



ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum w to
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15-2019**

Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems

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FOREWORD

ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15-2019 Addendum j revised the definitions of “flammable” and “nonflammable” using the flammability classification class numbers from ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34, Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants. That change creates an inconsistency in the standard, as all other content makes use of the safety group (a combination of both toxicity and flammability classifications) but does not make direct use of the toxicity classification alone nor the flammability classification alone. Section 6 currently explains how refrigerant safety classifications are used within Standard 15 but only describes the use of safety groups and not the individual classifications. Addendum w resolves this inconsistency.

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

Addendum w to Standard 15-2019

Modify Section 6 as shown. The remainder of Section 6 remains unchanged.

6. REFRIGERANT SAFETY CLASSIFICATION

~~**6.1 Single Compound Refrigerants.** Single compound refrigerants shall be classified into safety groups in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 34. The classifications indicated in the referenced edition of ASHRAE Standard 34 shall be used for refrigerants that have them assigned. Other refrigerants shall be classified in accordance with the criteria in ASHRAE Standard 34; such classifications shall be submitted for approval to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).~~

~~**6.2 Blends.** Refrigerants blends shall be classified following the worst case of fractionation composition, determined in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 34. For blends assigned only a single safety group in ASHRAE Standard 34, that classification shall be used.~~

6.1 Refrigerants shall be assigned safety classifications in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 34.

6.2 Refrigerants with a refrigerant number designation in the referenced edition of ASHRAE Standard 34 shall use the indicated toxicity classification and flammability classification when a safety group classification is assigned by ASHRAE Standard 34.

6.3 Refrigerants without a refrigerant number designation or without a safety group classification in the referenced edition of ASHRAE Standard 34 shall be classified in accordance with the criteria in ASHRAE Standard 34, whether as a single-compound refrigerant or a refrigerant blend of two or more compounds. Such safety classifications not assigned by ASHRAE Standard 34 shall be submitted for approval to the AHJ. Compliance with the requirements of this standard is contingent upon use of approved safety classifications when not assigned by the referenced edition of ASHRAE Standard 34.

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