

ANSI/ASHRAE Addenda *f*, *g*, and *h* to  
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-2001



# ASHRAE<sup>®</sup> STANDARD

## Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants

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## FOREWORD

This addendum adds the following refrigerant designations and safety classifications:

- R-E170 for dimethyl ether with a safety classification of A3.
- R-415B for the blend R-22/152a (25.0/75.0) with tolerances of ( $\pm 1.0/\pm 1.0$ ) and a safety classification of A2.
- R-419A for the blend R-125/134a/E170 (77.0/19.0/4.0) with tolerances of ( $\pm 1.0/\pm 1.0/\pm 1.0$ ) and a safety classification of A2.

## CONSOLIDATED ADDENDUM OF ADDENDA F, G, AND H TO ANSI/ASHRAE STANDARD 34-2001

Add to Table 1 the following entries:

**TABLE 1**  
**Refrigerant Data and Safety Classifications**

Refrigerant Number	Chemical Name <sup>a,b</sup>	Chemical Formula <sup>a</sup>	Molecular Mass <sup>a</sup>	Normal Boiling Point <sup>a</sup>		Safety Group
				(°C)	(°F)	
<u>E170</u>	<u>dimethyl ether</u>	<u>CH<sub>3</sub>-O-CH<sub>3</sub></u>	<u>46</u>	<u>-25</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>A3</u>

Add to Table 2 the following entries:

**TABLE 2**  
**Data and Safety Classifications for Refrigerant Blends**

Refrigerant Number	Composition (Mass %)	Composition Tolerances	Azeotropic Temperature		Molecular Mass <sup>a</sup>	Normal Boiling Point <sup>a</sup>		Safety Group
			(°C)	(°F)		(°C)	(°F)	
<u>415B</u>	<u>R-22/152a (25.0/75.0)</u>	<u>(<math>\pm 1.0/\pm 1.0</math>)</u>						<u>A2</u>
<u>419A</u>	<u>R-125/134a/E170 (77.0/19.0/4.0)</u>	<u>(<math>\pm 1.0/\pm 1.0/\pm 1.0</math>)</u>						<u>A2</u>

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Add to Table B1 in Appendix B the following entries:

**TABLE B1**  
**Comparison of Safety Group Classifications to Those Under ASHRAE Standard 34-1989**

Refrigerant Number	Chemical Formula	Safety Group	
		1989	2001
<u>E170</u>	<u>CH<sub>3</sub>-O-CH<sub>3</sub></u>	=	<u>A3</u>
<u>415B</u>	<u>R-22/152a (25.0/75.0)</u>	=	<u>A2</u>
<u>419A</u>	<u>R-125/134a/E170 (77.0/19.0/4.0)</u>	=	<u>A2</u>

## **POLICY STATEMENT DEFINING ASHRAE'S CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES**

ASHRAE is concerned with the impact of its members' activities on both the indoor and outdoor environment. ASHRAE's members will strive to minimize any possible deleterious effect on the indoor and outdoor environment of the systems and components in their responsibility while maximizing the beneficial effects these systems provide, consistent with accepted standards and the practical state of the art.

ASHRAE's short-range goal is to ensure that the systems and components within its scope do not impact the indoor and outdoor environment to a greater extent than specified by the standards and guidelines as established by itself and other responsible bodies.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive technical committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date standards and guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised standards developed by other responsible organizations.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

ASHRAE will take the lead with respect to dissemination of environmental information of its primary interest and will seek out and disseminate information from other responsible organizations that is pertinent, as guides to updating standards and guidelines.

The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.