



ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum a to
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-2019**

Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants

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FOREWORD

Addendum a provides clarification for determining the RCL values of refrigerant blends by revising Section 7.2, "Blends."

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.

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Modify Section 7.2 as shown.

7.2 Blends. The RCL for refrigerants comprising multiple compounds shall be determined by the method in Section 7.1, ~~except that,~~ Where available, the blend toxicity data shall be used for individual parameter values in Section 7.1.1(a) through 7.1.1(d) and when toxicity data for the blend are not available, shall be calculated as the mole-weighted average, by composition of the nominal formulation, of the values for the components. The calculation used to determine the ATEL and RCL of a refrigerant blend is summarized in Informative Appendix G. The calculation can also be conducted using a computer program or spreadsheet.

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