



HOSHIZAKI AMERICA, INC.

SERVICE BULLETIN

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Subject: Reclaimed/Recycled refrigerant

Overview: Effective January 1, 2025, all refrigeration technicians servicing equipment that utilizes R404a refrigerant in California must use reclaimed refrigerant in accordance with state law. Hoshizaki strongly recommends that only recycled or reclaimed refrigerant meet the latest edition of ARI Standard 700 be used. Please note that an R404a drop-in replacement is not available for Hoshizaki products.

Recovered or Recycled Refrigerant Requirements:

Regulatory Compliance:

- All refrigeration servicing operations in California must strictly adhere to the new legal requirements, using reclaimed or recycled refrigerant exclusively.
- As of January 1, 2025, any virgin (new) R-404A refrigerant is no longer permitted for sale or use in California.
- Only reclaimed R-404A, certified per CARB guidelines, may be used for maintenance or repairs of systems utilizing R-404A.
- Recovery or recycling must be conducted in strict compliance with current local, state, and federal laws.

Equipment Certification:

- Recycling equipment must be certified to ARI Standard 740 (latest edition) and must be consistently maintained to meet this standard.

Contaminant-Free Reclaimed Refrigerant:

- Reclaimed refrigerant must originate from a system that is free of contaminants.
- When determining whether a system is contaminant-free, consider:
 - The nature and type of any previous system failures.
 - Whether the system has been adversely affected by these failures.

- The presence of compressor motor burnouts or evidence of improper past service, as these conditions may render the refrigerant unsuitable for reuse.

Recovery and Recharging Procedures:

- **Refrigerant Handling:**

- Do not vent refrigerant to the atmosphere. Instead, capture the refrigerant using certified recovery equipment, following all manufacturer recommendations.

- **Liability Notice:**

- Hoshizaki disclaims all responsibility for the use of contaminated refrigerant. Any damage resulting from the use of such refrigerant is the sole responsibility of the servicing company.

Please ensure that all servicing procedures adhere strictly to these guidelines to maintain compliance and ensure the safety and reliability of Hoshizaki products.

If you have any questions, please contact Hoshizaki Technical Support at 1-800-233-1940, or at email: tech-support@hoshizaki.com