



ADDENDA

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Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems

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FOREWORD

A continuous maintenance proposal was submitted to address the relative pressures (vacuum) in Sections 9.2.1 (system design pressure) and 9.13.6.1 (leak test during evacuation). Because a refrigeration system would, by necessity, be subjected to subatmospheric pressures during evacuation, this addendum modifies Section 9.2.1.

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

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Modify Section 9 as follows. The remainder of Section 9 remains unchanged.

9. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

[...]

9.2 System Design Pressure

[...]

~~9.2.1~~

9.2.1*

[...]

Refrigerating equipment *shall* be designed for a vacuum of ~~29.0 in. Hg (32°F)~~0.00967 psia (66.7 Pa) or lower. Design pressure for lithium bromide absorption systems shall not be less than gage pressure 5.00 psi (34.5 kPa).

[...]

Modify Informative Appendix A as follows. The remainder of Informative Appendix A remains unchanged.

INFORMATIVE APPENDIX A EXPLANATORY MATERIAL

Sections of the standard with associated explanatory information in this appendix are marked with an asterisk "*" after the section number.

[...]

Section 9.2.1

A vacuum of 0.00967 psia (66.7 Pa) is equivalent to an absolute pressure of 500 μ m Hg [0°C] liquid column.

[...]

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