

A2L?

Distributor: Are you ready for A2L?

Contractor: Heck, I don't know. Isn't that your job?!

The government-mandated transition away from R410a to A2L refrigerants is upon us. Under the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, this phase-out of R410a is being done to minimize its impact on global warming. It does not really matter how we feel about it, and there are many great arguments in all directions; this legislated change is locked.

So, Johnstone Supply will support both A2L-approved refrigerants for air conditioning use, R454b and R32. Both are excellent products that meet government requirements. Both have mildly flammable ratings and have been compared in flammability to Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Both require the same tool upgrade considerations and have pros and cons.

I wish the industry could decide on one, but that will not happen. Both will be significantly used in our markets, and both will need our teams ready to support them. Sorry about that.

Regretfully, there will be a lot of misinformation out there about how one or the other is "the devil." Because of this, some "Myth Buster" publications will be coming soon to set the records straight. The great news is that both refrigerants will work well and be easily manageable; there is no need for a winner or loser. We will hold many training sessions and support many other ways to learn more about these products. The skills needed to manage either refrigerant are the same, so there is no need for concern.

Here are some very interesting sites to start the learning process.

www.R32reasons.com

www.HVACanswers.com under Regulations

www.JohnstoneUniversity.com with a search of A2L

www.johnstonesupply.com/a2l Johnstone Supply A2L fact page

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