

# Introduction to 2025 Compliant Refrigerant Resource Guide

Lennox is updating our product lineup to use 2025 Compliant Refrigerants R-454B for whole-home systems and R-32 for ductless mini-split systems. We are committed to making decisions that keep homeowners, dealers, and the environment in mind.

## General

What does low GWP mean?

Global Warming Potential (GWP) refers to a formula used to measure how much a substance contributes to global warming over a period of time. Specifically, it represents how much heat a substance traps when compared to CO<sub>2</sub>. Low-GWP refrigerants have much lower GWP values, making them a more environmentally friendly choice.

Why did Lennox choose 2025 Compliant Refrigerant (R-454B and R-32) for their products?

When selecting new refrigerants, Lennox considered ease of installation, service, safety, performance, environmental impact and more. For whole-home systems, we chose 2025 Compliant Refrigerant R-454B due to its excellent performance for ducted systems and zero ozone depletion potential. For mini-splits, we selected R-32, designed to optimize efficiency and reliability in ductless systems. Lennox engineers worked to maximize equipment performance with these refrigerants, while minimizing changes to installation requirements.

Can anyone purchase the new refrigerant?

No. The EPA requires specific certification under Section 608 or Section 609 in order for technicians to purchase refrigerants. Lennox' [BuildATech™](#) training course offers EPA Section 608 testing. To find out more about the [Lennox Learning Solutions](#) courses, visit [LennoxPros.com](#) under the My Learning tab.

Do low GWP refrigerants perform better than R-410A?

Lennox' 2025 Compliant Refrigerants provide comparable performance to R-410A. New low GWP systems will be designed to provide similar levels of comfort, efficiency, and safety as current R-410A systems.

Will a 2025 compliant refrigerant system use the same amount of refrigerant as an R-410A system?

While there may be some exceptions, most Lennox 2025 Compliant Refrigerant systems will use 5-10% less refrigerant than a comparable R-410A system.

When will this change take place for the Lennox product line-up?

In preparation for the new standards effective January 1, 2025, Lennox will launch our 2025 Compliant Refrigerant products in the second half of 2024. As always, whenever new regulations go into effect, Lennox is here to provide you support, training, and educational resources that make it easy to sell, install, and service the new equipment.

To help drive awareness of 2025 Compliant Refrigerant and designate information regarding these products, Lennox has created an icon that will be easily recognizable in product information and materials.



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REFRIGERANT**

## Technical/Safety

What is A2L refrigerant?

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) created a subgroup of refrigerants called A2L. "A" refers to non-toxic, "2" refers to the flammability level, and "L" refers to the low burning velocity. You can see this new subgroup compared to other refrigerant classifications in the referenced chart.

The chart is a 4x2 grid with an arrow pointing up labeled 'Increasing Flammability' and an arrow pointing right labeled 'Increasing Toxicity'. The rows are: Higher Flammability, Flammable, Lower Flammability, and No Flame Propagation. The columns are: Lower Toxicity and Higher Toxicity. The cells contain the following classifications: (Higher Flammability, Lower Toxicity) is A3; (Higher Flammability, Higher Toxicity) is B3; (Flammable, Lower Toxicity) is A2; (Flammable, Higher Toxicity) is B2; (Lower Flammability, Lower Toxicity) is A2L; (Lower Flammability, Higher Toxicity) is B2L; (No Flame Propagation, Lower Toxicity) is A1; (No Flame Propagation, Higher Toxicity) is B1.

Higher Flammability	A3	B3
Flammable	A2	B2
Lower Flammability	A2L	B2L
No Flame Propagation	A1	B1
	Lower Toxicity	Higher Toxicity

Is A2L the same as low GWP?

A2L refrigerants are not the same as low GWP. The subgroup A2L is the refrigerant classification the HVAC industry is using in the 2025 refrigerant transition. Low GWP refers to the global warming potential of the emissions of the refrigerant.

How flammable is 2025 compliant refrigerant?  
Is this class of refrigerants dangerous?

Refrigerants in the A2L class are considered "mildly flammable" but no more dangerous than many other household products. An A2L refrigerant is very safe when handled properly and when best practices and safety guidelines are applied. As part of the HVAC industry transition, low GWP systems, which utilize A2L refrigerants, require sensor and safety protocol in the event of a leak. Our products have additional safety features such as a Refrigerant Detection System that will reduce its concentration in the event of a large leak.

Does the vacuum pump need to be rated with low GWP refrigerants?

Most new vacuums are already rated for both R-410A and low GWP refrigerants, however, older ones may not be. Be sure to check your vacuum's rating and replace it if it is not compatible with low GWP refrigerants.

Will press fittings need to be different?

Press fittings are determined by the line set diameter. Lennox' 2025 Compliant Refrigerant equipment will have service valves that can accept either brazed or press fitting braze free installations. Lennox R-454B equipment will be designed with a bell for brazing but also have proper clearance so an installer can choose to use a press fitting by cutting off the swage. There will be enough stub clearance and tool clearance after removing the swage to use a press fitting.

Will there be a change to the threading on service valves?

Service valves on Lennox' 2025 Compliant Refrigerant systems will be right-hand threaded which is the same as R-410A systems. However, service valves on A2L refrigerant cylinders will be left-hand threaded.

What happens if the wrong refrigerant gets into the system?

2025 Compliant Refrigerant is not a drop in refrigerant and should not be added to an existing R-410A system. For safety purposes, if this were to occur, recover the refrigerant and re-charge the system with the proper new refrigerant for that system.

## Industry/Homeowner Impact

What should I do with the old refrigerant when installing a new low GWP system?

To help ensure continuity of service, Lennox has teamed up with Hudson Technologies for the Lennox Reclaim Program, a simple, hassle-free solution that pays you for recovered R-22 and R-410A refrigerant. In addition to recovering and reclaiming previous refrigerants to allow for their reuse, the Lennox Reclaim Program will help to continue circulation of the current refrigerant to sustain servicing homeowners in a way that reduces the overall environmental impact of refrigerants.

If a homeowner needs a new system, should they buy one now or wait until the new models are available?

Whether it is an emergency replacement or a planned replacement, every homeowners' situation will look different. Homeowners should discuss their system replacement options with their dealers to understand which system will best suit their unique needs. We know our dealers will be well suited to help the homeowner make an educated decision when the time is right for them.

If I install a system with R-410A refrigerant, how will Lennox support or service that system?

After the transition, Lennox will continue to offer R-410A repair components, parts and R-410A refrigerant servicing units.

Will new systems cost more to operate?

Lennox' 2025 Compliant Refrigerant products will be more cost effective over the life of the unit, as previous refrigerants phase out and become more costly to maintain.

### Supporting Resources - Coming Soon

- Informational Webinars
- Product Transition Training
- New Product Information and Line Logic
- Homeowner Education

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