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COMPUTERIZED VERSION

A companion version of this listing, in computerized form, also is available. The citations and abstracts are the same in both, but the automated version includes retrieval software to help users locate desired subjects. The computerized database provides a very fast and user-friendly means to perform searches for information on specific refrigerants, lubricants, materials, properties, topics, authors, or publications of interest. Individual words or combinations of words – using Boolean logic through a simplified means of specification – may be used to retrieve desired references. Prior searches, within a session, may be recalled, narrowed, broadened, or merged with other searches. The program includes prompts users for automatic inclusion of selected synonyms and related terms. The program also provides means to print selected citations and abstracts and to prepare lists of citations for ordering.

The prices for the computerized version of the database are indicated on page 6.

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JAR	Japanese Association of Refrigeration Nippon Reito Kyokai 4th Floor, San-ei Building, 8 San-ei-cho Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160 Japan	call 81-3/3359-5231 or fax 81-3/3359-5233 for current prices
JMC	James M. Calm Engineering Consultant	prices and address on next page
NTIS	National Technical Information Service U.S. Department of Commerce 5285 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22161 USA	call 1-703/487-4780 for cur- rent prices
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circle preferred diskette size: 3½"HD or 5¼"HD					
database listing (report) <i>a</i>	_____ x	\$90	\$125	\$160	_____
DATABASE DOCUMENTS (attach list) <i>c</i>					
per document (handling, packing) documents:	_____ x	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	_____
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SALES TAXES				subtotal: _____	
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REFRIGERANT DATABASE - CITATIONS AND ABSTRACTS

MATERIALS COMPATIBILITY

R. C. Cavestri (Imagination Resources, Incorporated), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Plastics**, report DOE/CE/23810-3F, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, July 1992 (26 pages with 18 tables, available from JMC as RDB2807; type on page A-1 is small and may be difficult to read)

This interim report summarizes progress to provide compatibility information on engineering plastics with alternative refrigerants and suitable lubricants. Two tables provide the molding specifications, molding conditions, and physical properties of 23 plastic materials. They include ABS resin (GE Cyclocac[®] GPM4700), acetal resin (Du Pont Delrin[®] II-11500), liquid crystal polymer (LCP, Amoco Xydar MG450), nylon 6/6 (Du Pont Zytel[®] 101), phenolic (Chemical Engineers Plenco 04485 and Hooker Durez 153), polyaryl sulfide (Amoco Radel A-200), polyphenylene sulfide (PPS, GE Supec[™] G401), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT, GE Valox[®] 325PBT), polyethylene terephthalate (PET, Du Pont Rynite[®] 530), polycarbonate resin (GE Lexan[®] 161), polyetherimide (GE Ultem[®] 1000 and CRS5001), polyetherketone (PEK, BASF Ultrapek), polyetheretherketone (PEEK, ICI Victrex PEEK 450G), polyamide-imide (Amoco Torlon 4301 and 4203L), polyimide (Du Pont Vespel[®] DF and DF-ISO), polyphenylene ether (PPE, GE Noryl[®] 731), polyphthalamide (Amoco Amodel AD-1000HS), polypropylene (Himont Profax 6331NW), polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE, Du Pont Teflon[®]), and polyvinylidene chloride (Atochem Kynar 720). Seven tables summarize the changes for immersions in lubricants, including BVA R015, alkylbenzene (Shrieve Zerol 150), a penta erythritol ester mixed acid (ICI Emkarate[®] RL244), a penta erythritol ester branched acid (Emery 2927a ISO 32), a polypropylene glycol butyl monoether (ICI Emkarox[®] VG32), a polypropylene glycol diol (Dow P425), and a modified polyglycol (Allied-Signal BRL-150). Nine tables summarize changes following exposures to R-22, R-32, R-123, R-124, R-134, R-134a, R-142b, R-143a, and R-152a. Observations of particulates, cracking, crazing, softening, and color change are presented. Quantitative data are provided for dimensional (length, width, and thickness) and

weight changes. The lubricant immersions at 60 and 100 °C (140 and 212 °F) for 14 days are complete. All of the plastics were affected by the lubricants; mineral oil and alkylbenzene caused the greatest effect. Ambient immersion studies are complete for nine of ten refrigerants at 60 °C (140 °F). All of the refrigerants had some impact, generally softening or weight change; hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) have the least impact. The report documents several combinations that failed at ambient conditions or are likely to fail at elevated temperatures. Test plans for subsequent work, including creep rupture tests, are outlined.

R. C. Cavestri (Imagination Resources, Incorporated), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Plastics**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, page 689, July 1992 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB2816)

This synopsis outlines the objectives and approach for a study to provide compatibility information on engineering plastics with alternative refrigerants and suitable lubricants. The plastics, refrigerants, and lubricants to be tested are identified. [see RDB2A12 for further information]

R. C. Cavestri (Imagination Resources, Incorporated), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Plastics**, report DOE/CE/23810-2F, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, April 1992 (12 pages with 5 figures, available from JMC as RDB2420)

This interim report summarizes progress to provide compatibility information on engineering plastics with alternative refrigerants and suitable lubricants. The status of test-specimen procurement and preparation is outlined. The report also addresses experimental methods and modifications to test procedures for the planned work. Solubility plots are included for R-22, R-32, R-134a, and R-152a at 20 and 60 °C (68 and 140 °F) in polyol ester (EXP-0621 ISO 32); both refrigerant-lubricant viscosity and refrigerant concentration are shown. The solubility data are needed to maintain the refrigerant concentration in the test apparatus that will be used. The plastics that will be tested include polyimide

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(Du Pont Vespel^(R) DF and DF-ISO), tetrafluoroethylene (TFE, Du Pont Teflon^(R)), BASF Ultrapek, Victrex PEEK 45G 300, Radel A-200, Du Pont Delrin^(R) II 11500, acetal resin (Du Pont Rynite^(R) 530), Du Pont Zytel^(R) 101, polycarbonate resin (GE Lexan^(R) 161), GE Noryl^(R) 731, polyetherimide (GE Ultem^(R) 1000), ABS resin (GE Cycolac^(R) GPM4700), polyphenylene sulfide (PPS, GE Supec^(TM) G401), Kynar 720, Xydar MG350, polyamide-imide (Torlon 4301 and 4203L), Plenco 04485, polybutylene terephthalate (PBT, GE Valox^(R) 325), and Pro-fax 6331 NW. These plastics will be tested with R-22, R-32, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134a, R-142b, R-143a, R-152a, and E-134. [see RDB-2807 for update]

R. G. Doerr and S. Kujak (The Trane Company), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Motor Materials**, report DOE/CE/23810-4B, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, October 1992 (36 pages with 43 tables, available from JMC as RDB-2B01)

This interim report summarizes progress to provide compatibility information for motor materials (for hermetic compressors) in refrigerants and refrigerant-lubricant combinations. Tabular findings are reported for exposures to R-22, R-123, R-134a, R-134a, R-142b, and R-152a at 90 °C (194 °F); to R-32, R-125, and R-143a at 60 °C (140 °F); and to nitrogen (R-728) at both temperatures, as a reference. Tests of dielectric strength, burnout resistance, and bond strength have not been completed yet for R-134a; future tests are planned for R-245ca. Data are provided both after 500 hour exposures and after a subsequent air bake for 24 hours at 150 °C (302 °F), to remove absorbed refrigerant. Bond strength, burnout resistance, and dielectric strength are compared to the unexposed values for three magnet wires, both uncoated and prepared with six varnishes. The wire specimens included an ester base with amide-imide overcoat (Phelps Dodge Armored Poly-Thermaleze 2000), Dacron^(R)/glass served wire (Phelps Dodge Armored Poly-Thermaleze Daglass 2000), and ester-imide overcoated with amide-imide (Phelps Dodge / Schenectady Chemical). The varnishes tested include two solvent epoxies (Sterling^(R) U-475 EH and P. D. George 923), a solvent epoxy phenolic (Sterling^(R) Y-390 PG), 93% solids epoxy (Sterling^(R) ER-610), and 100% solids VPI epoxy (Sterling^(R) Y-833), and water-borne epoxy (Schenectady Isopoxy^(R) 800). Weight change also is reported for exposed disks of the six varnishes. Weight, tensile strength, elongation, and dielectric strength are compared to unexposed values for six sheet insulations (Westinghouse Nomex-Mylar-Nomex^(R), Westinghouse Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R),

Du Pont Mylar^(R) MO, Du Pont Nomex^(R) 410, Du Pont Nomex^(R) Mica 418, and ICI Melinex^(R) 228). Weight change is tabulated for insulations Sales Nomex^(R), Mylar^(R), and Nomex-Mylar^(R) spiral-wrapped sleeving insulation. Changes in weight and dielectric strength are presented for A. O. Smith Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R) and Dacron-Teflon-Dacron^(R) lead wire insulations. Weight and breaking load changes are supplied for woven glass tape (Carolina Narrow), heat shrinkable braided polyester tape (Electrolock), glass-acrylic tape (Essex Permacel P247), and polyester tie cord (Ludlow Textiles). A final table compares gas chromatographic analyses of the refrigerants before and after 500 hr exposures. The report concludes that R-123 exhibited higher absorption and extraction than the other refrigerants tested. The most severe effect of refrigerants on motor materials was caused by high absorption followed by rapid desorption at higher temperatures. R-22 caused the most damage in this case; based on the excellent reliability history of this refrigerant with many of the materials tested, compatibility with the other refrigerants is highly probable. Final judgments should be postponed until studies are completed for the refrigerant-lubricant mixtures.

R. G. Doerr, R. H. Ernst, F. Howard, S. Kujak, D. Lambert, R. Schafer, and D. Steinke (The Trane Company), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Motor Materials**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 691-692, July 1992 (2 pages, available from JMC as RDB2817)

This synopsis outlines the objectives and approach for a study to provide compatibility information on 24 representative motor materials with 11 refrigerants and 17 refrigerant-lubricant combinations. The materials (including magnet wires, varnishes, sheet insulation, slot liners, phase separators, insulation, tapes, and tie cords), refrigerants, and lubricants to be tested are identified. [see RDB2B01 for further information]

R. G. Doerr and S. Kujak (The Trane Company), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Motor Materials**, report DOE/CE/23810-3D, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, July 1992 (20 pages with 43 tables, available from JMC as RDB2804)

This interim report summarizes progress to provide compatibility information for motor materials (for hermetic compressors) in refrigerants and refrigerant-lubricant combinations. Tabular findings are reported for exposures at 90 °C (194 °F) to R-22, R-123, and R-134a and to ni-

trogen at 127 °C (260 °F). Data are provided both after 500 hour exposures and after a subsequent air bake for 24 hours at 150 °C (302 °F), to drive off absorbed refrigerant. Dielectric strength, burnout time, bond strength, and qualitative flexibility are compared to the unexposed values for three magnet wires. The specimens included six varnishes and an uncoated specimen for magnet wire with an amide-imide overcoat (Phelps Dodge Armored Poly-Thermaleze 2000), Daglass served wire (Phelps Dodge Armored Poly-Thermaleze Daglass 2000), and ester-imide overcoated with amide-imide (Phelps Dodge / Schenectady Chemical). Weight change also is reported for six exposed varnish disks. The varnishes tested include two solvent epoxies (Sterling^(R) U-475 EH and P. D. George 923), a solvent epoxy phenolic (Sterling^(R) Y-390 PG), 93% solids epoxy (Sterling^(R) ER-610), and 100% solids VPI epoxy (Sterling^(R) Y-833), and water-borne epoxy (Schenectady Isopoxy^(R) 800). Flexibility of the varnish is suggested as important, due to the tendency of the end turns of motor windings to move in startup and operation of motors. The enamel could be removed from the wire by flexing, due to low flexibility of some varnishes and strong bonding to the insulation. Preliminary observations are presented on the role of refrigerant absorption and desorption when heated. Rapid desorption could result in structural breakdown of varnishes and other materials. Tensile strength, weight change, and elongation are compared to the unexposed values for six sheet insulations including Westinghouse Nomex-Mylar-Nomex^(R), Westinghouse Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R), Du Pont Mylar^(R) MO, Du Pont Nomex^(R) 410, Du Pont Nomex^(R) Mica 418, and ICI Melinex^(R) 228. Weight change comparisons are tabulated for Insulations Sales Nomex^(R), Mylar^(R), and Nomex-Mylar^(R) sleeving materials. Heat degradation of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) insulation was observed, especially with residual moisture and butyl cellosolve evolved from Isopoxy^(R) 800 varnish. Changes in weight and dielectric strength are presented for A. O. Smith Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R) and Dacron-Teflon-Dacron^(R) lead wire insulation. Weight and breaking load changes are supplied for Carolina Narrow woven glass tape, Electrolock heat shrinkable braided polyester tape, Essex Permacel P247 glass-acrylic tape, and Ludlow Textiles polyester tie cord. HCFC refrigerants, and R-22 in particular, appear to have a greater effect than HFCs on motor materials. Based on historical reliability of motors with R-22, reliable use is anticipated with HFCs. The project is progressing on schedule and test completion is projected by the end of 1992. [see RDB2B01 for update]

R. G. Doerr, S. Kujak, and R. Schafer (The Trane Company), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Motor Materials**, report DOE/CE 23810-2D, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, 13 April 1992 (11 pages with 7 tables, available from JMC as RDB2418)

This interim report introduces a project, and summarizes procedural steps, to provide compatibility information for 24 motor materials (for hermetic compressors) in 11 refrigerants and 17 refrigerant-lubricant combinations. The report summarizes progress to procure necessary materials and equipment, prepare test specimens, analyze the refrigerants and lubricants to be used, test the thermal stability of the refrigerant-lubricant systems at 127 °C (260 °F), and prepare for data collection and analysis. The magnet wires obtained for evaluation include modified polyester overcoated with polyamide imide, modified polyester overcoated with polyamide imide and epoxy saturated glass, and polyester imide overcoated with polyamide imide. The varnishes tested include two solvent epoxies (Sterling^(R) U-475 EH and P. D. George 923), a solvent epoxy phenolic (Sterling^(R) Y-390 PG), 93% solids epoxy (Sterling^(R) ER-610), and 100% solids VPI epoxy (Sterling^(R) Y-833), and water-borne epoxy (Schenectady Isopoxy 800). Sheet insulation, slot liner, and phase separator materials include Nomex-Mylar-Nomex^(R), Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R), Du Pont Mylar^(R) MO, Du Pont Nomex^(R) 410, Nomex^(R) Mica 418, and Melinex^(R) 228. Sleeving insulations to be tested are Nomex^(R), Du Pont Mylar^(R), and Nomex-Mylar^(R). Lead wire insulations include Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R) and Dacron-Teflon-Mylar-Dacron^(R). Heat cleaned glass, heat shrinkable braided polyester, and Permacel P247 glass-acrylic tapes as well as polyester tie cords also will be examined. The refrigerants to be tested will include R-22, R-32, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134a, R-142b, R-143a, and R-152a; efforts are underway to obtain E-134 and identify an HFC alternative for R-11. Moisture and purity data are provided for the refrigerants received. The lubricants to be tested include a mineral oil (Suniso 3GS), an alkylbenzene (Zerol 150), and two polyalkylene glycols (PAGs), namely a modified polyglycol (Allied-Signal BRL-150) and a polypropylene glycol diol (Dow P425). Three esters will be tested, namely a polypropylene glycol butyl monoether (ICI Emkarox^(R) VG32), a penta erythritol ester branched acid (Emery 2927 ISO 32), and a penta erythritol ester mixed acid (ICI Emkarate^(R) RL244). [see RDB2804 and RDB2B01 for updates]

H. L. Emmons, **Latest Technology for Hermetic Motor Insulation Testing – Part 2, Magnet Wire**

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Overload, Insulation, pages 57-61, September 1967 (RDB2510)

G. R. Hamed and R. H. Seiple (University of Akron), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Elastomers**, report DOE/CE/23810-4C, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, October 1992 (148 pages with 17 figures and 95 tables including addendum 1, available from JMC as RDB2A12)

This interim report summarizes swell measurements for 95 elastomers in refrigerants and lubricants. Swell behavior was determined using weight and in situ diameter measurements for the refrigerants and diameter and thickness measurements for the lubricants. The refrigerants include both hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs R-22, R-123, R-124, and R-142b) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs R-32, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-143a, R-152a). The lubricants include a mineral oil (Witco Suniso 3GS), alkylbenzene (Shrieve Zerol^(R) 150), and three polyalkylene glycols (PAGs), namely a polypropylene glycol butyl monoether (ICI Emkarox^(R) RL244), a polypropylene glycol diol (Dow P425), and a modified polyglycol (Allied-Signal BRL-150). Two polyol ester (POE) lubricants also are included, namely a penta erythritol ester branched acid (Emery 2927-A) and a penta erythritol ester mixed acid (ICI Emkarate^(R) RL244). Appropriately cured elastomers, encompassing both general purpose and specialty rubbers, were tested. Gum and black-filled compounds were included, as were some thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs). A series of figures summarize the diameter changes. Swell data also are tabulated, for exposures of 1, 3, and 14 days; weight change is tabulated after 14 days. The elastomers tested include polyisoprene, neoprene, butyl, bromobutyl, SBR/styrene, nitrile, hydrogenated nitrile, fluoroelastomer, fluoro/chloroelastomer, epichlorohydrin (homopolymer, ethylene oxide copolymer, and terpolymers), dimethyl silicone rubber, methylphenylvinylsiloxane rubber, silicone rubber, fluorosilicone, EPDM/PP/TPE, nitrile/PP/TPR, chlorosulfonated polyethylene, ethylene/propylene copolymer (EPM), ethylene/acrylic elastomer, chlorinated polyethylene, EPDM, butyl rubber, chloroprene, and ACN compound. The test methodology and apparatus are described in an appendix. The report indicates that filled compositions swelled less than corresponding unfilled ones in all cases. R-123 generally resulted in the greatest swelling, but EPDM/PP/TPE, butyl rubber/PP TPE, and several vendor-supplied compositions swelled little in this refrigerant. R-134 and R-134a caused much less swelling in general, with the exception of with fluoroelastomers and fluorosilicone elastomers. Some vendor compositions are identified that

resisted swelling in all refrigerants and lubricants tested. R-143a, the least acidic of the refrigerants tested, gave the least swelling overall. Some compositions shrunk, suggesting that the swellant was removing a component, probably plasticizer, from the elastomer. Completion is expected in January 1993.

G. R. Hamed and R. H. Seiple (University of Akron), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Elastomers**, report DOE/CE/23810-3E, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, July 1992 (102 pages with 31 figures and 60 tables, available from JMC as RDB-2805)

This interim report summarizes swell measurements for approximately half of the 94 elastomers being tested in refrigerants and lubricants. Swell behavior was determined using weight and in situ diameter measurements for the refrigerants and diameter and thickness measurements for the lubricants. The refrigerants include both hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs R-22, R-123, R-124, and R-142b) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs R-32, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-143a, R-152a). The lubricants include an unidentified mineral oil, alkylbenzene, three polyalkylene glycols (PAGs: a polypropylene glycol butyl monoether, a polypropylene glycol diol, and a modified polyglycol), and both a branched acid and a mixed acid penta erythritol ester (PE). Appropriately cured elastomers, encompassing both general purpose and specialty rubbers, were tested. Gum and black-filled compounds were tested, as were some thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs). Compositions containing carbon black had reduced swelling compared to their unfilled counterparts. Among the HCFCs, R-123 generally resulted in the highest swelling, although an EPDM/PP TPE, butyl rubber/PP TPE, and a fiber-filled neoprene were quite resistant to it. Some compositions shrunk, suggesting that the swellant was removing a component, probably plasticizer, from the elastomer. All the HFCs resulted in substantially lower swelling than the HCFCs. R-143a, the least acidic of the refrigerants tested, gave the least swelling overall. A series of figures summarize the diameter changes. Swell data also are tabulated, for exposures of 1, 3, and 14 days; weight change is tabulated after 14 days. The elastomers tested include polyisoprene, neoprene, butyl, bromobutyl, SBR/styrene, nitrile, hydrogenated nitrile, fluoroelastomer, fluoro/chloroelastomer, epichlorohydrin (homopolymer, ethylene oxide copolymer, and terpolymers), dimethyl silicone rubber, methylphenylvinylsiloxane rubber, silicone rubber, fluorosilicone, EPDM/PP/TPE, nitrile/PP/TPR, chlorosulfonated PE, ethylene/propylene copol-

ymer (EPM), ethylene/acrylic elastomer, chlorinated PE, EPDM, butyl rubber, chloroprene, and ACN compound. [see RDB2806 for supplemental data and RDB2A12 for update]

G. R. Hamed and R. H. Seiple (University of Akron), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Elastomers – Supplement**, supplement to report DOE/CE/23810-3E, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, July 1992 (144 pages with 135 figures and 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB2806)

This supplement provides gas chromatograms and results for the refrigerant specimens, FTIR data (infrared absorbance) for the refrigerants and lubricants, and thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) and oscillating disk rheometer (ODR) plots for the elastomers tested. See RDB2805 for further information.

G. R. Hamed and R. H. Seiple (University of Akron), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Elastomers**, report DOE/CE/23810-2E, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, April 1992 (16 pages with 11 figures and 1 table, available from JMC as RDB-2419)

This interim report introduces a project, and summarizes procedural steps, to provide compatibility information for approximately 94 elastomeric materials in ten refrigerants and suitable lubricants. In situ swell (diameter change) as well as weight and volume changes following immersion will be measured. Property changes will be determined for selected elastomers in a subsequent phase. The report summarizes efforts to obtain and prepare test specimens. Oscillating disk rheometer (ODR) plots are provided for 11 compounds including three formulations of polyisoprene, two of neoprene, two of SBR 1502, and four of EPDM. Moisture content measurements are reported for samples of Dow P425, ICI Emkarate[®] RL244, Witco Suniso 3GS, Emery 2927 ISO 32, Shrieve Zerol, and ICI Emkarox[®] VG32 lubricants. The moisture levels found were higher than expected. [see RDB2A12 for update]

J. P. Harrington and R. J. Ward, **Polyester Film Insulation for Hermetic Motors**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 1, number 4, pages 75 ff, April 1959 (RDB-2302)

S. Nishizaki and A. Muramoto, **Evaluation of Hermetic Motor Insulation Systems**, *Proceedings of the Ninth Electrical Insulation Conference*, Boston, MA, pages 250-253, 1969 (RDB2918)

H. M. Parmelee (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company), **Sealed-Tube Stability Tests on Refrigeration Materials**, paper 1924, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 71, part 1, pages 154-161 and 167-168, January 1965 (10 pages with 29 tables, RDB0013)

This paper summarizes an investigation into the stability of fluorocarbon refrigerants alone and in the presence of oils, metals, nonmetallic components of refrigeration systems, and residual cleaning and degreasing agents. It is based on sealed-tube stability tests, performed at elevated temperatures, for periods as long as three years. Results are reported for R-11, R-12, R-13B1, R-22, R-113, R-114, R-115, R-124, R-216, R-C318, R-500, and R-502. The testing included examination of decomposition products, specifically including the fraction converted into other refrigerants. The metals tested included aluminum, brass, cadmium, copper, iron, lead, magnesium, mercury, steel, and zinc. The effects of selected additives and inhibitors, including phenyl alpha naphthylamine, molybdenum disulfide, and tricresyl phosphate (TCP), also were examined. The paper concludes that the life of a system should be longer if made chemically simpler, because every added material provides a possibility of increased chemical reactions.

R. H. Seiple and G. R. Hamed (University of Akron), **Compatibility of Refrigerants and Lubricants with Elastomers**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 687-688, July 1992 (2 pages, available from JMC as RDB2815)

This synopsis outlines the objectives and approach for a study to provide information on the compatibility and change of properties for 84 elastomers, used as seals, and hoses in refrigeration systems. The materials to be tested, refrigerants, lubricants, and methods are identified. [see RDB2A12 for further information]

H. O. Spauschus (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **Compatibility Requirements for CFC Alternatives**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 13, number 3, March 1990, pages 73-78 (6 pages, RDB1101)

This paper reviews the materials compatibility and fluid property information required for design and successful commercial application of air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. Information on alternative refrigerants, including the leading candidates, future prospects, and long-term possibilities, are summarized. Meth-

ods of predicting compatibility based on structural information and modeling are proposed.

W. O. Walker, S. Rosen, and S. L. Levy, **Stability of Mixtures of Refrigerants and Refrigerating Oils**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 4, number 8, pages 59-72, August 1961 (RDB2323)

R-12

A. Factor and P. M. Miranda (General Electric Company), **An Investigation of the Mechanism of the R12-Oil-Steel Reaction**, *Wear*, Elsevier Sequoia, Lausanne, Switzerland, volume 150, pages 41-58, 1991 (18 pages with 3 figures and 12 tables, RDB2309)

A study of chemical interactions between R-12, hydrocarbon lubricating oils, and steel is summarized. While R-12 is quite stable thermally, it decomposes rapidly when heated above 150 °C (300 °C) in the presence of oils and metals, such as iron or aluminum. Sealed-tube tests were performed for 3 days at 200 °C (392 °F), using a naphthenic mineral oil (Suniso 3GS), to simulate conditions in an operating hermetic refrigeration compressor. The mechanism of the degradation reaction was explored by testing the effect of the presence of various probe and model compounds. The paper reviews prior studies, presents the experimental approach, and summarizes the subsequent analyses. It identifies the additives, free radical initiators, and inhibitors used to explore reactions and to passivate steel surfaces. The results of gas chromatography and GPC analyses are tabulated. The results indicate that except for formation of some FeCl₃ and R-22, free radical reactions do not appear to play a major role. The preponderance of the data indicates that Friedel-Crafts reactions, especially alkylation, play a key role in the decomposition.

D. E. Kvalnes and H. M. Parmelee, **Behavior of Freon-12 and Freon-22 in Sealed Tube Tests**, *Refrigerating Engineering*, American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (ASRE, now merged into the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 65, number 11, pages 4 ff, November 1957; republished as bulletin 25, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE (RDB2322)

R-22

J. P. Hurtgen, **R-22 Blister Testing of Magnet Wire**, *Proceedings of the Tenth Electrical Insulation Conference*, Chicago, IL, pages 183-185, 1971 (RDB2917)

H. O. Spauschus and G. C. Doderer (General Electric Company), **Chemical Reactions of Refrigerant 22**, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 71, part I, pages 162 ff, 1965 (RDB2327)

R-123

R. G. Doerr (The Trane Company), **Absorption of HCFC-123 and CFC-11 by Epoxy Motor Varnish**, paper 3621 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992; previously presented at Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, June 1991), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (8 pages with 9 figures, RDB2606)

This paper summarizes a study to determine the parameters that influence absorption of R-11 and R-123 by varnishes and the effect of the absorbed refrigerants on chemical and physical properties. These varnishes hold motor windings together and act as secondary electrical insulation, filling in voids created during the winding process. Interest in the subject stems from observations that motor varnishes can absorb considerable amounts of R-123 with varying effects. The effects of cyclic and continuous exposures at high temperature and pressure, relative rates of absorption and desorption, existence of an equilibrium absorption value, and effects of temperature on the rate of absorption and the equilibrium are discussed. The experimental procedure, based on weight gain during thermal aging followed by drying, is outlined. Four varnishes were tested; they are identified as a recently introduced solventless type, a common solvent-based type, a 100% solids type, and a water-borne epoxy. The paper concludes that absorption is the same for cyclic and continuous exposures, that desorption is extremely slow to nonexistent at 21 °C (70 °F), and that full desorption would require in excess of 1000 hours at 121 °C (250 °F). It also notes that absorption increases until an equilibrium is established; while the rate differs widely for different varnishes, the rate is more rapid at higher temperatures. The equilibrium value is linearly dependent on temperature, with greater absorption at lower temperatures, for R-123, but

relatively independent of temperature for R-11. The paper outlines two key implications for compatibility testing: 1) Low temperature and pressure may be a more severe environment for materials than high temperature and pressure, and 2) tests must be continued long enough to be certain that equilibrium is reached at lower temperatures.

[R-]123 Refrigerant Analyses, report NIST-1, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 14 March 1988 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0022)

A table compares the chemical purity of R-123 samples, from Allied-Signal and Du Pont Chemicals, with distilled R-11. Results are tabulated for chloride-ion content, high boiling temperature impurities, neutralization value, moisture content, and organic purity determined by gas chromatography. The moisture content in the R-123 samples was higher than expected, but not judged to be significant.

HCFC-123 Refrigerant Analyses, report NIST-9, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 24 November 1988 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0030)

A table compares the purity of new, used, and distilled-used specimens of R-123. No change from new R-123 was found by gas chromatography after use in model CVHE hermetic centrifugal chillers. Quantitative results are compared for moisture content and high-boiling residue. The high-boiling residues increased from 6 to 1591 ppm in use, but dropped to 1 ppm after redistillation. Moisture content decreased from 36 to 21 ppm, but increased to 31 ppm after redistillation.

Decomposition Rates of R-11 and R-123, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, September 1989 (3 pages with 3 figures, available from JMC as RDB-0019)

The fraction of R-123 that decomposes in solution with alkylbenzene lubricant after 14 days is plotted as a function of temperature. Less than 1% decomposition was measured at 82 and 121 °C (180 and 250 °F), but this increased to 6.2% at 177 °C (350 °F). Decomposition of R-11 and R-123 after 4 and 14 days, respectively, at 121 °C (250 °F) is compared for mixtures of 5% lubricant by weight. One alkylbenzene (Zerol 300) and four mineral oils (Mobil DTE Heavy Medium, Mobil DTE 26, Rando HD-68, and Suniso 4GS) were tested.

Moisture Solubility in R-123 and R-134a, research project 602-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers

(ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, March 1989 - ongoing (ASH0602)

This project will determine the moisture solubility of R-123 and R-134a. Measurements will be made in the range of -23 to 66 °C (-10 to 150 °F) for the liquid phase and at a single temperature in the vapor phase. The data are needed to determine the corrosion characteristics of these refrigerants. The contractor is the University of Alabama, led by J. S. Thrasher; the project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 3.3, *Contaminant Control in Refrigerating Systems*.

Motor Insulations in R-123 and R-134a, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, September 1989 (2 pages with 2 figures, available from JMC as RDB-0015)

Two charts show the effects of R-123 and R-134a on cured motor insulations. XV-572, XV-587, water-borne epoxy (Schenectady Iso-poxy^(R) 800), solvent epoxy (Sterling^(R) U-475), and polyester (Dolphon) varnishes were tested for weight change, percent extractables, and Shore D hardness loss. Quantitative data, after aging for ten days at 93 °C (200 °F) for R-123 and at 38 °C (100 °F) for R-134a, are given.

Plastic Immersion Tests in Fluorocarbon-123, report NIST-7, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (5 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0303)

Results of compatibility tests are presented for 13 plastics, after immersion for four hours at 24 °C (75 °F) and after thermal-aging for 100 hours at 54 °C (130 °F) in R-123. The plastics included linear polyethylene (Alathon 9140), polypropylene (Alathon 7050), cast methylmethacrylate resin (Lucite), nylon (Du Pont Zytel^(R) 101), tetrafluoroethylene (TFE, Du Pont Teflon^(R) type 1), polycarbonate resin (GE Lexan^(R)), ABS polymer (Kralastic), polystyrene (Styron^(TM) 475), epoxy (G-10-3675), ethyl cellulose, acetal resin (Du Pont Delrin^(R) 500X), polyvinyl alcohol, and unplasticized polyvinyl chloride. Quantitative data are presented for length change, weight change, and for percent extractables. The appearances of the plastic and liquid R-123 are described. The linear polyethylene, nylon, epoxy, acetal, and polyvinyl chloride plastics tested were judged to be compatible with R-123.

Elastomer Immersion Tests for Fluorocarbon-123, technical report NIST-8, Freon^(R) Products Laboratory, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (5 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0304)

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Results are summarized for immersion tests of 13 elastomers in R-123 for up to seven days at 75 and 130 °F (24 and 54 °C). Quantitative results of the linear-swell tests are provided, including intermediate and final changes in length and weight as well as the fraction of extractables. Qualitative changes in appearance and physical properties of the elastomers and in the appearance of the liquid are tabulated. The tested elastomers were two urethane rubbers (Adiprene^(R) C and Adiprene^(R) L), a hydrocarbon rubber (Nordel^(R)), a fluoroelastomer (Du Pont Viton^(R) A), a silicone rubber (General Electric SE-361), a nitrile silicone rubber (NSR-X5602), a synthetic rubber (Du Pont Hypalon^(R) 40), natural rubber, polysulfide rubber (Thiokol^(R) FA), Buna^(TM) N, Buna^(TM) S, chloroprene (neoprene W), and Butyl^(TM). Of those tested, only Thiokol^(R) FA appears suitable for use and prolonged contact with R-123.

Polymer/Elastomer Performance in R-123 and R-134a, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, September 1989 (4 pages with 3 figures, available from JMC as RDB0018)

Two graphs compare swell for polymers and elastomers in R-11 and R-123 at room temperature and at 93 °C (200 °F). The materials include a nitrile copolymer, fluoroelastomer (Du Pont Viton^(R) A), isoprene (neoprene), nylon, phosphazene (Eypel-F), polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE, Gylon), polyolefin (Alcryn), polypropylene, olefinic thermoplastic (Geolast^(R)), and polyester thermoplastic (Du Pont Hytrel^(R)). R-123 produced much greater swelling than did R-11. Quantitative values are given for swell and extractables of elastomeric materials in R-134a at 93 °C (200 °F) for ten days. These materials include Gylon, neoprene, nitrile, nylon 6/6, polypropylene, and Du Pont Viton^(R) A.

Summary of Physical Property, Solubility, and Compatibility Data for [HC]FC-123, report NIST-9, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (11 pages with 3 figures and 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0305)

Liquid density, vapor pressure, viscosity, surface tension, and Kauri-butanol number are provided for R-123. The solubility of water and various substances in R-123 also are given. Additionally, the report qualitatively summarizes compatibility tests with various magnet wire varnishes, including Alkanex terephthalate polyester, enamel oleoresin, Ensolex acrylic, epoxy, Anavar isocyanate-modified polyvinyl, Lecton acrylic, Nylclad nylon-coated polyvinyl, polyimide, polyurethane, and Formvar polyvinyl.

Metal Corrosion Tests with [HC]FC-123 and Distilled Water, report NIST-10, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (5 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0306)

Compatibility results of R-123 and distilled water with cold-rolled steel 1020, stainless steel 304, nickel, monel, copper, aluminum 2S, zinc, and magnesium alloy FS-1 are reported for dry and wet conditions. Results are tabulated at the liquid boiling point after exposure for 100 hours and after 100 days at 55 °C (130 °F). Decomposition of the R-123, metal corrosion rates, and the appearances of the liquid and metal are presented. R-123 was judged suitable with all of the metals under dry-test conditions, but suitable only with the stainless steel after 100-day wet exposure. Additionally, only the stainless steel, nickel, and monel showed no corrosion after the 100-day wet-exposure test.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerants: Usability/Compatibility of R-123 Received from Refrigerant Suppliers, report NIST-2, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 15 April 1988 (2 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0023)

This report of chemical analyses addresses the compatibility of R-123 samples from Allied-Signal and Du Pont Chemicals with red neoprene 2337 elastomer material. Test rings were exposed to R-123 in both vapor and liquid phases for 168 hours at 77 °C (170 °F) using Trane Standard Test Method 3.7-04. Control samples were similarly exposed to R-11. Cross-sectional diameter, volume swell, and durometer hardness are tabulated before and after exposures. Some extraction of processing and/or base oils was observed with all three refrigerant samples. No precipitation of waxlike materials, cracks, or blisters were evident in any of the refrigerants. The increases in diameter and volume and decreases in durometer hardness were lower in R-123 than in R-11. The differences between results from the two R-123 samples were minor.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerants: Usability/Compatibility of R-123 Received from Refrigerant Suppliers, report NIST-3, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 15 April 1988 (4 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0024)

Swell tests of elastomeric compounds in R-11 and R-123 at 77 °C (170 °F) for 72 hours are reported. The elastomers included yellow nitrile 7507, red neoprene 2337, and green neoprene 2167. Quantitative data are presented for volume swell, cross-sectional diameter, and durometer hardness. Nitrile swelled 400-600% more in R-123 than in R-11. The neoprene samples

exposed to R-123 exhibited less or comparable swelling to those exposed to R-11.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerants: Usability/Compatibility of R-123 Received from Refrigerant Suppliers with Elastomer Materials, report NIST-4, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 10 May 1988 (3 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0025)

Swell and durometer test data are tabulated for yellow nitrile 7507, red neoprene 2337, and green neoprene 2167 test rings exposed to 50/50 mixtures of R-11 and R-123 with 250 SUS white oil. The tests were repeated for separate samples of R-123 from Allied-Signal and Du Pont Chemicals. Samples were aged in stainless steel test vessels for 3 days (72 hours) at 77 °C (170 °F). Cross-sectional diameter, volume swell, and durometer hardness were measured both before and after exposures, for both the vapor and liquid phases of the refrigerants, and compared. The hardness measurements were repeated after 2-3 days of drying to allow off-gasing.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerants: Compatibility of R-123 Received from Refrigerant Suppliers with Proposed Elastomer Materials, report NIST-5, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 6 June 1988 (2 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB-0026)

Measurements of weight, volume, density, dimensions, and durometer hardness are reported for polysulfide rubber (Morton Thiokol(R) ST). Data are compared before and after exposures to both the vapor and liquid phases of R-123. Aging was performed in stainless steel test vessels for 3 days (72 hours) at 77 °C (170 °F). The tabulated data summarize measurements for tests in the refrigerant alone and in a 50/50 mixture with 250 SUS white oil. The tests were repeated for separate samples of R-123 from Allied-Signal and Du Pont Chemicals. Data for exposures to the Allied-Signal R-123 refrigerant without lubricant were lost, due to an experimental problem, and were not remeasured. The document concludes that this rubber formulation would not be acceptable as an elastomer for use in a R-123 environment, but it does not rule out use of other polysulfide rubbers. The test data suggest that this rubber compound is affected more severely by 100% R-123 than by the mixture of R-123 and lubricant.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerant 123: Short Term Suitability of Chloroprene Sheet Gasket Material, report NIST-6, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 7 Oc-

tober 1988 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB-0027)

Results are qualitatively summarized for compression and flexibility tests of Reinz chloroprene sheet gasket material exposed to R-123. The exposures were for 24 hour at 25 °C (77 °F) and at 100 °C (212 °F). All samples (hot and cold) failed when folded before reaching a 180° angle.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerant 123: Physical Properties of O-Rings for Applicability in Alternative Refrigerant 123 and Refrigerant 11, report NIST-7, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 27 October 1988 (2 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0028)

The tensile strength, elongation, and fluid resistance of neoprene 2347 (size 222) o-rings were tested. Measured values were compared for materials as received, after heat aging in air for 168 hr at 100 °C (212 °F), and after thermal aging at the same conditions in ASTM #3 oil, 250 SUS white oil, R-11, and R-123. Heat aging was performed and fluid resistance was measured in accordance with ASTM D573 and D471, respectively. The tabulated data indicate less change for R-123 than for R-11, and that the decrease in tensile strength and elongation for R-123 is similar to that after immersion in ASTM #3 oil.

Material Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerant 123: Elastomer Chemistry of and Specifications for Chloroprene, report NIST-8, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 10 November 1988 (2 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0029)

This document compares the elastomer chemistry of chloroprene rubber for use in R-123. The formulations tested included 2337 (red dot), 2167 (green dot), and 2347 (new compound) o-rings as well as 2167 (green dot) cord ring. Chemical properties obtained from infrared spectra, volumetric swell, and durometer hardness were compared as received, after heat aging in air for 168 hr at 100 °C (212 °F), and after thermal aging at the same conditions in ASTM #3 oil, 250 SUS white oil, and R-123 vapor. Tests also were performed after immersion in R-11 liquid, R-11 vapor, and R-123 liquid for neoprene 2347. The resulting data are tabulated.

Teflex O-Rings, Size 214, Sealmore Industries, report NIST-10, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 27 January 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0031)

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A table compares the swell properties of Teflex o-rings in R-11, R-123, and in 250 SUS white oil with each refrigerant in a 50% refrigerant mixture. Quantitative results are presented after a 70-hour exposure at 77 °C (170 °F). The R-123 samples exhibited a volume change three-times higher than those of the R-11 samples. However, the o-ring density changes were comparable for the R-11 and R-123 refrigerant-lubricant mixtures.

HCFC-123 Compatibility with Teflex NPG V-214 O-Rings Covered with High Density Teflon, report NIST-11, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 16 March 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB0032)

Results of swell testing tetrafluoroethylene (TFE, Du Pont Teflon^(R)) coated Du Pont Viton^(R) o-rings in R-123 at 100 °C (212 °F) are reported. The Teflon^(R) coating was permeated, causing the Viton^(R) core to swell. Testing stopped after 72 hours due to o-ring failure.

Stability of CFC-11 and HCFC-123, report NIST-12, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 17 April 1989 (3 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0033)

Sealed-tube test results are compared for R-11 and R-123 after exposure to 250 SUS white mineral oil and metallic catalysts (aluminum, copper, and steel). Qualitative and quantitative decomposition effects are presented after 168 hours at 100 °C (212 °F), 121 °C (250 °F), and 150 °C (302 °F). The thermal stability of R-123 and oil was judged to be greater than the thermal stability of R-11 and oil.

Evaluation of Epoxy Varnish Materials for Alternative Refrigerant HCFC-123, report NIST-13, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 25 August 1989 (9 pages with 8 tables, available from JMC as RDB0034)

This report presents measured and observed findings for sealed-tube tests varnishes used as insulation for motors in hermetic compressors. Results are tabulated before and after thermal aging in air, R-11, and R-123 for Sterling^(R) 364, water-borne epoxy (Schenectady Isopoxy^(R) 800), Schenectady 8620, Epoxylite 477, and solvent epoxy (P. D. George 923) varnishes. The exposures were made at 121 °C (250 °F) for 168 hours (1 week). Changes to the pre-exposure conditions are reported immediately after exposures and after drying for different periods, depending on the material. A final table summarizes extraction measurements on the varnishes after exposures. The preparatory curing conditions for the samples also are documented.

Viton O-Ring and Cord Ring Swell Data in Both R-11 and HCFC-123, report NIST-14, Chemistry Laboratory, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, 13 September 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0035)

Comparisons are presented for immersion of Du Pont Viton^(R) o-rings and cord rings in R-11 and R-123. Data are tabulated for 70-hour exposures at 77 °C (170 °F). The volume change of the Viton^(R) materials in R-123 was found to be approximately three times that for R-11.

H. B. Ginder, **Compatibility Test – 15# Carbon Bursting Disk (2.5")**, York International Corporation, York, PA, July 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB0011)

A 64 mm (2½") carbon bursting disk was immersed in R-123 at room temperature for 16 days. Subsequent testing for leaks and porosity, using R-22, indicated that the disk did not develop leaks.

H. B. Ginder, **Compatibility Test – O-Rings, Gasket, Oil Filter, Etc.**, York International Corporation, York, PA, July 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0009)

A table summarizes the swelling of various materials immersed in R-123 and R-11. The materials include elastomeric (Du Pont Viton^(R), Buna^(TM) N, and neoprene) o-rings, a Buna^(TM) N bushing, and components of a Kaydon oil-line filter (cork and Buna^(TM) N gaskets, pleated paper, and adhesive). Quantitative results are presented after a two week exposure at room temperature in a mixture of 90% refrigerant and 10% naphthenic oil. The R-123 test samples swelled considerably more than the R-11 samples. The Buna^(TM) N bushing swelled 79% in R-123, as compared to 7.1% in R-11. The document concludes that Buna^(TM) N formulations are not too compatible with R-123, but that Viton^(R) and neoprene appear to be acceptable. Compatibility concerns also are cited for the gaskets and adhesive in the oil filter.

T. P. Gross, **Compatibility Test – Green-Colored Viton O-Ring**, York International Corporation, York, PA, July 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB-0012)

Swell data are presented for green-colored fluoroelastomeric (Du Pont Viton^(R) o-rings) immersed in R-123 and R-11 for three week at room temperature. The o-rings showed initial linear swell of 19.8% in R-123, which changed to 4.4% after drying overnight. Samples exposed to R-11 showed initial linear swell of 3.0%. The elastomers exhibited no significant loss in physical properties in either fluid.

T. P. Gross, **Compatibility Test – Loctite Sealants (Pipe Sealant with Teflon, Grade AV)**, York International Corporation, York, PA, July 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB0010)

Two Loctite^(R) compounds (pipe sealant with Du Pont Teflon^(R) and Grade AV) were applied to threaded fittings and tested with liquid R-123. The report indicates that the two compounds tested appear to be compatible with R-123, based on a seven-day period of exposure and curing. The test procedure and curing considerations for sealants are discussed.

Compatibility of Alternative Refrigerants with Elastomers, report NIST-11, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (3 pages available from JMC as RDB-0307)

This report summarizes an investigation to determine the compatibility of two elastomers, Neoprene W and Buna^(TM) N, with R-123 and R-124. Swell data are tabulated after immersions for 1 hour and 1, 2, and 3 days at room temperature. Qualitative observations on discoloration of the refrigerant also are reported. Based on a criterion of swell substantially exceeding 10%, both elastomers were deemed incompatible with R-123 and Buna^(TM) N was judged incompatible with R-124. The experimental procedure is outlined.

Mutual Solubilities of Water with Fluorocarbons and Fluorocarbon-Hydrate Formation, report NIST-12, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (16 pages with 4 figures and 7 tables, available from JMC as RDB0308-with one missing page)

Test procedures and results are described for an investigation of the mutual solubility of water and of solid hydrate formation with R-123, R-124, and R-125. Measured and calculated solubility data are tabulated in the temperature range of 77-167 °C (171-333 °F) for R-123 and R-124 and 77-138 °C (171-280 °F) for R-125. Regression equations and plots of the data are provided to compare the data to prior measurements for R-22, R-113, and an unidentified fluid. Solubility coefficients are plotted for these fluorocarbons in water for 0-120 °C (30-250 °F) at saturated vapor pressure conditions. The fraction of fluorocarbon by weight in water are similarly presented and plotted at saturated vapor and atmospheric pressures. The results coupled with those of earlier work indicate that R-125, R-134a, R-142b, and R-152a form solid water hydrates, but that R-123 and R-124 do not. The document discusses implications of the findings on specifications for water content in the refrigerants examined.

Sealed-Tube Stability Test Results: Alternative Refrigerants, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, September 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0020)

A table summarizes the decomposition fraction of R-11, R-12, R-123, and R-134a with Suniso 3GS and Mobil DTE 26 mineral oils and with Zerol 150 and Zerol 300 alkylbenzene lubricants. No decomposition was detected for R-134a; some R-12 decomposed into R-22. R-123 decomposed less than R-11 for all four lubricants.

UL 984 Tests with R-123 and Oils, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0016)

A table summarizes modified UL 984 tests of motor materials aged at 82 °C (180 °F) for 60 days. Control results are compared to those after separate exposures to R-11 and R-123 mixed with 5% Mobil DTE 26 mineral oil, Zerol 150 alkylbenzene oil, and Rando HD-68. Insulation failures (1 ma current leakage to ground after 1 minute at 1.5 kV) and breakdown voltages are reported. Results are summarized for polyester-imide magnet wire, Dacron-Valox^(R) lead wire, Du Pont Teflon^(R) wire sleeving, Du Pont Mylar^(R) end cap, Mylar-Dacron^(R) thermosleeve, Mylar^(R) and Melinex^(R) slot liners, and Mylar^(R) and Melinex^(R) phase separators. Breakdown voltages of 2.7-17.0 kV, but no current leakage failures, are indicated.

Refrigerant Breakdown Voltage, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 1 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0512)

Refrigerant breakdown voltages, as determined by ASTM D-2477-84, are tabulated for R-11, R-12, R-22, R-123, and R-134a at 21 °C (70 °F) and 93 °C (200 °F).

R-124

P. R. Reed (Du Pont Chemicals) and H. O. Spauschus (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **HCFC-124 Applications and Properties: Comparisons with CFC-114**, presentation charts prepared by Spauschus Associates, Incorporated, for E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (22 pages with 9 figures and 1 table, available from JMC as RDB-1206)

The stability, miscibility, and lubricity of R-124 are compared to those of R-114. Qualitative data are presented for sealed-tube tests with metals (copper and steel) and unspecified 300 SUS mineral oils (paraffinic and naphthenic) and

with an alkylbenzene lubricant after 14 days at 175 °C (350 °F). The effects of high moisture content and of lubricant additives on refrigerant stability also are discussed. Alkylbenzene lubricants were judged to be the most suitable for use with R-124.

R-134a

D. J. Bateman (Du Pont Chemicals), **Current Development Status of HFC-134a for Automotive Air Conditioning**, paper 900213 (SAE International Congress and Exposition, Detroit, MI, 26 February - 2 March 1990), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Warrendale, PA, February 1990 (15 pages with 6 figures and 11 tables, RDB2201)

A. P. Cohen, S. R. Dunne, and J. J. Seman, **Desiccants for Drying R-134a in Refrigeration Systems**, UOP Research and Molecular Sieve Technology, Tarrytown, NY, April 1988 (16 pages with 8 figures and 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0003)

This document summarizes tests of the effectiveness, compatibility, and physical strength of three Union Carbide Molecular Sieves for use as desiccants for R-134a. The molecular sieves tested were 4A-XH-5 and 4A-XH-6, both commercial products, as well as XH-7, a developmental item; all three were tested as 8x12 mesh beads. These desiccants were exposed to R-134a and a polyalkylene glycol lubricant (Union Carbide UCON LB-525) at 82 °C (180 °F) and then tested for fluoride content, water capacity, crush strength, and attrition. Plots of fluoride uptake and water-retention capacity, as functions of equivalent exposure time, are provided along with plots of water capacity, crush strength, and attrition versus fluoride content. Isotherms were generated for the three desiccants in R-134a. The document recommends against use of 4A-XH-5, currently used for R-12 drying, with R-134a. It suggests that the choice between the remaining types be based on the cost versus required performance, especially with respect to their relative strength characteristics. Significant build-up of fluoride was detected on the 4A-XH-5 molecular sieve, due to chemical reaction between R-134a and the desiccant. Further information on a long-term test of a 4A-XH-6 sample addressed is provided in document RDB0309.

S. Corr, P. D. Guy, R. D. Gregson, N. M. Sannes, G. Tompsett (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), and T. W. Dekleva (ICI Americas, Incorporated), **Materials Compatibility and System Stability Studies with R-134a and Alternative Lubri-**

cants, seminar presentation at the ASHRAE Annual Meeting, (St. Louis, MO), ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, 12 June 1990 (30 pages with 23 charts, RDB2523)

P. D. Guy, G. Tompsett (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), and T. W. Dekleva (ICI Americas, Incorporated), **Compatibilities of Nonmetallic Materials with R-134a and Alternative Lubricants in Refrigeration Systems**, paper AN-92-5-4 (Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 1, pages 804-816, 1992 (13 pages with 17 tables, RDB2104)

This paper reviews the compatibility of non-metallic materials with R-134a and associated lubricants, based on sealed-tube tests as well as analytical investigations of compressor life tests and field evaluations. The test and analytical methods used also are reviewed. The materials addressed include ethylene propylene dimer monomer (EPDM) rubber, fluorinated polymer, natural rubber, nitrile rubber, nylon, and polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Data on weight, volume, tensile-strength, and elongation change as well as on hardness are compared to those for R-12 with naphthenic mineral oil. The paper notes that while an enormous amount of information has been developed by industry for compatibility of alternative refrigerants with associated lubricants and materials, most of it has not been published.

J. G. Johnson, **R-134a, R-123, and Mineral Oil Compatibility with Steel, Aluminum, and Copper**, SnyderGeneral Corporation, Staunton, VA, 4 September 1990 (4 pages with 1 figure and 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0902)

The chemical and thermal stability of R-123 and R-134a with Suniso 4GS mineral oil in the presence of ferrous and nonferrous metals were compared to that of R-12 and R-500 under the same conditions. Stability was gauged using sealed-tube tests for 14 days at 175 °C (350 °F); test results are compared by gas chromatography, to identify decomposition products, and by visual analysis. The metals used for the tests were Sandvic valve steel, OFHC copper wire, and aluminum 85 bearing material. R-134a was found to be superior to R-12 and R-500 in stability and reactivity, but immediate decomposition was evident for R-123.

E. D. Lawler, **HFC-134a and Mineral Oil Materials Compatibility with Hermetic Motor Insulation System for McQuay PEH048/050 Centrifugal Water Chillers**, SnyderGeneral Corporation, Staun-

ton, VA, 29 August 1990 (2 pages with 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB0901)

The compatibility of R-134a and mineral oils (both naphthenic and paraffinic) with the hermetic motor insulation materials used in centrifugal water chillers are examined. Baseline tests were run with R-12 and naphthenic oil for comparison purposes. Results are presented for varnish bonding for amide-imide-polyester film and dielectric retention of copper magnet wire with and without varnish treatment. Results also are summarized for retention of flexibility for Du Pont Mylar^(R), Du Pont Nomex^(R), and Dacron^(R)-Mylar^(R)-Dacron^(R) sheet insulation, as well as for dielectric retention of flexible hermetic lead wire. The materials were generally unaffected. One exception was a weakening of epoxy varnish in the presence of R-134a and naphthenic oil (reduced 13.5% compared to the mixture of R-12 and naphthenic oil). Flexibility of film insulation was adequately maintained and retained dielectric was acceptable.

E. D. Lawler, Compatibility of Various Elastomers in Refrigerant HFC-134a with Several Lubricants, SnyderGeneral Corporation, Staunton, VA, 5 September 1990 (3 pages with 3 tables, available from JMC as RDB0903)

Results of materials compatibility testing of o-rings with R-134a and naphthenic mineral oil, alkylbenzene, and polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricants are presented. The elastomers evaluated were nitrile HSN, nitrile ASM 3215, and neoprene ASM 3209. Thermal aging tests were conducted separately for the refrigerant and lubricants and for refrigerant-lubricant mixtures. Changes are noted for hardness, tensile strength, elongation, and volume. The property changes experienced by the elastomers were no greater than, and generally less than, those experienced when aged in the presence of either R-12 or R-22. Nitrile, however, appears to shrink slightly when soaked in alkylbenzene. The neoprene swelled slightly when subjected individually to either R-134a or the PAG, and there was an unacceptable amount of shrinkage when aged in a mixture of R-134a and 5% PAG.

K. S. Sanvordenker (Tecumseh Products Company), Materials Compatibility of R-134a in Refrigerant Systems, *Transactions*, volume 95, part 2; republished in ASHRAE Special Publication, *CFCs: Time of Transition*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 211-216, January 1989 (6 pages with 5 figures and 1 table, 20 page preprint available from JMC as RDB0001)

Miscibility and pressure-temperature solubility diagrams are presented for R-134a with polyglycol (butyl monoether, polyoxyethylene-propy-

lene, and polyoxypropylene glycol) and polyol ester (dibasic acid ester and neopentyl ester) lubricants. The effects of R-134a on two magnet-wire insulations (polyester-imide and polyester enamel overcoated with amide-imide), two unidentified anaerobic adhesives, three elastomeric o-rings (chloroprene, ethylene propylene rubber, and nitrile), and a type 4A molecular-sieve desiccant are addressed. Compressor and refrigerator-freezer tests with R-134a and selected lubricants are described.

H. O. Spauschus (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), HFC-134a as a Substitute Refrigerant for CFC-12, *Status of CFCs - Refrigeration Systems and Refrigerant Properties* (proceedings of the meetings of IIR Commissions B1, B2, E1, and E2, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, pages 397-400, July 1988; republished in *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 13, number 11, November 1988, pages 389-392 (4 pages, RDB-1102)

This paper discusses compressor and refrigeration system requirements and information gaps for R-134a applications. It summarizes the reasons R-134a is viewed as a leading candidate for replacement of R-12. The paper reviews some of the basic properties of R-134a, including stability, system chemistry, solubility, and lubricity. Additional information that is system-specific will need to be developed for each major application: automotive, home appliance, or centrifugal chillers.

R. H. P. Thomas and H. T. Pham (Allied-Signal Incorporated), Evaluation of Environmentally Acceptable Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, paper 891967 (Passenger Car Meeting, Dearborn, MI), Society of Automotive Engineers, Warrendale, PA, September 1989 (9 pages with 6 tables and 5 figures as RDB-0503)

Laboratory data on the compatibility of R-134a with lubricants and the compatibility of the refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with elastomers and other materials are reviewed. Miscibility of R-134a in three polyglycols, a dihydroxy and two butyl-capped monhydroxy polyalkylene glycols (PAGs), and solubility for R-134a with the first of these are discussed. Stability, dry and with moisture present, also is addressed by comparing copper plating at 149 °C (300 °F) for the systems with R-134a and PAGs to R-12 with mineral oil. Tests of fluoride-ion production in sealed-tube tests, to determine the effects of air and water, are presented. Hose permeability with the refrigerant alone and with the refrigerant-lubricant mixtures, lubricity test using pin and v-block (Falex machine) tests, and swell

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tests with elastomers are described. The elastomers tested include three nitriles, epichlorohydrin, two neoprenes, a chlorosulfonated polyethylene, and a chlorinated polyethylene. The basic finding is that the R-134a - PAG combination is workable.

S. G. Sundaresan and W. R. Finkenstadt (Copeland Corporation), **Polyalkylene Glycol and Polyol ester Lubricant Candidates for Use with HFC-134a in Refrigeration Compressors**, paper AN-92-5-3 (Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 1992), *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 1, pages 796-803, 1992 (8 pages with 4 figures and 6 tables, RDB-2103)

This paper addresses polyalkylene glycol (PAG) and ester lubricants for use with R-134a in refrigeration compressors, with emphasis on lubricity and materials compatibility. The PAGs include diols (having two free hydroxyl groups), monoethers (one hydroxyl group), and end-capped PAGs (no free hydroxyl groups). The esters include dibasic (DBE), penta erythritol (PE), trimethylolpropane (TMP), and neopentyl glycol (NPG). Properties of 17 PAG and 22 ester candidates are presented along with miscibility profiles for five of them. Sealed-tube test results are tabulated for four lubricants with metals (aluminum, stainless steel, and copper), magnet wire enamel, epoxy, PET film and fiber, polyamide (nylon 6/6), polyimide, polyetherketone (PEK), chloroprene o-ring, and nonasbestos (nitrile binder with clay silicate filler) gasket material. Hygroscopicity and wear from life testing, in semihermetic reciprocating-piston compressors, are summarized. While the exact cause-and-effect mechanisms leading to failure of a connecting rod in one test and wrist pin distress in others have not been established, noticeable differences are reported for the several lubricants. The results indicate that end-capped PAGs and PEs are viable candidates. Esters are preferred over PAGs for retrofit due to their miscibility with hydrocarbon lubricants and compatibility with residual chlorine.

S. G. Sundaresan and W. R. Finkenstadt (Copeland Corporation), **Degradation of Polyethylene Terephthalate Films in the Presence of Lubricants for HFC-134a: A Critical Issue for Hermetic Motor Insulation Systems**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 14, number 11, November 1991, pages 317-320 (4 pages with 3 figures and 2 tables, RDB2202)

An investigation of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) embrittlement mechanisms with lubricants is summarized. PET is widely used as an insulating material in motors for hermetic com-

pressors. The paper reviews related studies and summarizes both the experimental approach and findings. Degradation was measured after thermal-aging in sealed tubes at 130, 150, and 175 °C (166, 302, and 347 °F) for 7, 14, and 28 days. The effects of drying the PET film and lubricants were evaluated. Three polyalkylene glycols (PAGs) were studied including monol, diol, and end-capped (modified) polypropylene glycols. A penta erythritol (PE) ester and a blend of PAG-monomer and PE-ester also were investigated. All five lubricants were ISO 32 (150 SUS) viscosity for use with R-134a. The effects of moisture content, temperature, and lubricant structure were examined. The results were compared to those of PET in R-12 with mineral oil. The study confirmed earlier findings that PET films must be dried, to less than 0.1% moisture content by weight, to minimize embrittlement by moisture. Residual water in the PET, even after drying, may exceed ten times that contributed by the lubricant and has a greater effect. The extent of embrittlement increases with the number of free hydroxyl groups in PAGs, and neither the monol nor diol was found to be acceptable. The end-capped PAG and ester lubricants showed no adverse reaction with dried PET film.

S. G. Sundaresan and W. R. Finkenstadt, **Evaluation of Polyalkylene Glycol Candidates with HFC-134a in Refrigeration Compressors**, presentation charts (ASHRAE Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 1989), Copeland Corporation, Sidney, OH, June 1989 (25 pages with 2 figures and 7 tables, available from JMC as RDB0529)

Miscibility is shown for 55-100% R-134a with four unidentified polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricants (150-180 SUS). Compatibility of the refrigerant-polyglycol mixtures with metals, motor materials, and structural polymers are qualitatively presented. The metals include copper, aluminum, and stainless steel. The motor materials include two magnet-wire insulations (epoxy coated and polyester enamel overcoated with polyamide-imide), a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) slot liner, and an unspecified lead wire insulation. The structural polymers include a chloroprene seal, nonasbestos gasket (nitrile binder and clay silicates as filler), nylon 6/6, polyetherketone (PEK), and polyimide. Effects of the refrigerant-lubricant mixtures on compressor durability were quantitatively reported for test conditions of break-in, normal load, start/stop, high load, high compression ratio, and flooded start.

Polyglycol Sealed-Tube Tests, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, September 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0021)

A table compares tests of R-12 and R-134a with two polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricants (Nippon RS680 and Glygoyle 11). No decomposition was detected for R-134a with either oil. R-12 decomposition was reported at 75-90% with the two lubricants.

Elastomer Compatibility with HFC-134a: Experimental Details, report NIST-1, Freon^(R) Products Laboratory, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated circa 1989 (2 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0531)

Compatibility tests of elastomers with R-134a and a naphthenic mineral oil (Suniso 5GS) are summarized. Duplicate samples of two neoprene W samples, National O-Ring and Parker, were exposed for 18 days. Lengths and weights were measured before exposure, immediately after removal, and after storage in ambient air for an additional 15 days. No color change or particulate residue were noted. Temporary and final linear swelling by 4.43-5.76% and 3.07-4.37% was measured. Weight changes of -0.77 to +1.86% were noted upon removal, but they changed to -3.71% to -1.01% after drying.

Compatibility of Elastomers with HFC-134a at About 25 °C, report NIST-2, Freon^(R) Products Laboratory, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington DE, 17 July 1989 (15 pages with 13 tables, available from JMC as RDB0532)

A broad range of elastomers were tested to compare compatibility with R-134a to that with R-12. The tests were performed at approximately 25 °C (77 °F), for consistency with historic data. The influences of the refrigerant were measured after immersion for 27 days and again after 14 days of drying in air. Length, weight, Shore A hardness, appearance and physical properties are tabulated, the last based on qualitative observations for stretching, bending, squeezing, and flexing. The elastomers tested were Adiprene^(R) L, Buna^(TM) N, Buna^(TM) S, Butyl^(TM) rubber, Du Pont Hypalon^(R) 48, natural rubber, neoprene W, Nordel^(R), silicone, Thiokol^(R) FA, and fluoroelastomer (Du Pont Viton^(R) A). For R-134a, Adiprene^(R) L, Buna^(TM) N, Butyl^(TM) rubber, Du Pont Hypalon^(R) 48, natural rubber, neoprene W, and Nordel^(R) were judged to be preferred and Thiokol^(R) FA recommended, but not preferred. For R-12, Adiprene^(R) L, Buna^(TM) N, and Du Pont Hypalon^(R) 48 were preferred, and neoprene W, Nordel^(R), Thiokol^(R) FA recommended, but not at the preferred level. Buna^(TM) S, silicone, and Du Pont Viton^(R) A were not recommended for either R-12 or R-134a.

Compatibility of Elastomers with HFC-134a, document ARTD-5, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, 7 November 1989 (16 pages, available from JMC as RDB0538)

Compatibility of [H]FC-134a with Refrigeration System Materials, report NIST-4, Freon^(R) Products Laboratory, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, 14 December 1976 (7 pages with 3 tables, available from JMC as RDB0534)

The Compatibility of Polymeric / Elastomeric Materials with "Klea"^(TM) 134a and Polyalkylene Glycol (PAG) Based Lubricants, technical note 1, ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, August 1990 (8 pages with 5 tables, RDB2515)

Test results are tabulated to summarize changes in weight, volume, length, thickness, strength, elongation to break, and hardness for polymeric and elastomeric materials exposed to refrigerants and lubricants for 14 days. These tests are based on immersions at 130 °C (266 °F) with 50 ppm water for R-12 and mineral oil and at 85 °C (185 °F) with 200 ppm water for R-134a with Emkarox^(R) RL 68 PAG. The materials tested include chloroprene (chlorinated isoprene, neoprene W), chlorinated rubber (neoprene), ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM), fluorinated propylene monomer (FPM) copolymer, FPM terpolymer, hydrogenated nitrile (HN) rubber N grade, HN rubber E grade, HN butyl rubber, HN green rubber, natural rubber, nitrile butyl rubber (Buna^(TM) N), butadiene-acrylonitrile copolymer (Buna^(TM) N), nylon 6/6, poly butylene terephthalate (PBT), PBT with 10% glass, polyether ether ketone (PEEK), poly ether sulfone (PES 75), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyimide 75 (ICI Upilex^(R) R), polyimide 50 (ICI Upilex^(R) S), polyimide (Du Pont Kapton^(R)), poly phenyl sulfone (PPS), and fluorinated copolymer of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene (Du Pont Viton^(R)). Additional data are provided for R-134a and four PAGs (Emkarox^(R) RL) for EPDM, natural, and nitrile rubbers as well as for nylon, and Viton^(R). These lubricants include a monol PAG ISO 22 with 65 ppm water, modified PAG ISO 22 with 165 ppm water, modified PAG ISO 32 with 190 ppm water, and modified PAG ISO 70 with 85 ppm water. The second set of tests were for thermal aging at 130 °C (266 °F) for 14 days. The experimental approach is briefly outlined.

The Compatibility of Polymeric / Elastomeric Materials with "Klea"^(TM) 134a and Ester Based Lubricants, technical note 2, ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, August 1990 (6 pages with 4 tables, RDB2516)

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Test results are tabulated to summarize changes in weight, volume, length, thickness, strength, elongation to break, and hardness for polymeric and elastomeric materials exposed to refrigerants and lubricants for 14 days. These tests are based on immersions at 130 °C (266 °F) with 50 ppm water for R-12 and mineral oil and with 180 ppm water for R-134a with Emkarate^(R) RLE DE 184. The materials tested include chloroprene (chlorinated isoprene, neoprene W), chlorinated rubber (neoprene), ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM), fluorinated propylene monomer (FPM) copolymer, FPM terpolymer, hydrogenated nitrile (HN) rubber N grade, HN rubber E grade, HN butyl rubber, HN green rubber, natural rubber, nitrile butyl rubber (Buna^(TM) N), butadiene-acrylonitrile copolymer (Buna^(TM) N), nylon 6/6, polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), PBT with 10% glass, polyether ether ketone (PEEK), poly ether sulfone (PES 75), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyimide 75 (ICI Upilex^(R) R), polyimide 50 (ICI Upilex^(R) S), polyimide (Du Pont Kapton^(R)), poly phenyl sulfone (PPS), and fluorinated copolymer of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene (Du Pont Viton^(R)). Additional data are provided for R-134a and Emkarate^(R) RLE DE 212 with 180 ppm water for EPDM, natural, and nitrile rubbers as well as for nylon, PBT, and Viton^(R). The experimental approach is briefly outlined.

Compatibility of Nonmetallic Materials with Refrigerants and Lubricants, ICI Chemicals and Polymers Limited, Runcorn, Cheshire, UK, 16 May 1989 (3 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0004)

A table summarizes the swell (dimensional change) and weight gain of various elastomeric and plastic materials immersed in R-134a. The materials included Buna^(TM), Butyl^(TM), Du Pont Hypalon^(R), NBR, Garlock neoprene, nitrile, nitrile Dunlop, nylon, Oilite and M229 rubber asbestos, polyetheretherketone (PEEK), Polypenco Nylatron, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), Reinz Thermolit K, terylene braid, and Du Pont Viton^(R). Quantitative results are presented for refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with 10% polyalkylene glycol (PAG); the lubricants, ranging in viscosity from ISO 33 to 120, are not specifically identified. Some results also are given with 100% refrigerant.

Copper Plating in R-134a Systems, technical note 5, ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, August 1990 (4 pages, RDB2518)

This document discusses copper plating, formation of a film of metallic copper on one or more areas of the compressor. Observations are compared for R-134a and synthetic lubri-

cants to those for R-12 and mineral oil. The mechanisms are identified as copper dissolution, transport, and deposition. High occurrence traditionally has been regarded as being a property of poorly refined oils (via their high oleo-resin contents, which are rich in heteroatoms). The high heteroatom contents of esters and PAGs suggests greater inherent aggression towards copper and its alloys, leading to greater dissolution and a relatively high equilibrium copper content in the oil. This would not in itself lead to higher copper plating in the absence of an effective deposition route. Limited experience and published reports of copper plating are discussed. Whereas R-134a has been shown to be chemically and thermally more stable than R-12 and does not react with ester or PAG lubricants, no copper plating was observed in sealed tube tests. A number of anti-wear additives for synthetic lubricants are corrosive toward copper, but noncorrosive alternatives have been identified. Inhibiting the dissolution stage, rather than use of chelation compounds to sequester the copper once in solution, and thereby inhibit its deposition, appears to be the most satisfactory approach. Well known copper passivators, such as benzotriazole (BTA), benzothiazole (BTZ), and 2-mercaptobenzothiazole (MBTZ) have been examined. To date, it has proved possible to eliminate copper plating in systems utilizing ester lubricants.

Disassembly and Inspection of Compressor in Laboratory Refrigerator Charged with R-134a, report NIST-13, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (40 pages with 50 figures and 3 tables, available from JMC as RDB0309)

This report documents a detailed inspection of a hermetic compressor, operated for 8.7 years with R-134a and a polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricant, Union Carbide UCON LB-525. An unmodified Frigidaire refrigerator was charged with R-134a in November 1977, but the compressor failed a month later. The failure analysis was not located, but the cause is believed to have been a manufacturing defect. The compressor was replaced and the refrigerator returned to service in July 1978; it operated without incident until March 1987. The refrigerator was functioning normally when shut down for compressor disassembly, to determine the long-term effects of this refrigerant-oil system. This report provides a photographic record of the disassembly, summarizes detailed chemical and metallurgical analyses, and includes profilometer readings to evaluate the effect of slight copper plating on steel bearing surfaces. A hardened steel vane spring, which broke when

dropped, had been severely fatigued during service. The polyethylene slot liner insulation showed embrittlement, but was not analyzed. Very limited refrigerant decomposition was found, and the report concludes that R-134a use had very little effect on the metal parts of the compressor. Particles trapped in the oil produced slight scars on metallic contact surfaces. The molecular sieve drier contained 5% residual water, compared to a saturation value of 19-20%. Unanswered questions remain concerning the refrigerant-lubricant stability; addition of an oil stabilizer or use of a different oil may be indicated. General Electric Company and Tecumseh Products Company assisted in disassembling the compressor and interpreting the visual evidence. Further examination of the desiccant used, Union Carbide molecular sieve type 4A-XH-6, is reported in document RDB-0003.

Current Development Status of HFC-134a for Automotive Air Conditioning, document ARTD-2, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (16 pages, available from JMC as RDB0536)

UL 984 Tests with R-134a and Oils, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0017)

A table summarizes UL 984 tests of motor materials aged at 110 °C (230 °F) for 60 days. Control results are compared to those after separate exposures to R-12 mixed with mineral oil (Suniso 3GS) and R-134a mixed with the same oil and with alkylbenzene oil (Zerol 150). Insulation failures (1 ma current leakage to ground after 1 minute at 1.5 kV) and breakdown voltages are reported. Results are summarized for polyester-imide magnet wire, Dacron-Valox^(R) lead wire, Du Pont Teflon^(R) wire sleeving, Du Pont Mylar^(R) end cap, Mylar-Dacron^(R) thermosleeve, Mylar^(R) and Melinex^(R) slot liners, and Mylar^(R) and Melinex^(R) phase separators. Breakdown voltages of 0.7-15.5 kV are indicated; current leakage failures resulted only for the polyesterimide magnet wire.

R-141b

Isotron R-141b Foam Blowing Agent: Material Compatibility, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0519)

A table provides quantitative and qualitative data on weight change and swelling for common

elastomers, plastics, refrigerator liner materials, and roofing membrane materials after a two-week exposure to R-11 and R-141b. The elastomeric materials include neoprene, Butyl^(TM), Buna^(TM) N, and Du Pont Viton^(R). The plastics and refrigerator liner materials include ABS polymer, FEP, Kynar PVDF, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), and polyvinyl chloride (PVC). The ABS polymer, Buna^(TM) N, Viton^(R), and PVC materials exhibited much greater swelling and weight gain after exposure to R-141b than to R-11. The other materials exhibited results lower than, or comparable to, R-11 after R-141b exposures.

R-142b

K. S. Sanvordenker, **Materials Compatibility of R-142b for Hermetic Units**, Tecumseh Products Company, Ann Arbor, MI, June 1989 (7 pages with 2 figures and 5 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0002)

Two figures compare the miscibility of R-142b and R-22 with Capella B and Calumet R015 mineral oils. The miscibility of R-142b with Zerol 150 alkylbenzene lubricant also is discussed. Quantitative data on two magnet wire insulations (polyester-imide and polyester enamel overcoated with amide-imide) with R-142b and R-22 are given for refrigerant absorption, softening, blistering, and retained dielectric strength. R-142b and R-22 effects on the core-bond tensile strength of two unidentified solvent-based epoxy-type varnishes also are presented. Additionally, swell tests of R-142b with four elastomeric (neoprene, EPR, nitrile, and Du Pont Viton^(R)) o-rings are given. In each investigation, R-142b exhibited characteristics comparable to, or better than, R-22.

R-245ca

R. G. Doerr, D. Lambert, R. Schafer, and D. Steinke (The Trane Company), **Stability and Compatibility Studies of R-245ca, CHF₂CF₂CH₂F, A Potential Low-Pressure Refrigerant**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 147-152, September 1992 (6 pages with 1 figure and 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB2A10)

This paper reviews the selection of R-245 isomers as low-pressure refrigerant candidates. This series offers the highest number of hydrogen atoms without becoming flammable and,

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therefore, the best potential among fluoro-propanes. R-245ca was selected for further examination, based on performance modelling and its reported synthesis. Slightly lower efficiency is expected compared to R-123. Physical and chemical properties are tabulated for R-11, R-123, R-134a, and R-245ca for comparison. R-245ca is expected to be nontoxic, and it is indicated to be very similar to R-11 in terms of molecular weight, boiling point, and critical temperature. Its ozone depletion potential (ODP) is zero, but its 5.5 year atmospheric lifetime leads to a global warming potential (GWP) higher than for R-123 but lower than for R-134a. [Newer data indicate an atmospheric lifetime of 6.4 years.] The paper summarizes stability and compatibility studies. Sealed-tube tests, with and without lubricants, indicate that R-245ca is extremely stable; no evidence of decomposition was noted after 500 hours at 175 °C (347 °F). Parr bomb compatibility tests with electric motor materials and elastomers showed lower refrigerant absorption than for R-11 and R-123. The compatibility of R-245ca was found to be very similar to R-134a toward both motor materials and elastomers; no degradation was found for the materials tested. They included varnishes, slot liners, Du Pont Mylar^(R) sheet and tape, Dacron-Mylar-Dacron^(R) and Du Pont Nomex^(R) wedges, Du Pont Dacron^(R) tape and cord, and reinforced tape. The varnishes tested included solvent epoxy (Sterling^(R) U-475 EH), 100% solids epoxy (Sterling^(R) Y-833), and water-borne epoxy (Schenectady Isopoxy^(R) 800). Weight, volume, and hardness change results are tabulated for a proprietary, chloroprene, and nitrile elastomers. The results suggest further investigation of R-245ca as a potential refrigerant. Commercialization is not expected for a number of years pending flammability, toxicity, and other testing as well as development of a competitive manufacturing process. [see RDB-2A11 for presentation charts]

R. G. Doerr, D. Lambert, R. Schafer, and D. Steinke (The Trane Company), **Stability and Compatibility Studies of R-245ca, CHF₂CF₂CH₂F, A Potential Low-Pressure Refrigerant**, presentation charts (International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference, Washington, DC), September 1992 (4 pages, available from JMC as RDB2A11)

see RDB2A10 for abstract

E-134

T. P. Gross, **Sealed-Tube Tests – Grace Ether (E-134)**, York International Corporation, York, PA, 28

March 1990 (2 pages with 3 tables, available from JMC as RDB0904)

This memo summarizes sealed-tube tests to compare the stability of R-114 and E-134 when aged for up to 72 hours with several lubricants at temperatures as high as 182 °C (360 °F). The lubricants tested included York C, Zerol 300 alkylbenzene, and UCON LB-165 polyglycol. Aluminum, copper, and iron wires were included as catalysts. E-134 was found to be somewhat less stable than R-114.

E-245

R. G. Doerr, R. Schafer, D. Lambert, and D. Steinke (The Trane Company), **Stability Studies of E-245 Fluoroether CF₃CH₂OCHF₂**, presentation at the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, December 1991 (4 pages with 14 charts, available from JMC as RDB2811)

These presentation charts summarize an investigation into the use of E-245, a proposed low-pressure refrigerant for centrifugal chillers. The charts summarize properties of this fluid and sealed-tube tests to determine its stability. Tests in glass tubes, both with and without an unidentified oil, resulted in violent explosions. Tests of R-123 and E-245 with copper and iron coupons in Parr bombs are presented, indicating stable results. Repetition of the E-245 tests with copper, iron, and glass coupons led to reactions. Analyses of the pressure build-up as well as a gas chromatogram and quantitative analysis of the reaction products are presented. Further tests with glass are outlined to examine the role of water, air, oxygen, and peroxide. The charts note that E-245 can react autocatalytically with glass to produce high pressures, hydrogen fluoride, and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl ether (a convulsant). This reaction is accelerated by air (oxygen) and peroxide. The fraction of E-245 remaining after exposures at 121 °C (250 °F) for 14 days are tabulated to indicate the effects of various materials. They included elastomers, motor materials, copper, iron, water, glass-like materials. Tests with copper, iron, and aluminum at 166 and 177 °C (330 and 350 °F) also are presented. E-245 was found to be unstable with fiberglass motor materials.

R-717 (AMMONIA)

G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated), **Refrigeration Lubricants Update: Synthetic and Semi-Synthetic Oils Are Solving Problems with Ammonia and Alternative Refrigerants**, *Technical Papers of the 12th Annual Meeting* (4-7 March 1990, Memphis, TN), International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IAR), Washington, DC, pages 19-53, March 1990 (RDB2203)

G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated), **Hydrotreated Oils for Ammonia Refrigeration**, *Technical Papers of the 7th Annual Meeting* (10-13 March 1985, San Antonio, TX), International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IAR), Washington, DC, pages 149-176, March 1985 (RDB2204)

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D. J. Bushouse, **Degradation of Polyester Films by Alcohols**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 3, number 9, pages 61 ff, September 1961 (RDB2301)

J. F. Wilson, **Effect of Methanol on the Performance of Polyester Film in Reciprocating Refrigeration Compressors**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 10, number 1, pages 43 ff, January 1968 (RDB2205)

BLENDS**Azeotropes**

Isotron 22/142b Blends for Refrigeration: Material Compatibility, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0520)

This bulletin summarizes the procedure and findings for two-week exposures of selected refrigeration system materials both to R-12 and to a blend of R-22/R-142b (55/25). The materials tested included copper wire, polyimide insulation, and several plastics and elastomers. The plastics included nylon (Du Pont Zytel^(R) 101), polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), FEP, PVDF (Kynar), PVC, low-density polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, high-impact polystyrene, and high-gloss ABS. The elastomers included neo-

prene, Butyl^(TM), Buna^(TM) N, and Du Pont Viton^(R). Swell (length increase percentage), weight gain (percentage), and appearance (including qualitative observations on hardness and embrittlement) are tabulated.

Zeotropes

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Alternative Refrigerant Blends, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, 1989 (18 pages, available from JMC as RDB-0530)

Compatibility of Elastomers with the Ternary Blends of HCFC-22/HFC-152a/CFC-114 and HCFC-22/HFC-152a/HCFC-124, document ARTD 3, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, 7 November 1989 (26 pages, available from JMC as RDB0537)

Ternary Refrigerant Blends, document ARTD-10, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (6 pages, available from JMC as RDB0539)

Ternary Refrigerant Blends for the Automotive Aftermarket, document ARTD-1, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (12 pages, available from JMC as RDB0535)

test results for R-22/152a/114 (36/24/40) (blend KCD-9430) and R-22/152a/124 (36/24/40) (blend KCD-9433) for automotive use; concludes that the blends are not *drop-in* replacements for R-12, but that technologies exist or can be developed to accomplish retrofit while maintaining acceptable performance; topics covered include environmental impacts; toxicity; properties; flammability; compatibility data for hoses constructed of nylon, Du Pont Hypalon^(R) 48, nitrile; compatibility data for elastomers including epichlorohydrin, neoprene, nitrile; compatibility data for molecular-sieve desiccants; and solubility and lubricity data for BVM-100N, Idemitsu, and Mopar mineral oils and Zerol 500 alkylbenzene oils, the last with three additives for the lubricity tests.

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Sealed-Tube Stability Tests: Ternary Blends (KCD-9430 and 9433), document ARTD-13, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, April 1990 (11 pages with 6 tables, available from JMC as RDB0542)

LUBRICANTS

L. F. Albright and J. D. Lawler, **Viscosity-Solubility Characteristics of Mixtures of R-13B1 and Lubricating Oils**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 67-70, April 1959 (RDB2207)

L. F. Albright and A. S. Mendelbaum, **Solubility and Viscosity Characteristics of Mixtures of Lubricating Oils and Freon 13 and 115**, *Refrigerating Engineering*, American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (now merged into the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 64, number 10, pages 37-47 and 106, October 1956 (RDB2208)

K. Azami, H. Hosoi, and N. Ishikawa (Sanden Corporation), **Lubricant Screening for HFC-134a Car Air Conditioning Compressor Reliability**, paper 901735, Society of Automotive Engineers, Warrendale, PA, September 1990 (12 pages with 5 figures and 11 tables, RDB2209)

C. M. Bosworth (Carrier Corporation), **Predicting the Behavior of Oils in Refrigeration Systems**, *Refrigerating Engineering*, American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (ASRE, now merged into the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 60, number 6, pages 617-620 and 654-655, June 1952 (7 pages with 12 figures and 5 tables, RDB2503)

This paper discusses the solubility of lubricating oils in refrigerants, absorption of refrigerants, solvent effects on nonmetallic materials, and stability of oils. Differences among paraffinic, intermediate, and naphthenic lubricants are discussed, and recommendations are presented for selection of oil types for specific applications. Solubility curves are presented for R-12, R-22, and R-114 in four oils. The paper notes that the volumes of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures do not necessarily correspond to the sum of their separate volumes due to absorption; data on increases and decreases are provided for several examples.

S. Corr, P. D. Guy, A. A. Lindley, F. T. Murphy, G. Tompsett (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), and T. W. Dekleva (ICI Americas, Incorporated), **The Effect of Miscibility on Performance of R-134a and Alternative Lubricants**, seminar presentation at the ASHRAE Annual Meeting, (Indianapolis, IN), ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, 24 June 1991 (20 pages with 24 charts, RDB2521)

S. Corr (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), **Solubility and Miscibility - Relevance to Klea (TM) 134a Refrigeration Systems**, ICI Americas Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, USA, 8 February 1991 (11 pages with 8 figures, RDB2520)

This document explains the meaning and relevance of solubility and miscibility within refrigeration systems. It notes that the solubility of refrigerant gas in the lubricant usually is an important lubricant feature. In general, lubricants that display miscibility with the refrigerant liquid over a wide range of conditions will also have good refrigerant gas solubilities, but the reverse is not necessarily true. Although the solubility of refrigerant gas in liquid lubricant is important in determining the viscosity of fluid at the evaporator outlet, other factors also are likely to have an effect. An example is the lubricant structure (e.g., polarity or hydrogen bonding). The viscosity of the circulating liquid phase and the velocity of the driving gas are the two most important considerations for lubricant return to the compressor. Lubricant viscosity and the solubility-related viscosity of the refrigerant-lubricant mixture would be expected to govern lubricant holdup, a measure of the lubricant quantity available to interfere with heat transfer. Experience indicates that the concentration of lubricant in the liquid refrigerant phase is below 1% over the majority of the evaporation process, so lubricant miscibility actually does not appear to be significant in determining oil holdup. Separate liquid phases for the refrigerant and lubricant will be present only over a very short length of the evaporator. Plots and tabular data are provided for low-temperature miscibility for ester lubricants (Emkarate^(R) RLE) in R-134a. The fraction of lubricant in refrigerant also is plotted for the evaporator length.

G. Daniel, M. J. Anderson, W. Schmid, and M. Tokumitsu (Mobil Oil), **Performance of Selected Synthetic Lubricants in Industrial Heat Pumps**, paper B3, *Proceedings of the International Symposium on the Industrial Application of Heat Pumps* (University of Warwick, UK, 24-26 March 1982), BHRA Fluid Engineering, Cranfield, Bedford, UK, pages 41-53, 1982; republished in *Journal of Heat Recovery Systems*, Pergamon Press Limited, UK, volume 2, number 4, pages 359-368, 1982 (12 pages with 3 figures and 4 tables, RDB2210)

This paper reviews lubrication requirements at high condensing temperatures (120-130 °C, 248-266 °F), typical of those encountered in industrial heat pumps. Potential limitations of mineral oils are examined and physical data are reviewed for synthetic lubricants, particularly synthetic hydrocarbon fluids (SHF) of the poly-alphaolefin type and selected polyglycols. Viscosity, vapor pressure, and stability data are reviewed for selected synthetic lubricants with halogenated refrigerants. The field results in several installations with R-12 and R-114 are examined, to document satisfactory operation under the severe conditions encountered.

K. E. Davis and J. N. Vinci (Lubrizol), **Effect of Additives in Synthetic Ester Lubricants Used with HFC-134a Refrigerant**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 125-133, September 1992 (9 pages with 5 figures, RDB2A08)

T. W. Dekleva (ICI Americas, Incorporated), **Lubricants for Use with R-134a in Domestic Appliances**, presentation at the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, November 1990 (40 pages with 30 charts, RDB-2524)

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lanta, GA, volume 82, part II, pages 567-571, 1976 (RDB2528)

H. G. Hirschberg (Gebrüder Sulzer AG, Switzerland), **Determining the Viscosity of Mixtures of Mineral Oil and Refrigerants**, *Sulzer Technical Review*, Winterthur, Switzerland, February 1964; republished in *Modern Refrigeration*, pages 711-713 (3 pages with 4 figures, RDB2501)

The viscosity of lubricating oils is substantially lowered by dissolved hydrocarbons. Determination of viscosity for refrigerant-lubricant mixtures, therefore, is very important in equipment and application design. The need is heightened by variations in the hydrocarbon content, related to the origin of the crude oil used, and the way in which it is refined. This paper outlines calculation methods to determine the viscosity based on ring analysis, mean molecular weight, viscosity-temperature relation, and density. The ring analysis determines the paraffins, cyclic paraffins (naphthenic substances, and benzene derivatives (aromatics) present in the oil. The molecular weight is a measure of the size of the oil molecules. The viscosity index, or alternative viscosity pole height, may be obtained from manufacturer data. The paper discusses viscosity equations developed by a number of investigators, including Arrhenius, E. R. Epperson and H. L. Dunlap, L. Grunberg and A. H. Nissan, and H. Umstätter. It illustrates comparative results based on a mixture of R-114 and mineral oil. It concludes that a modified version of the Grunberg and Nissan equation is useful for representing and calculating the viscosities of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures.

D. F. Huttenlocher (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **Chemical and Thermal Stability of Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures with Metals**, report DOE/CE/23810-3B, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, 10 July 1992 (64 pages with 37 figures and 24 tables, available from JMC as RDB2802)

This interim report presents stability data, based on sealed tube tests, for mixtures of refrigerants and lubricants in the presence of a valve steel strip. Tabular results are presented for R-22 with mineral oil, R-124 with alkylbenzene, R-134a with three penta erythritol esters (PEs), R-142b with alkylbenzene; R-143a with PE branched acid, and R-152a with alkylbenzene. Partial results are provided for eight additional refrigerant-lubricant mixtures, including those containing R-11, R-32, R-123, R-125, and R-134. The information provided includes visual observations on the aged sealed tubes and gas chromatographic analyses on their vapor-phase contents. Chloride ion contents are provided

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for hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) containing mixtures and fluoride ion contents for hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) mixtures. Total acid number values and infrared analyses are presented for mixtures containing ester lubricants. The mineral oils tested were Witco Chemical Suniso 3GS (ISO 32) and Freezene Naphthenic Heavy white oil (ISO 46). The alkylbenzene was Shrieve Chemical Zerol 150. The polyalkylene glycols (PAGs) included ICI Emkarox^(R) polypropylene glycol butyl monoether (ISO 32) and Dow Chemical P245 polypropylene glycol diol (ISO 22). The penta erythritol esters (PEs) included Castrol Icematic SW32 branched acid, ICI Emkarate^(R) RLE mixed acids, and Henkel Emery 4078X (2928 ISO 100) 100 cSt. Most of the tests were repeated at three temperature levels, namely 150, 175, and 200 °C (221, 302, and 347 °F); additional tests were performed at 105 °C (221 °F) when indicated. The preliminary findings indicate that the HFCs tested are very stable and did not undergo measurable chemical reactions or thermal decomposition, even in the presence of lubricants. The high-viscosity ester is the only lubricant that showed significant signs of instability, based on decarboxylation of the ester molecule, especially at 200 °C (347 °F). All of the HCFCs tested, possibly excepting R-22, are less stable than the HFCs. Except for R-123, however, they are no more reactive than R-12 under equivalent test conditions. While R-123 is significantly more reactive, it offers a stability improvement by a factor of ten over R-11.

D. F. Huttenlocher (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **Chemical and Thermal Stability of Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures with Metals**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, page 679, July 1992 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB-2813)

D. F. Huttenlocher (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **Chemical and Thermal Stability of Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures with Metals**, report DOE/CE/23810-2B, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, 31 March 1992 (28 pages with 11 figures and 12 tables, available from JMC as RDB2416)

This interim report summarizes stability data, based on sealed tube tests, for mixtures of refrigerants and lubricants in the presence of a valve steel strip. Tabular results are presented for R-123 with mineral oil at 105, 150, and 175 °C (221, 302, and 347 °F). The findings indicate that prolonged exposures to temperatures exceeding approximately 150 °C (302 °F) lead to rapid chemical deterioration, yielding R-133a

and R-143a as decomposition products. Preliminary data, for tests at 150 and 175 °C (302, and 347 °F), are presented for R-22 with a mineral oil (Suniso 3GS), R-124 and R-142b with an alkylbenzene (Zerol 150), and R-32, R-125, R-134a, and R-143a with penta erythritol ester branched acid (Castrol Icematic SW32). Preliminary results also are presented for R-134a with a higher-viscosity penta erythritol ester (Emery 2928 ISO 100). The information provided includes visual observations, chemical analyses, and gas chromatograms with summary data indicating the fraction of refrigerant that reacted. The preliminary results suggest that the seven refrigerant-lubricant systems are very stable at the temperatures tested, and that further testing is needed to define the upper temperature limits. [see RDB2802 for update]

S. Komatsuzaki, Y. Homma, K. Kawashima, and Y. Itoh (Hitachi Limited), **Polyalkylene Glycol as Lubricant for HFC-134a Compressors**, *Lubrication Engineering*, Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), volume 47, number 12, pages 1018-1025, December 1991 (RDB2212)

S. Komatsuzaki and Y. Homma, **Antiseizure and Antiwear Properties of Lubricating Oils Under Refrigerant Gas Environments**, paper 90-AM-6C-1 (45th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 7-10 May 1990), Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), May 1990; republished in *Lubrication Engineering*, STLE, volume 47, pages 193-198, 1991, May 1990 (RDB2213)

S. Komatsuzaki, T. Tomobe, and Y. Homma (Hitachi Limited), **Additive Effects on Lubricity and Thermal Stability of Refrigerator Oils**, *Lubrication Engineering*, Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), volume 43, pages 31-36, 1987 (RDB2423)

J. L. Little, **Viscosity of Lubricating Oil – Freon 22 Mixtures**, *Refrigerating Engineering*, American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (now merged into the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 1191-1195, November 1952 (RDB2214)

K. Mall, **Messeinrichtung zur Ermittlung des Dampfdruckes von Öl-Kältemittel Gemischen (Measuring Apparatus for Determination of the Vapor Pressure of Oil-Refrigerant Mixtures)**, *Kältetechnik-Klimatisierung*, volume 22, number 8, pages 257 ff, 1970 (in German, RDB2502)

M. B. Pate, S. C. Zoz, and L. J. Berkenbosch (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **Miscibility of Lubricants with Refrigerants**, report DOE/CE/23810-3C, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA,

July 1992 (22 pages with 24 tables, available from JMC as RDB2803)

This progress report summarizes the status and initial data obtained from an investigation of miscibility of lubricants with refrigerants. Experiments are being performed in two phases, namely screening tests and preparation of miscibility plots. Qualitative miscibility observations are tabulated for R-32, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-142b, and R-143a with four lubricants. They include two penta erythritol esters, a mixed acid (ICI Emkarate^(R) RL244) and a branched acid (Castrol Icematic SW32), and for two polyalkylene glycols (PAGs), a polypropylene glycol diol (Dow P425) and a polypropylene glycol butyl monoether (ICI Emkarox^(R) VG32). These tests were performed for three lubricant concentrations over a temperature range of -50 to +60 °C (-58 to +140 °F) for R-32, R-125, R-134, and R-143a. The range was extended to +90 °C (+194 °F) for R-134a and R-142b. R-22, R-123, R-124, and R-152a will be tested later. The refrigerant concentrations varied due to the method of charging the test cells, but future tests will provide data at nominal concentrations of 10, 50, and 95% by weight for all of the combinations. Composition changes as the density of the vapor decreases and the vapor volume increases are discussed. Minor problems with leakage and corrections are described. Summary observations are provided for each refrigerant-lubricant combination.

iii. B. Pate, S. C. Zoz, and L. J. Berkenbosch (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **Miscibility of Lubricants with Refrigerants**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 681-686, July 1992 (6 pages with 4 figures and 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB2814)

M. B. Pate, S. C. Zoz, and L. J. Berkenbosch (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **Miscibility of Lubricants with Refrigerants**, report DOE/CE/23810-2C, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, April 1992 (8 pages with 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB2417)

This interim report summarizes progress for an investigation of miscibility of lubricants with refrigerants. Qualitative miscibility observations are tabulated for R-134a with two polyalkylene glycols (PAGs), namely a polypropylene glycol butyl monoether (ICI Emkarox^(R) VG32) and a polypropylene glycol diol (Dow P425). Results also are given for a penta erythritol ester branched acid (Castrol Icematic SW32) and for a penta erythritol ester mixed acid (ICI Emka-

rate^(R) RL244). These tests were performed at nominal lubricant concentrations of 10, 50, and 95% over a temperature range of -50 to +90 °C (-58 to +162 °F). Of those tested, Emkarox^(R) VG32 remained fully miscible for the full range of concentrations and temperatures tested. Procedures to charge the refrigerant and lubricant into test cells and a method to quantify immiscibility, based on visual observations, were developed. The experimental apparatus being used was modified for the project and additional unidentified refrigerants and lubricants were ordered. The report discusses problems encountered with the procedures used and identifies changes to reduce the probability of test cell ruptures. (See RDB2803 for update)

H. M. Parmelee, **Viscosity of Refrigerant-Oil Mixtures at Evaporator Conditions**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 70, pages 173-180, 1964 (RDB2215)

K. S. Sanvordenker (Tecumseh Products Company), **Durability of HFC 134a Compressors – the Role of the Lubricant**, (proceedings of the 42nd Annual International Appliance Technical Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, May 1991), reprint by Tecumseh Products Company, Tecumseh, MI, 1991 (8 pages with 2 figures and 2 tables, RDB2216)

Properties of polyalkylene glycol (PAG) and polyol ester lubricants are examined, with emphasis on inherent thermal stability and suitability for use with R-134a in refrigeration compressors. The PAGs addressed include diols, monoethers, ester-ethers, and diethers, all stabilized with 200 ppm BHT. Plots of hygroscopicity and miscibility of PAGs with mineral oils are provided. The decomposition kinetics, based on sealed-tube tests, are tabulated. The effects summarized include temperature (177-260 °C, 350-500 °F), presence of metals (steel, copper, and aluminum) or R-134a, and PAG type. Problems of hygroscopicity, incomplete miscibility with mineral oils, and incompatibility with chlorinated solvents exist, but they can be handled by proper housekeeping procedures. Lack of thermal stability, even in the absence of metals, at 177-204 °C (350-400 °F) is identified as a key shortcoming for the PAG candidates. The effects of time, metal catalysts, and initial moisture are tabulated for polyol esters, again at elevated temperatures (204-260 °C, 400-500 °F). Penta erythritol tetra ester is emphasized due, in part, to its better miscibility with R-134a compared to other neopentyl esters. Decomposition also was observed, but only in the presence of steel. A metal passivator specific to steel was found to provide a simple remedy.

K. S. Sanvordenker (Tecumseh Products Company), **Mechanism of Oil-R12 Reactions – the Role of Iron Catalyst in Glass Sealed Tubes**, paper 2881, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 91, part 1A, pages 356-369, January 1985 (14 pages with 7 figures and 1 table, RDB2217)

This frequently cited paper presents the chemistry of oil and R-12 reactions in sealed-tube tests in detail. The paper reviews the mechanisms postulated in earlier publications [see RDB2326 and RDB2526] and observations based on infrared absorbance. The paper concludes that iron acts as a participant in the reaction, rather than as a catalyst. Large amounts can be solubilized, and the process of solubilization begins early. The iron-oil molecule and R-12 react with the glass; this reaction also starts much earlier than previously indicated. The reaction forms boron-hydrogen and silicone fluorine compounds, while precipitating out the solubilized iron. Based on gas analysis by infrared, a criterion is defined to identify the entry of glass in sealed-tube reactions. The paper traces through the postulated reactions and experiments conducted, to identify actual reactions by elimination of participating materials. Based on the finding that reactions involving glass start at an early stage in systems containing R-12, oil, and steel, data in prior publications that show large amounts of reaction products need to be reexamined.

K. S. Sanvordenker (Tecumseh Products Company), **Lubrication by Oil-Refrigerant Mixtures: Behavior in the Falex Tester**, paper KC-84-14-3, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 90, part 2, pages 799-805, June 1984 (7 pages with 2 figures and 3 tables, RDB2422)

The effects of test parameters, with reference to the fundamentals of boundary lubrication, are discussed for pin and v-block (Falex) tests. Such tests are widely used by equipment manufacturers and lubricant suppliers to simulate lubrication in refrigerant compressors and to screen refrigeration lubricants. When modified to provide a closed, pressure-tight chamber, the Falex machine permits laboratory simulation of lubricants in hermetic compressors. The paper reviews fundamental theories of boundary lubrication and wear to explain laboratory data that may appear to be anomalous. In doing so, the paper explains that trouble-free operation of hermetic compressors under high-oil dilution conditions of liquid feedback has been simulated. The unanticipated result is explained on the basis of dissipation of frictional heat from the

rubbing surfaces. The behavior of additive-free lubricants is described and compared to that with antiwear additives, such as tricresyl phosphate (TCP).

K. S. Sanvordenker and M. W. Larime (Tecumseh Products Company), **A Review of Synthetic Oils for Refrigeration Use**, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 78, part 2, 1972; republished in symposium bulletin NA-72-5 (ASHRAE Annual Meeting, Nassau, Bahamas), June 1972 (6 pages with 1 table, RDB2218)

B. H. Shoemaker, **Synthetic Lubricating Oils**, *Industrial Engineering Chemistry*, volume 42, number 12, page 2414, 1959 (RDB2219)

G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated) and R. C. Cavestri (Imagination Resources, Incorporated), **High-Viscosity Ester Lubricants for Alternative Refrigerants**, paper AN-92-5-2 (Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 1, pages 789-795, 1992 (7 pages with 3 figures and 5 tables, RDB-2102)

This paper describes the development of high-viscosity (ISO 68 and above), modified polyol ester lubricants and their interactions with refrigerants. Typical properties are presented for 11 conventional and modified penta erythritol (PE) esters, including several di- and tri-PEs, as well as for a modified trimethylolpropane (TMP) ester. Data are reported with R-123, R-134a, R-152a, E-134, and E-245. The apparatus used to measure viscosity and density is described. The viscosity of a modified, high-viscosity ester with R-134a is presented for evaluation of the hydrodynamic lubrication and sealing of compression areas. Chemical and thermal stability and lubricity test results are provided for durability considerations.

G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated) and R. C. Cavestri (Imagination Resources, Incorporated), **Selection and Performance of Synthetic and Semi-Synthetic Lubricants for Use with Alternative Refrigerants in Refrigeration Applications**, *Proceedings of the 1990 USNC/IIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference*, edited by D. R. Tree, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, pages 163-172, July 1990 (10 pages with 10 figures, RDB2220)

G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated), **Synthetic Lubricants and Their Refrigeration Applications**, (paper 89-AM-7A-1, 44th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, May 1989), *Lubrication Engi-*

neering, Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), volume 46, number 4, pages 239-247, April 1990 (RDB2221)

This paper reviews the requirements and use of synthetic fluids as lubricants for refrigeration systems. R-12, R-13, R-22, R-114, R-134a, R-502, R-503, propane (R-290), and ammonia (R-717) are addressed. Requirements are discussed for thermal and chemical stability, miscibility, solubility, and viscosity. Failure mechanisms including improper viscosity, dilution, loss or breakdown of lubricant, failure of hydrodynamic lubrication, foaming, and starvation related to solubility and miscibility characteristics are reviewed for rotary screw, reciprocating piston, and rotary vane (both fixed and rotating) compressors. Petroleum-based, including both naphthenic and high-viscosity index (HVI) paraffinic mineral oils, and synthetic lubricants are discussed. The synthetics are grouped as polyalphaolefin (PAO), alkylbenzene, and polyalkylene glycol (PAGs) synthetic hydrocarbon (SHC) oils. They also include esters such as diesters (or dibasic acid esters), neopentyl (or polyol) esters, and modified complex esters. The chemical structures and characteristics of these lubricants are reviewed, and viscosity and miscibility plots are provided for representative refrigerant-lubricant systems. Typical properties are tabulated for complex esters of ISO 150 and 320 viscosity. The unique requirements for R-134a, propane (R-290), and ammonia (R-717) are outlined, concluding that the synthetic lubricants described offer a major contribution for system advancement.

L. I. Sjöholm (Teknikgruppen AB) and G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated), **Twin-Screw Compressor Performance and Complex Ester Lubricants with HCFC-22**, *Proceedings of the 1990 International Compressor Engineering Conference at Purdue*, edited by W. Soedel, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, pages 724-732, July 1990 (9 pages with 8 figures, RDB2222)

L. I. Sjöholm (Teknikgruppen AB) and G. D. Short (CPI Engineering Services, Incorporated), **Twin-Screw Compressor Performance and Suitable Lubricants with HFC-134a**, *Proceedings of the 1990 International Compressor Engineering Conference at Purdue*, edited by W. Soedel, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, pages 733-740, July 1990 (8 pages with 7 figures (RDB2223)

H. O. Spauschus (Georgia Institute of Technology) and L. M. Speaker, **A Review of Viscosity Data for Oil-Refrigerant Solutions**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 93, part 2, pages 667-681, 1987 (RDB2224)

H. O. Spauschus (Georgia Institute of Technology), **Evaluation of Lubricants for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Compressors**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 90, part 2, pages 784-798, 1984; republished in *ASHRAE Journal*, volume 26, number 5, pages 59 ff, 1984 (RDB2225)

H. O. Spauschus (General Electric Company), **Vapor Pressures, Volumes, and Miscibility Limits of Refrigerant 22-Oil Solutions**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, 1964 (RDB2226)

H. O. Spauschus (General Electric Company), **Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerant-Oil Solutions: Dichlorodifluoromethane (R-12) and Petroleum Oil**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 63 ff, August 1963 (RDB2227)

L. M. Speaker and H. O. Spauschus (Georgia Institute of Technology), **A Study to Increase the State-of-the-Art Solubility and Viscosity Relationships for Oil-Refrigerant Mixtures**, final report for 444-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 20 February 1986 (RDB2504)

R. H. P. Thomas and H. T. Pham (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Solubility and Miscibility of Environmentally Safer Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures**, paper AN-92-5-1 (Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 1992), *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 1, pages 783-788, 1992 (6 pages with 9 figures and 1 table as RDB2101)

Solubility and miscibility data are presented for R-134a with two polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricants (AP-150 and AP-500) and three modified PAGs (BRL-150, BRL-300, and BRL-500). Solubility was determined by measuring the equilibrium vapor pressure of mixtures of 10-90% refrigerant (by weight) in the lubricants for 10-70 °C (50-158 °F). Miscibility was determined by visual observation of a sealed sample immersed in a thermostated bath for a range of -60 to +70°C (-76 to +158 °F). Differences in miscibility curve characteristics are contrasted to mineral oils. The paper examines occurrence of lower critical solution temperatures (LCSTs). Similarities of refrigerant-oil systems to solvent-polymer solutions are addressed, leading to correlations of the solubility data using the Flory-Huggins theory. While further analysis is indicated, Flory-Huggins type plots allow deduction of composition in a refrigerant-lubricant

system, given the temperature and pressure and assuming equilibrium.

R. H. P. Thomas, R. P. Robinson, R. H. Chen, and W-T. Wu (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **The Solubility of R-32/125 in Modified Polyalkylene Glycols**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 375-383, December 1991 (9 pages with 2 figures and 2 tables, RDB2228)

R. H. P. Thomas, W-T. Wu, and H. T. Pham (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **The Solubility and Viscosity of Mixtures of R-134a with Modified Polyglycols**, paper 48, proceedings of the XVIIIth International Congress of Refrigeration (Montreal, Québec, Canada, August 1991), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, August 1991 (9 pages with 7 figures, RDB2229)

The solubilities and viscosities of mixtures of R-134a with two modified polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricants are reported. The piston-cylinder type viscometer and apparatus for measuring solubility are described. The solubility of R-134a in BRL-150 (a 150 SUS experimental lubricant) is plotted for 10-70 °C (50-158 °F) in concentrations of 0-100%. Its viscosity in BRL-150 and BRL-300 (300 SUS) is plotted both as functions of temperature for -20 to +80 °C (-4 to 176 °F) and pressure. Analysis of the solubility shows that it can be described by the Flory-Huggins theory.

R. H. P. Thomas, W-T. Wu, and H. T. Pham (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Solubility and Viscosity of R-134a Refrigerant/Lubricant Mixtures**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 37-38, February 1991 (2 pages with 3 figures, RDB2230)

N. A. Van Gaalen, S. C. Zoz, and M. B. Pate (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **The Solubility and Viscosity of Solutions of R-502 in a Naphthenic Oil and in an Alkylbenzene at High Pressures and Temperatures**, paper 3519 (580-RP), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 97, part 2, pages 285-292, 1991 (8 pages with 14 figures and 2 tables, RDB2344)

N. A. Van Gaalen and M. B. Pate, **Methods of Measuring the Solubility and Viscosity of Lubricating Oil/Refrigerant Mixtures**, report ISU-ERI-Ames-91191 (ASHRAE 580-RP), Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, IA, 1991 (RDB2345)

N. A. Van Gaalen, M. B. Pate, and S. C. Zoz (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **The Measurement of Solubility and Viscosity of Oil/Refrigerant Mixtures at High Pressures and Temperatures: Test Facility and Initial Results for R-22/Naphthenic Oil Mixtures**, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 96, part 2, pages 183-190, 1990 (RDB2231)

N. A. Van Gaalen, M. B. Pate, and S. C. Zoz (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **The Solubility and Viscosity of Solutions of HCFC-22 in Naphthenic Oil and in Alkylbenzene at High Pressures and Temperatures**, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 96, part 2, pages 100 ff, 1990 (RDB2232)

G. van der Waal (Unichema Chemie BV), **The Relationship Between the Chemical Structure of Ester Base Fluids and Their Influence on Elastomer Seals, and Wear Characteristics**, *Journal of Synthetic Lubricants*, volume 1, pages 280-301, 1985 (22 pages with 20 figures and 4 tables, RDB-2233)

Boundary Lubrication of Ternary Blends (KCD-9430 and 9433), document ARTD-12, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (3 pages, available from JMC as RDB0541)

This document summarizes a study to determine the lubricity of a 150 SUS viscosity alkylbenzene (Shrieve Zerol 150) lubricant with two developmental refrigerants, KCD-9430 and KCD-9433. Both are ternary zeotropic blends, R-22/R-152a/R-114 (36/24/40) and R-22/R-152a/R-124 (36/24/40), respectively. Measurements were made using a modified Faxel pin and v-block test machine, with refrigerant bubbled through the lubricant; the test procedure is outlined. Failure loads are tabulated for the lubricant alone, with R-12 for comparison, and with the two blends. Data are provided for the neat lubricant, with two unidentified additives, and with both additives together. The document concludes that the alkylbenzene lubricant with additives provides acceptable lubrication with either blend. The refrigerant-lubricant mixtures were deemed suitable for further compressor durability testing.

Measurement of Solubility, Viscosity, and Density of Synthetic Lubricants in HFC-134a Mixtures, research project 716-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, September 1991 - October 1992 (ASH0716)

This project addresses the gas solubility (refrigerant concentration), density, and viscosity of R-134a in solutions with synthetic lubricants. The pressures and temperatures for these determinations will range from 70 to 3450 kPa (10-500 psia) and -25 to 125 °C (-13 to 257 °F). The contractor for the project is Imagination Resources, Incorporated, led by R. C. Cavestri; it is sponsored by Technical Committees 3.4, *Lubrication*, and 8.1, *Positive Displacement Compressors*.

Methods of Measuring the Solubility and Viscosity of Lubricating Oil-Refrigerant Mixtures at High Discharge Pressures and Temperatures, research project 580-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, June 1988 (ASH-0580)

The contractor for the project was Iowa State University of Science and Technology, led by M. B. Pate. The project was sponsored by Technical Committees 3.4, *Lubrication*, and 8.1, *Positive Displacement Compressors*. [see RDB-2344 and RDB2345 for findings]

Oils for Alternative Refrigerants, document ARTD-11, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated circa 1990 (4 pages, available from JMC as RDB0540)

This bulletin reviews the properties desired in developmental lubricants, including acceptable solubility, lubricity, stability, compatibility, toxicity, and cost. Test results are reported for non-proprietary oils with ternary zeotropic blends and for proprietary lubricants with R-134a. The solubility of four unidentified polyalkylene glycols (PAGs) with different viscosities, covering appliance through automotive applications, are plotted for mixtures with R-134a. Their phase separation indicates incomplete solubility, as contrasted to full solubility for mineral oils used with R-12. Implications on flow, heat transfer, and oil return are briefly mentioned. The results of stability tests with aluminum, copper, and steel coupons are tabulated for R-12 with both naphthenic and paraffinic mineral oils and for R-134a with a PAG. One test with nylon also present is included. The results indicate that the R-134a and PAG system has acceptable stability. Plans for ongoing and future tests are noted. Solubility and lubricity tests for mineral oils and alkylbenzenes with ternary zeotropic blends, comprising R-22/R-152a/R-114 (36/24/40) and R-22/R-152a/R-124 (36/24/40), are briefly reviewed. They indicate that the mineral oils did not meet solubility goals. The blend and alkylbenzene systems did not perform favorably without additives, but responded well with addition of extreme pressure (EP) additives already

used in air-conditioning and refrigeration systems. Chemical stability test results are tabulated for two paraffinic and one naphthenic mineral oils and an alkylbenzene lubricant (all unidentified) with R-12 and the two zeotropes. Qualitative findings are presented for liquid color, effect on metals, and copper plating; quantitative data are included for chloride and fluoride ion content. The bulletin concludes that the blend/alkylbenzene combination is more stable than R-12/mineral oil systems and that the blend containing R-124 (KCD-9433) is more stable than that containing R-114 (KCD-9430). Further test needs are briefly summarized.

Real Time Determination of Lubricant Concentrations Dissolved in Alternative Refrigerants, proposed research project 761-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, in planning (ASH0761)

This project will evaluate three means of measuring the concentration of lubricants circulating in refrigeration systems. The apparatus to be addressed include a viscometer, a densimeter, and an acoustic velocity sensor. The project is a follow-up to a prior project, *Real Time Determination of Concentration of Oil Dissolved in Refrigerant Flow Stream Without Sample Removal* (365-RP, see ASH0365), completed in January 1988. Three alternative refrigerants will be evaluated, including R-123, R-134a, and a third to be determined. Each will be tested with two lubricants in concentrations of 0-6% at temperatures representative of condenser outlets, namely 24-49 °C (75-120 °F). This project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.2, *Instruments and Measurements*. Further information is available from the ASHRAE Manager of Research (+1-404/636-8500).

Solubility of R-123 and R-134a in Oils, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, September 1989 (3 pages with 3 figures, available from JMC as RDB-0014)

Two figures summarize the solubility of R-123 with Mobil DTE 26 and Mobil DTE Heavy Medium mineral oils for -29 to -23 °C (-20 to -10 °F). Critical solution temperatures are shown for solutions of 70-95% R-134a in unidentified 300 and 750 SUS polyglycol lubricants.

Solubility of Refrigerant in Lubricants: HFC-134a, report NIST-3, Freon^(R) Products Laboratory, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated circa 1989 (3 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0533)

Solubility data for R-134a are presented for a range of lubricants based on tests run from -50 to +93 °C (-58 to 199 °F). Mixtures of 30, 60,

and 90% refrigerant by weight were tested with the lubricants in air-free sealed tubes. Solubility was determined, following a minimum of 15 minutes with agitation at each temperature; the blends were considered immiscible when they acquired and retained *schlieren* lines, formed floc, or formed two liquid layers. The lubricants include a polychlorotrifluoroethylene (Halocarbon blend 700/95-6.7/93.3 500 SUS), four perfluorinated poly alkyl ether oils (Krytox^(R) GPL 150 and 480 SUS and Fomblin^(R) Y 25/5 and Z-15, both 417 SUS), and Daikin Demnum^(R) S-65 300 SUS), dipenta erythritol esters of fatty acids (Hercules 240 and 290 SUS), PEG esters of fatty acids (CPI Engineering 144, 620, and 830 SUS), naphthenic oils (Suniso^(R) 5GS 500 SUS 38% aromatic, Witco 500 SUS and two experimental oils at 520 SUS 47% aromatic and 529 SUS 75% aromatic), paraffinic oil (BVM-100N 500 SUS), three alkyl benzenes (Zerol 300 SUS, Conoco DN600 125 SUS, and Nippon Oil Atmos HAB15F 78 SUS), and three silicone oils (Union Carbide L-45 163, 231, and 462 SUS).

The Compatibility of Metals with "Klea"^(TM) 134a and Ester or PAG Based Lubricants, technical note 3, ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, August 1990 (5 pages with 3 tables, RDB-2517)

The corrosion rates of metals and comments on their appearance are tabulated for selected metals, following exposures to R-134a and two lubricants for 14 days at 200 °C (392 °F). The lubricants tested were DE184 (32 cSt at 40 °C) with 90 ppm water and DE214 (14 cSt at 40 °C) with 246 ppm water. The metals include copper, 60/40 brass, OHFC copper, grade 12 cast iron, aluminum (99.6%), and aluminum alloys LM2 and LM24. Weight gain, indicating that the lubricant has entered the porosity of the metals, was observed for cast iron and the aluminum alloys for lubricant DE184 and also for the aluminum for DE214. The report notes that chemical reaction of the metallic coupons is negligible. It suggests that the effect of corrosion products due to tribological wear causes their corrosion rather than a straight chemical attack. The experimental approach is briefly outlined. A table is provided to facilitate comparisons of British Standard and ASTM designations, since the test specimens were obtained according to the former.

THERMOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES

D. Arnaud, L. Niveau, and S. Wosinski (Atochem Groupe Elf Aquitaine), **Comparison of Thermophysical Properties of HFC 125, 32, and 143a**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 375-383, July 1992 (9 pages with 4 figures and 4 tables, RDB2820)

This paper provides property data for R-32, R-125, and R-143a. These data are provided to predict the properties of their mixtures as replacements for R-502, an azeotrope containing R-22 and R-115. Critical properties, solubility, flammability, ozone depletion potential (ODP), and global warming potential (GWP) are compared for the three hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) to those of R-502. Transport properties, including thermal conductivity, viscosity, surface tension, and specific heat are similarly compared. Tabular data are provided for compatibility with polychloroprene (neoprene), nitrile butyl rubber (NBR), and polyethylene chlorosulfone (Du Pont Hypalon^(R)) elastomers. Miscibility also is compared for R-502 and the three HFCs with unidentified naphthenic mineral oil and neopentyl polyester and alkylbenzene lubricants in 80% and 5% lubricant concentrations. A series of plots provide the vapor pressure, saturated liquid density, liquid viscosity, and liquid thermal conductivity for -60 to +60 °C (-76 to 140 °F). The paper reviews the design changes required, but concludes that only few adaptations will be needed for either retrofit or new uses of these fluids.

R. S. Basu, I. R. Shankland, and R. G. Richard (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Thermodynamic and Transport Properties of 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) – An Alternative CFC Substitute in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning**, presented paper (AIChE Winter Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 1988), Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, November 1988 (26 pages, RDB0515)

R. S. Basu and D. P. Wilson (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Thermophysical Properties of 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a)**, *International Journal of Thermophysics*, Catherine Press, Limited, Brugge, Belgium, volume 10, number 3, pages 591-603, May 1989 (13 pages, RDB0514)

N. F. Carnahan and K. E. Starling, **Intermolecular Repulsions and the Equation of State for Fluids**, *AIChE Journal*, American Institute of Chemical En-

gineers (AIChE), New York, NY, volume 18, pages 1184 ff, 1972 (RDB2333)

R. F. Kayser (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Thermophysical Properties**, report DOE/CE/23810-3A, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, July 1992 (52 pages including a 6-page report and two appended draft papers, available from JMC as RDB2801)

This progress report provides an update on a project to provide highly accurate, selected thermophysical properties data for R-32, R-123, R-124, and R-125. The thermodynamic data also will be fit to modified Benedict-Webb-Rubin (MBWR) and improved Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis (CSD), or Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis-Morrison (CSDM), equations of state for each fluid. The CSDM equation takes into account the effects of the dipole moment to improve modelling of blends of very polar fluids, such as R-32/134a. Viscosity and thermal conductivity data for R-32 and thermal conductivity data for R-123 will be correlated for use in transport property models. Measurements in this reporting period have focused on the PVT behavior, isochoric heat capacity, and transport properties of R-32 and on the thermal conductivity of R-123. Measurements for R-32, based on Burnett apparatus, are described. A draft paper entitled "Ebulliometric Measurement of the Vapor Pressure of Difluoromethane (R-32)," submitted to the *Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data*, is appended. Measurements of the molar heat capacity using an adiabatic calorimeter, of thermal conductivity using a low-temperature transient hot-wire instrument, and shear viscosity using a torsional quartz crystal viscometer are outlined. The pressure and liquid densities of R-32/134a and R-32/152a were determined at the bubble points of these mixtures in a related project. The thermal conductivity of R-124 was measured in the liquid and vapor phases, and a draft paper entitled "Thermal Conductivity of 2-Chloro-1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-124)," submitted to the *International Journal of Thermophysics*, also is appended. Thermal conductivity measurements of R-125 in the vapor, liquid, and supercritical phases are outlined as are viscosity measurements for both R-124 and R-125. The thermal conductivity measurements of R-123, using low- and high-temperature transient hot-wire instruments, also are described. The agreement between newly acquired property data are compared to those resulting from other identified investigations, generally indicating more complete and much more precise findings.

R. F. Kayser (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Thermophysical Properties**,

report DOE/CE/23810-2A, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, April 1992 (9 pages with 4 figures, available from JMC as RDB2511)

This interim report introduces a project to provide highly accurate, selected thermophysical properties data for R-32, R-123, R-124, and R-125. The thermodynamic data also will be fit to modified Benedict-Webb-Rubin (MBWR) and improved Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis (CSD), or Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis-Morrison (CSDM), equations of state for each fluid. The CSDM equation takes into account the effects of the dipole moment to improve modelling of blends of very polar fluids, such as R-32/134a. Viscosity and thermal conductivity data for R-32 and thermal conductivity data for R-123 will be correlated for use in transport property models. Measurements in this reporting period have focused on the PVT behavior and vapor pressure of R-32, thermal conductivity of R-123, and speed of sound in R-124. Plots compare the measured and calculated vapor pressure data for R-32 and measured thermal conductivity of R-123 with similar data from prior studies by other researchers. The report also summarizes ongoing property measurements and modelling for the same fluids in companion research. (See RDB2801 for update)

H. Kubota, Y. Tanaka, T. Makita, H. Kashiwagi, and M. Noguchi, **Thermodynamic Properties of 1-Chloro-1,2,2,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-124)**, *International Journal of Thermophysics*, Plenum Publishing Corporation, Brugge, Belgium, volume 9, pages 85-101, 1988 (RDB2332)

P. B. Logsdon, E. A. E. Lund, I. R. Shankland, and M. R. Singh (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Properties of a Zero ODP Azeotropic Refrigerant Blend, HFC-125/HFC-143a**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 47-54, September 1992 (10 pages with 1 figure and 7 tables, RDB2A02)

M. O. McLinden (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Physical Properties of Alternatives to the Fully Halogenated Chlorofluorocarbons**, *Transactions*, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, CO, 1989 (RDB0906)

The properties of nine halogenated hydrocarbons are collected from a variety of sources, including unpublished data. These data are evaluated and correlated. Considered are the triple point, normal boiling point, and critical point parameters and the temperature dependence of the vapor pressure, saturated liquid density, sol-

ubility in water, and hydrolysis rates. The fluids, which are potential alternatives to the fully halogenated chlorofluorocarbons, are R-22, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134a, R-141b, R-142b, and R-152a; also included is the solvent R-140a (methyl chloroform).

G. Morrison and D. K. Ward (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Thermodynamic Properties of Two Alternative Refrigerants, 1,1-Dichloro-2,2,2-Trifluoroethane (R-123) and 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a)**, publication unknown, undated (38 pages with 11 figures and 7 tables, available from JMC as RDB0907)

This paper describes property measurements for R-123 and R-134a. A simple variable-volume sapphire cell was used to obtain vapor-liquid-equilibrium measurements. Vapor pressures and saturation liquid densities are presented for R-134a from -5 °C (23 °F) to the critical temperature, and for R-123 at 30-100 °C (85-210 °F). Saturation vapor density was also determined for R-134a from 35 °C (95 °F) to the critical point, where the critical conditions were measured. A mechanical oscillator densimeter was used to provide density measurements of the compressed liquids. These measurements are presented from the saturation pressure to 5.5 MPa (800 psi) for R-134a and to 3.5 MPa (500 psi) for R-123 at 5-95 °C (40-200 °F). Results are summarized and compared with similar measurements made by other groups.

R. L. Shank (Union Carbide Corporation), **Thermodynamic Properties of 1,1,1,2,2-Pentafluoropropane (Refrigerant 245cb)**, *Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data*, American Chemical Society (ACS), volume 12, number 4, pages 474-480, October 1967 (7 pages with 4 figures and 5 tables, RDB2506)

Thermodynamic properties are presented for the saturated liquid and vapor of R-245cb from -40 °C (-40 °F) to the critical temperature, 106.96 °C (224.52 °F); a pressure-enthalpy diagram is included. The critical properties, coefficients for a Benedict-Webb-Rubin (BWR) equation of state, a vapor-pressure equation, a liquid-density equation, and a heat-capacity equation are given. Data also are provided for the superheated vapor from the saturation temperature to 371 °C (700 °F). The properties listed are volume, enthalpy, entropy, heat capacity at constant pressure, and heat capacity ratio as functions of temperature and pressure. Pressure-volume isotherms are plotted for both the high-density and critical regions. These properties were calculated from measured volumetric and spectral data; the experimental procedures and calculations are described.

R. R. Singh, E. A. E. Lund, and I. R. Shankland, (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Thermophysical Properties of HFC-32, HFC-125, and HFC-32/HFC-125**, unidentified publication (8 pages with 3 figures and 4 tables, RDB2234)

L. A. Weber (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Thermophysical Properties of Some Selected Alternative Refrigerants**, presentation at the 1990 USNC/IIIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, July 1990); published in the *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 703-712, July 1992 (10 pages with 8 figures and 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0908)

Research on thermophysical properties for six candidate alternative refrigerants is summarized. Properties measured include gas- and liquid-phase PVT, vapor pressure, surface tension, index of refraction, dielectric constant, gas-phase speed of sound, critical parameters and materials compatibility. Results have been obtained for R-123, R-125, R-134, R-134a, and R-141b; some properties have been obtained for E-134.

L. A. Weber (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Vapor Pressures and Gas-Phase PVT Data for 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane**, *International Journal of Thermophysics*, Plenum Publishing Corporation, Brugge, Belgium, volume 10, number 3, pages 617-627, May 1989 (12 pages, RDB0909)

New data for the vapor pressure and PVT surface of R-134a in the temperature range of 40-150 °C (104-302 °F) are presented. The PVT data are for the gas phase at densities up to one-half critical. Densities of the saturated vapor are derived at five temperatures from the intersections of the experimental isochores with the vapor pressure curve. The data are represented analytically in order to demonstrate experimental precision and to facilitate calculation of thermodynamic properties.

L. A. Weber (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Vapor Pressures and Gas-Phase PVT Data for 1,1-Dichloro-2,2,2-Trifluoroethane**, *Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data*, American Chemical Society (ACS), volume 35, number 3, pages 237-240, July 1990 (4 pages with 2 figures and 4 tables, RDB0910)

New data for the and gas-phase PVT surface of R-123 in the temperature range 338-453 K (149-356 °F) at densities up to 0.67 mol/L are presented. The data have been represented ana-

lytically to demonstrate the precision and to facilitate calculation of thermodynamic properties.

Revision of the ASHRAE "Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants", research project 558-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, December 1987 - ongoing (ASH0558)

The contractor is Purdue University, led by P. E. Lilley; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 3.1, *Refrigerants and Brines*.

Thermophysical Properties of Pure Substances and Mixtures for Refrigeration, proceedings of the meeting of IIR Commissions B1 (Herzlia, Israel, March 1990), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, 1990 (278 pages with 33 papers, RDB1103)

Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants (R-12, Dichlorodifluoromethane), Japanese Association of Refrigeration, Tokyo, Japan, August 1981 with errata dated 1986 (160 pages with 23 figures and 90 tables in both Japanese and English, RDB-0401)

This comprehensive volume summarizes critical, thermodynamic, transport, physical, chemical, compatibility, and other data available on R-12. Included are tabular data and/or plots for PVT properties, enthalpy, entropy, isobaric and isochoric specific heat capacity, specific heat ratio, speed of sound, surface tension, viscosity, kinematic viscosity, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, Prandtl number, solubility, refractive index, dielectric constant, volume resistivity, and dielectric strength. A 32-term polynomial equation of state is presented and compared to other equations and data. Relations also are presented for key equilibrium properties. Data are tabulated for the solubility of R-12 in water, moisture contents of saturated R-12 liquid and vapor, and R-12 in a naphthenic mineral oil. Data, including decomposition products by pyrolysis and hydrolysis rates, are provided on the stability of R-12 in the presence of metals and oil. Linear swell, weight change, and observations are provided for R-12 with plastics including polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), tetrafluoroethylene-hexafluoropropylene copolymer, polyethylene, polyvinyl alcohol, polypropylene, polyvinylchloride (PVC), polyvinylidene chloride, nylon resin, acrylic resin (polymethacrylate), polystyrene, phenolic resin, epoxy resin, acetal resin, cellulose acetate, cellulose nitrate, acryl fiber, and polyester fiber. Linear swell data are tabulated for neat R-12, oil, and a 50/50 mixture with elastomers including neoprene W, neoprene GN, neoprene RT, Buna^(TM) N, Buna^(TM) S, natural rubber, polysulfide rubber, epichlorohydrin rubber, butyl rubber GR-I, chlorosulfo-

nated polyethylene (Du Pont Hypalon^(R) 40), polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), fluoroelastomers (Du Pont Viton^(R) A and B), and urethane rubber. Published safety data, including toxicity and flammability, are summarized. The volume contains an extensive list of references as well as discussion of the ranges and differences among property sources identified. An introductory section outlines conversions among several metric systems, including SI, and inch-pound units. An appendix summarizes quality requirements for compliance with the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) and specifically JIS K1517-1973.

Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants (R-13B1, Bromotrifluoromethane), Japanese Association of Refrigeration, Tokyo, Japan, March 1989 (162 pages with 25 figures and 50 tables in both Japanese and English, RDB0402)

This comprehensive volume summarizes critical, thermodynamic, transport, physical, chemical, compatibility, and other data available on R-13B1. Included are tabular data and/or plots for PVT properties, enthalpy, entropy, isobaric and isochoric specific heat capacity, specific heat ratio, speed of sound, surface tension, viscosity, kinematic viscosity, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, Prandtl number, solubility, refractive index, dielectric constant, volume resistivity, and dielectric strength. An equation of state is presented and compared to other equations and data. Relations also are presented for key equilibrium properties. Data are tabulated for the solubility of R-13B1 in both a naphthenic mineral oil and a synthetic polyglycol lubricant. Limited stability and compatibility data are outlined. Published safety data, including toxicity and flammability, are summarized. The volume contains an extensive list of references as well as discussion of the ranges and differences among property sources identified. An introductory section outlines conversions among several metric systems, including SI, and inch-pound units. An appendix addresses compliance with the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS), noting that the quality of R-13B1 is not covered; requirements for the quality of R-13B1 as a fire extinguishant, Halon 1301, under an ordinance of the Ministry of Home Affairs are summarized. R-13B1 also is regulated as a "liquified gas" by the Japanese Regulation on High-Pressure Gases.

Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants (R-22, Chlorodifluoromethane), Japanese Association of Refrigeration, Tokyo, Japan, November 1975 with errata dated 1986 (164 pages with 22 figures and 78 tables in both Japanese and English, RDB-0403)

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This comprehensive volume summarizes critical, thermodynamic, transport, physical, chemical, compatibility, and other data available on R-22. Included are tabular data and/or plots for PVT properties, enthalpy, entropy, isobaric and isochoric specific heat capacity, specific heat ratio, speed of sound, surface tension, viscosity, kinematic viscosity, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, Prandtl number, solubility, refractive index, dielectric constant, volume resistivity, and dielectric strength. An equation of state is presented and compared to other equations and data. Relations also are presented for key equilibrium properties. Published safety data, including toxicity and flammability, are summarized. The volume contains an extensive list of references as well as discussion of the ranges and differences among property sources identified. An introductory section outlines conversions among several metric systems, including SI, and inch-pound units.

Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants (R-114, 1,2-Dichlorotetrafluoroethane), Japanese Association of Refrigeration, Tokyo, Japan, March 1986 (162 pages with 23 figures and 46 tables in both Japanese and English, RDB0404)

This comprehensive volume summarizes critical, thermodynamic, transport, physical, chemical, compatibility, and other data available on R-114. Included are tabular data and/or plots for PVT properties, enthalpy, entropy, isobaric and isochoric specific heat capacity, specific heat ratio, speed of sound, surface tension, viscosity, kinematic viscosity, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, Prandtl number, solubility, refractive index, dielectric constant, volume resistivity, and dielectric strength. An extended Martin-Hou equation of state is presented and compared to other equations and data. Relations also are presented for key equilibrium properties. Data are tabulated for the solubility of R-114 in water, moisture contents of saturated R-114 liquid and vapor, and R-114 in both a naphthenic mineral oil and a synthetic polyperfluoroether lubricant. Limited data on hydrolysis rates, stability of R-114 in the presence of metals and oil, and compatibility with other materials are outlined. Published safety data, including toxicity and flammability, are summarized. The volume contains an extensive list of references as well as discussion of the ranges and differences among property sources identified. An introductory section outlines conversions among several metric systems, including SI, and inch-pound units. An appendix summarizes quality requirements for compliance with the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) and specifically JIS K1528-1982. R-114 also is regulated as a "liquified gas" by the Japanese Regulation on High-Pressure Gases.

Thermophysical Properties of Environmentally Acceptable Fluorocarbons - HFC-134a and HCFC-123, Japanese Association of Refrigeration and Japan Fluon Gas Association, Tokyo, Japan, 1991 (304 pages with 83 figures and 99 tables in both Japanese and English, RDB2235)

This comprehensive volume summarizes critical, thermodynamic, transport, physical, chemical, compatibility, and other data available on R-123 and R-134a. Included are tabular data and/or plots for solubility, refractive index, dielectric constant, dielectric strength, PVT properties and equations of state, enthalpy, entropy, isobaric and isochoric specific heat capacity, isentropic expansion exponent, speed of sound, surface tension, viscosity, kinematic viscosity, and thermal conductivity. Data on thermal and chemical stability are summarized, including weight and length changes with polypropylene, polystyrene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyamide, polyimide, chlorinated and chlorosulfonated polyethylene, nitrile butadiene rubber, Butyl(TM) rubber, fluorocarbon rubber, ethylene propylene diene terpolymer (EPDM), urethane rubber, and polychloroprene. Safety data, including toxicity and flammability, are summarized. The volume contains an extensive list of references as well as discussion of the ranges and differences among property sources identified. An introductory section outlines conversions among several metric systems, including SI, and inch-pound units. It also reviews the environmental concerns with chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants.

Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants (R-502, Azeotrope of R-22 and R-115), Japanese Association of Refrigeration, Tokyo, Japan, November 1986 (164 pages with 21 figures and 44 tables in both Japanese and English, RDB0405)

This comprehensive volume summarizes critical, thermodynamic, transport, physical, chemical, compatibility, and other data available on R-502, an azeotrope comprising 48.8% R-22 and 51.2% R-115 by weight. Included are tabular data and/or plots for PVT properties, enthalpy, entropy, isobaric and isochoric specific heat capacity, specific heat ratio, isentropic expansion exponent, speed of sound, surface tension, viscosity, kinematic viscosity, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, Prandtl number, solubility, refractive index, and dielectric constant. An extended Benedict-Webb-Rubin (BWR) equation of state is presented and compared to other equations and data. Relations also are presented for key equilibrium properties. Data are tabulated for the solubility of water in R-502 and of R-502 in alkylbenzene lubricant. Limited data are provided on the stability of R-502 in the presence of metals and oil and on linear swell

for neoprene GN, Buna(TM) N, natural rubber, GR-I, GR-S, and polysulfide rubber. Published safety data, including toxicity and flammability, are summarized. The volume contains an extensive list of references as well as discussion of the ranges and differences among property sources identified. An introductory section outlines conversions among several metric systems, including SI, and inch-pound units. An appendix addresses compliance with the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS), noting that the quality of R-502 is not covered; JIS K1528-1982 requirements for the quality of R-22 are summarized.

Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants 123 and 134a, proposed research project 655A-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, in planning (ASH0655A)

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Thermophysical Properties of Refrigerants 125 and 141b, proposed research project 655B-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, in planning (ASH0655B)

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H. D. Baehr (Universität Hannover), **New Refrigerants, Research into Their Thermodynamic Property Data**, *Proceedings of the 3rd International Energy Agency Heat Pump Conference* (Tokyo, Japan, 12-15 March 1990) edited by T. Saito and Y. Igarashi, Pergamon Press, Elmsford, NY, pages 243-251, 1990 (12 pages with 1 figure and 3 tables, RDB0406)

M. Barret and Y. Candau (Université Paris XII - Val de Marne, France), **Thermodynamic Properties Computation of Two Possible Substitute Refrigerants**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 433-442, July 1992 (10 pages with 3 figures and 7 tables, RDB2826)

D. R. Defibaugh and G. Morrison (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Compressed Liquid Densities, Saturated Liquid Densities, and Saturation Pressures of Mixtures: Difluoromethane + 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, Difluoromethane + 1,1-Difluoroethane**, *Proceedings of*

the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 473-478, July 1992 (6 pages with 8 figures, RDB2830)

R-32/R-134a, R-32/R-152a

P. A. Domanski and D. A. Didion, **Impact of Refrigerant Property Uncertainties on Prediction of Vapor Compression Cycle Performance**, report NBSIR 86-3373, National Institute of Standards and Technology (then the National Bureau of Standards), Gaithersburg, MD, December 1986 (54 pages, RDB0922)

This paper presents a sensitivity study of a vapor-compression cycle in the form of a heat pump operating in the cooling mode. The study was performed with the aid of a detailed simulation model; runs were made for different parametric values and the capacity and power input were compared with results of a run using an unchanged value of the parameters. The effects on evaporator and condenser pressures, and refrigerant mass flow rate are given. The independent variables include thermodynamic and transport properties, as well as the refrigerant flow, heat transfer, and pressure drop coefficients. The parameters which had the most effect on system performance were liquid transport properties, evaporative heat transfer coefficient, and vapor density.

J. Gallagher, M. O. McLinden, and G. Morrison, **REFPROP, A Program for the Calculation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerants and Refrigerant Mixtures**, NIST Standard Reference Database 23 version 2.0, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, March 1991 (software and documentation available from NIST, RDB1105)

Version 2.00 of REFPROP calculates properties for 18 pure refrigerants and 24 binary mixtures of them in user-selected units of measurement. These refrigerants include R-11, R-12, R-13, R-13B1, R-14, R-22, R-23, R-113, R-114, R-115, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134, and R-134a, R-142b, R-152a, and R-C270. This version has been superseded; see RDB2430.

J. Gallagher, M. O. McLinden, and G. Morrison, **REFPROP, A Program for the Calculation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerants and Refrigerant Mixtures**, NIST Standard Reference Database 23 version 1.02, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, 28 September 1990 (software and documentation, RDB-0916)

Version 1.02 of REFPROP calculates properties for 16 pure refrigerants and 24 binary mixtures

of them in user-selected units of measurement. These refrigerants include R-11, R-12, R-13, R-13B1, R-14, R-22, R-23, R-113, R-114, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134, and R-134a, R-142b and R-152a. This version has been superseded; see RDB2430.

X. Guozhen, W. Yezheng, D. Kunxuan, and C. Zhong (Xi'an Jiaotong University, China), **The Relations Used to Analyze the Phase Equilibrium Properties of Binary Refrigerant Mixtures**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 425-432, July 1992 (8 pages with 2 figures and 4 tables, RDB2825)

M. L. Huber and M. O. McLinden (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Thermodynamic Properties of R-134a (1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane)**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 453-462, July 1992 (10 pages with 4 figures and 9 tables, RDB2828)

P. F. Malbrunot, P. A. Meunier, G. M. Scatena (Laboratoire des Hauts Pressions, France), W. H. Mears, K. P. Murphy, and J. V. Sinka (Allied-Signal Incorporated, then Allied Chemical Corporation), **Pressure-Volume-Temperature Behavior of Difluoromethane**, *Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data*, volume 13, number 1, pages 16-21, January 1968 (6 pages with 3 figures and 7 tables, RDB2310)

The pressure-volume-temperature (PVT) properties of R-32 are correlated using the Martin-Hou equation of state to within $\pm 0.94\%$ standard deviation over the experimental ranges: 25-200 °C (77-392 °F), 0.8-20 MPa (120-2900 psia), and 47-1.8 cc/g (0.75-0.03 cf/lb). Vapor pressures have been determined from -83 °C (-117 °F) to 78.4 °C (173 °F), the measured critical temperature. Using liquid densities measured between -25 and +78 °C (-13 and +172 °F) and densities of saturated vapor computed from the Martin-Hou equation, a rectilinear diameter line has been developed. The critical pressure and density are 5.830 MPa (846 psia) and 430 kg/m³ (26.8 lb/cf), respectively.

M. O. McLinden (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Thermodynamic Properties of CFC Alternatives – A Survey of Available Data**, *CFCs: Today's Options – Tomorrow's Solutions* (proceedings of ASHRAE CFC Technology Conference, Gaithersburg, MD, 27-28 September 1989), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta,

GA, pages 17-31, 1990; republished in *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 13, number 5, May 1990, pages 149-162 (15 pages with 29 figures and 5 tables, RDB0912)

Thermodynamic properties, from a variety of sources including unpublished data, are summarized for ten potential substitutes for CFC refrigerants. The fluids include R-22, R-23, R-32, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134a, R-142b, R-143a, and R-152a. The data include triple-point, normal boiling point, and critical point parameters, and the temperature dependence of the vapor pressure, saturated liquid density, and ideal-gas data heat capacity. Also considered are single-phase PVT data. The saturation and ideal-gas data are fit to simple correlations.

M. O. McLinden, J. S. Gallagher, L. A. Weber, G. Morrison, D. Ward, A. R. H. Goodwin, M. R. Moldover, J. W. Schmidt, H. B. Chae, T. J. Bruno, J. F. Ely, and M. L. Huber (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Measurement and Formulation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerants 134a (1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane) and 123 (1,1-Dichloro-2,2,2-Trifluoroethane)**, paper 3282 (RP-588), *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 95, part 2, pages 263-283, 1989 (21 pages, RDB0913)

Thermodynamic properties of R-134a and R-123 are formulated using a modified Benedict-Webb-Rubin (MBWR) equation of state fit to experimental measurements of the critical point, vapor pressure, saturated liquid and vapor volumes, superheated pressure-volume-temperature (PVT) behavior, and second virial coefficients derived from PVT and sound speed measurements. The heat capacity of the ideal gas reference state is determined from sound speed measurements on the low density vapor. Surface tensions are also presented. The experimental methods and results are summarized, compared to the property formulation, and compared to other sources in the literature. Tables and diagrams of the thermodynamic properties of R-123 and R-134a, prepared using the MBWR equation of state, are presented. While the various measurements cover different ranges of temperature and pressure, the MBWR formulation is applicable in both the liquid and vapor phases at pressures up to 10,000 kPa (1500 psia); the applicable temperature range is 233 to 450 K (-40 to 350 °F) for R-134a and 255 to 450 K (0 to 350 °F) for R-123. This paper summarizes the results of ASHRAE research project RP-588.

R. C. Miller, A. D. Ceballos, K. R. Hall, and J. C. Holste (Texas A&M University), **Accurate Vapor**

Pressures for Refrigerants, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 479-487, July 1992 (9 pages with 3 figures and 2 tables, RDB2831)

Y. Monluc, T. Sagawa, H. Sato, and K. Watanabe (Keio University, Japan), **Thermodynamic Properties of HFC-125**, paper B101, *Proceedings of the Twelfth Japan Symposium on Thermophysical Properties*, pages 65-68, 1991 (4 pages with 5 figures and 1 table, RDB2427)

This paper reports experimental data for R-125, including vapor pressure and PVT properties in the vapor phase. Vapor pressures were measured for 303-339 K (86-151 °F) and correlated; the critical pressure (3.633 MPa, 527.3 psia) also was determined based on a critical temperature previously determined by M. O. McLinden of 339.4 K (151.3 °F). PVT properties were measured along five isochores for temperatures of 240-423 K (-27 to 302 °F), pressures of 1.5-8.6 MPa (220-1250 psia), and densities of 97-446 kg/m³ (6-28 lb/cf). The experimental approach and regression equation are presented and vapor pressure measurements are tabulated and plotted. The PVT properties for the vapor phase also are plotted and compared to other published data.

G. Morrison and J. S. Gallagher (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **REFPROP: A Thermodynamic Properties Software Program for Refrigerants and Their Mixtures**, publication unknown, 1990 (12 pages with 2 figures, available from JMC, RDB0914)

This paper introduces REFPROP, a computer software package that produces tables of thermodynamic properties for 15 refrigerants and 20 of their binary mixtures. It addresses the Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis (CSD) equation of state chosen for property calculations, the software subroutines included, and sources used to obtain the incorporated property data. The paper compares output to source data for R-123. (Please see RDB2430 for further information on REFPROP.)

G. Morrison and M. O. McLinden, **Application of a Hard Sphere Equation of State to Refrigerants and Refrigerant to Mixtures**, NBS Technical Note 1226, National Institute of Standards and Technology (then the National Bureau of Standards), Gaithersburg, MD, August 1986 (156 pages, RDB-0911)

The Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis (CSD) equation of state is applied to halogenated hydrocarbon refrigerants and their mixtures. A set of thermodynamic functions is derived from the PVT

equation of state and the ideal gas heat capacities. Reference states are discussed for both pure materials and mixtures. Although the model exhibits a critical point, it does not quantitatively represent properties in the critical region. Despite this limitation, this model can represent both liquid and gaseous mixtures away from their own critical points, even at conditions near to and above the critical points of their components. Algorithms and FORTRAN routines for the use of this model are presented along with the numerical coefficients for 11 pure refrigerants and 7 mixtures. Routines for evaluating the coefficients from saturation data are included. Several examples of the application of this equation of state are presented to demonstrate its versatility. The average deviation from the tabulated saturation properties of the 11 pure refrigerants is 0.54% for pressures, 0.09% for liquid volumes, and 0.50% for vapor volumes.

T. W. Phillips and K. P. Murphy (Allied-Signal Incorporated, then Allied Chemical Corporation), **Liquid Viscosity of Halogenated Refrigerants**, paper 2152, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 76, part II, pages 146-156, June 1970 (12 pages with 5 figures and 3 tables, RDB2315)

Liquid viscosity data are tabulated for R-11, R-12, R-13, R-22, R-114, R-115, R-133a, R-152a, R-500, R-502, R-31/R-114, R-115/R-152a, R-503, R-504, and R-32/R-12.

T. W. Phillips and K. P. Murphy (Allied-Signal Incorporated, then Allied Chemical Corporation), **Liquid Viscosity of Halocarbons**, *Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data*, volume 15, number 2, pages 304-307, February 1970 (4 pages with 5 figures and 5 tables, RDB2314)

C-C. Piao, H. Sato, and K. Watanabe (Keio University, Japan), **Thermodynamic Charts, Tables, and Equations for HFC-134a**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 97, part 2, 1991; republished in *Alternative Refrigerants*, technical data bulletin 7(3), ASHRAE, pages 28-44, October 1991 (17 pages with 15 figures and 4 tables, RDB2615)

C-C. Piao, H. Sato, and K. Watanabe (Keio University, Japan), **An Experimental Study for PVT Properties of CFC Alternative Refrigerant 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (R-134a)**, *CFC Alternatives*, technical data bulletin 6(1), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 1-9, June 1990; republished in *Transactions, American Soci-*

ety of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Atlanta, GA, volume 96, 1990 (9 pages with 8 figures and 4 tables, RDB2334)

U. Plöcker, H. Knapp, and J. Prausnitz, **Calculation of High-Pressure Vapor-Liquid Equilibria from a Corresponding-States Correlation with Emphasis on Asymmetric Mixtures**, *Ind. Eng. Chem. Process Des. Dev.*, volume 17, number 3, pages 324-332, 1978 (RDB2337)

O. Z-Y. Qian, H. Matsunobe, H. Sato, and K. Watanabe (Keio University, Japan), **Thermodynamic Property Measurements for Difluoromethane (HFC-32) by a Burnett Method**, paper B103, *Proceedings of the Twelfth Japan Symposium on Thermophysical Properties*, pages 73-76, 1991 (4 pages with 8 figures, RDB2428)

This paper summarizes measurements of vapor pressures of R-32 at temperatures of 300-330 K (80-134 °F) and compressibility factors for 300-350 K (80-170 °F) and 0.15-4.3 MPa (22-624 psia). The experimental apparatus used, based on a Burnett method, is briefly described. Second and third virial coefficients for property calculations are presented. A systematic error, related to an adsorption effect in the Burnett experimental procedure, and a correction are discussed.

J. R. Sand, S. K. Fischer (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, ORNL), and J. A. Jones (Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology), **Experimentally Determined and Estimated CSD and LKP Interaction Coefficients for Ozone-Safe Refrigerant Mixtures**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, in publication (RDB2336)

Estimates of interaction coefficients (ICs) are provided for binary refrigerant blends for both the Carnahan-Starling-Desantis (CSD) and Lee-Kessler-Plöcker (LKP) equations of state (EOS). These IC values characterize the non-ideal behavior of mixtures, and are useful in calculating thermodynamic properties. The estimates were determined by least-squares fits of the CSD and LKP equations to previously measured, saturated vapor pressure (bubble point) data. 71 mixtures of 8 different refrigerants in 18 binary combinations were analyzed. The combinations included R-12/R-152a, R-22/R-124, R-22/R-134, R-22/R-134a, R-22/R-142b, R-22/R-152a, R-23/R-22, R-23/R-134a, R-124/R-142b, R-134/R-124, R-134/R-142b, R-134a/R-124, R-134a/R-134, R-134a/R-142b, R-134a/R-152a, R-152a/R-124, R-152a/R-134, and 152a/R-142b. The paper describes the use of IC values, experimental apparatus used to measure the data, presents the resulting ICs, and discusses variances found with previously determined values. Good agreement was found for several known blends,

but poor agreement resulted for the well characterized R-22/R-142b blend; further experimental verification is recommended. Comparisons between experimental ICs and those calculated from physical properties or critical constants of the components suggest that refinement of the property calculation algorithms may be desirable.

B-H. Wang, J. L. Adcock, S. B. Mathur, and W. A. Van Hook (University of Tennessee), **Vapor Pressures, Liquid Molar Volumes, Vapor Non-Ideality, and Critical Properties of Some Fluorinated Ethers: $\text{CF}_3\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_3$, $\text{CF}_3\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{H}$, $\text{c-CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CF}_3\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$, and CF_3OCH_3 ; and of CCl_3F and CF_2ClH** , *Journal of Chem. Thermodynamics*, Academic Press Limited, volume 23, pages 699-710, December 1991 (12 pages with 8 tables, RDB2505)

Vapor pressures, compressibilities, expansivities, and molar volumes of the liquid phase are presented, based on measurements between room temperature and the critical temperature, for a series of fluorinated ethers. Critical temperatures and pressures and approximate melting and boiling temperatures are tabulated for perfluorodimethoxymethane, 2-hydril-F-ethyl F-methyl ether, F-oxetane, and pentafluorodimethyl ether. These ethers are under investigation as potential refrigerants, blowing agents, and cleaning agents based on their physical and chemical similarity to present refrigerants. Equations are presented for determination of these properties. Vapor-phase nonidealities were measured for each compound, but only for samples of high vapor density. Apparatus calibrations were verified with measurements for R-11 and R-22.

K. Watanabe, H. Sato, and Z-Y. Qian (Keio University, Japan), **Thermodynamic Properties of New Refrigerants - HFC-32 and HFC-125**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 443-452, July 1992 (10 pages with 9 figures, RDB2827)

L. A. Weber (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Criteria for Establishing Accurate Vapor Pressure Curves**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 463-471, July 1992 (9 pages with 4 figures, RDB2829)

L. A. Weber and J. M. H. Levelt Sengers (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Critical Parameters and Saturation Densities of**

1,1-Dichloro-2,2,2-Trifluoroethane, Fluid Phase Equilibria, Elsevier Science Publishers B.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands, volume 55, pages 241-249, 1990 (9 pages, RDB0915)

An optical cell has been used to determine the critical parameters, T_c and p_c , and densities along the liquid-vapor phase boundary of R-123. The critical temperature was found to be 456.87 K (363 °F) and the critical density is 550 kg/m³. The critical pressure was calculated from vapor pressure data to be 36.74 bar, which yields a value of 0.269 for the critical compressibility factor, Z_c . Measurement temperatures varied from 298 K (77 °F) to the critical point for the saturated liquid and from 433 K (320 °F) to the critical point for saturated vapor.

D. P. Wilson and R. S. Basu (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Thermodynamic Properties of a New Stratospherically Safe Working Fluid – R-134a**, ASHRAE Special Publication, *CFCs: Time of Transition*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 104 ff, 1989 (RDB2236)

E. G. Wright (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated), **Prediction of Refrigerant Ternary Mixture Properties Using the Redlich-Kwong-Soave Equation of State**, *Advances in Nonazeotropic Mixture Refrigerants for Heat Pumps*, technical data bulletin, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 37-52, June 1985 (RDB2331)

M-S. Zhu, L-Z. Han, Y-D. Fu, J. Wu, and C-X. Lu (Tsinghua University, China), **Research on PVT Properties, Vapor Pressure, and Surface Tension of HFC-134a**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 499-509, July 1992 (11 pages with 5 figures and 8 tables, RDB2833)

Selected Physical Properties of HCFC-123, HCFC-123a, HCFC-124, HFC-125, HFC-134, HFC-134a, and HFC-143a, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0504)

The critical temperature in °F, critical pressure in psia, critical density in lb/cf, boiling point temperature in °F, and molecular weight (relative molecular mass) are tabulated for R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, and R-143a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Martin-Hou Equations of State, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, May 1990 (3 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB-0505)

The Martin-Hou equation of State and related equations to calculate the enthalpy and entropy of refrigerants are presented. Reference points and coefficients are provided, in consistent inch-pound units, for R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, and R-143a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Gas Heat Capacity, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 23 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0506)

An equation is provided to calculate the gas heat capacity of refrigerants in Btu/lb·°R as a function of temperature in °R. Coefficients are provided for R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, and R-143a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Liquid Density, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 1 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0507)

An equation is provided to calculate the liquid density of refrigerants in lb/cf as a function of critical properties. Coefficients are provided for R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, and R-143a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Liquid Viscosity Correlation, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 23 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0508)

A correlation is provided to calculate the viscosity of refrigerants, in lb/hr·ft, in their liquid state as a function of temperature, in °R. Coefficients, based on measurements in the range of -20 to +80 °C (-4 to +176 °F), are provided for R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, and R-134a. An equation is included to estimate the viscosity of R-134a in its vapor state. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Liquid Thermal Conductivity Correlation, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 23 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0509)

A correlation is provided to calculate the thermal conductivity of refrigerants, in Btu/hr·ft·°F, in their liquid state as a function of temperature, in °F. Coefficients, based on measurements in the range of 25-70 °C (77-158 °F), are provided for

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R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, and R-134a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Pressure-Enthalpy Graphs for the Alternative Refrigerants R-32, R-123, R-125, R-134a, and R-141b, research project 743-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1992 - October 1992 (ASH0743)

The contractor for the project is University of Idaho, led by S. G. Penoncello; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 3.1, *Refrigerants and Brines*.

Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerants 125 and 141b, research project 654-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, September 1990 - December 1992 (ASH0654)

This study will determine the liquid densities, vapor densities, vapor pressures, PVT properties, enthalpy, entropy, specific heat, and sound velocities of R-125. Vapor specific heat and PVT will be determined for R-141b. Critical temperatures and pressures will be determined for each substance. The contractor for the project is Texas A&M University led by J. C. Holste; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 3.1, *Refrigerants and Brines*.

Vapor Thermal Conductivity Correlation, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 23 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0510)

A correlation is provided to calculate the thermal conductivity of refrigerants, in Btu/hr-ft²-°F, in their vapor state as a function of temperature, in °F. Coefficients, based on measurements in the range of 25-70 °C (77-158 °F), are provided for R-123, R-123a, R-124, and R-134a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

Vapor Pressure, preliminary information bulletin, Buffalo Research Laboratory, Allied-Signal Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, 1 May 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0511)

An equation is provided to calculate the vapor pressure of refrigerants in psia as a function of temperature in °R. Coefficients are provided for R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, and R-143a. The information presented is preliminary and estimated.

REFPROP, A Program for the Calculation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerants and Refrigerant Mixtures, description, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, January 1990 (4 pages, RDB1104)

REFPROP calculates thermodynamic properties of refrigerants, both single component and mixtures. Tables produced by REFPROP can be used in estimating the efficiency and capability for a wide range of equipment with conventional and alternative refrigerants. This user-friendly package generates saturation property tables at desired temperatures or pressures, as well as tables of properties with the independent variables chosen from pressure, volume, temperature, entropy, and enthalpy. Dependent variables include those mentioned plus constant-pressure and constant-volume heat capacities, and velocities of sound. Version 1.0 of REFPROP calculates properties for 15 pure refrigerants and 20 binary mixtures. The calculations are based on wide-ranging measurements, including new data for refrigerants R-123, R-124, R-134, and R-134a, as well as revised correlations for R-11, R-13, R-13B1, R-14, R-22, R-23, R-113, R-114, R-142b and R-152a. The Carnahan-Starling-DeSantis (CSD) equation of state and ideal gas heat capacities are used. REFPROP runs on IBM-compatible personal computers. Future upgrades will include additional refrigerants and ternary blends. (Please see RDB2430 for further information on REFPROP.)

REFPROP, A Program for the Calculation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Refrigerants and Refrigerant Mixtures, NIST Standard Reference Database 23 version 3.0, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, March 1992 (software and documentation available from NIST, RDB2430)

Version 3.00 of REFPROP calculates properties for 26 pure refrigerants, as well mixtures of up to five of them. These refrigerants include R-11, R-12, R-13, R-13B1, R-14, R-21, R-22, R-23, R-113, R-114, R-115, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-141b, R-142b, R-143, R-143a, R-152a, R-218, R-290 (propane), R-C270 (cyclopropane), RC-318, and E-134. Fourteen thermodynamic properties can be calculated, in user-selected units of measurement. This update replaces version 2.0 [see RDB1105].

Thermodynamic Properties of [HC]FC-123, report NIST-5, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (44 pages with 1 figure and 3 tables, available from JMC as RDB0301)

This report provides thermodynamic property data for R-123 in inch-pound (IP) units of measure. Measured physical and estimated critical properties are tabulated. Four basic equations for vapor pressure, the Redlich-Kwong equation of state, density of the saturated liquid, and heat capacity of the vapor are presented. A table tabulates pressure, volume, density, enthalpy,

and entropy at saturated conditions for the temperature range of -73 to 184 °C (-100 to 363 °F) in 0.6 °C (1 °F) increments and for the critical temperature of 184 °C (363.2 °F). A second table tabulates volume, enthalpy, and entropy of superheated vapor at constant pressure. The report concludes with a pressure-enthalpy diagram.

Thermodynamic Properties of [H]FC-134a, report NIST-6, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, undated (27 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0302)

This report provides thermodynamic property data for R-134a in inch-pound (IP) units of measure calculated with the Redlich-Kwong equation of state. A table tabulates pressure, volume, density, enthalpy, and entropy at saturated conditions for the temperature range of -73 to 100 °C (-100 to 212 °F) in 0.6 °C (1 °F) increments and for the critical temperature of 100.6 °C (213.0 °F). A second table tabulates volume, enthalpy, and entropy of superheated vapor at constant pressure.

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H. B. Chae, J. W. Schmidt, and M. R. Moldover (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Surface Tension of Refrigerants R-123 and R-134a**, *Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data*, American Chemical Society (ACS), pages 6-8, January 1990 (3 pages with 2 figures and 3 tables, RDB0917)

The surface tensions of two environmentally acceptable refrigerants (R-123 and R-134a) were measured with a differential capillary rise technique. Measurements span the temperature range -25 to +140 °C (-13 to 284 °F) for R-123 and -10 to +95 °C (14 to 203 °F) for R-134a.

H. B. Chae, J. W. Schmidt, and M. R. Moldover (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Alternative Refrigerants R-123, R-141b, R-142b, and R-152a: Critical Temperature, Refractive Index, Surface Tension, and Estimates of Liquid, Vapor, and Critical Densities**, *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, June 1990 (24 pages, RDB-0918)

Differential capillary rise and refractive index data are reported for five alternative refrigerants: R-123a, R-134, R-141b, R-142b, and R-152a. The data extend from about 25 °C (77 °F) to the critical point of each fluid and directly yield the critical temperature T_c and the temperature-dependent capillary length. The present data were combined with liquid density data (near ambient

temperature) to determine the Lorentz-Lorenz constant. The Lorentz-Lorenz relation is used to estimate the liquid, vapor, and critical densities, and the surface tension. R-141b slowly decomposed when maintained near its critical point (in contact with gold, sapphire, stainless steel, and crown glass).

B. R. Fellows, R. G. Richard, and I. R. Shankland (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Electrical Characterization of Alternate Refrigerants**, paper 45, proceedings of the XVIIIth International Congress of Refrigeration (Montreal, Québec, Canada, August 1991), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, August 1991 (10 pages with 2 figures and 7 tables, RDB2319)

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This project is developing a meter to measure instantaneous mass flow of two-phase refrigerants for use in laboratories, rating procedures, and field monitoring. The contractor for the project is McMaster University (Canada) led by M. Shoukri and J. S. Chang; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.2, *Instruments and Measurements*.

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The contractor for the project is the Radian Corporation, led by T. J. Nelson; it is sponsored by the ASHRAE Task Group on *Halocarbon Emissions*

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D. L. Hinton (Tennessee State University), J. C. Conklin, and E. A. Vineyard (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, ORNL), **Evaporation Characteristics of R-22 Flowing Inside a Corrugated Tube, Enhanced Heat Transfer** (proceedings of the 28th National Heat Transfer Conference, San Diego, CA), edited by M. B. Pate and M. K. Jensen, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), New York, NY, Heat Transfer Division volume 202, pages 127-132, August 1992 (6 pages with 12 figures, available from JMC as RDB2902)

This paper compares the boiling performance of R-22 for two tubes, one smooth and one with corrugated (also called spirally indented) heat transfer enhancement. The investigation serves as the reference case for future work on zeotropic mixtures. The experimental apparatus and instrumentation are described; the former comprises a variable-speed compressor, variable-orifice flow-metering device, and two sets of counterflow, concentric-tube heat exchangers with different tube-side surfaces. The measurements reflect use of an alkylbenzene lubricant, with an estimated circulation concentration of the order of 1%. Two temperature levels were investigated, corresponding to those for the heating and cooling modes of air-source heat pumps at standard rating conditions. The measured heat transfer coefficient (HTC) for evaporation is compared to predictions, based on correlations from prior studies. HTC is then plotted versus heat flux and quality; both HTC and pressure drop are plotted against mass flux. The paper concludes that the corrugated tube geometry does enhance heat transfer over a wide range of mass and heat fluxes, with the most significant increase occurring at low qualities. The paper discusses suppression of nucleate boiling in the corrugated tube at lower mass fluxes; it suggests that evaporator designs be split to use corrugated tubes where the heat transfer is highest, at low qualities, and some other geometry for the intermediate and high quality regions.

D. W. Hughes, J. T. McMullan, K. A. Mawhinney, and R. Morgan, **Influence of Oil on Evaporator Heat Transfer (Results for R-12 and Shell Clavus 68)**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris France, volume 7, number 3, pages 150-158, May 1984 (10 pages, RDB0923)

Experiments to investigate the influence of lubricating oil on heat transfer and refrigerant flow in evaporators are described. R-12 and Shell Clavus 68 oil were used. Efforts were made to model actual operation as closely as possible. The oil was found to have a significant effect on refrigerant flow and pressure drop. Measurements made on the heat transfer coefficient indicated that the oil had different effects de-

pending on the fluid flow regime. No effect was apparent for annular-wavy regimes, but the presence of oil significantly reduced the heat transfer coefficient for annular-film flows.

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J. Ogata, Y. Iwafuji, Y. Shimada (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Limited), and T. Yamazaki (Tokyo Electric Power Company), **Boiling Heat Transfer Enhancement in Tube-Bundle Evaporators Utilizing Electric Field Effects**, paper BA-92-5-2 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (10 pages with 10 figures and 3 tables, RDB2609)

M. M. Ohadi, R. A. Papar, T. L. Ng, M. A. Faani, and R. Radermacher (University of Maryland), **EHD Enhancement of Shell-Side Boiling Heat Transfer Coefficients of R-123/Oil Mixture**, paper BA-92-5-1 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (8 pages with 10 figures and 1 table, RDB2608)

C. Pais and R. L. Webb (Pennsylvania State University), **Literature Survey of Pool Boiling on Enhanced Surfaces**, technical paper 3444, *Transac-*

tions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 97, part 1, 1991 (RDB2405)

M. B. Pate, **Evaporation and Condensation Heat Transfer Coefficients for HCFC-124/HCFC-22/HFC-152a**, *Proceedings of the 1990 USNC/IIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference*, edited by D. R. Tree, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, July 1990 (RDB2240)

P. Rohlin (The Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden), **Coefficients of Performance and Local Heat Transfer Coefficients for Flow Boiling Inside Horizontal Tubes with Nonazeotropic Refrigerant Mixtures in a Small Exhaust Air Heat Pump**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 157-166, July 1992 (10 pages with 8 figures and 1 table, RDB2717)

Test results are presented for three refrigerant blends in an exhaust-air heat pump, with a heating capacity of 1050-1450 W (3600-4950 Btu/h). Such heat pumps are used, widely in Sweden, to recover heat from exhaust air to heat service hot water, particularly for large multifamily residential buildings. Heating coefficients of performance (COPs), capacities, and local heat transfer coefficients in the evaporator are compared to those for R-12. Data for R-22/R-152a/R-124 (36/24/40) and two blends of R-22/R-142b (45/55 and 60/40) are plotted and discussed. The experiments indicate that use of these zeotropic mixtures can increase both the COP and capacity despite a large reduction in the local heat transfer coefficient. The reduction is large with the binary mixtures and is compounded by suppression in nucleate boiling, also observed by other referenced investigations. Both the experimental apparatus and analytical methods used are described.

S. M. Sami, J. Schnotale (University of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada), and J. G. Smale (Du Pont Canada, Incorporated), **Prediction of the Heat Transfer Characteristics of R-22/R-152a/R-114 and R-22/R-152a/R-124**, paper 3602 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (8 pages with 10 figures and 1 table, RDB2601)

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L. M. Schlager, M. B. Pate, and A. E. Bergles, **Performance Predictions of Refrigerant-Oil Mixtures in Smooth and Internally Finned Tubes**, 2 papers, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 96, part 1, 1990 (RDB2242)

L. M. Schlager, M. B. Pate, and A. E. Bergles, **Performance of Micro-Fin Tubes with Refrigerant 22 [R-22] and Oil Mixtures**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 17-28, November 1989 (RDB2243)

L. M. Schlager, M. B. Pate, and A. E. Bergles, **Heat Transfer and Pressure Drop During Evaporation and Condensation of R-22 in Horizontal Micro-Fin Tubes**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris France, volume 12, number 1, pages 6-14, January 1989 (9 pages, RDB2244)

L. M. Schlager, M. B. Pate, and A. E. Bergles, **Heat Transfer and Pressure Drop Performance of Smooth and Internally Finned Tubes with Oil and Refrigerant 22 [R-22] Mixtures**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 95, part 2, 1989 (RDB2245)

L. M. Schlager, M. B. Pate, and A. E. Bergles, **Evaporation and Condensation of Refrigerant-Oil Mixtures in a Low-Fin Tube**, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 94, part 2, pages 1176-1194, 1989 (RDB-2343)

M. W. Spatz and J. Zheng (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **An Experimental Evaluation of the Heat Transfer Coefficients of R-134a Relative to R-12**, *Proceedings of the 1990 USNC/IIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference*, edited by D. R. Tree, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, pages 225-233, July 1990 (9 pages with 8 figures, RDB0501)

K. E. Starner, **Summary of Pool Boiling Test Results for R-134a, R-22, and R-12 with Oils**, York International Corporation, York, PA, 22 July 1992 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB2808)

This document summarizes tests to compare heat transfer characteristics of R-12, R-22, and R-134a, with and without lubricants, for Wolverine Turbo-B^(R) enhanced-surface tubes. Turbo-B^(R) tube is enhanced on both the inside and outside surfaces to increase the overall heat

transfer coefficient; its primary use is as a boiling tube for evaporators in chillers. Quantitative results are presented for a heat flux of 1750 W/m² (5500 Btu/hft²) for nominal 19 mm (3/4") outside-diameter tubes in a 60 cm (2'), 8-tube bundle at 4.4 °C (40 °F). Differences are presented between the wall temperature and the refrigerant saturation temperature at the measured pressure. Results are compared between refrigerant-lubricant mixtures, with 1.5% mineral oil by volume, and those for pure refrigerants. Additional data are provided for R-134a with miscible lubricants, including an unidentified polyalkylene glycol (PAG) and ester. For pure refrigerants, the measured temperature difference is 0.14 °C (0.25 °F) lower for R-22 and 0.06 °C (0.1 °F) higher for R-12 compared to that for R-134a. The document reports penalties, compared to pure refrigerants, of 0.53, 0.31, 2.78, 0.19, and 0.33 °C (0.95, 0.55, 5.00, 0.35, and 0.60 °F) for mixtures with 1.5% lubricant for R-12 with mineral oil, R-22 with mineral oil, R-134a with mineral oil (nonmiscible), R-134a with PAG, and R-134a with ester, respectively. Additional penalties of 0.17 and 0.39 °C (0.30 and 0.70 °F) are reported for mixtures of 0.08 and 0.15% mineral oil with 1.5% ester-based lubricant above that for the refrigerant-ester mixture alone.

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R. L. Webb and C. Pais (Pennsylvania State University), **Nucleate Pool Boiling Data for Five Refrigerants on Three Tube Geometries**, technical paper 3443, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 97, part 1, 1991 (RDB2404)

J. G. Withers and E. P. Habdas (UOP Wolverine Tube Division), **Heat Transfer Characteristics of Helical-Corrugated Tubes for Intube Boiling of**

Refrigerant R-12, AIChE Symposium Series 138, American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), New York, NY, volume 70, pages 98-106, 1974 (9 pages with 13 figures and 1 table, RDB2904)

This paper reviews experimental measurements of heat transfer in copper, helical-corrugated tubes for full vaporization of oil-free R-12. The experimental apparatus and procedure as well as the data reduction methods are described. A series of runs to determine the optimum tube configuration, leading to a geometrical characterizing parameter referred to as the severity, is outlined. The boiling capacity of the tube, log-mean temperature difference (LMTD), pressure drop, and average inside heat transfer coefficient (HTC) are plotted as functions of the severity. Heat transfer and pressure-drop data are presented for selected corrugated tubes for convective boiling at -1 to 10 °C (30 to 50 °F). The study found that integral, internal helical ridging enabled doubling or tripling of the intube heat transfer compared to that for plain tubes. The internal configuration enabled an increase of up to 200% over the peak (burn-out) heat flux. The external configuration of the corrugated tubes also doubled the water-side HTC, with concentric tube arrangements, by increasing the turbulence of the water in the annulus.

A. Yabe, T. Taketani (Mechanical Engineering Laboratory, Japan), H. Maki, K. Takahashi, and Y. Nakadai (University of Tokyo, Japan), **Experimental Study of Electrohydrodynamically (EHD) Enhanced Evaporator for Nonazeotropic Mixtures**, paper BA-92-5-4 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (6 pages with 10 figures, RDB2610)

S. Yoshida, T. Matsunaga, H-P. Hong, and M. Miyazaki (Kyushu University, Japan), **An Experimental Investigation of Oil Influence on Heat Transfer to a Refrigerant Inside Horizontal Evaporator Tubes**, *Transactions of the Japanese Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME)*, series B, volume 55, number 513, pages 1410-1416, 1989 (in Japanese); republished in *Heat Transfer - Japanese Research*, Scripta Technica, Incorporated (Wiley Company), volume 20, number 2, pages 113-129, May 1991 (in English, 17 pages with 14 figures, RDB2905)

Condensing Refrigerants in Horizontal and Inclined Tubes, research project 1-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1966 (ASH0001)

This research developed correlations for heat transfer in smooth tubes, both horizontal and

inclined, for condensing of R-12. Annular, dispersed and annular-dispersed, and wave and wave-annular flow regimes were identified. The heat transfer equations developed are applicable to condensation within the annular-flow regime. The contractor for the project was Kansas State University, led by R. G. Nevins; it was sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.3, *Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow*.

Experimental Determination of Heat Transfer in Water-Cooled Condensers and Direct Expansion Water Coolers Using Brazed Plate Heat Exchangers, proposed research project 752-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0752)

This project will determine average heat transfer coefficients for R-22 and R-134a for counterflow plate heat exchangers. Two or more commercially-available, brazed-plate heat exchangers will be tested. Heat transfer coefficients will be measured for the refrigerants for condensing at 41 °C (105 °F) and evaporating at 2 °C (35 °F). Water-side coefficients also will be determined. The coefficients and associated pressure drops will be presented as functions of the mass flow rates, which will be varied over the full range of commercial applications. Superheating and subcooling effects also will be investigated. The overall goal is to provide basic information to permit potential users to evaluate counterflow, brazed-plate heat exchangers as refrigerant evaporators and condensers. This project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 8.5, *Liquid to Refrigerant Heat Exchangers*. Proposals were due at ASHRAE Headquarters on 1 June 1992 and are being evaluated; further information is available from the ASHRAE Manager of Research (+1-404/636-8500).

Experimental Determination of the Effect of Oil on Heat Transfer in Flooded Evaporators with Refrigerants HCFC-123, HFC-134a, and HCFC-22, proposed research project 751-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0751)

This project will determine average shell-side boiling coefficients for R-22, R-123, and R-134a with compatible lubricants for finned and enhanced tube surfaces, as used in flooded evaporators. The work will expand on that addressed in ASHRAE 392-RP, by covering the influences of the lubricants. Heat flux, mass flux, and vapor quality will cover typical conditions for air conditioning and refrigeration for lubricant concentrations of 0-10% at evaporator temperatures of approximately 4 °C (40 °F). This project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical

Committee 8.5, *Liquid to Refrigerant Heat Exchangers*. Proposals for this research were due at ASHRAE Headquarters by 1 June 1992 and are being evaluated; further information is available from the ASHRAE Manager of Research (+1-404/636-8500).

Experimental Determination of Shell-Side Condenser Bundle Heat Transfer Design Factors for Refrigerants R-123 and R-134a, research project 676-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, June 1991 - December 1993 (ASH0676)

This research will determine the heat transfer coefficients (HTC) for R-123 and R-134a in condensers for the refrigerant-side (outside) of tubes. Limited measurements also will be made for R-11 and R-12 for comparison. Four or more different geometries for tube bundles, with at least two finned and two enhanced tubes types, will be examined. Correlations or charts will be developed for use in heat exchanger design. The contractor for the project is Iowa State University of Science and Technology led by M. B. Pate; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 8.5, *Liquid-to-Refrigerant Heat Exchangers*.

Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow in Spray Evaporators with Application to Reducing Refrigerant Inventory, research project 668-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, June 1991 - December 1993 (ASH0668)

This research addresses the heat transfer and fluid flow for R-22, R-123, and R-134a in falling-film (spray) evaporators with horizontal tubes. The work includes performance of a literature search, experimental measurement of heat transfer on both single tubes and tube bundles. Both plain and enhanced tube surfaces will be addressed under varied temperature and flow to determine the optimum conditions. Correlations or charts will be developed for use in heat exchanger design. A goal is to enable design of equipment for comfort cooling using reduced inventories of refrigerants. An overall goal is to provide basic information to permit potential users to evaluate counterflow, brazed-plate heat exchangers as refrigerant evaporators and condensers. The contractor for the project is Iowa State University of Science and Technology led by M. B. Pate; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.3, *Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow*.

Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow Study of Ammonia Spray Evaporators, research project 725-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-

Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1992 - April 1994 (ASH0725)

This research addresses heat transfer and fluid flow for ammonia in falling-film (spray) evaporators with horizontal tubes. The work includes performance of a literature search, experimental measurement of heat transfer on both single tubes and tube bundles. Both plain and enhanced tube surfaces will be addressed under varied temperature and flow to determine the optimum conditions. Correlations or charts will be developed for use in heat exchanger design. A goal is to enable design of equipment for comfort cooling using reduced inventories of ammonia. An overall goal is to provide basic information to permit potential users to evaluate counterflow, brazed-plate heat exchangers as refrigerant evaporators and condensers. The contractor for the project is the Texas Technological University, led by M-C. Chyu; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.3, *Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow*.

Heat Transfer and Pressure Drop During Condensation and Evaporation of R-134a/Oil Mixtures in Smooth and Micro-Fin Tubes, research project 630-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1990 - November 1992 (ASH0630)

This project is investigating heat transfer and pressure drop for in-tube evaporation and condensation for R-134a. The effects of lubricants also will be examined. Existing correlations will be evaluated and modified. The contractor for the project is Iowa State University of Science and Technology led by M. B. Pate; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.3, *Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow*.

Heat Transfer Rates from a Submerged Rotating Cylindrical Heater to an Evaporating Fluid, research project 14-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, July 1962 - July 1963 (ASH-0014)

The contractor for the project was the University of Kentucky, led by M. Baker; it was sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 1.3, *Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow*.

Performance of Turbo-B^(R) Enhanced Boiling Tubes in CFC-11 and HCFC-123, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, and Wolverine Tube, Incorporated, Decatur, AL, 17 December 1990 (9 pages with 2 figures and 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0C02)

This document compares the performance of a commercially-available, enhanced heat transfer tube with R-11 and R-123. By varying the tem-

perature of water flowing through a tube positioned in a refrigerant bath, the overall heat transfer coefficient and heat flux capability of the copper tube were determined. Tabular data and overall heat transfer coefficient and heat flux plots are presented. The heat transfer coefficient for R-123 was 3-6% lower than that for R-11.

Performance of Turbo-B^(R) Enhanced Boiling Tubes in CFC-12 and HFC-134a, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE, and Wolverine Tube, Incorporated, Decatur, AL, 17 December 1990 (6 pages with 2 figures and 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0C03)

This document compares the performance of a commercially-available, enhanced heat transfer tube with R-12 and R-134a. By varying the temperature of water flowing through a tube positioned in a refrigerant bath, the overall heat transfer coefficient and heat flux capability of the copper tube were determined. Tabular data and overall heat transfer coefficient and heat flux plots are presented. The heat transfer coefficient for R-134a was 4-30% higher than that for R-12.

Oil Quantity Measurements in Smooth and Micro-Fin Tubes During Evaporation and Condensation in Refrigerant-Oil Mixtures, research project 469-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0469)

The contractor was Iowa State University of Science and Technology led by M. B. Pate.

Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow in a Finned-Tube Flooded Evaporator, research project 392-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, phase III: September 1989 - October 1992 (ASH-0392)

The objective of this project is to develop data to improve designs of flooded evaporators. Heat transfer coefficients are being measured for different finned-tube geometries. The first two phases entailed a literature search and addressed modelling and simulation, respectively. Phase III is collecting and analyzing data on pool and forced-convection boiling. The contractor is Pennsylvania State University, led by R. L. Webb and C. Pais; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 8.5, *Liquid to Refrigerant Heat Exchangers*. [see RDB2404 and RDB2405 for findings]

SAFETY

Absorption of Ammonia into Water, research project 591-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, September 1988 - June 1990 (ASH0591)

The contractor for the project was Kansas State University at Manhattan, led by D. L. Fenton and R. L. Gorton; it was sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 10.1, *Custom Engineered Refrigeration Systems*.

Number Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants, ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-1992, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, February 1992 (16 pages with 1 figure and 5 tables, RDB2909)

This voluntary, consensus standard describes a shorthand way of naming refrigerants and classifies them according to potential hazards. It is intended to establish a simple means of referring to common refrigerants, instead of using the chemical name, formula, or trade name. It also establishes a uniform system for assigning unambiguous reference numbers, composition-designating prefixes for refrigerants, and safety classifications based on toxicity and flammability. This standard is widely cited in construction codes and provides the classifications used in ASHRAE Standard 15-1992, *Safety Code for Mechanical Refrigeration*, to specify safety requirements for refrigerant use. This version supersedes ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-1989 and earlier editions.

Safety Code for Mechanical Refrigeration, ASHRAE Standard 15-1992, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, July 1992 (RDB2910)

This voluntary, consensus standard specifies reasonable safeguards of life, limb, health, and property; defines practices that are inconsistent with safety, and prescribes safety standards. It applies to mechanical refrigerating systems and heat pumps used in identified occupancies as well as to components replaced after adoption. The purpose is to promote the safe design, construction, and operation of covered systems. This standard is widely cited and either incorporated by reference or directly quoted in construction codes. It prescribes the maximum quantities of individual refrigerants that may be used for specific building occupancies as well as component, equipment, and installation requirements. Minimum safety devices, marking, and tests also are specified. This version supersedes ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15-1989, in-

cluding its addendum (ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15-1991) and earlier editions.

Flammability

R. G. Richard and I. R. Shankland (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Flammability of Alternative Refrigerants**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 34, number 4, pages 20 and 22-24, April 1992 (RDB2525)

This article reports data for refrigerant flammability measurements using the ASTM E-681 test procedure. Lower and upper flame limits (LFL and UFL) are tabulated for R-11, R-22, R-30 (methylene chloride), R-32, R-50 (methane), R-113, R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-140a, R-141b, R-142b, R-143, R-143a, R-152, R-152a, R-161, R-218, R-290 (propane), R-C318, R-600 (butane), R-600a (isobutane), R-611 (methyl formate), R-717 (ammonia), dimethyl ether, and sulfur hexafluoride. The flammability test procedure and apparatus are discussed, including attention to the ignition source, based on recommendations of ASHRAE Standard 34-1992. Flammability limits are compared for R-32, R-141b, and R-142b, to illustrate the influence of alternative ignition sources and conditions. Critical flammability ratios are presented for selected mixtures.

H. Shaoqiang, L. Xiaoping, and X. Chunfei (Wanbao Refrigerator Industrial Corporation, China), **Refrigerant HFC-152a Flammability Test Results**, publication unknown, undated circa 1991 (4 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB-2512)

This paper assesses the flammability risk of R-152a, which is reported as flammable in concentrations of 4.7-16.8% by volume in air. The authors hypothesized that the highest probability of fires and explosions will occur when enough refrigerant leaked from the freezer evaporator into the fresh-food compartment, with ignition caused by an arc or spark from the thermostat. Concentrations of 5, 10, 15, and 20% R-152a were tested using an electric pulse spark. Ignition was found to be unlikely in the model tested (BCD-158), because of incomplete mixing and the location of the thermostat. The risk would be high in a frost-free refrigerator, requiring an explosion-proof thermostat. The paper concludes that the most likely scenario for a fire is when the concentration reaches 12% and is exposed to an open flame. A person standing near the refrigerator could be injured by a blow from the door opened by fire or explosion, by flames, or both. No deformation or damage to

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the refrigerator cabinet was observed from test fires.

Combustion of Ammonia With and Without Oil Vapor, research project 582-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, September 1991 - September 1993 (ASH0682)

This project will redetermine the flammability limits of ammonia (R-717) in air as well as the combustibility of air-ammonia-oil and air-ammonia-methane mixtures, in concentrations of 100-250,000 ppm. It also will examine the geometric configurations for release that facilitate combustion, in order to improve discharge designs for flaring. The contractor for this research is Kansas State University, led by D. L. Fenton and K. S. Chapman; it is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 10.1, *Custom Engineered Refrigeration Systems*.

Flammability Characteristics of Isotron 141b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB0521)

Lower and upper flammability limits (LFL and UFL), as a volume percentage of refrigerant in humid air, are given for R-141b based on ASTM E681 tests. The limits cited are 7.4-15.5% at 21 °C (70 °F) and 5.8-16.5% at 120 °C (250 °F). The maximum explosion pressure and maximum rate of pressure rise are tabulated for the same temperatures. Flammability characteristics of ethyl alcohol and R-290 (propane) are presented for comparison. A higher concentration of R-141b is required for flammability. Additionally, R-141b exhibits significantly lower rates of pressure rise and lower heats of combustion.

Results of Testing: Limits of Flammability for Isotron 141b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (4 pages with 5 figures and 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0522, picture missing)

Lower and upper flammability limits (LFL and UFL), as a volume percentage of refrigerant in humid air, are given for R-141b based on ASTM E681-85 tests. The limits cited are 7.4-15.5% at 21 °C (70 °F) and 5.8-16.5% at 120 °C (250 °F). Comparative data are presented for R-600a (isobutane) and ethanol, 1.86-8.5% and 3.46-18.4% respectively. A modified test procedure and the method of determining flammability limits are presented. Additionally, the effects of humidity, temperature, and ignition source on flammability testing are discussed.

Results of Testing: Flashpoint of Isotron 141b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB0523, picture missing)

The procedure and results of measuring the flash point of R-141b are summarized based on ASTM D1310 tests using a Fisher/Tag open cup apparatus. No flash point was observed for this fluid even though it has lower and upper flammability limits. The nature of the liquid is such that it does not produce a vapor layer that will flash according to the standard test method. The document notes that similar behavior has been observed for chlorinated solvents such as R-30 (methylene chloride) and R-140a (methyl chloroform).

Results of Testing: Maximum Rate of Pressure Rise - Maximum Explosion Pressure of Isotron 141b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (2 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0524, picture missing)

The procedure and results of measuring the maximum rate of pressure rise and maximum explosion pressure of R-141b are summarized. The rate of pressure rise is reported as 262 and 220 kPa/s (38 and 32 psi/s) at 21 °C (70 °F) and 120 °C (250 °F), respectively, in a 0.37 m³ (13.1 cf) vessel. The maximum pressure is reported as 78 and 57 psig at corresponding conditions. A comparison of normalized rates of pressure rise (the Kg) shows R-141b to be approximately 230 times less severe than R-290 (propane) and 50 times less severe than ethanol.

Flammability Characteristics of Isotron 142b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB0525)

Lower and upper flammability limits (LFL and UFL), as a volume percentage of refrigerant in humid air, are given for R-142b based on ASTM E681 tests. The LFL cited is 7.8% at 21 °C (70 °F) using a fuse wire as the ignition source. The cited LFL and UFL, using a match as the ignition source, are 6.9-17.0% at 21 °C (70 °F) and 6.1-17.8% at 120 °C (250 °F). The maximum explosion pressure and maximum rate of pressure rise are tabulated for the same temperatures. Flammability characteristics of ethyl alcohol and R-290 (propane) are presented for comparison. A higher concentration of R-142b is required for flammability. Additionally, R-142b exhibits significantly lower rates of pressure rise and lower heats of combustion.

Results of Testing: Limits of Flammability for Isotron 142b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (4 pages, available from JMC as RDB0526, picture missing)

Lower and upper flammability limits (LFL and UFL), as a volume percentage of refrigerant in humid air, are given for R-142b based on ASTM E681 tests. The LFL cited is 7.8% at 21 °C (70 °F) using a fuse wire as the ignition source. The cited LFL and UFL, using a match as the ignition source, are 6.9-17.0% at 21 °C (70 °F) and 6.1-17.8% at 120 °C (250 °F). Comparative data are presented for R-600a (isobutane) and ethanol, 1.86-8.5% and 3.46-18.4% respectively. A modified test procedure and the method of determining flammability limits are presented. Additionally, the effects of humidity, temperature, and ignition source on flammability testing are discussed.

Results of Testing: Flashpoint of Isotron 142b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (1 page with 1 figure, available from JMC as RDB0527, picture missing)

The procedure and results of measuring the flash point of R-142b are summarized based on ASTM D1310 tests using a Fisher/Tag open cup apparatus. No flash point was observed for this fluid. An upward extension of a test flame was observed when passed over a sample of the refrigerant. The extension grew with increasing temperature of the refrigerant, but the vapor space above the liquid neither flashed nor burned away from the test flame.

Results of Testing: Maximum Rate of Pressure Rise – Maximum Explosion Pressure of Isotron 142b, preliminary information bulletin, Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated (provided by the former Pennwalt Corporation), King of Prussia, PA, May 1989 (2 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0528, picture missing)

The procedure and results of measuring the maximum rate of pressure rise and maximum explosion pressure of R-142b are summarized. The rate of pressure rise is reported as 606 and 634 kPa/s (88 and 92 psi/s) at 21 °C (70 °F) and 120 °C (250 °F), respectively, in a 0.37 m³ (13.1 cf) vessel. The maximum pressure is reported as 88 and 68 psig at corresponding conditions. A comparison of normalized rates of pressure rise (Kg) shows R-142b to be approximately 100 times less severe than R-290 (propane) and 23 times less severe than ethanol.

Toxicity

Clement Associates, Incorporated, **Health Effects Assessment for Ammonia**, The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, DC, February 1990 (148 pages, RDB-1106)

This document reviews data relevant to assessing the health effects of inhalation exposure to ammonia. The focus is on chronic exposures; information on subchronic and acute exposures also is reviewed to acquire a complete picture of the toxicity of ammonia. Physical and chemical properties, sources, environmental fate, environmental effects, and other related topics are discussed to provide context and perspective.

Meridian Research, Incorporated, **Results of Employee Exposure Monitoring for HCFC-123 at Centrifugal Chiller Installations**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, 26 November 1991 (82 pages, RDB2529)

J. Parsnow, **Monitoring Instruments for HCFC-123**, publication 819-060, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, April 1992 (8 pages with 2 figures and 1 table, RDB2915)

H. W. Sibley, **A Study for Determining Refrigerant Exposure Levels While Servicing an HCFC-123 Centrifugal Chiller**, publication 819-061, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, April 1992 (8 pages with 4 figures and 1 table, RDB2916)

Report on Testing and Analysis of the Concentration of HCFC-123 in Field Installations with General Machinery Rooms Containing Hermetic Centrifugal Chillers, report CFC-1, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, October 1991 (34 pages with 14 figures and 15 tables, RDB2246)

This report provides measured data on R-123 concentrations in equipment rooms housing hermetic centrifugal chillers. Twelve sites, representing a broad range of applications, were tested during normal operation. Additional data were taken at two sites during refrigerant transfers. Measurements were made by gas chromatography, both on site and using activated charcoal tubes (subsequently analyzed in laboratories). All of the sites except one were determined to have concentrations substantially less than 1 ppm, if any. Concentrations above minimum quantifiable levels, 0.33-0.56 ppm, were detected in only two cases. Leakage from empty, but improperly sealed, refrigerant drums was identified as the probable cause for one site. The sources in the other were improperly sealed drums and a leak from the purge vent line. The latter was ascribed to improper field installation and use of incompatible piping materials. A retest of this site, after corrections,

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found concentrations in line with the others. Reports on the individual sites and summary discussion describe the tests and safety considerations for refrigerants. The findings emphasize the importance of following proper refrigerant handling and storage procedures as well as installation recommendations.

Report of Worker Exposure to HCFC-123 During Servicing of Hermetic Centrifugal Chillers, report CFC-2, The Trane Company, La Crosse, WI, May 1992 (16 pages with 3 figures and 9 tables, RDB-2908)

This report addresses the safety aspects of exposure of service personnel to R-123 during the full range of service procedures for centrifugal chiller applications. Earlier toxicity findings and implications are reviewed as background. The report then documents the measured concentrations during refrigerant transfer, routine maintenance, and major service from three different installations. Chronic (long-term), acute (short-term intermittent), and emergency acute exposure considerations are outlined. The measurement procedures are described; they used activated charcoal tubes subsequently analyzed by gas chromatography in laboratories, and on-site infrared vapor analyzers. Time-weighted average (TWA) exposures are tabulated for the chronic exposures, ranging from less than the limit of quantification (LOQ) to 1.9 ppm. Peak concentrations and durations are tabulated for the intermittent, acute exposures. Test reports are included to describe each site and provide detailed measured data. The report concludes that the long-term concentrations observed were more than five times below the allowable exposure level (AEL) of 10 ppm. The instantaneous concentrations were well within the 30-50 ppm limits based on guidelines developed by the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). The findings emphasize the importance of following proper handling and storage procedures for refrigerants and installation recommendations of ASHRAE Standard 15R [now 15-1992].

PIPE SIZING AND FLOW

T. Atwood (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Pipe Sizing and Pressure Drop Calculations for HFC-134a**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 62-66, April 1990 (5 pages, RDB0513)

Capillary Tube Performance with Alternative Refrigerants, proposed research project 762-TRP,

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0762)

This project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 8.8, *Refrigerant System Controls and Accessories*. Proposals are due at ASHRAE Headquarters by 1 January 1993; further information is available from the ASHRAE Manager of Research (+1-404/636-8500).

Charge Inventory Calculations for Evaporating and Condensing Refrigerants Inside Tubes, proposed research project 758-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0758)

This research project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 8.4, *Air-to-Refrigerant Heat Transfer Equipment*.

Fundamental Study of Refrigerant Line Transients, proposed research project 736-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0736)

This research project will identify causes and consequences of pressure transients, induced by condensation during hot-gas defrost, in refrigerant piping. The underlying goal is to develop means to prevent their occurrence, either by appropriate design or operation. The problem induces hydraulic shock and vapor-propelled liquid slugging. The work will involve a literature search, documentation of critical flow regimes, and analysis of both condensation-induced hydraulic shock and vapor-propelled liquid slugs. This project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 10.3, *Refrigerant Piping*. Proposals are due at ASHRAE Headquarters by 30 December 1992; further information is available from the ASHRAE Manager of Research (+1-404/636-8500).

Measurement of Two-Phase Refrigerant Liquid-Vapor Mass Flow Rate, research project 722-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1992 - April 1994 (ASH0722)

The contractor for the project is McMaster University, led by M. Shoukri; it is sponsored by Technical Committee 1.2, *Instruments and Measurements*.

Pressure Drop in Refrigerant Suction Lines at High Refrigerant Flux with Oil in Circulation, proposed research project 731-TRP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA (ASH0731)

This research project is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 10.3, *Refrigerant Piping*.

RECYCLING, RECLAMATION, AND DISPOSAL

R. E. Kauffman (University of Dayton Research Institute), **Chemical Analysis and Recycling of Used Refrigerant from Field Systems**, paper 3555 (RP-601) (Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 1, pages 128-136, 1992 (9 pages with 4 figures and 1 table, RDB2429)

This paper summarizes research to identify and quantify the typical contaminant levels in used refrigerants. A total of 39 samples were taken from both normally operating and failed air-conditioning and refrigerating systems. These samples included R-11 from centrifugal chillers, R-12 from commercial refrigeration systems, R-22 from unitary heat pumps and air conditioners, and R-502 from low-temperature frozen food cases. Results are summarized for measurement of water content (Karl Fisher technique), acid content (ASTM 664 tests), ion content (ion-specific electrode), high-boiling content (gravimetric technique, gas chromatography, and mass spectrography), particulate content (direct-current plasma emission spectrometer and scanning electron microscope), and volatile impurity content (gas chromatography and mass spectrometry). The contaminant levels found exceeded those of new refrigerants, but the types and concentrations varied by refrigerant, application, and whether a system burnout had occurred. Laboratory tests evaluated a recycling scheme based on oil separation followed by water and acid removal, by an alumina/molecular sieve filter/dryer. The preliminary study showed that this recycling procedure is effective in removing acids, but has insignificant effects on volatile impurities and high-boiling residue. The effects of noncondensable gases were not addressed.

Chemical Analysis and Recycling of Used Refrigerant from Field Systems, research project 601-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, March 1989 - January 1991 (ASH0601)

This study identified and quantified typical contaminant levels in refrigerants from both normally operating and failed air-conditioning and refrigerating systems. These samples included R-11 from centrifugal chillers, R-12 from commercial refrigeration systems, R-22 from unitary

heat pumps and air conditioners, and R-502 from low-temperature frozen food cases. The principal investigator was R. E. Kaufman at the University of Dayton Research Institute. The project was sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 3.3, *Contaminant Control in Refrigerating Systems*. [see RDB2429 for findings]

Sealed-Tube Tests of Refrigerants from Field Systems Before and After Recycling, research project 683-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1991 - ongoing (ASH0683)

This project will quantify typical contaminant levels in refrigerants after oil separation, filtering, and drying. It also will determine the effects of contaminants at the concentrations found. The focus is on R-11 from centrifugal chillers, R-12 from commercial refrigeration systems, R-22 from unitary heat pumps, and R-502 from low-temperature commercial refrigeration systems. The work is an extension of ASHRAE research project RP-601 and is being performed by the same contractor, the University of Dayton Research Institute led by R. E. Kaufman. It is sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 3.3, *Contaminant Control in Refrigerating Systems*.

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Reducing Emission of Fully Halogenated Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) Refrigerants in Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Equipment Applications, ASHRAE Guideline 3-1990 plus addendum ASHRAE Guideline 3a-1992, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 1990 and 1992 (30 pages with 5 tables, RDB2911)

This guideline covers all refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment and systems that use fully halogenated CFC refrigerants. It recommends practices and procedures to reduce inadvertent release of CFC refrigerants during manufacture, installation, testing, operation, maintenance, and disposal of refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment and systems. It also covers refrigerant recovery, recycling, reclaim, and disposal.

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This report assembles infrared and mass spectra on a range of ethane and ethylene compounds relevant to research of alternative refrigerants. Limited physical property and safety data also are included. Some compounds addressed are not suited for refrigerant use, but could be found as impurities or as reaction/decomposition products in refrigerant tests. This publication provides an information source to aid in identification of such compounds. The ethane compounds addressed include R-112, R-112a, R-113, R-113B2, R-113a, R-114, R-114a, R-114B2, R-115, R-116, R-121, R-122, R-123, R-123B1, R-123B2, R-123aB1, R-124, R-125, R-131, R-131a, R-132b, R-132bB2, R-133a, R-133aB1, R-134, R-134a, R-141, R-141b, R-142B1, R-142b, R-143, R-143a, R-151B1, R-152a, and R-161. Ethylene compounds covered include R-1110, R-1111, R-1112a, R-1112aB2, R-1113, R-1114, R-1120, R-1121, R-1122B1, R-1123, R-1130, R-1130a, R-1130a, R-1131a, R-1132a, and R-1141.

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This report describes an instrument designed for measuring the viscosity, surface tension, and density of liquids at elevated temperature (900 °C, 1650 °F) and pressure (10 atm, 147 psia). The theoretical principles, details of construction and operation, and response of the instrument are discussed in detail. The thermodynamic properties of a molten salt mixture was measured for 250-450 °C (482-842 °F) to test its accuracy. The results are shown to be in excellent agreement with published data from prior studies.

N. D. T. Rohatgi and H. O. Spauschus (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **Method for Determining Flexural Property Changes of Polymeric Materials upon Accelerated Aging in Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy*

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This paper describes a test method to determine changes in flexural properties of small samples of polymeric materials after aging in refrigerants and/or lubricants. The method uses linear stress versus strain curves and calculated flexural modulus of materials. Changes after thermal aging are used to indicate whether a material becomes more flexible (due to absorption of liquid lubricant or refrigerant-lubricant mixture) or less flexible (due to possible extraction of material from the polymeric matrix by the liquid phase). The effects of aging time and temperature also are addressed. The procedure provides quantitative measurements which, along with visual observations, linear swelling and changes in hardness, are necessary to interpret compatibility results from sealed-tube tests. Results are reported for glass-reinforced nylon 6/6, flexible nylon alloy, plasticized nylon copolymers, and polyamide 1212 in R-12 with mineral oil and in R-134a with an unidentified polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricant. Density, Shore durometer D hardness, flexural modulus, visual observations, and dimensional changes are tabulated. Stress versus strain curves are plotted both before and after aging.

S. M. Sami (University of Moncton, Canada) and T. N. Duong (University of Sherbrooke, Canada), **Dynamic Performance of Heat Pumps Using Refrigerant R-134a**, *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 97, part 2, 1991; republished in *Alternative Refrigerants*, technical data bulletin 7(3), ASHRAE, pages 21-27, October 1991 (7 pages with 15 figures, RDB2614)

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This paper examines both the test methods and results of testing, for magnet wire insulation for

hermetic compressors using R-22. Abrasion results (average cycles to failure) are tabulated and plotted as received and following exposures for 7-10 days, one month, and three months. The insulations examined included two batches of urethane modified polyvinyl formal (FU), two batches of polyester-imide (PEI), dual coat amide-imide topcoat on a polyester base (AI/PE), dual coat polyester (PE/PE), and polyimide (PI). The temperature and elapsed time for burnout are tabulated, for these five types of insulations, and compared between environments of R-22 and air. Data on retained dielectric strength are presented for FU, PEI, AI/PE, PE/PE, and for Formvar urethane and polyesteramide imide (PEAI); blister, resistance is tabulated for all but PE/PE. Because the interactions of enamels and R-22, the paper suggests that the rate of R-22 absorption be determined and exposures adjusted for complete saturation. Tests after saturation provide a common basis for comparisons and suitable screening approach for structurally-different enamels.

H. O. Spauschus (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), G. Freeman, and T. L. Starr (Georgia Tech Research Institute), **Surface Analysis of Glass from Sealed Tubes After Aging with HFC-134a**, presentation charts (ASHRAE Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), Spauschus Associates, Incorporated, Atlanta, GA, USA, June 1992 (21 pages with 7 figures and 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB2729)

This presentation reported findings of an investigation of the sealed-tube test procedure. The study examined whether fluoride decomposition products, formed in aging hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) at high-temperature, react with the glass surface. The underlying concerns are that such reactions might destroy evidence of other chemical reactions and might also weaken the tubes, posing a safety risk. These concerns challenge the suitability of the ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 97-1989 test procedure for HFCs, and other refrigerants. The charts outline prior studies for and against fluoride attack of glass and an experiment to investigate the issue. Glass shards from sealed tubes, used in thermal aging tests, were examined by photoelectron spectrometer. No fluoride was detected from any tube except one treated with hydrofluoric acid (HF). The study concluded that R-134a undergoes neither thermal decomposition nor reactions with lubricants, metals, or glass at temperatures as high as 200 °C (392 °F). No evidence was found of fluoride formation in the absence of catalysts, such as molecular sieves. The study also concluded that borosilicate glass tubes are suited as reaction vessels for sealed-

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H. O. Spauschus and D. R. Henderson (Spauschus Associates, Incorporated), **New Methods of Determining Viscosity and Pressure of Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures**, *Proceedings of the 1990 USNC/IIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference*, edited by D. R. Tree, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, pages 173-176, July 1990 (4 pages with 7 figures, reprint available from JMC as RDB2249)

This paper describes new methods for measuring viscosity and vapor pressure of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures for compositions of 0-100% and temperatures from -40 to 150 °C (-40 to 300 °F). The equipment and methods also can be applied to fluids for absorption systems. Automatic data acquisition, data reduction, and computer generated graphics are utilized. Typical viscosity-pressure-temperature-composition data are presented to illustrate engineering applicability. The method uses a new viscometer, based on electromagnetic forces and the time required for a metallic piston to traverse a known distance through the fluid.

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H. O. Spauschus and G. C. Doderer (General Electric Company), **Reaction of Refrigerant 12 with Petroleum Oils**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 3, number 2, pages 65-69, February 1961 (RDB2526)

H. Wijaya and H. M. Hughes (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **A Proposed Procedure for Qualifying Halogen Leak Detectors**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, November 1990 (9 pages with 10 figures and 3 tables, RDB2316)

X. Xu and D. Clodic (École des Mines de Paris, France), **Exergy Analysis on a Vapor-Compression Refrigerating System Using R-12, R-134a, and R-290 as Refrigerants**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 231-240, July 1992 (10 pages with 3 figures and 8 tables, RDB2725)

Refrigerant Extraction Test, Copeland Corporation, Sidney, OH, undated circa 1989 (4 pages with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0005)

This procedure outlines a test to determine the amount of extractable residue in materials that are used in hermetic refrigerant system when exposed to refrigerant environments. Extractables are determined as the fraction of weight loss after exposure to evaporating refrigerant at elevated temperature and pressure. Charging data are provided for R-12, R-22, and R-502.

Refrigerant-Lubricant Soak Test, Copeland Corporation, Sidney, OH, undated circa 1989 (3 pages, available from JMC as RDB0007)

This procedure outlines a test to determine the effect of materials exposed to a refrigerant-lubricant mixture at operating conditions. The parameters determined are dimensional, including swell, and weight change; visual observations of decomposition also are addressed. The procedure described is based on thermal-aging in a pressure vessel, preceded and followed by measurements.

Sealed Glass Tube Method for Determining the Stability of Materials Used within Refrigeration Systems, product engineering specification ES23-138, Copeland Corporation, Sidney, OH, 11 May 1987 (10 pages with 1 figure and 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB0006)

This procedure outlines a sealed-tube test to rate the quality of lubricants with R-12. It is based on visual inspection of the oil and metal (steel and copper) test strips and the amount of reactivity, determined by gas chromatography, after thermal aging at 175 °C (347 °F) for 3- and 14-day periods.

Sealed Tube Method to Test the Chemical Stability of Material for Use within Refrigeration Systems, standard ANSI/ASHRAE 97-1989, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 1989 (RDB2251)

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L. J. M. Kuijpers (Phillips Research Laboratories) and S. M. Miner (Consultant), **The CFC Issue and the CFC Forum at the 1988 Purdue IIR Conference**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 12, number 3, pages 118-124, May 1989 (8 pages with 4 figures and 2 tables, RDB-1108)

L. J. M. Kuijpers et al, **Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heat Pumps (Technical Options Report)**, *Technical Progress on Protecting the Ozone Layer*, report RWR-570-LK-91423-al, United Nations Environment Programme, Paris, France, December 1991 (RDB2318)

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This report is one of five prepared to assess the status of technologies impacted by the Montreal Protocol and to identify options for achieving compliance. The report was prepared by an international panel of 48 individuals, pursuant to Article 6 of the Protocol. It addresses the Protocol and reassessment procedure, refrigerants, domestic refrigeration (including refrigerators and other appliances), retail refrigeration (including commercial uses), transport refrigeration, cold storage, industrial refrigeration, comfort air conditioning, mobile air conditioning, heat pumps, and refrigerant recycling.

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S. Corr, P. D. Guy, F. T. Murphy, G. Tompsett (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), and T. W. Dekleva (ICI Americas, Incorporated), **Performance Characteristics of R-134a and Alternative Lubricants**, seminar presentation at the ASHRAE Winter Meeting, (New York, NY), ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, 22 January 1991 (26 pages with 19 charts, RDB2522)

S. W. Crown, H. N. Shapiro, M. B. Pate (Iowa State University of Science and Technology), **A Comparison Study of the Thermal Performance of R-12 and R-134a**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 187-196, July 1992 (10 pages with 11 figures and 2 tables, RDB2720)

This paper compares the performance of a 10 kW (3 ton) refrigeration system with R-134a to R-12. The equipment tested, instrumentation, and test conditions are described. Both the capacity and coefficient of performance (COP) are plotted as functions of the condenser water temperature for representative evaporator temperatures. COP and capacity ratios for R-134a to R-12 are similarly plotted with varying R-134a charges. System performance was shown to be

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less sensitive to the charge for R-12. Experimental results show that R-134a yielded higher efficiency and cooling capacity for almost all tests, especially with subcooling of 5.6-7.5 °C (10-15 °F). COPs are compared to pressure ratios for the two refrigerants, leading to a conclusion that the system can operate at a higher pressure ratio with R-134a and yet have a higher COP than with R-12. The effects of operating conditions are presented in detail.

R. El-Bourini, K. Hayashi, and T. Adachi (Calsonic Corporation), **Automotive Air Conditioning System Performance with HFC-134a Refrigerant**, paper 900214 (SAE International Congress and Exposition, Detroit, MI, 26 February - 2 March 1990), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Warrendale, PA, February 1990 (12 pages with 14 figures and 3 tables, RDB2252)

S. K. Fischer and F. A. Creswick, **Energy-Use Impact of Chlorofluorocarbon Alternatives**, report ORNL/CON-273, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, February 1989 (138 pages, available from NTIS, RDB0924)

This study estimates energy-use impacts of phase out of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants under the Montreal Protocol. Major energy-related applications of the fully halogenated CFCs (R-11, R-12, R-113, R-114, and R-115) were identified. Four groups of alternative refrigerants then were considered: 1) chemicals with very similar properties (*near drop-in substitutes*); 2) a *fallback* scenario relying on available compounds with more product development; 3) a *worst case* in which no new chemicals become available, chlorine-containing compounds (e.g., R-22) cannot be used, and fiberglass insulation is used in place of CFC-blown foams; and 4) an *advanced technology* using highly efficient insulation and refrigeration systems. Energy use will not increase significantly if *near drop-in* compounds (principally R-134a, R-123, and R-141b) are used. If they do not become available, national energy use will increase by 1-2 quad (10^{15} Btu) per year. Development of advanced technologies could reduce annual energy use by about 0.83 quad. The major impacts are in applications using foam insulations blown with CFCs (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, roofs of commercial buildings, and insulated building foundations). The penalty associated with refrigeration equipment is smaller, but is contingent upon attaining the high compressor efficiencies for alternative refrigerants that are available for CFCs.

H. B. Ginder, **R-123 versus R-11 Performance Test**, York International Corporation, York, PA, 19

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The performance of a 200-ton chiller, designed for R-11 operation, is compared at nominal rating conditions for R-123 and R-11 with a naphthenic oil. The chiller employs a single-stage centrifugal compressor with an open drive and air-cooled motor. The results at full load indicate a 16.3% reduction in capacity and an increase of 9.2% in kW/ton (8% lower efficiency). Although testing at loads of 20-100% capacity and varied evaporator and condenser conditions are indicated, part-load performance is not reported.

P. E. Hansen (Danfoss-Flensburg GmbH, Germany) and L. Finsen (Danfoss A/S, Denmark), **Lifetime and Reliability of Small Hermetic Compressors Using a Ternary Blend HCFC-22/HFC-152a/HCFC-124**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 641-649 July 1992 (9 pages with 6 figures and 2 tables, RDB2839)

E. Heinzemann and M. S. Ussyk (Empresa Brasileira de Compressores S/A, Embraco), **Hermetic Refrigerating Compressors and CFC Substitution**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 14, number 1, pages 10-15, January 1991 (6 pages with 11 figures, RDB1201)

This paper presents a basic methodology for screening substitutes for R-12 in refrigerating compressors. Simple analysis of refrigerant thermodynamic properties are presented within the ranges of evaporating and condensing temperatures in which small refrigerating systems operate. Comparisons of vapor pressure, coefficients of performance (COPs), compression ratio, final isentropic compression temperature, and volumetric refrigerant effect are presented for R-12, R-22, R-134a, and R-152a. Additionally, a procedure for developing compressors for use with alternative refrigerants is presented. Material compatibility, performance, reliability, and means of production are considered. The differences between developed and developing countries are noted, using Brazil as an example.

E. D. Lawler, **HFC-134a vs R-12 Centrifugal Chiller Performance Comparison**, SnyderGeneral Corporation, Staunton, VA, 22 August 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0801)

The performance of a 100-ton, single-stage, hermetic centrifugal water chiller is compared for R-12 and R-134a. Both tests were run at standard rating conditions (ARI Standard 550-88) with the chiller operating at its maximum capacity. The compressor gears were changed

to increase the impeller speed to accommodate the greater isentropic head rise required with R-134a. The low-pressure cut-out switch and thermostatic expansion valve were adjusted after changing refrigerants, but other hardware and control settings were the same for both tests. The capacity and efficiency increased with R-134a, by 0.8 and 4%, respectively.

E. D. Lawler, HFC-134a vs R-500 Centrifugal Chiller Performance Comparison, Snyder General Corporation, Staunton, VA, 29 August 1990 (1 page with 1 table, available from JMC as RDB0802)

The performance of a 112-ton, single-stage, hermetic centrifugal water chiller is compared for R-500 and R-134a. Both tests were run at standard rating conditions (ARI Standard 550-88) with the chiller operating at its maximum capacity. The chiller initially was tested with R-500 as a baseline and then recharged with R-134a. The lubricant was changed from a naphthenic mineral oil (Suniso 4GS) to an ester (Mobil XRL 1681-1). The low-pressure cut-out switch and thermostatic expansion valve were adjusted after changing refrigerants, but other hardware and control settings were the same for both tests. A third test was run with the impeller replaced to provide higher flow. The compressor gears were changed for a fourth test to increase the impeller speed. The capacity with R-134a decreased by 9.9, 1.3, and 4.1% for the three tests and the efficiency decreased by 2.8 and 0.5% for the second and fourth tests, but increased by 0.1% for the third.

X-Z. Leng (Beijing Research Institute of Household Electric Appliances, China), **Testing Study About HFC-152a and the Mixture of HFC-152a with HCFC-22**, publication unknown, circa 1991 (8 pages with 8 figures and 1 table, available from JMC as RDB2513)

This paper analyzes use of R-152a and blends of R-152a with R-22, as substitutes for R-12 for domestic refrigerator/freezers. The freezer and food-section temperatures, suction and discharge pressures, run time, power, and energy use are compared for R-12, R-152a and three compositions of R-22/152a, namely 14, 22, and 33% by mass. These data were measured using an instrumented refrigerator/freezer (Hang-Tian model BCD-177A), reported as having the highest efficiency in the Chinese market. A blend containing approximately 14% R-22 by mass offered the lowest energy use, 8.2% less than with R-12; R-152a alone resulted in a savings of 1.0%. The study found that the freezer evaporator needs to be enlarged to use R-152a. Additional tests were performed changing the lubricant from mineral oil to an alkylbenzene, resulting in slightly higher energy use; compati-

bility was not addressed. The impacts of leakage were assessed based on compliance with the Chinese requirement (standard GB 8059.1-3.86) that refrigerant losses not exceed 0.5 g/yr (0.02 oz/yr). Assuming that all refrigerant lost is R-22, an R-22/152a (30/70 by mass) blend would fractionate to 25.3% R-22, improving performance slightly. The paper concludes that R-22/152a results in lower energy use than for R-12 without change in construction or performance.

E. E. A. Lund, R. G. Richard, and I. R. Shankland (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **A Performance Evaluation of Environmentally Acceptable Foam Blowing Agents**, *Polyurethanes 88* (proceedings of the 31st SPI Annual Technical and Marketing Conference), pages 290-296, 1988 (7 pages, RDB-0502)

M. O. McLinden (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST) and **R. Radermacher** (University of Maryland), **Methods for Comparing the Performance of Pure and Mixed Refrigerants in the Vapor Compression Cycle**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 10, number 6, pages 318-325, November 1987 (8 pages, RDB2508)

M. O. McLinden (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Optimum Refrigerants for Nonideal Cycles - An Analysis Employing Corresponding States**, *Proceedings of the 1990 USNC/ IIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference*, edited by D. R. Tree, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, pages 69-79, July 1990 (11 pages with 7 figures, RDB-0920)

The principle of corresponding states is used to evaluate the effects of the thermodynamic characteristics of working fluid performance in refrigeration cycles. Desired characteristics, expressed in terms of the critical temperature and ideal gas heat capacity using propane as the reference fluid, are examined for various departures from the theoretical (ideal) vapor-compression cycle. The baseline cycle for the comparisons include compressor efficiency and heat transfer limitations in the condenser and evaporator. This paper addresses the modified Benedict-Webb-Rubin (MBWR) equation of state chosen for property calculations, the cycle analysis simulation model, and the application of the model to the selection of alternative refrigerants. The results indicate that modifications to the basic vapor-compression cycle should be considered for refrigerants with two or more carbon atoms to achieve maximum energy efficiency.

J. Pannock, D. A. Didion (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), and R. Radermacher (University of Maryland), **Performance Evaluation of Chlorine-Free Zeotropic Refrigerant Mixtures in Heat Pumps – Computer Study and Tests**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 25-34, July 1992 (10 pages with 8 figures and 2 tables, RDB2710)

J. Pannock and D. A. Didion (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **The Performance of Chlorine-Free Binary Zeotropic Refrigerant Mixtures in a Heat Pump**, report NISTIR 4748, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, December 1991 (78 pages with 50 figures and 2 tables, available from NTIS at price code A05, RDB2507)

This report examines zeotropic mixtures to replace R-22. 15 binary blends of R-23, R-32, R-125, R-134a, R-143a, and R-152a (all hydrofluorocarbons, HFCs) were evaluated using the CYCLE11 simulation program. The rationale for selecting these component fluids is outlined. Efficiency, volumetric capacity, suction pressures, discharge temperatures, and discharge pressures are analyzed and compared. The most promising candidates, R-32/134a and R-32/152a, were tested in a breadboard heat pump. A series of tests to evaluate use of a liquid-line heat exchanger also was performed. The findings indicate that these two zeotropes may be suitable as replacements for R-22, but that multiple tradeoffs exist in performance for different compressor speeds and mixture compositions. Performance improvements of 2 and 14% were found for R-32/R-152a for the low-temperature heating and high temperature cooling modes, respectively. The ozone depletion potential of this mixture is zero and the global warming potential is approximately one-fourth that of R-22, but the mixture is flammable in the entire composition range. R-32/R-134a mixtures, containing more than 35% R-32 by mass, yielded slightly improved performance for cooling and slightly lower for heating. Gains of 5% for cooling and 2% for low-temperature heating were measured and compared to R-22 for the equivalent speed and capacities. These results were achieved using the same test apparatus, without optimization for each fluid. Comparative efficiencies and capacities are plotted for the full range of mass fractions at selected operating conditions. An uncertainty analysis is presented in an appendix, but the test results confirm the validity of the modelling approach used.

S. M. Sami (University of Moncton, Canada) and T. N. Duong (University of Sherbrooke, Canada), **Dynamic Performance of Heat Pumps Using R-134a**, paper 3491, *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 97, part 2, pages 41-47, 1991 (7 pages with 15 figures, RDB-2346)

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M. W. Spatz (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Performance of Alternative Refrigerants from a System's Perspective**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 352-361, December 1991 (10 pages with 5 figures and 3 tables, RDB2253)

The modeled coefficients of performance (COPs), capacities, and discharge temperatures for a representative 11 kW (3 ton) air-to-air heat pump are presented for R-22, R-32/R-125 (60/40), R-134a, and R-152a – all HFCs. The analyses were made with a modified version of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Mark III Heat Pump System Design Model. Calculated COPs are tabulated both with simple replacement of R-22 and with reoptimization of the expansion device, heat exchangers, and tubing sizes. Calculations based on a simple (saturated) thermodynamic cycle indicate 8% lower, 1% lower, and 4% higher efficiency for R-32/R-125, R-134a, and R-152a, respectively, compared to R-22. The magnitude of these differences shrink when subcooling and superheating are introduced. With reoptimization, the differences range from -0.3 to +3.2% for a system optimized for both the heating and cooling modes and -0.9 to +0.6% for cooling only, depending on the refrigerant. The paper, therefore, concludes that while these three alternative refrigerants could be used without significant energy penalty, other factors need to be ad-

dressed. The approximately 50% higher condensing pressure of R-32/R-125 could increase costs. Changes in compressor displacement, increased for R-134a and decreased for R-32/R-125, also effect system costs. The flammability of R-152a would either eliminate it from consideration or impact costs by requiring additional safety controls.

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This paper presents measured results of calorimeter tests of replacements for R-12 at -23 to +1 °C (-10 to +30 °F) evaporating and 38 and 49 °C (100 and 120 °F) condensing. The fluids tested included R-134a with a polyalkylene glycol lubricant and four zeotropes with alkylbenzene lubricants. The blends included R-22/R-124 (55/45 and 43/57 % by weight) and R-22/R-152a/R-124 (50/20/30 and 36/24/40). The compressor discharge temperature, compression ratio, cooling capacity, and efficiency are compared to those of R-12.

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performance (COP) for nine pure refrigerants. They include R-12, R-22, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134a, R-142b, R-143a, and R-152a. Based on both capacity and COP, only R-134a and R-152a were found suitable, and R-134a was rejected on the basis of lower efficiency. The paper concludes that the blend of R-22/152a is more promising than pure R-152a. This finding is based on tests that show that addition of small amounts of R-22 to R-152a can reduce its flammability, but still result in a vapor pressure curve (vapor pressure and temperature relation) similar to that of R-12. Tests of a selected refrigerator using three different compressors are summarized to compare the performance of R-12 with two compositions of R-22/152a. The blend requires a change in magnet wire for the motors in hermetic compressors, but suitable enamels have been identified.

Impact of a CFC Ban on the Cost and Performance of Household Refrigerators, Centrifugal Chillers, and Commercial/Industrial Systems, technical memorandum to U.S. Department of Energy, Arthur D. Little, Incorporated, Cambridge, MA, August 1989 (82 pages, RDB1110)

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This article describes experiments and observations linking chlorine and bromine concentra-

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tions with ozone depletion in the antarctic vortex. It briefly reports the findings of the National Science Foundation Ozone Experiment (NOZE I) expedition in the austral spring of 1986. It describes in greater detail the high-altitude mission and in situ measurements of the subsequent Airborne Antarctic Ozone Experiment. Mathematical equations defining the mechanisms of ozone depletion are presented for chlorine and bromine. What sets Antarctic ozone depletion apart in the context of global change is both the severity of the phenomenon and the unusual decoupling of physical and chemical time constraints that control transformation rates in a specific region of the atmosphere. The article concludes that the dramatic reduction in ozone over the antarctic continent would not have occurred had CFCs not been released to the atmosphere.

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ined on an international basis. The refrigerants addressed for household refrigeration included R-12, R-134a, R-22/152a/124, R-22/142b; absorption and Stirling cycles also were assessed. R-12, R-22, R-134a, R-502, and R-717 (ammonia) were examined for commercial refrigeration. R-11, R-12, R-22, R-123, R-134a, and R-717 were addressed for commercial air conditioning along with water-lithium bromide absorption cycles. R-22, R-134a, and ammonia-water absorption were analyzed for unitary air conditioners. R-12, R-134a, R-152a, R-290 (propane), and R-22/152a/124 were evaluated for automotive air conditioning along with Brayton and Stirling cycles.

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This article reviews the status and options available for refrigerants in chillers, with emphasis on use of R-22, R-123, R-134a, R-717 (ammonia), and absorption cycles. The efficiency, global-warming potential (GWP), ozone-depletion potential (ODP), flammability, toxicity, and cost of refrigerants are discussed; quantitative data are tabulated. A figure shows the capacity ranges and types of equipment available by refrigerant. Comparative ODP, GWP, efficiency, and capacity are plotted for R-123 and R-11, R-134a and

R-12, and R-134a and R-500. Cost projections (with excise taxes) are plotted for the refrigerants reviewed. Options are discussed for existing equipment, including continued use, retrofit, and replacement. Safety and other considerations are reviewed for the alternative refrigerants. The paper concludes that good options are available provided that sound engineering is used.

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This document provides the presentation charts and text for an update on retrofit of mobile air air-conditioning (MAC) systems. The presentation reviews the basis for selection of R-134a including consideration of performance, avoidance of ozone depletion, and safety. The lubricant used is identified as a fundamental issue in retrofitting MAC systems with R-134a. Properties of two candidate esters and sealed-tube test

results, including both mineral oil and R-12 as contaminants, are reviewed. One finding is that the lubricants impact the materials examined more than the refrigerants. Volume change (swell) is plotted for R-12 with mineral oil, the same pair followed by R-134a with a polyol ester, and R-134a with the ester alone for nine elastomers. They include chlorosulfonated PE, EPDM, EPDM-O, EPDM-S, fluoropolymer, HNBR, natural rubber, neoprene, and nitrile. Compressor tests to examine the suitability of the fluids are summarized; the tests included high contaminant levels to approximate those expected in retrofits. A rating system to gauge wear is outlined. Fleet trials conducted in Australia are summarized, noting anecdotal suggestions that R-134a may provide improved performance. While much more study is needed, the esters tested appear promising for use with R-134a in MAC system retrofit.

S. Corr, E. Goodwin, R. D. Gregson, A. Halse, A. Lindley (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), S. H. Colmery, T. W. Dekleva, and R. Yost (ICI Americas, Incorporated), **Retrofitting Mobile Air-Conditioning Systems with HFC-134a**, seminar presentation at the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Passenger Car Meeting and Exposition (Nashville, TN), ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, 18 September 1991 (22 pages with 27 charts, RDB2618)

This document provides the charts and text for a presentation on retrofit of mobile air air-conditioning (MAC) systems. The need for a service refrigerant, aftermarket logistics, and requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 are introduced. The reasons for selecting R-134a as a retrofit refrigerant are discussed. Retrofit solutions may lie between simple replacement of the refrigerant and lubricant and the need to flush the system and also replace certain components. The rationale for esters as the lubricant is presented. Ten ester candidates are summarized and data are provided on viscosity, miscibility, and wear tests. Compatibility findings are presented for EPDM, HNBR, neoprene, nitrile, nylon, and Du Pont Viton(R) with mineral oil, a polyalkylene glycol (PAG), an end-capped PAG, and an ester. Mutual compatibility and thermal stability data are discussed for the lubricants. A finding on chlorinated impurities (e.g., residual R-12 or flushing solvents) is reviewed, indicating that its nature is more important than its concentration. Sealed-tube test results are reviewed for R-12 and R-134a with mineral oil, PAG, AND ester lubricants with contaminants. The data include changes in color, viscosity, acid number, and metal content as well as copper plating and metal impacts; no detrimental effects from residual R-12 and mineral oil were observed with R-134a and the es-

ters. Hydrolytic stability tests point to greater stability with polyol esters than PAGs. The stability analyses and a compressor test program are outlined. [see RDB2913 for update]

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This paper focuses on procedures and system performance for retrofit of mobile air air-conditioning (MAC) systems with R-134a. The paper outlines the need for retrofit, pointing to the hundreds of millions of vehicles that use R-12 and anticipated shortfall to meet service needs after recycling and recovery. The paper briefly notes activities underway to prepare guidelines for refrigerants, procedures, and fittings; qualify suitable lubricants; and identify acceptable practices. ICI is pursuing ester lubricants, but the paper notes that others are investigating use of polyalkylene glycols (PAGs). The paper re-

views a number of retrofit procedures and the labor requirements for them. Two categories are contrasted, with and without flushing to remove mineral oil. The paper reviews the time and impacts of R-12 recovery, system flushing, removal and draining of the compressor, addition of lubricant, system reassembly, evacuation, and recharging with R-134a. Specific flushing agents including per- and trichloroethylene (PCE and TCE), are discussed. Fleet trials to gauge the performance and compressor durability consequences of retrofit, with different procedures and compressor types, are reviewed; these tests are underway in Australia, the United States, and elsewhere. R-134a may require 10-20% extra condenser capacity at idle conditions or high ambient temperatures. No performance penalties have been associated with flushing or not flushing. The paper concludes that R-134a combined with ester lubricants appears to offer acceptable levels of performance and systems compatibility, but more work is required.

S. Devotta and S. Gopichand (National Chemical Laboratory, India), **Comparative Assessment of Some Flammable Refrigerants as Alternatives to CFC-12**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 249-257, July 1992 (9 pages with 4 figures and 1 table, RDB2727)

This paper reviews the need for assessment of flammable refrigerants and the implications of using such fluids as alternatives to R-12. Because of the complexities and potential adverse findings in qualifying alternative refrigerants, there may not be adequate time for developed countries to fully evaluate new fluids. Developing countries such as India and China, which are self-reliant in the manufacture of refrigerants and equipment, are short of funds and cannot afford to introduce transition fluids, such as HCFCs and possibly HFCs, and then change again. Global environmental concern requires that flammable fluids also be considered, some of which were used in the past even in home refrigerators. Flammability is considered to pose a lower risk than toxicity. The paper reviews the theoretical performance and flammability of R-142b, R-152a, R-C270 (cyclopropane), R-290 (propane), R-600 (butane), R-600a (isobutane). The pressure ratios, specific compressor displacements, theoretical efficiency, and specific shaft power are plotted for these refrigerants as functions of the evaporating temperature for a range of -35 to +5 °C (-31 to +41 °F) for a 50 °C (122 °F) condensing temperature. The performance, flammability and environmental data, and fundamental properties are tabulated and

compared to those of R-12. Means to reduce leaks and charge quantities are discussed as ways to reduce the risks. R-C270 would require smaller compressors and may offer superior performance. R-152a may be preferred based on its lower flammability and experience with it.

D. A. Didion (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), R. Cohen, and D. R. Tree (Purdue University), **The Role of R-22 in Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Equipment**, International Colloquium on Refrigeration and CFCs (Brussels, Belgium, March 1990), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, to be published (18 pages with 6 figures and 3 tables, RDB0921)

D. A. Didion, **Energy Performance Potential of the Alaskan Air Conditioning Company's Refrigerant Mixture ["R-176"]**, National Institute of Standards and Technology (then the National Bureau of Standards), Gaithersburg, MD, July 1984 (RDB-2320)

R. E. Ertinger (Carrier Corporation), **HCFC-22: Requirements for Unitary Products**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 340-347, December 1991 (8 pages with 3 figures, RDB2257)

This paper estimates the annual quantity of R-22 required internationally for unitary equipment through the year 2000. Based on its properties, including efficiency, low cost, and safety, R-22 is the most widely used refrigerant. The paper estimates its 1990 use to be 160 million kg (352 million lbs), of which 14% was used for equipment other than unitary (e.g., existing and new chillers). For the unitary portion, 24% was used in new products and 76% to service existing equipment. Two parametric scenarios are presented: (1) 3, 5, and 7% growth in demand for unitary products with no change in service practices, and (2) recovery increasing to 40, 60, or 80 %/yr by 2000. Based on assumptions for usage in room air-conditioners, duct-free split systems, ducted systems, and commercial unitary systems, the paper projects a range of 77-149 million kg (169-327 million lbs), depending on recovery levels, to be required in 2000 at the 5% annual new-product growth rate.

S. K. Fischer (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, ORNL), **An Analytical Screening of Alternatives for R-502 in Low-Temperature Refrigerating Applications**, paper 3617 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (15 pages with 9 figures and 11 tables, RDB2602)

J. N. Friedman, **Experimental Evaluation of Alaskan Air Conditioning Company's Mixed Refrigerant R-176**, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, NY, 17 August 1984 (13 pages with 2 figures and 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB1B01)

The measured performance of a zeotropic ternary blend, R-12/R-22/R-142b (15/25/60) is compared to that of R-22 for two residential heat pumps. The units tested included an air-to-water heating-only model and an air-to-air heating-and-cooling model. The charge and expansion device orifice (Accurator(R) piston size) were optimized for capacity and efficiency. The heating capacity and coefficient of performance (COP) were approximately 52 and 15% lower, respectively, with the refrigerant blend than with R-22 in the air-to-water heat pump. The heating and cooling capacities were approximately 35 and 46% lower, respectively, in the air-to-air heat pump, but the efficiency increased by approximately 10% in the cooling mode and was nearly the same for heating. The test procedures and conditions are described in the report. The study concluded that the mixture is not a viable replacement in Carrier heat pump systems operating in the heating mode. Additional testing is recommended to determine if increases in efficiency can be achieved with the mixture in the cooling mode, based on further capillary tube and refrigerant charge optimization, despite the decreased cooling capacity.

C. L. Gage (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and G. S. Kazachki (Acurex Environmental Corporation), **Predictions of Azeotropes Formed from Fluorinated Ether, Ethane, and Propane Azeotropes**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 611-, July 1992 (9 pages with 6 figures and 3 tables, RDB2836)

K. D. Gerdsmeier (Danfoss GmbH, Germany), **R-134a in Small Commercial refrigeration Systems: Some Practical Aspects**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 197-202, July 1992 (10 pages with 4 figures, RDB2721)

This paper present findings with R-134a in commercial refrigeration equipment for evaporating temperatures of -15 to +15 °C (5-59 °F) with small hermetic compressors (with displacements volumes up to 20 cm³, 1.2 in³). Emphasis is placed on beverage coolers, cooling units for electronics, commercial refrigerators, and heat pump water heaters (HPWHs). Cooling capacities are plotted for R-12 and R-

134a based on calorimetric tests of a compressor, showing that the capacity of R-12 and R-134a are similar, but slightly greater for R-12 at low evaporating temperatures and for R-134a at high temperatures. Coefficients of performance (COP) are similarly plotted, showing no penalty with R-134a in compressors optimized for R-12. Tests of a HPWH showed reduced operating time with R-134a due to its higher capacity. More favorable results with systems optimized for R-134a are suggested. The relative miscibility of mineral oil in R-12 and esters in R-134a are discussed, noting higher concern with design for oil return for the latter. The paper notes that new ester lubricants have the advantage of being biodegradable. Moisture implications and the need for higher drying with ester lubricants are discussed. Residual chlorine from retrofits leads to increased wear with R-134a and esters. The paper argues against conversion from R-12 to R-134a for small refrigeration systems, but concludes that R-134a can be successfully used in new systems.

G. H. Goble, **A Drop-In CFC-12 Replacement for Automotive Air Conditioning**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 607-609, July 1992 (3 pages, RDB2835)

This paper presents a ternary zeotropic blend, proposed as a transition fluid, to replace R-12 in automotive air conditioners. The blend is R-22/R-142b/R-600a (55/37/8), which offers an ozone depletion potential of 0.05 and compatibility with mineral oils. It has been tested in approximately 150 vehicles, two since August 1990. Only one failure has resulted, but it was not attributed to the refrigerant change. Colder air delivery than for R-12 was found; the condensing temperature is higher, though still low enough to prevent refrigerant/oil breakdown. The isobutane content makes the blend miscible in standard mineral oils, including Suniso 3GS and 5GS naphthenic oils and Virginia KMP 150 paraffinic oil. The flammability, both as compounded and after fractionation from leakage, is reviewed. Testing of a silane-based, desiccant and sealant additive are described to reduce refrigerant leaks. The paper notes that the blend composition can be customized for hot climates.

L. R. Grzyll and C. F. Parish (Mainstream Engineering Corporation), **An Innovative Approach for the Screening and Development of CFC Alternatives**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E.

Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 415-424, July 1992 (10 pages with 6 figures and 4 tables, RDB2824)

L-Z. Han, M-S. Zhu, and Z-Z. Lin (Tsinghua University, China), **Experimental Study on Blend HCFC-22/HFC-152a as a Refrigerant in Refrigerator**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 494-501, December 1991 (8 pages with 4 figures and 1 table, RDB2311)

X. He, U. C. Spindler, D. Jung, and R. Radermacher (University of Maryland), **Investigation of R-22/R-142b Mixture as a Substitute for R-12 in Single-Evaporator Domestic Refrigerators**, paper 3557 (Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 1992), *Transactions, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)*, Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 1, pages 150-159, 1992 (10 pages with 10 figures and 1 table, RDB-2340)

H. M. Hughes (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Non-Ozone Depleting Refrigerants for Centrifugal Compressors**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 41-46, September 1992 (6 pages with 4 figures, RDB2A01)

This paper reviews the characteristics sought in a replacement for R-11 and R-123, as well as reasons for their widespread use and the long-term need for a replacement. R-245ca, with a boiling point of 25.5 °C (79.9 °F) and a molecular mass of 134.0, is identified as a candidate. It is reported to be nonflammable and have a global warming potential (GWP) comparable to that of R-134a. The paper presents the results of cycle comparisons based on modelling. These results include figures comparing the capacity and coefficient of performance (COP) for R-11, R-123, and R-245ca. An investigation of multi-stage systems is outlined. The results, excluding interstage losses, indicate that R-245ca matches R-11's efficiency with three stages and becomes more efficient with four or more. Moreover, anticipation of better heat transfer characteristics is noted, based on the higher molecular weight of R-245ca. Little is known of the toxicity of this fluid, though most HFCs tend to have low toxicity. Potential obstacles such as lubricant identification and materials compatibility are discussed.

J. A. Jones and A. Lund, **Low-Ozone Damaging Fluid Mix Substitutes for Refrigerant 12**, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA 1989 (RDB2338)

B. D. Joyner, **Refrigerants 69-S and 69-L, "Drop-In" Replacements for R-502**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, December 1991 (RDB-2303)

G. S. Kazachki (Acurex Environmental Corporation) and C. L. Gage (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), **Thermodynamic Evaluation of Predicted Fluorinated Ether, Ethane, and Propane Azeotropes**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 595-605, July 1992 (11 pages with 10 figures and 4 tables, RDB2834)

This paper summarizes thermodynamic analyses of seven predicted azeotropes of fluorinated ethers, ethanes, and propanes. They include E-125/R-C270, E-125/R-134a, E-143a/R-134, R-134a/E-143a, E-143a/R-152a, R-134/R-245cb, and R-245cb/R-227ea. Their performance was evaluated using basic thermophysical property data and the results used to rank the azeotropes among other refrigerants.

T. S. Kim, J. Y. Shin, S. D. Chang, M. S. Kim, and S. T. Ro (Seoul National University, Korea), **Cycle Performance and Heat Transfer Characteristics of a Heat Pump Using R-22/R-142b Refrigerant Mixtures**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 53-62, July 1992 (10 pages with 14 figures, RDB2713)

W. L. Kopko (York International Corporation), **Extending the Search for New Refrigerants**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 13, number 3, March 1990, pages 79 ff (RDB2304)

H. Kruse and F. Rinne (Universität Hannover, Germany), **Performance and Leakage Investigations of Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Systems Using Refrigerant Mixtures as Working Fluids**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 621-630, July 1992 (10 pages with 10 figures, RDB-2837)

H. Kruse and U. Hesse (Universität Hannover, Germany), **Possible Substitutes for Fully Halogenated Chlorofluorocarbons Using Fluids Already Marketed**, *Status of CFCs – Refrigeration Systems and Refrigerant Properties* (proceedings of the meetings of IIR Commissions B1, B2, E1, and

E2, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, July 1988; republished in the *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 11, number 4, pages 276-283, 1988 (RDB2305)

L. J. M. Kuijpers (Phillips Research Laboratories), J. A. De Witt, and M. J. P. Janssen, **Possibilities for the Replacement of CFC 12 in Domestic Equipment**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 11, number 4, pages 284-291, 1988 (RDB2258)

J. W. Linton, W. K. Snelson, P. F. Hearty, and A. R. Triebe (National Research Council, Canada), **The Potential of HFC-134a and HFC-152a to Replace CFC-12 in Medium Temperature Heat Pump Applications**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 203-209, July 1992 (7 pages with 8 figures, RDB2722)

S. Madigan (Danfoss), **Compressor Manufacturer's Experiences with R-134a Applications**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 153-155, September 1992 (3 pages with 4 figures and 1 table, RDB2A14)

This paper outlines factors requiring attention when substituting R-134a for R-12 in systems with capillary tubes and Danfoss LBP compressors. Pressure-enthalpy diagrams show that the latent heat of vaporization is significantly higher for R-134a than for R-12, requiring lower mass flow for the same capacity. A table compares the enthalpy and design parameters for the two fluids. The paper notes that capillary tubes must be reselected with the refrigerant change to adapt for the differences in pressure and mass and volume flow. Compatibility is noted as good with substitution of polyol ester lubricants, to account for miscibility; valve coking is not anticipated. The dependence on a filter drier, with Union Carbide XH7 recommended as the desiccant, is outlined based on the moisture content of the lubricant and the difficulty of drying it. A set of housekeeping rules is outlined.

M. O. McLinden and D. A. Didion (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST), **Quest for Alternatives**, *ASHRAE Journal*, December 1987, republished in ASHRAE Special Publication, *CFCs: Time of Transition*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 69-78, 1989 (6 pages with 9 figures and 1 table, RDB2259)

This article reviews the criteria required of refrigerants and the reasons chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were originally investigated. A systematic examination, based on molecular structure, reveals a range of compounds that should be environmentally acceptable and still retain desired attributes. 860 compounds were screened, resulting in 51 fluids warranting further examination. The article notes that the number of compounds from which to choose alternatives is limited; the chlorofluorocarbon family – including fluorocarbons and hydrocarbons – remains the clear choice by virtue of stability, thermodynamic properties, health and safety characteristics, and familiarity. Some compromise with traditional criteria (e.g., capacity, flammability, and efficiency) will be needed. Present refrigerants resulted from more than 30 years of research and development. Careful scientific and technological planning are required to effect a significant change, and to avoid a new solution that introduces more problems than it solves.

S. M. Miner (Engineering Consultant), **An Appraisal of Ammonia as an Alternative Refrigerant in Light of the CFC and GWP Situation**, *Technical Papers of the 14th Annual Meeting* (22-25 March 1992, Miami, FL), International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IIAR), Washington, DC, pages 231-250, March 1992 (20 pages with 4 figures and 5 tables, RDB2912)

This paper reviews the history of ammonia refrigeration and the impediments – real and perceived – to its broader use. Safety issues and environmental benefits associated with ammonia are identified. Current developments and research efforts related to ammonia use are summarized. The paper then outlines several applications of ammonia as examples and concludes with sources of further information.

D. Naito (Daikin Industries, Limited), **Alternatives to CFC Refrigerants**, *Proceedings of the 3rd International Energy Agency Heat Pump Conference* (Tokyo, Japan, 12-15 March 1990), edited by T. Saito and Y. Igarashi, Pergamon Press, Elmsford, NY, pages 713-720, 1990 (8 pages, RDB0407)

A. D. Nickens, G. F. Brunner, and D. L. Hamilton, **Navy Investigations of HFC-134a as a Replacement for CFC-12 in Shipboard Applications**, *Naval Engineers Journal*, pages 98-103, May 1992 (6 pages with 4 figures and 4 tables, available from JMC as RDB2706)

This article reviews research and development efforts by the U.S. Navy to qualify R-134a as the retrofit replacement refrigerant for R-12 and for future air-conditioning applications on ships and submarines. The article recaps fleet use of R-12

for air-conditioning and refrigeration, compares the properties of R-134a to those of R-12, and outlines the Navy's review of toxicity data and risk affects. Unique considerations for submarine use are summarized, including potential interactions with life-support and contaminant removal systems, in the event of refrigerant leaks. These systems include burners to oxidize carbon monoxide and hydrogen as well as carbon dioxide scrubbers. The article reviews tests of R-134a in 25 and 80 ton shipboard air-conditioning plants. Initial retrofit tests using R-134a with a polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricant resulted in 5% improvements in both capacity and efficiency. Inspection after 5100 hours of operation, however, revealed extensive copper plating and severe damage to one piston, wrist pin, and connecting rod. Damage to other parts, including a chipped oil ring, worn piston rings, and broken or collapsed suction valve springs also were noted. These findings led to a judgement that PAG lubricants are unsatisfactory for shipboard reciprocating compressors for air conditioning. While a molecular-sieve drier had been used for a portion of the cited tests, initial operation was without a drier. The paper reviews a subsequent test of an 80 ton plant with R-134a and a proprietary polyol ester (POE) lubricant, provided by the Carrier Corporation. A lubricant analysis after two hours of operation revealed approximately 15% residual mineral oil, which was reduced to approximately 3% after a second oil change. Cooling capacity increased by 1% and efficiency dropped by 2% using R-134a. Although minor copper plating was evident after 2000 hours of operation, particularly on the suction valves, no measurable decomposition was detected in the R-134a. No measurable wear was found on any component to date, and the extended operation test is continuing. Onboard demonstration and fleet retrofit plans are summarized.

G. J. O'Neill and R. S. Holdsworth (W. R. Grace and Company), **Bis (Difluoromethyl) Ether Refrigerant**, patent 4,961,321, 9 October 1990 (4 pages, RDB1133)

This patent describes the use of E-134 as a refrigerant, either as a single component or in a blend. The refrigerant is described as environmentally safe, nontoxic, and nonflammable and as having the desired physical, chemical, and thermodynamic properties necessary for a refrigerant.

S. F. Pearson, (Star Refrigeration Limited), **The Development of a Drop-In Replacement for R502**, paper 92.4, *Proceedings of the Institute of Refrigeration*, London, UK, January 1992 (9 pages with 15 figures and 1 table, RDB2306)

This paper describes the development, performance testing, flammability considerations, charging, and separation of two ternary zeotropes developed as replacements for R-502. Both are blends of R-22, R-218 (octafluoropropane), and R-290 (propane). One containing 39% R-218 results in marginally lower discharge temperatures; the other containing 20% R-218 offers discharge temperatures between those of R-502 and R-22. These R-290/22/218 mixtures are nonflammable and of low toxicity. They exhibit ozone depletion potentials (ODPs) of 0.037 and 0.028 and nearly the same refrigerating effect as R-502. Measured coefficients of performance (COPs) with these blends were higher than for R-502 under comparable conditions. The paper describes the choice of components, including initial consideration of blends containing R-125 and R-1270. The test rig, results, and effects of diffusion and replacement of lost refrigerants also are discussed. Extensive international field testing is mentioned, but not described.

S. F. Pearson, (Star Refrigeration Limited), **Development of a Substitute for R502**, paper 162, proceedings of the XVIIIth International Congress of Refrigeration (Montreal, Québec, Canada, August 1991), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, August 1991 (RDB2425)

S. F. Pearson, (Star Refrigeration Limited), **Refrigeration after CFCs**, proceedings of the Low Temperature Engineering and Cryogenics Conference, Southampton, 1990 (RDB2237)

R. L. Powell (ICI Chemicals and Polymers, Limited), **Long Term Replacements for R-22 and R-502: The Next Challenge**, unpublished presentation (International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference, Baltimore, MD), available from ICI Americas Incorporated, New Castle, DE, USA, December 1991 (7 pages with 4 figures and 2 tables, RDB-2519)

This paper identifies a number of substitute candidates for R-22 and R-502, and describes the advantages and disadvantages of each. Options addressed include R-32, R-125, R-134a, R-143a, R-152a, as well as nine binary and ten ternary blends of them. Selection of candidates is limited to fluorocarbons, because only these compounds exhibit the low boiling points needed for refrigeration, especially at temperatures needed for commercial frozen-food storage. Chlorinated compounds are excluded because of their potential for ozone depletion. Perfluorocarbons, such as R-218, are unlikely since their high-fluorine content, and resultant long atmospheric lifetimes, are expected to lead to high direct global warming potentials (GWP). Similar properties to the fluids being

replaced, to minimize equipment development requirements, and avoidance of subatmospheric operation are further goals. Flammability and toxicity limit some choices, such as R-290 (propane) and R-717 (ammonia). The paper raises avoidance of high GWPs, flammable ranges, high discharge superheat, high fractionation potential in leakage, and maintenance or improvement of efficiency to further narrow the list. The paper recommends mixtures of R-32 and R-134a, modified where necessary with R-125 to suppress the flammability of R-32 and reduce discharge temperatures, as the preferred solutions.

R. Radermacher and D. Jung (University of Maryland), **Theoretical Analysis of Replacement Refrigerants for R-22 for Residential Uses**, report EPA/400/1-91/041, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, December 1991 (77 pages with 10 figures and 10 tables, RDB2509)

This report examines the need and candidate replacements for R-22. The simulation programs (HAC1 for single fluids and binary mixtures and HACT1 for ternary mixtures) and data used for the study are summarized. Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants R-32, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-143a, and R-152a and hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) R-124 were selected for analyses. Results are presented for R-32/124, R-32/134, R-32/134a, R-32/152a, R-125/124, R-125/134a, R-125/152a, R-143a/124, R-143a/134a, and R-143a/152a. Results also are provided for three ternary blends, investigated to reduce flammability, namely R-32/152a/124, R-32/152a/134, and R-32/152a/134a. Coefficients of performance (COPs) and seasonal performance factors (SPFs) were calculated. The report also reviews the design modifications considered and discusses requirements for future research. No single-component refrigerant was found acceptable as a substitute, but binary and ternary blends appear promising. The ternary mixture of R-32/152a/124 showed the best performance, with a COP increase of 13.7% over R-22. Chlorine-free R-32/152a/134 yielded a 12.6% increase, but no manufacturer has indicated intent to produce R-134. R-32/134a shows an improvement of 6% and may not be flammable since it contains 70% R-134a. The report notes that significant design changes, such as use of counter-flow heat exchangers, will be necessary to achieve these gains. A caveat indicates that the ranking of substitutes may change, due to the influence of transport properties and other variables not considered. (This report replaces the published draft, see RDB1134.)

R. Radermacher and D. Jung (University of Maryland), **Replacement Refrigerants for R-22**, pub-

lished draft report, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, November 1990 (80 pages with 24 exhibits, RDB1134)

This peer-review draft examines alternative refrigerants for R-22. The report summarizes the simulation programs used, HAC and HACT, to examine candidate refrigerants. Coefficients of performance (COPs) and seasonal performance factors (SPFs) were calculated for a number of mixtures. The report also reviews the design modifications considered and discusses requirements for future research. No single-component refrigerant was found suitable as a substitute, but binary and ternary blends appear promising. The R-32/152a blend was identified as the most promising option, with an estimated COP increase of 11%. A further increase by 4% was estimated with use of a suction gas heat exchanger. Addition of a third, nonflammable component is suggested to reduce flammability. (This published draft was replaced by RDB-2509.)

R. Radermacher (University of Maryland) and J. Lavelle (Elf Atochem North America, Incorporated), **Comparison of R-12 with the Blend of R-22/R-142b**, *Proceedings of the ASME Winter Annual Meeting*, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), New York, NY, pages 22-30, 1988 (RDB2339)

M. L. Robin, Y. Iikubo (Great Lakes Chemical Corporation), G. de Souza Damasceno, J. N. Dubrouillet, V. W. Goldschmidt, and D. R. Tree (Purdue University), **Performance of Alternative Refrigerants: Refrigerator-Freezer Energy Testing with HFC-152a / HFC-227ea Mixtures**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 99-104, September 1992 (6 pages with 2 tables, RDB2A05)

This paper presents measured performance data for blends of R-152a and R-227ea tested in an unmodified home refrigerator. Physical and thermodynamic properties as well as flammability data and ozone depletion potentials (ODPs) are tabulated for R-12, R-152a, and R-227ea for comparison. The energy measurements were based on ANSI/AHAM Standard HRF-1-1988, with an increased number of thermocouples. An unidentified polyol ester (POE) was used as the lubricant for the R-152a/227ea mixtures. R-152a/227ea (80/20) offered slightly reduced energy consumption and that 50/50 and 20/80 mixtures increased energy consumption by 4.3%. The paper concludes that the R-152a/227ea blends may offer significantly improved performance compared to R-12 in an

optimized system. Recommendations are provided for further work.

R. J. Rose (University of Maryland), D. Jung (Inha University, Korea) and R. Radermacher (University of Maryland), **Testing of Domestic Two-Evaporator Refrigerators with Zeotropic Refrigerant Mixtures**, paper 3620 (Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1992), *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 98, part 2, in publication (10 pages with 7 figures and 3 tables, RDB2605)

S. M. Sami, J. Schnotale (University of Moncton, Canada), and J. G. Smale (Du Pont Canada, Incorporated), **An Investigation of Ternary Blends Performance Proposed as Substitutes for CFC-12**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, pages 651-660, July 1992 (10 pages with 9 figures, RDB2840)

J. R. Sand, S. K. Fischer (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, ORNL), **Modeled Performance of Nonchlorinated Substitutes for CFC-11 and CFC-12 in Centrifugal Chillers**, *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, publication pending (6 pages, RDB2411)

J. R. Sand, S. K. Fischer (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, ORNL), and P. A. Joyner (Electric Power Research Institute, EPRI), **Modeled Performance of Nonchlorinated Substitutes for CFC-11 and CFC-12 in Centrifugal Chillers**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 406-415, December 1991 (10 pages with 2 tables, RDB2260)

J. R. Sand and E. A. Vineyard, **Report of Foreign Travel: 2-5 May 1989** [Zeotropic Blends in Refrigerators], ORNL/FTR-3251, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 18 May 1989 (14 pages, RDB1135)

This informal report summarizes meetings on refrigerator/freezer testing with zeotropic blends of refrigerants (*nonazeotropic mixtures of refrigerants* or *NARMS*) at the Universität Hannover (Hannover, FRG). The research investigated a freezer, modified with a polystyrene block to form separate freezer and fresh-food compartments, operating with an R-22/142b refrigerator blend. The simulation program, testing protocol, instrumentation, and plans for testing other blends were reviewed. Also addressed is a visit to AEG GmbH (Kassel, FRG), a major manufacturer of domestic appliances, to discuss research on alternative refrigerants. Com-

pressor components were reviewed after 1000 hours accelerated life testing in R-134a and in R-22/R-142b. Parts from the R-134a compressor looked very good, whereas parts from the R-22/R-142b test unit showed much more thermal breakdown. Some AEG engineers favor R-152a, or blends of R-152a with R-22 or R-134a, as an alternative to R-12.

K. S. Sanvordenker (Tecumseh Products Company), **Compressor Manufacturer's R-134a Applications**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 157-164, September 1992 (8 pages with 3 figures and 3 tables containing corrections to the copy in the proceedings, available from JMC as RDB2901)

This paper highlights the efforts of a compressor manufacturer to implement research data into R-134a applications for hermetic units. Comparative capacity and performance data, based on calorimeter tests, are tabulated for compressors representative of those used in refrigerator/freezer applications. The capacity is approximately 10% lower with R-134a at rating conditions, but the efficiency stays the same. Further data show that the relative capacities and efficiencies of R-12 and R-134a may be lower or higher depending on the application conditions. Sound levels are plotted for traditional R-12 and redesigned, high-efficiency R-134a compressors; the overall sound level is lower for the latter. Materials compatibility issues are reviewed, noting the advantages and acceptance of polyol ester (POE) lubricants as the consensus selection for R-134a. The paper discusses lubricant stability, chemical reactivity, miscibility, solubility, and lubricity. A plot compares the solubility of R-12 and R-134a in two POEs to R-12 in mineral oil. The discussion suggests that a bigger motor, with a small potential penalty in efficiency, may be required for R-134a due to the impact on equalization pressure and the required starting torque. A need is noted for new test methods for lubricity. The impacts on motor insulation and uncertainties regarding contaminants are covered briefly. The paper concludes that there are no technical barriers to conversion from R-12 to R-134a, but that information dissemination and the cost of the refrigerant and lubricant remain factors in the rate of conversion.

K. S. Sanvordenker (Tecumseh Products Company), **R-152a versus R-134a in Domestic Refrigerator-Freezer - Energy Advantage or Energy Penalty**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E.

Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 259-263, July 1992 (5 pages with 4 tables, RDB2728)

This paper presents new laboratory data for R-12, R-134a, and R-152a in domestic refrigerator-freezer applications. It responds to assertions and reported findings that R-152a would offer higher efficiency, noting an error in the published thermodynamic data used. The paper reviews reports of R-152a advantages and implications. It also provides capacity and efficiency data, based on calorimeter tests, for six compressors for R-12, R-134a, and R-152a with a polyol ester lubricant. These tests were run at -23 °C (-10 °F) evaporator temperature and both 43 and 54°C (110 and 130 °F) condenser temperatures. The test method, ASHRAE Standard 23, and associated peculiarities are reviewed. R-152a consistently yielded a 10% lower capacity than R-134a, which in turn showed a 10% drop compared to R-12. The energy efficiencies were nearly the same at the higher condensing temperature, but R-152a suffered a 6.5% penalty at the more representative lower condensing temperature. The data are briefly related to analyses by other investigators, which corroborate the findings. The paper concludes that use of R-152a instead of R-134a may yield a significant energy penalty rather than advantage.

I. R. Shankland (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **CFC Alternatives for Thermal Insulation Foams, CFCs: Today's Options - Tomorrow's Solutions** (proceedings of ASHRAE's CFC Technology Conference, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, September 1989), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 87-95, 1990 (9 pages, RDB0518)

M. B. Shifflet, A. Yokozeki, and P. R. Reed (Du Pont Chemicals), **Property and Performance Evaluation of "SUVA" HP Refrigerants as R-502 Alternatives**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference - Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 15-24, July 1992 (10 pages with 10 figures and 2 tables, RDB2709)

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T. G. Statt (U.S. Department of Energy), **An Overview of Ozone-Safe Refrigerants for Centrifugal Chillers**, *CFC Alternatives*, technical data bulletin 6(1), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 35-39, June 1990; republished in *Transactions*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Atlanta, GA, volume 96, part 1, 1990 (5 pages with 2 figures and 5 tables, RDB2335)

R. A. Struss, J. P. Henkes, and L. W. Gabbey (Modine Manufacturing Company), **Performance Comparison of HFC-134a and CFC-12 with Various Heat Exchangers in Automotive Air-Conditioning Systems**, paper 900598 (SAE International Congress and Exposition, Detroit, MI, 26 February - 2 March 1990), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Warrendale, PA, February 1990 (12 pages with 13 figures and 7 tables, RDB2A17)

This paper reviews vehicular wind tunnel tests that were carried out on two automotive air-conditioning systems. The test data compare performance of R-12 and R-134a with various heat exchangers. The vehicles, heat exchangers, test facilities, approach, and findings are reviewed. R-12 was tested with a 525 SUS viscosity mineral oil. R-134a was tested with a proprietary polyalkylene glycol, supplied by Du Pont Chemicals. The heat exchangers included both a serpentine and a parallel flow designs. Refrigerant charge requirements were determined by comparative tests. R-134a resulted in higher head pressures, but the same compartment temperatures as with R-12. Heat exchanger selection was found to influence

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S. G. Sundaresan (Copeland Corporation), **Near Azeotrope Refrigerants to Replace R-502 in Commercial Refrigeration**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 1-13, July 1992 (13 pages with 11 figures and 7 tables, RDB2708)

S. G. Sundaresan (Copeland Corporation), **Alternate Refrigerants and Lubricants for Refrigeration Compressors**, paper 151, proceedings of the XVIIIth International Congress of Refrigeration (Montreal, Québec, Canada, August 1991), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, August 1991 (RDB2308)

D. W. Treadwell (Lennox Industries Incorporated), **Application of Propane (R-290) to a Single Packaged Unitary Air-Conditioning Product**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 348-351, December 1991 (4 pages with 1 table, RDB-2261)

This paper discusses the safety considerations and two tests of propane (R-290) as a refrigerant in a single-package, unitary air conditioner. Advantages cited include lower discharge temperature and pressure compared to R-22, both favorable to compressor life, as well as higher efficiency (by 1-2%) and materials compatibility. The low cost, availability, and favorable environmental attributes (no ozone-depletion potential and near zero global warming potential) are contrasted to its flammability. The paper estimates the charge quantity required to be less than half that of R-22, and concludes that the probability of reaching the lower flammability limit in a house – under identified leak assumptions – is remote. The paper indicates that the potential risks should be evaluated in light of the environmental and other advantages.

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H. Wijaya (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **Adiabatic Capillary Tube Test Data for HFC-134a**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 63-71, July 1992 (9 pages with 9 figures and 3 tables, RDB2714)

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M-S. Zhu, L-Z. Han, Z-Z. Lin (Tsinghua University, China) B. Lu, D. Liu, and L. Yang (Beijing Snow Flake Electrical Appliance Group Corporation, China), **Experimental Researches on Domestic Refrigerators Using HFC-134a as Refrigerant**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 1, pages 241-247, July 1992 (7 pages with 1 figure and 5 tables, RDB2726)

M-S. Zhu, L-Z. Han, and Z-Z. Lin (Tsinghua University, China), **Researches of CFC Alternatives in Tsinghua University**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Baltimore, MD), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 484-493, December 1991 (10 pages with 6 tables, RDB2312)

Alternative Refrigerant Research for Residential Refrigerator-Freezers, research project 614-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, April 1989 - June 1991 (ASH0614)

The contractor for this project was Oak Ridge National Laboratory, led by E. Vineyard; it was sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committees 3.1, *Refrigerants and Brines*, and 7.1, *Residential Refrigerators and Food Freezers*. [see RDB-2412 for findings]

As Easy as 123, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, DE; The Trane Company, La Crosse WI; and York Interna-

tional Corporation, York, PA; October 1990 (12-minute videotape, RDB1137)

This video explains how R-123 was developed to replace R-11 by balancing ozone-depletion, global-warming, and energy-efficiency considerations.

CFCs: Time of Transition, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 1989 (274 pages with 32 papers, RDB1138)

CFCs: Today's Options – Tomorrow's Solutions, proceedings of 1989 ASHRAE CFC Technology Conference (Gaithersburg, MD, September 1989), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 1990 (128 pages with 13 papers, RDB1139)

Proceedings of the 1990 USNC/IIR-Purdue Refrigeration Conference and ASHRAE-Purdue CFC Conference, edited by D. R. Tree, Ray W. Herrick Laboratories, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, July 1990 (526 pages with 56 papers, RDB1140)

Progress in Japan with Substitutes for CFC Refrigerants: Report on Trip to Japan (17 November – 2 December 1989), Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI), Arlington, VA, 1989 (17 pages including 2 tables, RDB0C04)

This report summarizes observations made during a trip to Japan to investigate progress with substitutes for chlorofluorocarbon refrigerants, with emphasis on materials compatibility and lubricant research issues. The report summarizes status of refrigerants, research, and testing techniques; an itinerary and list of contacts are included. The substitutes being addressed match those being pursued in the United States, but the effort and depth of analysis are greater.

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Status of CFCs – Refrigeration Systems and Refrigerant Properties, proceedings of the meetings of IIR Commissions B1, B2, E1, and E2 (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN), International Institute of Refrigeration, Paris, France, July 1988 (438 pages with 51 papers, RDB1142)

ABSORPTION AND ADSORPTION

M. R. Ally, **Computer Simulation of Absorption Heat Pump Using Aqueous Lithium Bromide and Ternary Nitrate Mixtures**, report ORNL/TM-10392, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, June 1988 (52 pages, available from NTIS, RDB-1143)

This report presents the results of a computer simulation study aimed at comparing the potential performance of lithium bromide (LiBr) and ternary nitrate aqueous mixtures in a heat pump. The falling-film heat transfer coefficient for the ternary nitrate mixture is estimated to be lower than that for LiBr by about one-third. Due to a lack of measured thermophysical properties, the estimates relied on extrapolations. The results show that the ternary nitrate mixture may be operated up to 260 °C (500 °F) boost temperature, which is approximately 80 °C (176 °F) higher than what has been demonstrated with LiBr. In higher temperature regimes, the nitrates show the potential for 10% higher COPs and a marginally greater absorber capacity than LiBr. Experimental measurements of the falling film heat transfer coefficient, subcooling, and thermophysical properties are required to make a more definitive investigation.

S. C. Bhaduri (Indian Institute of Technology), **Thermodynamic Criterion for Selection of Refrigerant-Absorbent Pairs for Vapor Absorption Refrigeration System**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 83-98, September 1992 (16 pages with 5 figures and 1 table, RDB2A04)

R. L. Cox, **Improvements and Enhancements of the ABSORB Computer Program for Modeling Chemical Absorption Heat Pump Systems**, report ORNL/TM-9957, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, July 1986 (56 pages, available from NTIS, RDB1144)

This report provides documentation for updates to ABSORB, a simulation program for modeling chemical absorption heat pump systems of varying configuration. A number of improvements and enhancements have been incorporated to improve the robustness, flexibility, and applicability of this code; these modifications include: 1) a revised strategy of solving the system equations, 2) increased modularization of the program, and 3) the first efforts to employ the code to determine an optimum economic design of a heat pump system. A listing of the FORTRAN source code for ABSORB is included as an appendix. The listing excludes the optimizing package NPSOL, which is proprietary

and must be separately obtained. User documentation to run ABSORB is published separately in report ORNL/Sub/43337/2.

R. C. DeVault, **Advanced Absorption Cycles: System Development and Supporting Research**, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Oak Ridge, TN, March 1990 (48 pages, RDB1145)

G. Grossman and E. Michelson, **Absorption Heat Pump Simulation and Studies, Part I: A Modular Computer Simulation of Absorption Systems**, report ORNL/Sub/43337/2, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (available from NTIS, RDB0926)

R. A. Macriss and T. S. Zawacki, **Absorption Fluids Data Survey 1989 Update**, report ORNL/ Sub/84-47989/4, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 1989 (52 pages with 21 tables, available from NTIS, RDB1146)

This document updates the series of reports on absorption fluids and data, ORNL/Sub/84-47989/1,2,3, with data developed and published primarily between 1985-1988, and by citation of 44 additional references. Seventy-four worldwide publications containing data relating to properties of binary, ternary, and multicomponent absorption fluids are identified. The fluids discussed include combinations of 9 different refrigerant compounds, as well as 30 single, 7 binary, and 1 ternary absorbent compounds.

M. R. Patterson, R. N. Crosswhite, and H. Perez-Blanco, **A Menu-Driven Program for Determining Properties of Aqueous Lithium Bromide Solutions**, report ORNL/TM-11331, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, January 1990 (38 pages with program diskette, available from NTIS, RDB1147)

This report contains a description of and user's guide for the computer program LIMENU for calculating the thermodynamic and transport properties of aqueous solutions of lithium bromide (LiBr).

Thermophysical Property Data for Water-Lithium Bromide at High Temperatures and Concentrations, research project 527-RP, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, July 1987 - June 1991 (ASH0527)

The contractor is the Georgia Tech Research Institute, led by A. S. Teja; the project was sponsored by ASHRAE Technical Committee 8.3, *Absorption and Heat-Operated Machines*.

Working Fluids and Transport Phenomena in Advanced Absorption Heat Pumps, report HPTC-30-2, edited by T. Saito, Heat Pump Technology

Center of Japan, Tokyo, Japan, volume II, March 1990 (362 pages, RDB1148)

This report summarizes the findings of the International Energy Agency (IEA) research project on *Working Fluids and Transport Phenomena in Advanced Absorption Heat Pumps* (Annex XIV).

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

J. M. Calm, **Research of Alternative Refrigerants**, presentation charts, ARI Spring Meeting, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, Arlington, VA, 2-4 April 1990 (6 pages, RDB0310)

M. O. McLinden, W. M. Haynes (National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST, USA), J. T. R. Watson (National Engineering Laboratory, UK), and K. Watanabe (Keio University, Japan), **A Survey of Current Worldwide Research on the Thermodynamic Properties of Alternative Refrigerants**, report NISTIR 3969, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, CO, June 1991 (84 pages, available from NTIS, RDB2262)

A survey of research on thermophysical properties of alternative refrigerants is presented in tabular form. Research activities throughout the world, concerned with either measurements or correlations of properties, are summarized. The fluids include R-22, R-23, R-32, R-123, R-123a, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-141b, R-142b, R-143a, R-152a, E-134 (bis-difluoromethylether), fluoroethers, and hydrofluoroethers along with mixtures containing at least one of these. The properties addressed are thermodynamic, transport, phase equilibria, dielectric constant, and refractive index. The report provides summary information about each research activity, including the ranges of data, estimated accuracy, and references. The organizations and investigators involved as well as apparatus and techniques employed are tabulated by country. Neither actual property data nor correlating equations are presented. The objectives were to assist in coordination of research programs, to expedite acquisition of required property data, and to serve as a guide for planning future research. The collaborative effort to compile this information was undertaken under Annex 18, *Thermophysical Properties of the Environmentally Acceptable Refrigerants*, of the Advanced Heat Pump Programme of the International Energy Agency.

please see pages 4-6 for ordering information

K. Watanabe (Keio University, Japan), **Current Status of Thermophysical Properties Research on CFC Alternatives**, *Proceedings of the 3rd International Energy Agency Heat Pump Conference* (Tokyo, Japan, 12-15 March 1990) edited by T. Saito and Y. Igarashi, Pergamon Press, Elmsford, NY, pages 263-282, 1990 (22 pages, RDB0408)

AFEAS

Alternative Fluorocarbons Environmental Acceptability Study, program description, AFEAS, Washington, DC, April 1990 (4 pages, RDB1149)

AFEAS was initiated in December 1988, as a consortium of 12 chemical producers, to assess the potential impacts of chlorofluorocarbon refrigerant alternatives on the environment. Results were presented at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) meeting in Nairobi in August 1989, and were incorporated as an appendix to the Scientific Assessment under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The study is being expanded to conduct further related research. This brochure introduces AFEAS.

Alternative Fluorocarbons Environmental Acceptability Study (AFEAS) Summary Leaflets, Alternative Fluorocarbons Environmental Acceptability Study, Washington, DC, 31 May 1990 (10 pages, RDB1150)

This series of five leaflets summarize key AFEAS findings. They address *Atmospheric Fluorocarbons and Stratospheric Ozone, Breakdown Products of Alternatives, UV-B Radiation Measurements, Alternative Fluorocarbons and Global Warming*, and a *Glossary of Terms*.

ARI

G. C. Hourahan and D. S. Godwin (Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute), **ARI's R-22 Alternative Refrigerants Evaluation Program (AREP)**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 55-64, September 1992 (10 pages with 3 figures and 3 tables, available from JMC as RDB2906)

This paper summarizes a program to evaluate candidate fluids to replace R-22, establish test protocols to evaluate them, conduct the tests, and present the results. The overall objective is to perform a broad screening of alternative candidates, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of work and wasting of limited resources.

The paper outlines the AREP organization, including its Task Force (chaired by D. M. Goldberg) and Technical Committee (chaired by E. B. Muir); both their members and participating international organizations are named. The document reviews considerations for ten candidates selected for initial examination from nearly 30 nominations. They include R-32/R-125 (60/40), R-32/R-134a (25/75), R-32/R-125/R-134a (10/70/20), R-290 (propane), R-134a, R-717 (ammonia), R-32/R-125/R-290/R-134a (20/55/5/20), R-32/R-125/R-134a (30/10/60), R-125/R-143a (45/55), and R-125/R-143a/R-134a (45/50/5); the list notes changes in selected blend compositions from earlier AREP documents. The last two are of primary interest as potential replacements for R-502. Procedures and conditions for compressor calorimeter and heat transfer test are outlined. The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) is funding the heat transfer segment. Planned drop-in tests, system simulations, and system tests are outlined. Results of the work will be disseminated through technical publications and through the Refrigerant Database. A Gantt chart shows the schedule for introduction of R-22 replacements. Additional figures indicate the AREP testing plan and detail the heat transfer testing protocol.

Participants' Handbook: R-22 Alternative Refrigerants Evaluation Program (AREP), Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI), Arlington, VA, 2 November 1992 (44 pages, available from JMC as RDB2B03)

This document outlines an ARI program to evaluate candidate alternatives for R-22 and R-502, the latter an azeotrope of R-22 and R-115, for unitary air conditioners, heat pumps, chillers, refrigeration equipment, and ice-making machines. This cooperative program seeks to accelerate introduction of alternatives by focusing research efforts and avoiding duplicative work. The document outlines the AREP organization, including its Task Force (chaired by D. M. Goldberg), Technical Committee (chaired by E. B. Muir), and Heat Transfer Subcommittee. It identifies cooperating organization, including the European Committee of Manufacturers of Refrigeration Equipment (CECOMAF) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). EPRI is funding, coordinating, and managing the heat transfer segment, an integral part of the program. The document identifies the nomination process and resultant candidate refrigerants, which have changed since the prior version of this document. They include R-32/R-125 (60/40), R-32/R-134a (30/70), R-32/R-125/R-134a (10/70/20), R-290 (propane), R-134a, R-717 (ammonia), R-32/R-125/R-290/R-134a

(20/55/5/20), R-32/R-125/R-134a (30/10/60), R-32/R-134a (25/75), R-32/R-227ea (35/65), R-125/R-143a (45/55), R-125/R-143a/R-134a (44/52/4), and R-32/R-125/R-143a (10/45/45). The last three are of primary interest as potential replacements for R-502. Procedures and conditions for compressor calorimeter and heat transfer test are specified for participants. Results of the work will be disseminated via the Refrigerant Database. Related research on toxicity and environmental assessments of the candidate fluids and components will be coordinated and shared. Appendices to this program handbook identify committee members, participation commitments, international organizations conducting similar research, and pertinent combinations of refrigerants and heat exchanger types. This handbook prescribes common terminology and definitions to be used as well as formats and contents to be provided for the program.

Participants' Handbook: R-22 Alternative Refrigerants Evaluation Program (AREP), Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI), Arlington, VA, 10 June 1992 (46 pages, available from JMC as RDB2620)

This document outlines an ARI program to evaluate candidate alternatives for R-22 and R-502, the latter an azeotrope of R-22 and R-115, for unitary air conditioners, heat pumps, chillers, refrigeration equipment, and ice-making machines. This cooperative program seeks to accelerate introduction of alternatives by focusing research efforts and avoiding duplicative work. The document outlines the AREP organization, including its Task Force (chaired by D. M. Goldberg), Technical Committee (chaired by E. B. Muir), and Heat Transfer Subcommittee. It identifies cooperating organization, including the European Committee of Manufacturers of Refrigeration Equipment (CECOMAF) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). EPRI is funding, coordinating, and managing the heat transfer segment, an integral part of the program. The document identifies the nomination process and resultant candidate refrigerants. They include R-32/R-125 (60/40), R-32/R-134a (30/70), R-32/R-125/R-134a (10/70/20), R-290 (propane), R-134a, R-717 (ammonia), R-32/R-125/R-290/R-134a (20/55/5/20), R-32/R-125/R-134a (30/10/60), R-125/R-143a (45/55), and R-125/R-143a/R-134a (40/45/15). The last two are of primary interest as potential replacements for R-502. Procedures and conditions for compressor calorimeter and heat transfer test are specified for participants. Results of the work will be disseminated via the Refrigerant Database. Related research on toxicity and environmental assessments of the candidate fluids and components will be coordinated and

shared. Appendices to this program handbook identify committee members, participation commitments, international organizations conducting similar research, and pertinent combinations of refrigerants and heat exchanger types. A statement of work for an EPRI request for proposals (RFP 3412-50), for the heat transfer studies, also is appended. [superseded, see RDB2B03 for update]

ARI Research Plan, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, Arlington, VA, 10 March 1992 (58 pages, available from JMC as RDB0C01)

This plan documents research needs for air-conditioning and refrigeration, with primary focus on refrigerants, energy conservation, and building environment. It provides industry guidance for public-sector research organizations and sponsors. It also may be useful to individual companies in planning proprietary research and development or cooperative programs. A specific plan for materials compatibility and lubricant research, the basis for the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI) Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program, is included as an appendix. A second appendix provides a series of charts, to show the status of alternative refrigerants and projections for their commercialization. The charts also list announced production plants. Charts are included for R-32, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134a, R-142b, R-143a, R-152a, and E-134. A third appendix provides elaborations for selected research recommendations including objectives, rationale, suggested approaches, and estimated or recommended budgets and time requirements. This version updates and replaces those published on 6 November 1989, 30 April 1990, 19 December 1990, and 25 September 1991.

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G. C. Hourahan and S. R. Szymurski, **Materials Compatibility and Lubricants Research on CFC-Refrigerant Substitutes**, report DOE/CE/23810-4, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, October 1992 (16 pages with 10 tables, available from JMC as RDB-2B02)

This progress report summarizes the goals and status of the Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program, jointly funded under a grant from the Department of Energy and cost sharing by the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry. The 36-month program supports critical research to accelerate intro-

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duction of substitutes for chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants. The program comprises projects to measure thermophysical properties, model the performance and key operating parameters of nine potential alternatives for R-22, test the chemical and thermal stability of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with metals, and measure the miscibility of lubricants with refrigerants. Three projects are providing information on the compatibility of refrigerants and lubricants with motor materials, elastomers, and engineering plastics. An eighth project collects and facilitates dissemination of data through development and administration of a refrigerant database. The second phase of the project commenced in October 1992 and will continue through September 1994. The scope of the program, objectives of the individual projects, and significant interim findings are presented. This program summary also identifies reports resulting from the individual projects, including three new final reports on *Theoretical Evaluations of R-22 Alternative Fluids*, *Chemical and Thermal Stability of Refrigerant-Lubricant Mixtures with Metals*, and *Miscibility of Lubricants with Refrigerants*. Ten tables summarize the miscibility of alternative refrigerants in seven tested lubricants.

M. Menzer (Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute, ARTI), **ARTI Preliminary Results of Materials Exposed to Refrigerants and Lubricants**, *Proceedings of the 1992 International Refrigeration Conference – Energy Efficiency and New Refrigerants*, edited by D. R. Tree and J. E. Braun, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, volume 2, page 677, July 1992 (1 page, available from JMC as RDB2812)

This synopsis introduces the Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program, an effort to investigate the properties and compatibilities of alternative refrigerants. The goal of this program is to accelerate commercialization of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) and hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) substitutes in air-conditioning and refrigeration applications. The funding and program management are indicated. Seven research projects exceeding \$1.2 million in total are identified for the first phase. The program includes projects to measure thermodynamic and heat transport properties of refrigerants, test the chemical and thermal stability of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with metals, and measure the miscibility of refrigerants and lubricants. Three additional projects will provide information on the compatibility of refrigerants and lubricants with motor materials, elastomers, and engineering plastics. The seventh project facilitates dissemination of data through development and administration of a refrigerant database. The second

phase also is introduced. It includes projects to measure the solubility and viscosity of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures, their compatibility with desiccants, and development of screening and test methods. This summary serves as a preface for five presentations from the program.

S. R. Szymurski (Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute, ARTI), **Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research on CFC-Refrigerant Substitutes – Research Update**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC) Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 73-82, September 1992 (10 pages, RDB2A03)

This paper provides an update on the goals and status of the Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program, jointly funded under a grant from the Department of Energy and cost sharing by the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry. The program addresses critical research to accelerate the introduction of substitutes for chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants. The program comprises projects to measure thermophysical properties, test the chemical and thermal stability of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with metals, and measure the miscibility of lubricants with refrigerants. One project is modelling the performance and key operating parameters of alternatives for R-22. Three projects will provide information on the compatibility of refrigerants and lubricants with motor materials, elastomers, and engineering plastics. An eighth project collects and facilitates dissemination of data through development and administration of a refrigerant database. The scope of the program, objectives of the projects, and significant preliminary findings are presented.

S. R. Szymurski, **Materials Compatibility and Lubricants Research on CFC-Refrigerant Substitutes**, report DOE/CE/23810-3, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, July 1992 (13 pages, available from JMC as RDB2809)

This progress report summarizes the goals and status of the Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program, jointly funded under a grant from the Department of Energy and cost sharing by the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry. The program addresses critical research to accelerate the introduction of substitutes for chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants. The program comprises projects to measure thermophysical properties, test the chemical and thermal stability of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with metals, and measure the miscibility of lubricants with refrigerants. One project is modelling the performance and key

operating parameters of alternatives for R-22. Three projects will provide information on the compatibility of refrigerants and lubricants with motor materials, elastomers, and engineering plastics. An eighth project collects and facilitates dissemination of data through development and administration of a refrigerant database. The scope of the program, objectives of the projects, and significant preliminary findings are presented. [see RDB2B02 for update]

S. R. Szymurski, **Materials Compatibility and Lubricants Research on CFC-Refrigerant Substitutes**, report DOE/CE/23810-1, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, January 1992 (6 pages, available from JMC as RDB2414)

This interim report summarizes the progress of the Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program. It is jointly funded under a grant from the Department of Energy and cost sharing by the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry. The program addresses refrigerant and lubricant properties, materials compatibility, and lubricants for alternative refrigerants. The program comprises projects to measure thermophysical properties, test the chemical and thermal stability of refrigerant-lubricant mixtures with metals, and measure the miscibility of lubricants with refrigerants. Three projects will provide information on the compatibility of refrigerants and lubricants with motor materials, elastomers, and engineering plastics. A seventh project will collect and facilitate dissemination of data through development and administration of a refrigerant database. The scope of the program, objectives of the seven initial projects, and highlights of the first quarter are presented. The primary effort focused on solicitation, evaluation, and negotiation of proposals for the cited projects. A grant proposal for the second phase was completed and submitted to the DOE. [see RDB2809 and RDB-2B02 for update]

ASHRAE

1992-1993 Research Plan, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 1 January 1992 (25 pages, RDB2426)

This list of prospective research subjects identifies 182 high-priority projects, grouped into eight project classifications based on approved funding guidelines. Projects relating to refrigerants fall in several of these categories, including the highest priority topic, *Environmentally-Safe Materials (CFC, etc.)*. The research areas were

proposed by ASHRAE Technical Committees, Task Groups, and other committees; they were prioritized by ASHRAE's Research and Technical Committee. The highest priority group (*three stars*) includes research of thermophysical properties of R-123, R-125, R-134a, and R-141b, as well as measurement of two-phase refrigerant liquid-vapor mass flow rates. The next classification includes real-time determination of the lubricant concentration dissolved in alternative refrigerants, evaluation of leak detection methods for non-CFC refrigerants, and flow regime mapping of R-134a/lubricant mixtures in smooth and internally enhanced tubes. It also includes experimental determination of heat transfer with R-134a and R-22 refrigerants in water-cooled condensers and direct-expansion water coolers using brazed plate heat exchangers. The *one-star* priority group includes research of alternatives to replace R-22 and R-502, development of a uniform equation of state for alternative refrigerants, and determination of properties and heat transfer effects for mixtures of alternative refrigerants and lubricants. Research of ammonia (R-717) dispersion in the atmosphere also is included. This plan summarizes anticipated funding and procedures for implementing the research identified; it replaces the versions published for preceding years [see RDB1152].

1991-1992 Research Plan, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, 1 December 1990 (32 pages, RDB1152)

DOE

Refrigeration Systems Program Summary, report DOE/CH10093-120, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington, DC, December 1991 (24 pages, available from NTIS as GPO #573-122/40020 at price code A03, RDB2263)

This document summarizes results, current activities, and objectives of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for research of refrigerators, air conditioners, heat pumps, chillers, and supermarket systems. Key activities include investigation of alternative refrigerants and refrigeration cycles, developing advanced technologies for future air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment designs, and developing advanced insulation for appliances. The program structure and opportunities for collaboration with industry are outlined.

EPA

W. R. Rhodes (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA), **Stratospheric Ozone Protection: An EPA Engineering Perspective**, *Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association*, volume 41, number 12, pages 1579-1584, December 1991 (6 pages with 2 tables, available from JMC as RDB-2707)

PAFT

Program for Alternative Fluorocarbon Toxicity Testing, program description, PAFT, Bristol, United Kingdom, May 1990 (4 pages, RDB1151)

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T. Atwood (Allied-Signal Incorporated), **The Need for Standardized Nomenclature for Refrigerants**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 31, number 11, pages 44-47, November 1989 (3 pages with 1 table, RDB-0545)

V. D. Baxter, **Report of Foreign Travel: 9-11 May 1990** [Application of Zeotropic Mixture Refrigerants in Refrigerators and Use of the Lee-Kesler-Plöcker Equation of State], ORNL/FTR-3611, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 14 May 1990 (20 pages, RDB1153)

This informal report summarizes the final working meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA) research project on *State and Transport Properties of High-Temperature Working Fluids and Nonazeotropic Mixtures* (Annex XIII). It also addresses research at the Universität Hannover, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, on application of refrigerant blends in refrigerators and separate work to use the Lee-Kesler-Plöcker equation of state to predict refrigerant properties.

J. M. Calm (Engineering Consultant), **Refrigerant Database**, report DOE/CE/23810-4E, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, November 1992 (94 pages, available from JMC as RDB2B04)

This document provides bibliographic citations for 530 publications that may be useful in research and design of air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. Abstracts that empha-

size the content, materials addressed, and key conclusions are provided for approximately half of these documents. The database identifies sources of specific information on R-32, R-123, R-124, R-125, R-134, R-134a, R-141b, R-142b, R-143a, R-152a, R-245ca, R-290 (propane), R-600 (butane), R-717 (ammonia), ethers, and others as well as azeotropic and zeotropic blends of these fluids. It addresses mineral oil, alkylbenzene, polyalkylene glycol (PAG), ester, and other lubricants. It also references documents addressing compatibility of refrigerants and lubricants with metals, plastics, elastomers, motor insulation, and other materials used in refrigerant circuits. The database is available in a computerized version, to facilitate searches for specific information, and as a listing in report form. Ordering instructions for both versions of the database, as well as for documents and software cited in it, are included.

J. M. Calm (Engineering Consultant), **Refrigerant Database**, *Proceedings of the International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference* (Washington, DC), Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy, Arlington, VA, pages 55-72, September 1992 (8 pages with 4 figures, available from JMC as RDB2907)

This paper reviews the history of the Refrigerant Database, including initial efforts by the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The database currently is sponsored by the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), as part of the Materials Compatibility and Lubricant Research (MCLR) Program, under a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The paper outlines the contents and focus of the database, and describes the search and retrieval functions available in a computerized version. Sample searches are illustrated along with the results obtained. Options to specify search terms are summarized; they include topical prompts, combinations of search criteria (using Boolean logical operators), and chained searches to refine or broaden earlier searches. The procedures to obtain the database and documents cited by it are indicated.

J. M. Calm (Engineering Consultant), **Refrigerant Database**, report DOE/CE/23810-3G, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, 8 August 1992 (74 pages, available from JMC as RDB2810)

This document provides bibliographic citations for 425 publications that may be useful in research and design of air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. Abstracts that emphasize the content, materials addressed, and key conclusions are provided for approximately half

of these documents. [Please see RDB2B04 for update and a more complete abstract.]

J. M. Calm (Engineering Consultant), **Refrigerant Database**, report DOE/CE/23810-2G, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, 30 April 1992 (56 pages, RDB2434)

This document provides bibliographic citations for 336 publications that may be useful in research and design of air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. Abstracts, emphasizing the content, materials addressed, and key conclusions, are provided for approximately half of these documents. [Please see RDB2810 for update and a more complete abstract.]

J. M. Calm (Engineering Consultant), **Refrigerant Database**, report DOE/CE/23810-1G, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Institute (ARTI), Arlington, VA, 28 February 1992 (42 pages, RDB2415)

This document provides bibliographic citations for 244 publications that may be useful in research and design of air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. Abstracts, emphasizing the content, materials addressed, and key conclusions, are provided for approximately a third of these documents. [Please see RDB2434 for update and a more complete abstract.]

J. M. Calm (Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, ARI), **Composition Designations for Refrigerants**, *ASHRAE Journal*, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, volume 31, number 11, pages 48-51, November 1989 (3 pages, available from JMC as RDB0546)

This paper provides recommendations for consistent use of prefixes for refrigerant designations. The need for uniform nomenclature and a survey, performed for the Technology Council and the Research and Technical Committee (R&T) of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), are summarized. The requirement surfaced with increasing regulatory and legislative actions to limit production, use, and emission of refrigerants of environmental concern. A variety of composition-designating identifiers were introduced to distinguish between refrigerants, but nonuniform usage resulted in confusion rather than clarification. [The recommendations of this paper were incorporated into ASHRAE Standard 34-1992, see RDB2909]

E. Johnson and J. Noble, **A Survey of Alternatives to Ozone-Destroying Technologies**, Greenpeace International, Washington, DC, June 1990 (35 pages, RDB1154)

This report is a survey of *innovations old and new that could provide the goods and services currently dependent on ozone-destroying chemicals*. It is represented as an attempt to show the range of technologies that could be used as replacements without adverse impact on the ozone layer. The survey notes that the HCFC and HFC alternatives have not been proven to be harmless to the ozone layer, but are greenhouse gases and have serious toxicity problems.

K. Ushimaru (Energy International, Incorporated), **Impact of CFC Curtailment on Refrigeration and Mitigation Research in Japan**, *CFCs: Today's Options-Tomorrow's Solutions* (proceedings of ASHRAE's 1989 CFC Technology Conference, Gaithersburg, MD, 27-28 September 1989), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Atlanta, GA, pages 107-117, 1990; republished in *International Journal of Refrigeration*, Paris, France, volume 13, number 3, pages 131-141, March 1990 (10 pages with 10 figures and 2 tables, RDB1205)

This paper focuses on efforts in Japan to develop technical options for reducing CFC emissions. Alternative refrigerants for R-12 (used in automobile air-conditioners and residential refrigerators) and R-113 (used extensively as a solvent and cleaning agent) are presented. CFC mitigation options are discussed for control technologies, work practices and economics, chemical substitutes, and product substitutes. Japan's usage profile and historical background on its environmental responsiveness are addressed. The article notes that R-113 recovery and recycling equipment are already marketed in Japan and that the demand for this equipment is projected to grow to \$15 billion by 1998. Additionally, leading Japanese chemical producers are moving forward with plans for the production of R-134a as a substitute for R-12.

JICOP Guide, Japan Industrial Conference for Ozone Layer Protection, Tokyo, Japan, January 1991 (8 pages, available from JMC as RDB1204)

JICOP was formed in 1988 as the *Promotion Conference for Rational Use of Specified CFCs* and renamed in June 1990. It is an organization of industrial producers and consumers addressing ozone-layer protection in Japan. Its main activities include publicity, information sharing, surveys of actions by other countries, preparation of guides, and training. This leaflet introduces the organization and lists the 55 current members. Included are the Japan Association of Refrigeration, Japan Association of Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Contractors, Japan Fluor Gas Association, and Japan Refrigeration

eration and Air-Conditioning Industry Association.

Manual for Reductions in the Use of Ozone Depleting Substances, Japan Industrial Conference for Ozone Layer Protection, Tokyo, Japan, second edition, February 1992 (140 pages, available from JMC as RDB2705)

This manual outlines technologies for reduction and substitution of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other ozone-depleting substances (ODSs). It is intended to assist ODS users to develop the most effective measures for each application. Section III.4 addresses leak prevention and use reduction for refrigerants as well as research and development of substitute refrigerants and technologies to use them. It briefly summarizes reduction measures for centrifugal chillers, automobile air conditioners, commercial refrigeration, transport refrigeration, and refrigerators. Other sections of this document review regulatory measures for refrigerants, toxicity and safety evaluation of alternatives, and the physical properties of ODSs and their alternatives.

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