



ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum h to
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 147-2019**

Reducing the Release of Halogenated Refrigerants from Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Equipment and Systems

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FOREWORD

Addendum h to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 147-2019 updates Sections 9 and 10 of the standard. These changes improve the usability and readability of the standard. They also make adjustments as required to comply with the new title, purpose, and scope, as approved in Addendum f; to comply with EPA; and to remove information that is no longer relevant.

Informative Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~strike through~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum h to Standard 147-2019

Revise Section 9 as follows.

9. REFRIGERANT RECOVERY ~~REUSE~~, AND DISPOSAL

This section gives the requirements for recovery ~~reuse~~, and disposal of refrigerant from refrigerating and air-conditioning equipment and systems.

9.1 General. Refrigerant used in any type of air-conditioning or refrigerating equipment shall be recovered and reused in the owner's equipment, or it shall be shipped in proper containers to a reclamation or destruction facility ~~whenever~~ after it is removed from equipment. It shall not be released to the atmosphere unless explicitly allowed per all applicable local and national regulations.

9.1.1 Recovery Equipment. Refrigerant recovery equipment shall comply with UL 1963, *Standard for Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling Equipment*,¹⁹ and with AHRI 740, *Performance Rating of Refrigerant Recovery Equipment and Recovery/Recycling Equipment*.²⁰

9.2 Refrigerant Transfer ~~and~~ Transport, ~~and~~ Storage. Refrigerant withdrawn from a system or equipment shall be transferred to an appropriate pressure vessel for storage on site or transport to another site. ~~Disposable refrigerant containers, including those identified as complying with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Specification 39¹⁷, shall not be reused under any circumstances.~~

9.2.1 Disposable refrigerant containers, including those identified as complying with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Specification 39,¹⁷ shall not be reused under any circumstances.

9.2.1.1 Color-Coded Containers. Refrigerant shall be transferred to a container that has been identified by the color code for the refrigerant, as specified in AHRI Guideline K, *Containers for Recovered Non-Flammable Fluorocarbon Refrigerants*¹⁸; and shall comply with appropriate USDOT regulations for refillable containers.

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9.2.3 Storage. Refrigerant shall be stored in a safe manner in accordance with local laws and regulations. The storage site shall be dry and protected from weather to minimize corrosion of refrigerant containers. Containers (except those designed for outdoor storage of refrigerant) shall not be stored in direct sunlight (see also Section 10.2) or in close proximity to a heat source.

9.2.3.1 Storage of Flammable Refrigerants. Storage of Class 2L, 2, and 3 refrigerants shall comply with NFPA 55, *Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code*, and International Fire Code (IFC) Chapter 58, "Flammable Gases and Flammable Cryogenic Fluids."

Revise Section 10 as follows.

10.2 Storage. Refrigerant shall be stored in a safe manner in accordance with local laws and regulations. The storage site shall be dry and protected from weather to minimize corrosion of refrigerant containers. Containers (except those designed for outdoor storage of refrigerant) shall not be stored in direct sunlight or in close proximity to a heat source.

10.2.1 Storage of Flammable Refrigerants. Storage of Class 2L, 2, and 3 refrigerants shall comply with NFPA 55, *Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code*, and International Fire Code (IFC) Chapter 58, "Flammable Gases and Flammable Cryogenic Fluids."

10.2.2 Refrigerant Container Design. ~~Portable refrigerant~~ ~~Refrigerant~~ containers shall be constructed to meet USDOT packaging requirements as required by 49 CFR, Part 178.¹⁷

10.2.3 Containers for Recovered Refrigerants. Pressure cylinders for recovered ~~nonflammable fluoro-carbon~~ refrigerants shall be of refillable design, which includes a properly set relief valve and a valve guard (49 CFR, Part 178¹⁷).

Revise Section 11 as follows.

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19. UL. 2025. UL 1963, *Standard for Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling Equipment*. Northbrook, IL: UL Solutions.

20. AHRI. 2016. *Performance Rating of Refrigerant Recovery Equipment and Recovery/Recycling Equipment*. Arlington, VA: Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute.

Revise Appendix D as follows.

INFORMATIVE APPENDIX D BIBLIOGRAPHY

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