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Designation and Safety Classifications of Refrigerants

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FOREWORD

This addendum underwent a public review as proposed addendum q to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-1997 (also referred to as 34q-97). Resolution of comments raised during the public review delayed its publication until after ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-2001 was published.

The purpose of this addendum is to reinstate the previous safety classification for R-C318, which was safety classified in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-1997 as safety group A1. Addendum 34c to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-1997 removed its

safety classification, pending resolution of claims that R-C318 could decompose during prolonged storage to form PFIB. ASHRAE Standing Standard Project Committee 34 could not find adequate evidence for that claim. It reviewed chronic toxicity data that supports a toxicity classification of A.

This addendum also makes an editorial change to Table B1 of the informative Appendix B. The chemical formula for R-C318 is changed for consistency with the IUPAC convention used in Table 1.

Addendum a

Revise Table 1 as shown to add safety classification to refrigerant number C318:

TABLE 1
Refrigerant Data and Safety Classifications

Refrigerant Number	Chemical Name ^{a,b}	Chemical Formula ^a	Molecular Mass ^a	Normal Boiling Point ^a		Safety Group
				(°C)	(°F)	
C318	octafluorocyclobutane	-(CF ₂) ₄ -	200.0	-6	21	<u>A1</u>

Revise Table B1, Appendix B as shown:

TABLE 2
Comparison of Safety Group Classifications to Those Under ASHRAE Standard 34-1989

Refrigerant Number	Chemical Formula	Safety Group	
		1989	2001
C318	C ₄ F ₈ -(CF ₂) ₄ -	1	A1

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