

REFRIGERANT CONVERSION GUIDE





THERMO KING'S F-GAS STRATEGY

FUTURE-PROOFING YOUR BUSINESS

Thermo King has invested heavily in the development of innovative technologies that minimise environmental impact while giving uncompromised performance and reducing operating costs.

Leveraging its 75-plus years of experience and the expertise of the Ingersoll Rand Group, Thermo King has researched the most suitable alternative to R-404A, the refrigerant most commonly used in road transport today.

THE RESULT IS R-452A, A HYDROFLUOROOLEFIN (HFO)-BASED BLEND OFFERING AN IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF 45%.



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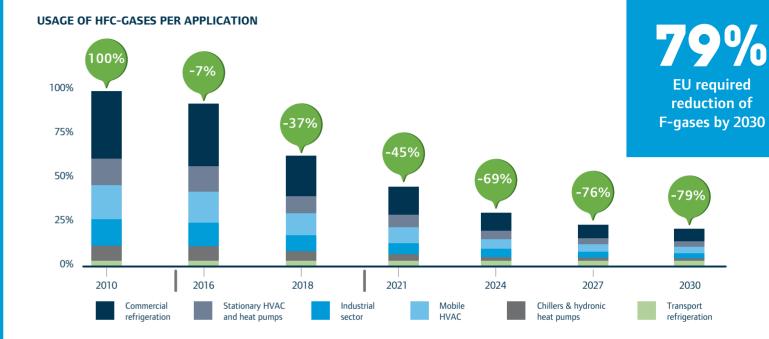
WHAT IS DRIVING THIS CHANGE FROM R-404A?

New European legislation has come into effect with the purpose of minimising the environmental impact of fluorinated refrigerants (HFCs or F-gases) including those commonly used in transport refrigeration such as R-404A.

The target is to reduce the CO₂ equivalent impact of F-gases incrementally, achieving a 79% reduction by 2030 (see chart). The Regulation also covers the handling of F-gases and their use in both existing and new equipment.

WHEN IS IT CHANGING?

The EU Regulation 517/2014 (F-gas revision 2015) came into force in January 2015. A gradual phasing out of F-gases is scheduled from this date forward.



TRANSPORT APPLICATIONS: F-GAS APPLICABLE FOR VEHICLES ABOVE 3.5 TONNES ACROSS EU28 ZONE



HOW DOES IT AFFECT TRANSPORT COMPANIES?

Refrigerated transporters need to understand the impact of these changes on their business, especially when planning future investment in equipment. The main changes affecting the refrigerated transport sector (representing around 2% of the total F-gas usage) are:

- Only certified technicians are allowed to install or service refrigeration systems
- · Periodical refrigeration circuit tightness checks must be performed
- · After 2020, recycled refrigerant must be used for maintenance

YOUR THERMO KING DEALER CAN PROVIDE A FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THIS LEGISLATION ON BOTH YOUR CURRENT FLEET AND FUTURE EQUIPMENT.



The benefits of using R-452A as a long-term field conversion solution for R-404A are clear:

UNIT PERFORMANCE

 No loss of performance or reliability in terms of refrigeration capacity, pull-down and fuel efficiency

ENVIRONMENTAL TAX IMPLICATIONS

 Thermo King's unique micro-channel coil technology combined with the low GWP of R-452A reduces environmental warming and therefore limits the impact of future taxes based on environmental impact such as carbon taxes



COST OF OWNERSHIP

- · No increase in operating costs
- · Improved predictability of future maintenance costs
- No component changes: R-452A is a straight field conversion solution for all existing truck and trailer refrigeration units
- Limits risk of future price increases and supply shortages of HFC refrigerants
- Refrigerant convertibility helps ensure the long-term viability and residual value of operator's equipment today
- Easy to retrofit and less consuming, which means it needs to be changed less frequently and reduces operating costs

CORPORATE IMAGE

- A clearly stated refrigerant conversion strategy will reassure your customers that environmental responsibility is your prime concern and that your approach is proactive
- R-452A is a class A1 refrigerant denoting lowest toxicity and non-flammability, making it a safe product that will put your clients' minds at rest
- You can start publicising your strategy now: your Thermo King dealer is ready to talk with you.
 Thermo King's truck and trailer products are already available with R-452A and retrofitting of existing equipment is a simple and cost-effective field conversion

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH THE DEALER NETWORK:

- Refrigerant handling by certified maintenance personnel
- Periodic refrigeration circuit tightness check
- Conversion of existing fleet to low GWP refrigerant
- Sourcing new equipment that complies with F-gas Regulation



WHERE DO I START?

The Thermo King Dealer network has been fully trained and certified in all relevant aspects of the new F-gas Regulation. You may need an expert assessment of the impact of the legislation on your operation or you may want to actively reduce the environmental impact of your fleet. In either case, your Thermo King Dealer is ideally positioned to help.

Thermo King has developed a suite of ThermoKare Service
Contracts so you can maintain your focus on your core business.
These solutions will allow you to eliminate non-core tasks such as maintenance planning, scheduling, invoice interpretation and general fleet administration.

You can also opt for an 'all-risk package' offering complete peace of mind and predefined fixed costs, with assurance of a consistent service level.

Our experts will analyse your fleet requirements and recommend the most suitable service agreement. Once you have selected a programme, your equipment will receive regular inspection, preventative maintenance and proper calibration. Potential problems will be prevented before they occur. You choose your level of coverage so you know exactly which services and parts are covered.

BY CONTACTING YOUR THERMO KING DEALER TODAY, YOU CAN TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS FUTURE-PROOFING YOUR BUSINESS.





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