table 9.4.2-3 shall be permitted to be used to calculate the indoor section releasable charge based on the internal volume of indoor section coil, headers, and tubing. Releasable charge in interconnecting tubing shall be the value from Table 9.4.2-1 corresponding to the outer diameter of the liquid interconnecting tubing and the length of the liquid interconnecting tubing plus the value from Table 9.4.2-2 corresponding to the outer diameter of the vapor interconnecting tubing and the length of the vapor interconnecting tubing. The length of interconnecting tubing shall be calculated from the safety shut-off valve to the indoor section.

**9.4.2.2 Releasable Refrigerant Charge in Cooling Mode.** The releasable charge in cooling mode shall be the releasable charge in interconnecting tubing plus the charge in the indoor section located downstream of the safety shut-off valve. Table 9.4.2-6 shall be permitted to be used to calculate the indoor section releasable charge based on the internal volume of indoor section coil, headers, and tubing. Releasable charge in interconnecting tubing shall be the value from Table 9.4.2-4 corresponding to the outer diameter of the liquid interconnecting tubing and the length of the liquid interconnecting tubing plus the values from Table 9.4.2-5 corresponding to the outer diameter of the vapor interconnecting tubing and the length of the vapor interconnecting tubing. The length of interconnecting tubing shall be calculated from the safety shut-off valve to the indoor section.



**Table 9.4.2-1 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Liquid Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Heating Mode (SI)**

Tube OD (mm)	Tube Length (m)											
	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0
	Releasable Charge (kg)											
6.35	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.25
7.94	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.15	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.29	0.33	0.37	0.41	0.44
9.53	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.23	0.29	0.34	0.40	0.46	0.51	0.57	0.63	0.68
12.70	0.11	0.22	0.33	0.44	0.55	0.66	0.77	0.88	0.99	1.10	1.21	1.32
15.90	0.18	0.35	0.53	0.71	0.89	1.06	1.24	1.42	1.59	1.77	1.95	2.12
19.10	0.25	0.51	0.76	1.02	1.27	1.53	1.78	2.03	2.29	2.54	2.80	3.05
22.20	0.35	0.70	1.06	1.41	1.76	2.11	2.46	2.81	3.17	3.52	3.87	4.22
25.40	0.46	0.92	1.39	1.85	2.31	2.77	3.24	3.70	4.16	4.62	5.08	5.55
28.60	0.60	1.20	1.79	2.39	2.99	3.59	4.18	4.78	5.38	5.98	6.57	7.17
31.80	0.74	1.48	2.22	2.96	3.70	4.44	5.18	5.92	6.66	7.40	8.14	8.88
38.10	1.08	2.16	3.24	4.32	5.41	6.49	7.57	8.65	9.73	10.81	11.89	12.97
41.30	1.28	2.57	3.85	5.13	6.42	7.70	8.98	10.26	11.55	12.83	14.11	15.40
54.00	2.23	4.47	6.70	8.93	11.17	13.40	15.64	17.87	20.10	22.34	24.57	26.80
66.70	3.43	6.87	10.30	13.73	17.17	20.60	24.03	27.47	30.90	34.34	37.77	41.20

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-1 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Liquid Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Heating Mode (I-P, values for reference)**

Tube OD (inch)	Tube Length (ft)											
	3.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	21.0	24.0	27.0	30.0	33.0	36.0
	Releasable Charge (lbm)											
0.250 (1/4)	0.05	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.23	0.27	0.32	0.36	0.41	0.46	0.50	0.55
0.313 (5/16)	0.08	0.16	0.24	0.32	0.40	0.48	0.56	0.64	0.72	0.80	0.88	0.96
0.375 (3/8)	0.12	0.25	0.37	0.49	0.62	0.74	0.86	0.99	1.11	1.23	1.36	1.48
0.500 (1/2)	0.24	0.48	0.72	0.96	1.20	1.44	1.68	1.92	2.16	2.40	2.64	2.88
0.625 (5/8)	0.38	0.77	1.15	1.54	1.92	2.31	2.69	3.08	3.46	3.85	4.23	4.62
0.750 (3/4)	0.55	1.10	1.66	2.21	2.76	3.31	3.86	4.41	4.97	5.52	6.07	6.62
0.875 (7/8)	0.76	1.53	2.29	3.05	3.82	4.58	5.34	6.11	6.87	7.63	8.40	9.16
1.000	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.01	5.01	6.01	7.01	8.01	9.01	10.01	11.01	12.02
1.125 (1-1/8)	1.29	2.59	3.88	5.18	6.47	7.77	9.06	10.36	11.65	12.95	14.24	15.54
1.250 (1-1/4)	1.60	3.21	4.81	6.42	8.02	9.63	11.23	12.83	14.44	16.04	17.65	19.25
1.500 (1-1/2)	2.34	4.67	7.01	9.35	11.68	14.02	16.35	18.69	21.03	23.36	25.70	28.04
1.625 (1-5/8)	2.78	5.56	8.34	11.13	13.91	16.69	19.47	22.25	25.03	27.81	30.59	33.38
2.125 (2-1/8)	4.85	9.70	14.55	19.40	24.25	29.10	33.95	38.81	43.66	48.51	53.36	58.21
2.625 (2-5/8)	7.45	14.91	22.36	29.82	37.27	44.72	52.18	59.63	67.09	74.54	81.99	89.45

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-2 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Vapor Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Heating Mode (SI)**

Tube OD (mm)	Tube Length (m)											
	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0
	Releasable Charge (kg)											
6.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
7.94	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03
9.53	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05
12.70	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09
15.90	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15
19.10	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.21
22.20	0.02	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.27	0.29
25.40	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.32	0.35	0.38
28.60	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.21	0.25	0.29	0.33	0.37	0.41	0.45	0.49
31.80	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.26	0.31	0.36	0.41	0.46	0.51	0.56	0.61
38.10	0.07	0.15	0.22	0.30	0.37	0.45	0.52	0.60	0.67	0.75	0.82	0.89
41.30	0.09	0.18	0.27	0.35	0.44	0.53	0.62	0.71	0.80	0.88	0.97	1.06
54.00	0.15	0.31	0.46	0.62	0.77	0.92	1.08	1.23	1.39	1.54	1.69	1.85
66.70	0.24	0.47	0.71	0.95	1.18	1.42	1.66	1.89	2.13	2.37	2.60	2.84

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-2 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Vapor Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Heating Mode (I-P)**

Tube OD (inch)	Tube Length (ft)											
	3.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	21.0	24.0	27.0	30.0	33.0	36.0
	Releasable Charge (lbm)											
0.250 (1/4)	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04
0.313 (5/16)	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07
0.375 (3/8)	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10
0.500 (1/2)	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.20
0.625 (5/8)	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.13	0.16	0.19	0.21	0.24	0.27	0.29	0.32
0.750 (3/4)	0.04	0.08	0.11	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.27	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.42	0.46
0.875 (7/8)	0.05	0.11	0.16	0.21	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.42	0.47	0.53	0.58	0.63
1.000	0.07	0.14	0.21	0.28	0.35	0.41	0.48	0.55	0.62	0.69	0.76	0.83
1.125 (1-1/8)	0.09	0.18	0.27	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.62	0.71	0.80	0.89	0.98	1.07
1.250 (1-1/4)	0.11	0.22	0.33	0.44	0.55	0.66	0.77	0.88	1.00	1.11	1.22	1.33
1.500 (1-1/2)	0.16	0.32	0.48	0.64	0.81	0.97	1.13	1.29	1.45	1.61	1.77	1.93
1.625 (1-5/8)	0.19	0.38	0.58	0.77	0.96	1.15	1.34	1.53	1.73	1.92	2.11	2.30
2.125 (2-1/8)	0.33	0.67	1.00	1.34	1.67	2.01	2.34	2.68	3.01	3.34	3.68	4.01
2.625 (2-5/8)	0.51	1.03	1.54	2.06	2.57	3.08	3.60	4.11	4.63	5.14	5.65	6.17

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-3 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Indoor Section in Heating Mode (SI)**

<b>Internal Volume of Indoor Section (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Releasable Charge (kg)</b>
0.001	3.40
0.002	4.14
0.003	4.89
0.004	5.63
0.005	6.38
0.006	7.13
0.007	7.87
0.008	8.62
0.009	9.36
0.010	10.11
0.011	10.85
0.012	11.60
0.013	12.34
0.014	13.09
0.015	13.84
0.016	14.58
0.017	15.33
0.018	16.07
0.019	16.82
0.020	17.56
0.021	18.31
0.022	19.06
0.023	19.80
0.024	20.55
0.025	21.29

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-3 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Indoor Section in Heating Mode (I-P)**

<b>Internal Volume of Indoor Section (ft<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Releasable Charge (lbm)</b>
0.04	7.71
0.08	9.57
0.12	11.43
0.16	13.29
0.20	15.16
0.24	17.02
0.28	18.88
0.32	20.74
0.36	22.60
0.40	24.47
0.44	26.33
0.48	28.19
0.52	30.05
0.56	31.91
0.60	33.77
0.64	35.64
0.68	37.50
0.72	39.36
0.76	41.22
0.80	43.08
0.84	44.95
0.88	46.81
0.92	48.67
0.96	50.53
1.00	52.39

*Note:* The *releasable charge shall* be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-4 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Liquid Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Cooling Mode (SI)**

Tube OD (mm)	Tube Length (m)											
	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0
	Releasable Charge (kg)											
6.35	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.25
7.94	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.33	0.36	0.40	0.43
9.53	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.22	0.28	0.34	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.56	0.62	0.67
12.70	0.11	0.22	0.33	0.43	0.54	0.65	0.76	0.87	0.98	1.09	1.19	1.30
15.90	0.17	0.35	0.52	0.70	0.87	1.04	1.22	1.39	1.57	1.74	1.91	2.09
19.10	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00
22.20	0.35	0.69	1.04	1.38	1.73	2.07	2.42	2.77	3.11	3.46	3.80	4.15
25.40	0.45	0.91	1.36	1.82	2.27	2.73	3.18	3.64	4.09	4.54	5.00	5.45
28.60	0.59	1.18	1.76	2.35	2.94	3.53	4.11	4.70	5.29	5.88	6.46	7.05
31.80	0.73	1.46	2.18	2.91	3.64	4.37	5.09	5.82	6.55	7.28	8.01	8.73
38.10	1.06	2.13	3.19	4.25	5.32	6.38	7.44	8.50	9.57	10.63	11.69	12.76
41.30	1.26	2.52	3.78	5.05	6.31	7.57	8.83	10.09	11.35	12.62	13.88	15.14
54.00	2.20	4.39	6.59	8.78	10.98	13.18	15.37	17.57	19.77	21.96	24.16	26.35
66.70	3.38	6.75	10.13	13.50	16.88	20.26	23.63	27.01	30.38	33.76	37.14	40.51

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-4 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Liquid Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Cooling Mode (I-P)**

Tube OD (inch)	Tube Length (ft)											
	3.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	21.0	24.0	27.0	30.0	33.0	36.0
	Releasable Charge (lbm)											
0.250 (1/4)	0.04	0.09	0.13	0.18	0.22	0.27	0.31	0.36	0.40	0.45	0.49	0.54
0.313 (5/16)	0.08	0.16	0.24	0.31	0.39	0.47	0.55	0.63	0.71	0.79	0.86	0.94
0.375 (3/8)	0.12	0.24	0.36	0.49	0.61	0.73	0.85	0.97	1.09	1.21	1.34	1.46
0.500 (1/2)	0.24	0.47	0.71	0.95	1.18	1.42	1.65	1.89	2.13	2.36	2.60	2.84
0.625 (5/8)	0.38	0.76	1.14	1.51	1.89	2.27	2.65	3.03	3.41	3.78	4.16	4.54
0.750 (3/4)	0.54	1.09	1.63	2.17	2.71	3.26	3.80	4.34	4.88	5.43	5.97	6.51
0.875 (7/8)	0.75	1.50	2.25	3.00	3.75	4.50	5.25	6.00	6.75	7.50	8.25	9.00
1.000	0.98	1.97	2.95	3.94	4.92	5.91	6.89	7.88	8.86	9.85	10.83	11.81
1.125 (1-1/8)	1.27	2.55	3.82	5.09	6.37	7.64	8.91	10.19	11.46	12.73	14.01	15.28
1.250 (1-1/4)	1.58	3.15	4.73	6.31	7.89	9.46	11.04	12.62	14.20	15.77	17.35	18.93
1.500 (1-1/2)	2.30	4.59	6.89	9.19	11.49	13.78	16.08	18.38	20.67	22.97	25.27	27.57
1.625 (1-5/8)	2.73	5.47	8.20	10.94	13.67	16.41	19.14	21.88	24.61	27.35	30.08	32.82
2.125 (2-1/8)	4.77	9.54	14.31	19.08	23.85	28.62	33.39	38.15	42.92	47.69	52.46	57.23
2.625 (2-5/8)	7.33	14.66	21.99	29.32	36.65	43.97	51.30	58.63	65.96	73.29	80.62	87.95

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.



**Table 9.4.2-5 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Vapor Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Cooling Mode (SI)**

Tube OD (mm)	Tube Length (m)											
	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0
	Releasable Charge (kg)											
6.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
7.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
9.53	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03
12.70	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.002	.002	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05
15.90	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08
19.10	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11
22.20	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.16
25.40	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.20
28.60	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.26
31.80	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.30	0.33
38.10	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.36	0.40	0.44	0.48
41.30	0.05	0.09	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.28	0.33	0.38	0.43	0.47	0.52	0.57
54.00	0.08	0.17	0.25	0.33	0.41	0.50	0.58	0.66	0.74	0.83	0.91	0.99
66.70	0.13	0.25	0.38	0.51	0.63	0.76	0.89	1.01	1.14	1.27	1.40	1.52

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-5 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Vapor Interconnecting Tubing from Safety Shut-Off Valves to Each Indoor Section in Cooling Mode (I-P)**

Tube OD (inch)	Tube Length (ft)											
	3.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	21.0	24.0	27.0	30.0	33.0	36.0
	Releasable Charge (lbm)											
0.250 (1/4)	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
0.313 (5/16)	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04
0.375 (3/8)	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05
0.500 (1/2)	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11
0.625 (5/8)	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.17
0.750 (3/4)	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.24
0.875 (7/8)	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.25	0.28	0.31	0.34
1.000	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.15	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.30	0.33	0.37	0.41	0.44
1.125 (1-1/8)	0.05	0.10	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.29	0.33	0.38	0.43	0.48	0.53	0.57
1.250 (1-1/4)	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.30	0.36	0.41	0.47	0.53	0.59	0.65	0.71
1.500 (1-1/2)	0.09	0.17	0.26	0.35	0.43	0.52	0.60	0.69	0.78	0.86	0.95	1.04
1.625 (1-5/8)	0.10	0.21	0.31	0.41	0.51	0.62	0.72	0.82	0.92	1.03	1.13	1.23
2.125 (2-1/8)	0.18	0.36	0.54	0.72	0.90	1.08	1.25	1.43	1.61	1.79	1.97	2.15
2.625 (2-5/8)	0.28	0.55	0.83	1.10	1.38	1.65	1.93	2.20	2.48	2.75	3.03	3.30

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-6 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Indoor Section in Cooling Mode (SI)**

<b>Internal Volume of Indoor Section (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Releasable Charge (kg)</b>
0.001	3.60
0.002	4.54
0.003	5.48
0.004	6.43
0.005	7.37
0.006	8.31
0.007	9.26
0.008	10.20
0.009	11.14
0.010	12.09
0.011	13.03
0.012	13.97
0.013	14.92
0.014	15.86
0.015	16.80
0.016	17.74
0.017	18.69
0.018	19.63
0.019	20.57
0.020	21.52
0.021	22.46
0.022	23.40
0.023	24.35
0.024	25.29
0.025	26.23

**Note:** The *releasable charge* shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**Table 9.4.2-6 Refrigerant Charge Contained in Indoor Section in Cooling Mode (I-P)**

<b>Internal Volume of Indoor Section (ft<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Releasable Charge (lbm)</b>
0.04	8.20
0.08	10.56
0.12	12.91
0.16	15.27
0.20	17.62
0.24	19.98
0.28	22.34
0.32	24.69
0.36	27.05
0.40	29.40
0.44	31.76
0.48	34.11
0.52	36.47
0.56	38.82
0.60	41.18
0.64	43.54
0.68	45.89
0.72	48.25
0.76	50.60
0.80	52.96
0.84	55.31
0.88	57.67
0.92	60.02
0.96	62.38
1.00	64.74

*Note:* The releasable charge shall be determined by interpolation of the values in the table or by selecting the next highest value.

**9.5 Dispersal Volume Calculations.** The following applies to the calculation of *dispersal volume* for all types of systems.

**9.5.1 Dispersal Volume.** The *dispersal volume* is calculated by multiplying the floor area of all *spaces* that are connected by the lesser of the actual ceiling height or 7.2 ft (2.2 m). *Plenum* space above a suspended ceiling shall not be included.

**9.5.2 Systems Serving More Than One Floor.** Where different stories and floor levels connect through an opening, the *dispersal volume* shall be calculated using only the floor space and ceiling height of the lowest floor.

**9.5.3 Non-Connecting Spaces.** Where a *refrigeration system*, or a part thereof, is located in one or more enclosed *occupied spaces* that do not connect through permanent openings or HVAC supply *ducts*, the *dispersal volume* of the smallest *occupied space* shall be used to determine the *refrigerant* quantity limit in the system. Doors that could be closed shall not be considered to be permanent openings.

**9.5.4 Ductless HVAC Single Split System.** Adjacent *space(s)* shall not be included in the *dispersal volume* calculation unless there is a *transfer fan* connecting the *spaces*, and the *transfer fan* always operates when the system fan operates. The *dispersal volume* shall then be the *conditioned floor area* of the areas connected by a *transfer fan* multiplied by the height of the bottom of the *indoor section*, but not less than 1.97 ft (0.6 m). For floor-mounted sections, the air delivery height as *specified* by the *manufacturer* shall be used in lieu of the height of the bottom of the *indoor section*.

**9.5.5 Ductless HVAC Multi-Split Systems or Multiple Single Split Systems.** The *dispersal volume* shall be the *conditioned floor area* of the smallest area served by an individual *indoor section*, including any areas connected by a *transfer fan*, multiplied by the height of the bottom of the *indoor section* of the *space*, but not less than 1.97 ft (0.6 m). For floor-mounted sections, the air delivery height as *specified* by the *manufacturer* shall be used in lieu of the height of the bottom of the *indoor section*.

**9.5.6 Heat Pump Water Heater.** The *dispersal volume* shall be the floor area of the *space* containing the *heat pump water heater* multiplied by height of the *appliance* but not less than 2.0 ft (0.6 m).

## 9.6 Safety Shut-Off Valves for Multi-Split Systems Using A2L Refrigerants

**9.6.1 Safety shut-off valves** shall be *specified* for use in the *manufacturer's installation instructions*. When *safety shut-off valves* are activated by the *refrigerant detection system*, the valves shall close and remain closed until corrective action is taken. *Safety shut-off valves* shall be designed to close in the event of an electric power failure.

**9.6.2 Safety Shut-Off Valve Location.** *Safety shut-off valves* shall either be located in a *space* with a room volume large enough so that the total system charge calculated per Section 9.3 is not exceeded or shall be located outside. *Safety shut-off valves* shall have *access* by service personnel.

## 10. SYSTEM INSTALLATION

### 10.1 Refrigerant Piping System Test

**10.1.1 General.** *Refrigerant piping* systems erected in the field shall be pressure-tested for strength and leak-tested for tightness, after installation and before being placed in operation, in accordance with the requirements of this section. Tests shall include both the high- and low-pressure sides of each system. *Listed equipment*, including but not limited to *compressors*, condensers, pre-charged *line sets*, *pressure vessels*, evaporators, safety devices, pressure gauges, and control mechanisms, is not required to be pressure-tested for strength. Field installed connections shall be leak-tested.

**10.1.2 Exposure of Refrigerant Piping System.** *Refrigerant* pipe and joints installed in the field shall be exposed for visual inspection and testing prior to being covered or enclosed.

**10.1.3 Test Gases.** The medium used for pressure-testing the *refrigeration system* shall be one of the following inert gases: oxygen-free nitrogen, helium, argon, or premixed nonflammable oxygen-free nitrogen with a tracer gas of hydrogen or helium. Oxygen, air, *refrigerant*, combustible gases and mixtures containing such gases shall not be used as a test medium.

**10.1.4 Field Test Apparatus.** The means used to pressurize the *refrigerant piping* system shall have a *pressure-limiting device* or pressure-reducing device and a test pressure measuring device on the outlet side. The test pressure measuring device for strength testing and leakage testing shall have an accuracy of not less than  $\pm 3\%$  of the test pressure and shall have a resolution of not less than 3% of the test pressure.

**10.1.5 Piping System Strength Test and Leak Test.** The *refrigerant piping* system shall be tested in accordance with the stricter of the *manufacturer's installation instructions* or this section. Separate tests for low-side and high-side sections of the *piping* system shall be allowed. The *refrigerant piping* system shall be tested in accordance with both of the following methods:

1. Pressurized for a minimum of sixty minutes to not less than the lower of the *design pressures* or the setting of the *pressure-relief devices* and/or pressure-relief valves. The *design pressures* for testing shall be the pressure listed on the label nameplate of the *outdoor section*, *compressor*, *pressure vessel*, or other system component of the *refrigerant circuit* with a nameplate. No additional test gas shall be added to the system after the start of the pressure test. The system shall show no loss of pressure on the test pressure measuring device during the pressure test.
2. After completing the pressure test, a vacuum of 500 *microns* shall be achieved. After achieving a vacuum, the system shall be isolated from the vacuum pump. The system pressure shall not rise above 1500 *microns* for a minimum period of ten minutes.

### 10.2 General System Requirements

**10.2.1 Safeguards.** Means shall be taken to safeguard *tubing* per Section 8, controls, and other refrigeration *equipment* to minimize accidental damage or rupture by external sources.

**10.2.2 Access.** Per *manufacturer's installation instructions*, a clear and unobstructed approach and *space shall* be provided for inspection, service, and emergency shutdown of *appliances*.

**10.2.3 HVAC appliances shall** be installed per *manufacturer's installation instructions*.

**10.2.3.1 Air Duct Installation.** *Air duct* systems using mechanical refrigeration *shall* be sized per ANSI/ACCA 1 Manual D and sealed per requirements of ANSI/ACCA 5 QI Standard, or per *AHJ* requirements.

**10.2.3.2 Water Connections.** Water supply and discharge connections *shall* be made in accordance with the system *manufacturer's installation instructions*, industry practices, or *AHJ* requirements.

**10.2.3.3 Field Provided Controls.** Field installed operating controls and safety controls are to be compatible with the system type and application, and the operation of the field installed controls/safeties are in accordance with system *manufacturer's installation instructions* or *AHJ* requirements.

**10.2.3.4 Electrical Safety.** Electrical *equipment* and wiring *shall* be installed in accordance with *manufacturer's installation instructions*, local code requirements, and, if applicable, NFPA 70.

**10.2.3.5 Heating and Cooling Equipment.** Heating and cooling *equipment shall* be sized, selected, and installed per the requirements in ANSI/ACCA Standard 5 QI-2015, *HVAC Quality Installation Specification*, or per *AHJ* requirements.

**10.2.3.6 Gas- and Oil-Fired Appliances.** Gas- and oil-fired *appliances* used with *refrigeration systems shall* be installed in accordance with the system *manufacturer's installation instructions* and local codes or *AHJ* requirements.

### 10.3 General Refrigerant Requirements

**10.3.1 Refrigerant Access.** All *refrigerant circuit* service ports *shall* be secured to prevent unauthorized *access*. A tool *shall* be required, either directly on the service port or within a service panel, to *access* the service port.

**10.3.2 Refrigerant Pressure-Measuring Instruments.** Pressure-measuring instruments *shall* be checked for accuracy and adjusted according to the pressure-measuring instruments *manufacturer's* instructions.

**10.3.3 Charging, Withdrawal, and Disposition of Refrigerants.** No service containers *shall* be left connected to a system except while charging or withdrawing *refrigerant*. *Refrigerants* withdrawn from *refrigeration systems shall* be transferred into *approved* containers only. Except for discharge of *pressure-relief devices* and *fusible plugs*, incidental releases due to leaks, purging of non-condensables, draining oil, and other routine operating or maintenance procedures in accordance to EPA §608 requirements, no *refrigerant shall* be discharged to the atmosphere.

## 11. MECHANICAL VENTILATION

**11.1 Ventilation Air.** For *refrigeration systems* where the *actual refrigerant charge, mc*, exceeds the values of Tables 9.3.1 and 9.3.2, *ventilation air as specified* in Table 9.3-3 *shall* be provided per this section.

**11.1.1 Ventilation air** required per Section 9.3 *shall* either be operated continuously or *shall* be controlled by a *refrigerant detector* provided by the *manufacturer* that is integral to the *appliance*.

**11.1.1.1 Continuous Operation.** *Ventilation air shall* be operated continuously except during maintenance of the system.

**11.1.1.2 Operation by Refrigerant Detection System.** *Ventilation air* after initiation by *refrigerant* detection system *shall* operate continuously for a minimum of five minutes after the *refrigerant* detection system is automatically reset after *refrigerant* is no longer detected.

**11.1.2 Airflow Control Devices.** Airflow control devices such as air valves or dampers *shall* be driven fully open when a *refrigerant* detection system detects *refrigerant*. Zone dampers (if applicable) *shall* be driven fully open when a *refrigerant* detection system detects *refrigerant*.

**11.1.3 Emergency Control Devices.** *Ventilation systems shall* be permitted to include smoke dampers, fire dampers, and other devices used only during an emergency.

## 12. ADD-ON HEAT PUMPS

**12.1 Installation of add-on heat pumps with A2L refrigerants shall** include the following:

**12.1.1** The sensor of the *refrigerant* detection system *shall* be an integral part of the indoor coil assembly.

- 12.1.2 Wiring connection of the *refrigerant detector* and any components of the leak detection system to the furnace assembly *shall not* be less than 18 AWG with a minimum insulation thickness of 0.0625 in./1.58 mm or protected from damage.
- 12.1.3 *Indoor sections* using A2L refrigerants *shall not* be installed on furnaces or modular blowers with an inductive electrical load greater than 2.5 kVA. For A2L refrigerants with burning velocities greater than 6.7 cm/sec (2.6 in./sec), Section 14 *shall* be used to determine the maximum allowable inductive load.
- 12.1.4 Detection of a leak *shall* turn on the indoor fan to supply the airflow *specified* by the *add-on heat pump manufacturer's installation instructions*.
- 12.1.5 The leak detection system *shall* be tested for proper operation after installation per *manufacturer's installation instructions*.

### 13. REFRIGERANT CHARGE CALCULATION METHOD FOR A2L REFRIGERANTS

**13.1 General Requirements.** This section contains the methodology needed to calculate the *maximum charge* and *maximum releasable charge* for A2L refrigerants. This section *shall* be required for *refrigeration systems* using A2L refrigerants with an  $LFL < 0.28 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ( $0.0175 \text{ lbm/ft}^3$ ).

**13.2 Flammable Refrigerant Charge Levels for Mitigation.** The *refrigerant charge* quantities,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , as defined below delineate the required levels of mitigation. All *refrigeration systems* with a charge level greater than  $m_1$  *shall* be evaluated for compliance with Section 9.4.

For A2L refrigerants,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are defined as follows:

$$m_1 = A \times LFL \quad (\text{Equation 13.2.1})$$

$$m_2 = B \times LFL \quad (\text{Equation 13.2.2})$$

where:

$$A = 6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ and } B = 52 \text{ m}^3 \quad \text{when } LFL \text{ is expressed in } \text{kg/m}^3$$

$$A = 211.9 \text{ ft}^3 \text{ and } B = 1836.4 \text{ ft}^3 \quad \text{when } LFL \text{ is expressed in } \text{lbm/ft}^3$$

#### 13.3 Maximum Allowable Refrigerant Charge

The *maximum refrigerant charge*,  $m_{c,max}$ , in a single *refrigeration system* using an A2L refrigerant *shall* be  $m_2$ . However, if the *RCL* of the *refrigerant* is less than  $0.25 * LFL$ , then the maximum charge *shall* be calculated as for an AI refrigerant (Section 9.3).

The *maximum refrigerant charge*,  $m_{c,max}$ , permitted in a single *refrigeration system* *shall* be as *specified* in the *manufacturer's installation instructions* of the *listed equipment*.

In the absence of the *manufacturer's installation instructions*, the *maximum refrigerant charge*,  $m_{c,max}$ , for any single *refrigeration system* *shall* be calculated using Equation A1, with *RCL*, *LFL*, and *SF* values from Table A1 and volumes calculated per Section 9.5.

In all situations,  $m_{c,max}$  for A2L refrigerants *shall not* exceed  $m_2$ .

If there are neither *ventilation air* nor *safety shut-off valves*, then  $m_{rel,max} = m_{c,max}$ .

$$m_{c,max} = m_{rel,max} + m_{ssov} + m_v \quad (\text{Equation 13.3.1})$$

where:

$$m_{rel,max} = (V * LFL/SF) \quad (\text{Equation 13.3.2})$$

$$m_v = \frac{Q_{act} \times LFL \times 4}{SF \times 60} \quad (\text{Equation 13.3.3})$$

$Q_{act}$  = the actual *ventilation air* used;  $Q_{act}$  *shall* be  $\geq Q_{min}$  (refer to Section 11)

V = volume as determined by Section 9.5

SF = safety factor as given in Table 13.3

**Table 13.3 Maximum Charge Formula for A2L Refrigerants**

<b>Safety Shut-Off Valve Installed</b>	<b>Ventilation Installed</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b><math>m_{ssov}</math></b>	<b><math>m_v</math></b>
No	No	4	0	0
Yes	No	4	$m_2 - m_{rel,max}$	0
No	Yes	4	0	Equation 13.3.3
Yes	Yes	4	$m_2 - m_{rel,max} - m_v$	Equation 13.3.3

**13.4 Releasable Charge for Multi-Split Systems Using Safety Shut-Off Valves with Class A2L Refrigerants.** The *releasable charge*,  $m_{rel}$ , shall be the largest value as calculated by Sections 13.4.2 or Section 13.4.3 multiplied by 1.30. The *releasable charge* shall be calculated using the internal volume of all interconnecting *tubing* and all *indoor sections* downstream of the *safety shut-off valves*. Internal volume of *tubing* shall be determined by multiplying the length of *tubing* times the internal volume per length *specified* in Table 13.4. The *releasable charge*,  $m_{rel}$ , shall not exceed the *maximum releasable charge*,  $m_{rel,max}$  (as calculated in Section 13.3). *Refrigerant* real gas properties shall be from either NIST REFPROP, or ISO Standard 17584, or the *refrigerant manufacturer*.

**Table 13.4 Tube Volume Per Unit Length**

<b>Tube OD</b>		<b>Tube Internal Volume per Unit Length</b>	
<b>mm</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>m<sup>3</sup>/m</b>	<b>ft<sup>3</sup>/ft</b>
6.35	0.250	1.77E-05	2.05E-04
7.94	0.313	3.10E-05	3.59E-04
9.53	0.375	4.80E-05	5.55E-04
12.7	0.500	9.29E-05	1.08E-03
15.9	0.625	1.49E-04	1.73E-03
19.1	0.750	2.14E-04	2.48E-03
22.2	0.875	2.96E-04	3.43E-03
25.4	1.000	3.89E-04	4.50E-03
28.6	1.125	5.03E-04	5.82E-03
31.8	1.250	6.23E-04	7.21E-03
38.1	1.500	9.10E-04	1.05E-02
41.3	1.625	1.08E-03	1.25E-02
54.0	2.125	1.88E-03	2.18E-02
66.7	2.625	2.89E-03	3.35E-02

*NOTE:* Values in IP units are for reference only.

**13.4.1 Refrigerant Density Values for Calculation of Releasable Charge.** Table 13.4.1 provides values of *refrigerant* density that may be used to calculate *releasable charge* in the absence of *refrigerant* properties from NIST REFPROP, or ISO Standard 17584, or the *refrigerant manufacturer*.



**Table 13.4.1 Refrigerant Densities to be Used When Calculating Releasable Charge**

Refrigerant Property	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Density (lbm/ft <sup>3</sup> )
ρ <sub>VAP-H</sub>	63.0	3.9
ρ <sub>LIQ-H</sub>	913.9	57.1
ρ <sub>MIX-H</sub>	573.5	35.8
ρ <sub>VAP-C</sub>	33.8	2.1
ρ <sub>LIQ-C</sub>	898.6	56.1
ρ <sub>MIX-C</sub>	725.6	45.3
ρ <sub>MIX-OFF</sub>	196.8	12.3

**13.4.2 Releasable Charge in Heating Mode.** The *releasable charge* in the heating mode,  $m_{rel-H}$ , shall be calculated per the following:

$$m_{rel-H} = LVAP \times TD_{LIQ} \times \rho_{VAP-H} + L_{LIQ} \times TD_{LIQ} \times \rho_{LIQ-H} + IV_{UNIT} \times \rho_{MIX-H} + [68 \text{ g/s} * T_{RESP}]/1000 \quad (\text{Eq. 13.4.2})$$

where

$LVAP$  is the total length of vapor interconnecting *tubing* from *safety shut-off valves* to each indoor unit, m

$TD_{VAP}$  is the tube volume per length for tube diameter  $LVAP$  from Table B1.0, m<sup>3</sup>/m

$\rho_{VAP-H}$  is the vapor *refrigerant* density in the heating mode when operating at 8°C (47°F) dry bulb outdoor ambient and 21°C (70°F) dry bulb return air conditions, kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$L_{LIQ}$  is the total length of liquid interconnecting *tubing* from *safety shut-off valves* to each indoor unit, m

$TD_{LIQ}$  is the tube volume per length for tube diameter  $L_{LIQ}$  from Table B1.0, m<sup>3</sup>/m

$\rho_{LIQ-H}$  is the liquid *refrigerant* density in the heating mode when operating at 8°C (47°F) dry bulb outdoor ambient and 21°C (70°F) dry bulb return air conditions, kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$IV_{UNIT}$  is the total internal volume of all *indoor sections* including coils, *headers*, *tubing*, and all *refrigerant* containing parts of the units that are downstream of the *safety shut-off valve* as determined by the *manufacturer*, m<sup>3</sup>

$\rho_{MIX-H}$  is the *refrigerant* density assuming 60% liquid and 40% vapor (= 0.60 ×  $\rho_{LIQ-H}$  + 0.40 ×  $\rho_{VAP-H}$ ), kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$T_{RESP}$  is the response time for *refrigerant* detection system in seconds, which shall be 30 seconds

**13.4.3 Releasable Charge in Cooling Mode.** The *releasable charge* in the cooling mode,  $m_{rel-C}$ , shall be calculated per the following:

$$m_{rel-C} = LVAP \times TD_{LIQ} \times \rho_{VAP-C} + L_{LIQ} \times TD_{LIQ} \times \rho_{LIQ-C} + IV_{UNIT} \times \rho_{MIX-C} + [68 \text{ g/s} * T_{RESP}]/1000 \quad (\text{Eq. 13.4.3})$$

where

$LVAP$  is the total length of vapor interconnecting *tubing* from *safety shut-off valves* to each indoor unit, m

$TD_{VAP}$  is the tube volume per length for tube diameter  $LVAP$  from Table B1.0, m<sup>3</sup>/m

$\rho_{VAP-C}$  is the vapor *refrigerant* density in the cooling mode when operating at 35°C (95°F) dry bulb outdoor ambient and 27°C (80°F) dry bulb/19°C (67°F) wet bulb return air conditions, kg/m<sup>3</sup>

LLIQ is the total length of liquid interconnecting *tubing* from *safety shut-off valves* to each indoor unit, m

TDLIQ is the tube volume per length for tube diameter LLIQ from Table B1.0, m<sup>3</sup>/m

$\rho_{LIQ-C}$  is the liquid *refrigerant* density in the cooling mode when operating at 35°C (95°F) dry bulb outdoor ambient and 27°C (80°F) dry bulb/19°C (67°F) wet bulb return air conditions, kg/m<sup>3</sup>

IVUNIT is the total internal volume of all *indoor sections* including coils, *headers*, *tubing*, and all *refrigerant* containing parts of the units that are downstream of the *safety shut-off valve* as determined by the *manufacturer*, m<sup>3</sup>

$\rho_{MIX-C}$  is the *refrigerant* density assuming 80% liquid and 20% vapor (= 0.80 ×  $\rho_{LIQ-C}$  + 0.20 ×  $\rho_{VAP-C}$ ), kg/m<sup>3</sup>

TRESP is the response time for *refrigerant* detection system in seconds, which *shall* be 30 seconds

## 14. MAXIMUM INDUCTIVE ELECTRICAL LOAD FOR ADD-ON HEAT PUMPS

**14.1** The maximum allowable inductive load (switched electrical load) in kVA for *add-on heat pumps* shall be calculated with one of the following equations:

$$Le = 5 \times (6.7/Su)^4 \text{ when breaking all phases;} \quad (\text{Eq. 14.1.1})$$

or

$$Le = 2.5 \times (6.7/Su)^4 \text{ when breaking two legs of a three phase load, or when breaking on or two legs of a single phase load} \quad (\text{Eq. 14.1.2})$$

where:

Le is the switched inductive electrical load in kilovolt amperes (kVA), and

Su is the burning velocity of the *refrigerant* in centimeters per second (cm/s).

The burning velocity (Su) *shall* be the higher value of

- the value *specified* in ISO 817, or
- the measured value in humid air at 27°C ± 0.5°C dew point at 101.3 kPa containing 21.0 ± 0.1% O<sub>2</sub> excluding water vapor determined at the nominal composition as *specified* in ISO 817.

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## **INFORMATIVE APPENDIX A—EXPLANATORY MATERIAL**

This informative appendix is not part of the standard. It provides explanatory information related to provision in the standard. Sections of the standard with associated explanatory information in this appendix are marked with an asterisk “\*” after the section number, and the associated appendix information is located in a corresponding section number preceded by “A”.

### **A2. SCOPE**

Although the scope of ASHRAE Standard 15.2 is broad enough to encompass all *refrigerants* and cord-connected *appliances*, provisions currently provided in this standard are limited to Group A1 and A2L *refrigerants*, and cord-connected *appliances* are not addressed. *Refrigeration systems* using *refrigerants* other than Group A1 and A2L are thereby covered by the scope of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15, *Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems*, and the regulation of cord-connected *appliances* is deferred to applicable UL standards. For ammonia *refrigeration systems*, refer to ANSI/IIAR Standard 2, *American National Standard for Safe Design of Closed-Circuit Ammonia Refrigeration Systems*.

### **A4. DEFINITIONS**

\***add-on heat pump**: often referred to as a “furnace coil”, which is a cooling coil that sits on top of (or under or beside) a furnace (which can be fossil-fuel-fired or electric).

\***field installed accessories**: such accessories include condensate pumps, UV lights, components having motors, items in the airstream such as supplemental electric heat, duct fans, zone dampers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, and other items considered part of the system installation, such as circuit boards and controllers.

\***ignition source**: such sources include *appliance* burners, burner ignitions, and electrical switching devices.

\***pressure-relief device**: temperature regulated devices are excluded here because they are covered via the use of a *fusible plug*.

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## **INFORMATIVE APPENDIX B—GENERAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE**

### **B1 Service Instructions**

- B1.1** Personnel performing service and maintenance of the *refrigeration system* shall be trained and competent with respect to their tasks, meeting all applicable local, state, or national licensing requirements.
- B1.2** Personnel performing service and maintenance shall follow *manufacturer's* instructions with respect to the addition and removal of *refrigerants*, oils, additives, controls, and accessories. Maintenance and service personnel shall adhere to *manufacturer specified* service requirements.

### **B2 Service and Maintenance Documentation**

- B2.1** The service or maintenance technician shall keep a service record of all service and maintenance performed on the *refrigerant* detection system or when the *refrigeration circuit* is repaired or replaced. This service record shall be kept on site. The service record shall be protected from weather and moisture.
- B1.2** In the service record, the following information shall be recorded:
  - a. Date of service and initials of technician performing the work
  - b. Details of all maintenance and repair work performed on *refrigerant detectors* or *refrigerant circuits* and validation that maintenance and repair work has left the system in proper working order
  - c. Quantities and kind (new, reused, or recycled) of *refrigerant* which have been charged on each occasion, and the quantities of *refrigerant* which have been transferred from the system on each occasion (see also Sections 6.1 and 6.2)
  - d. Changes and replacements of all components of the system
  - e. Results of all periodic/routine inspections

### **B3 Maintenance**

- B3.1** *Refrigeration systems* shall be maintained by the user in a clean condition, free from accumulations of oily dirt, waste, and other debris, and shall be kept with *access* at all times.
- B3.2** Maintenance, service, and replacement of *refrigerant* detection systems or *refrigerant* detection system components shall be performed in accordance with the system *manufacturer's* instructions.

### **B4 Repair**

- B4.1** Repairs on *refrigerant* containing components shall be performed by certified, licensed personnel and carried out in the following order, if appropriate:
  - a. Remove *refrigerant*
  - b. Purge the circuit with inert gas
  - c. Cut out the component to be repaired
  - d. Replacing the components to be repaired/replaced (e.g. filter drier, coil, *compressor*, power drive, *pressure vessel*, *tubing*)
  - e. Leak check per Section 8
  - f. evacuating and recharging with *refrigerant*
  - g. functional testing and checking of the repaired component

#### **B4.2 Refrigerant Leaks**

- B4.2.1** For A2L systems, *refrigerant* leaks shall be identified, repaired, and verified prior to adding additional *refrigerant* into the system. Patterns of adding *refrigerant* (once per three years or more often) shall be considered proof of a leak. Any addition of *refrigerant* shall be marked on the *appliance*, indicating the date and amount.
- B4.2.2** After any *refrigerant system* repair the following shall be performed:

- a. Leak check all joints internal to the building to which service personnel have *access*
- b. Verify *refrigerant detector* is functioning per *manufacturer's installation instructions*
- c. Verify mitigation *ventilation/circulation* system is functioning

**B4.3** After a *pressure-relief valve* has been actuated, it *shall* be replaced.

**B4.4** When oil is drained from a *refrigeration system* it *shall* be removed safely in accordance with the system *manufacturer's* instruction manual.

## **B5 Change of Refrigerant Type**

Refer to Section 6.2.6.

## **B6 Charging, Withdrawal, and Disposition of Refrigerants**

**B6.1** No service containers *shall* be left connected to a system except while charging or withdrawing *refrigerant*. *Refrigerants* withdrawn from *refrigeration systems* *shall* be transferred to *approved* containers only. Except for discharge of *pressure-relief devices* and *fusible plugs*, incidental releases due to leaks, purging of non-condensables, draining oil, and other routine operating or maintenance procedures, no *refrigerant* *shall* be intentionally vented to the atmosphere or to locations such as a sewer, river, stream, or lake.

**B6.2 Containers.** Containers used for *refrigerants* withdrawn from a *refrigeration system* *shall* be as prescribed in the pertinent regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, or equivalent local enforcement agency, and *shall* be weighed each time they are used for this purpose. Containers *shall not* be filled in excess of the permissible filling weight.

**B6.3 Calibration of Pressure-Measuring Equipment.** Pressure-measuring *equipment* *shall* be checked for accuracy and calibrated prior to test and immediately after every occasion of unusually high (full-scale) pressure, either by comparison with master gages or a dead-weight pressure gage tester, over the operating range of the *equipment*.

**B6.4 Periodic Tests.** *Refrigerant* detection systems, alarm(s), and mechanical ventilating systems *shall* be tested in accordance with *manufacturers'* specifications.

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## **INFORMATIVE APPENDIX C—REVISIONS TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TITLE, PURPOSE, AND SCOPE**

The title, purpose, and scope (TPS) of this draft standard has been modified from the originally approved title, purpose, and scope of the project. This page contains the TPS changes, as approved by the ASHRAE Standards Committee in both “track changes” and “clean” format. The TPS in the body of the proposed Standard 15.2P draft is the “clean” version shown below.

The following is the previously approved TPS in addition (underline) and deletion (strikethrough) format.

**TITLE:** Safety Standard for Refrigeration~~Air Conditioning and Heat Pump~~ Systems in Residential Applications

**PURPOSE:** This standard specifies the minimum requirements for the safe design, and installation,~~operation, and maintenance of~~ refrigeration ~~air conditioning systems~~ used in residential applications.

### **SCOPE:**

~~This standard establishes safeguards for life, limb, health, and property, and prescribes safety requirements~~

This standard applies to ~~the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of mechanical air conditioning and heat pump systems installed in stationary applications that include~~ listed direct refrigeration systems in the following residential applications that are limited to serving only a single dwelling unit or sleeping unit:

- a. ~~One- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, (single family detached, duplexes, and townhomes), or~~
- b. ~~Detached outbuildings associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or townhouse and located on the same property included in a) above, and~~
- c. ~~multi-family structures with individual dwelling units and sleeping units located in a multi-family dwelling, where each dwelling unit has its own heating and air conditioning system, or~~
- e. ~~outbuildings and pool houses located on the same private property as a one- or two-family dwelling~~

The following is the revised TPS in “clean” format.

**TITLE:** Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems in Residential Applications

**PURPOSE:** This standard specifies the minimum requirements for the safe design and installation of *refrigeration systems* used in residential applications.

### **SCOPE:**

~~This standard establishes safeguards for life, limb, health, and property, and prescribes safety requirements~~

This standard applies to ~~the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of mechanical air conditioning and heat pump systems installed in stationary applications that include~~ listed direct refrigeration systems in the following residential applications that are limited to serving only a single dwelling unit or sleeping unit:

- a. One- and two-family *dwellings* and townhouses,
- b. Detached outbuildings associated with a one- or two-family *dwelling* or townhouse and located on the same property included in a) above, and
- c. individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units* located in a *multi-family dwelling*.

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This appendix contains a full list of informative references only. A full list of normative references is included in Section 15, Normative References.

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