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Status

1)☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.** 2b) ☑ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 30,32,34 and 37-40 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 30,32,34 and 37-40 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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Application Papers

10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☑ The drawing(s) filed on 5/25/18 is/are: a)☑ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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2) ☑ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08202018; 11212018.

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4) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 40 is objected to because of the following informalities: "inhibit" should be "inhibitor". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 30, 32, 34 and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takigawa et al., US 6,207,071. The reference discloses lubricating oil compositions and their use in compositions comprising R134a and R125 (col. 1, lines 13+). The reference further discloses the use of hydrofluorocarbons as replacements for hydrochlorofluorocarbons (col. 1, lines 20+). Suitable lubricants include the alkylbenzene oils described at col. 2, lines 30+. Refrigerants include alkane fluorides containing 40% or more of R134a in admixture with alkyl fluorides containing, most preferably, 40% or more of R125 (col. 8, lines 20+). The reference further discloses that there is "no restriction as to the kind of HFC to be mixed with" the disclosed refrigerants. The examiner takes the position that this can reasonably be construed to mean that no additional HFC need be added, and that the disclosure reads on refrigerant compositions *consisting of* 40-60% R134a and 60-40% of R125. Conventional additives may be added, including those disclosed at the top of col. 8. The examiner takes the position that anticorrosion additives are conventional, and that their use would be obvious over this disclosure. Lubricant compositions comprising naphthenic mineral oil and polyol polyesters are disclosed in Table 1. Note the disclosure in Evaluation Tests 2 and 3 of refrigerant being premixed with lubricant prior to charging a compressor. The disclosed lubricating refrigerant compositions are useful in a variety of refrigeration apparatus, as disclosed at the top of col. 9. Determination of the lubrication-effective amount of a disclosed lubricant amounts to routine optimization. This reference differs from the claimed subject matter in that it does not disclose a composition which reads on appellant's claims with sufficient specificity to constitute anticipation.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to make such a composition, because this reference teaches that all of the ingredients recited by appellants are suitable for inclusion in a refrigerant composition. The person of ordinary skill in the refrigeration art would expect the recited compositions to have properties similar to those compositions which are exemplified, absent a showing to the contrary.

In the case where the claimed ranges overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art, a *prima facie* case of obviousness exists. *In re Wertheim,* 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976); *In re Woodruff,* 919 F.2d 1575, 16 USPQ2d 1934 (Fed Cir. 1990).

Double Patenting

6. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with the examined application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. See MPEP § 717.02 for applications subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA as explained in MPEP § 2159. See MPEP §§ 706.02(l)(1) - 706.02(l)(3) for applications not subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

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7. Claims 30, 32, 34 and 37-40 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 8,197,706 and claims 1-37 of U.S. Patent 9,982,179. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the ‘179 and ‘706 patents

recite compositions which overlap closely with those presently recited in admixture with a lubricant, which is a conventional additive.

8. Submission of the declarations which were submitted in the parent case would further prosecution.

9. No additional art was cited with this office action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 until 4:30. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Mr. Harold Pyon, may be reached at (571) 272-1498.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Docket Number (Optional): 821920-1033

Application Number: 15/989,655

Filed: May 25, 2018

For: REFRIGERANT WITH LUBRICATING OIL FOR REPLACEMENT OF R22 REFRIGERANT

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Hardee, John R.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Confirmation No.: 1039
Ponder et al.	Group Art Unit: 1761
Serial No.: 13/493,491	Examiner: Hardee, John R.
Filed: June 11, 2012	Docket No. 821920-1032

For: **REFRIGERANT WITH LUBRICATING OIL FOR REPLACEMENT OF R22 REFRIGERANT**

SECOND DECLARATION OF KENNETH M. PONDER

I, Kenneth M. Ponder, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the President of RMS of Georgia, LLC and am a co-inventor named on the above application.

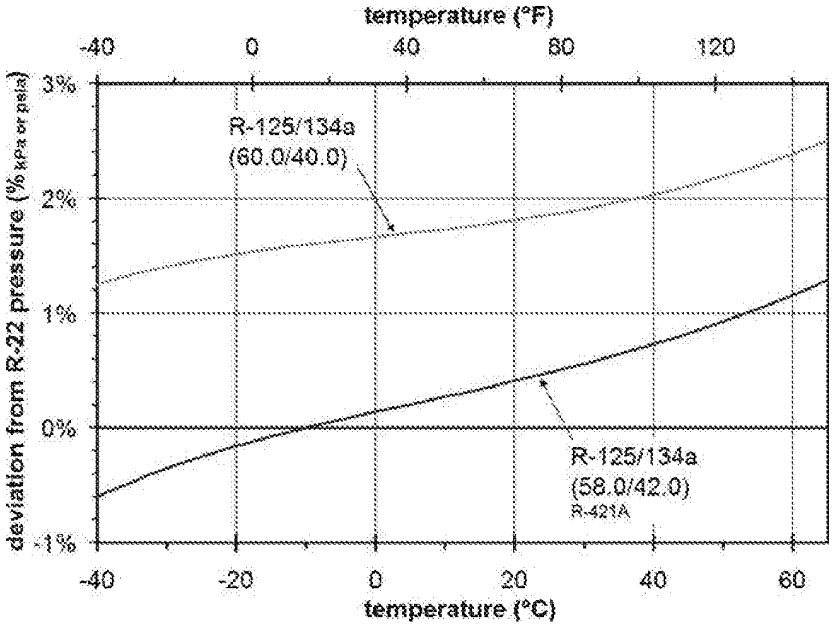
2. RMS of Georgia, LLC sells and distributes refrigerants and reclaims most refrigerants.

3. Among the refrigerants that RMS of Georgia, LLC sells and distributes are refrigerants known under ASHRAE designations R-421A and R-421B. Our R-421A and R-421B refrigerants are approved by ASHRAE and are SNAP approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use with or as a replacement or substitute for R-22 refrigerant for different uses, as described below. The refrigerant having the ASHRAE designation R-421A is a refrigerant composition of my present application that is a mixture of R-125 (pentafluoroethane) and R-134a (1,1,1,2-tetrofluoroethane) as the only refrigerant gases blended with a lubricant in which R-125 is present in an amount of 58%±1% by weight and R-134a is present in an amount of 42% ±1% by weight of the two refrigerant gases wherein the combined weight of the two gases totals 100%.

4. An accepted guide for refrigerant designations is ASHRAE Standard 34. Based on assignment in prior editions and addenda thereto, Addendum O, Table 2

to ASHRAE Standard 34-2004 identifies my R-421A-series refrigerant blend (along with adopted safety data and classifications for them) as a composition of R-125 and R-134a with formulation and tolerances of: "R-421A: R-125/134a (58.0% / 42.0%) (±1.0/±1.0)." As such, a composition of 60% R-125 / 40% 134a (60.0/40.0) is considered by ASHRAE as distinct from R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% 134a (58.0/42.0)] and does not fall within ASHRAE's formulation tolerances (±1.0/±1.0). Stated another way, a 60.0/40.0 (or "60/40") composition cannot be identified as within ASHRAE's designation and tolerances for a refrigerant designated or labeled R-421A. Were one to seek a Standard Designation for 60% R-125 / 40% 134a (60.0/40.0), it would be given consideration for a separate ASHRAE designation, in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 34.

5. The following figure shows the difference in deviations from the HCFC refrigerant R-22 (chlorodifluoromethane), the most widely used refrigerant from the late 1950s until 2010 and that most commonly used in residential air conditioners among other applications. Many blends, including R-421A (58% R125 / 42% R134a), were developed for and are marketed as Freon – 22 (R-22) replacements with the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances, of which Freon – 22 (R-22) is one.

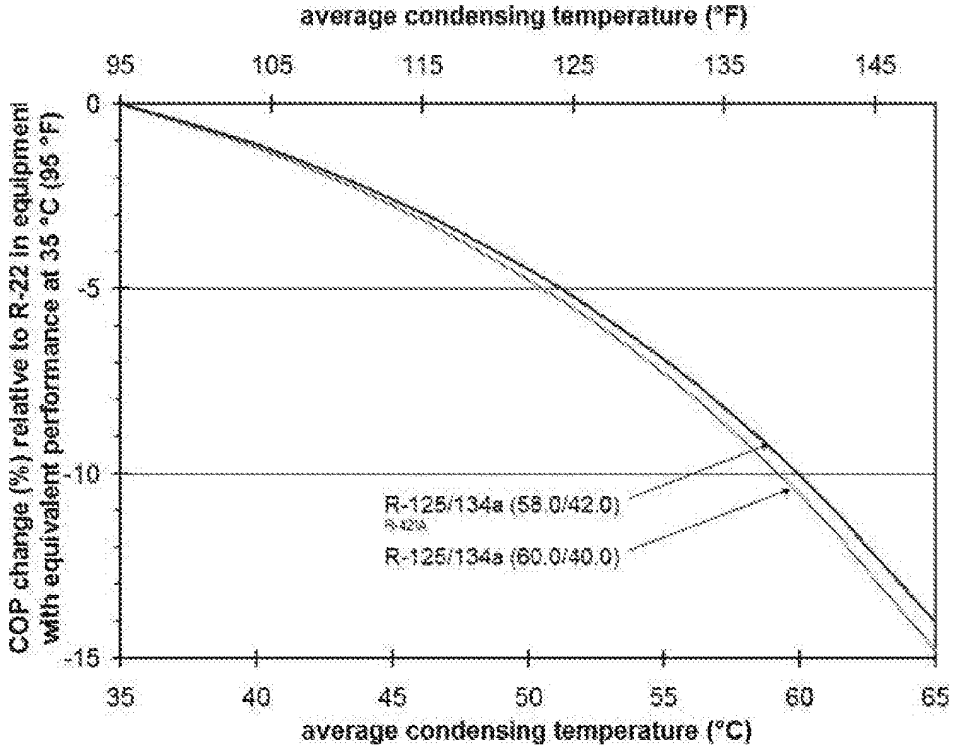


6. As shown in the above figure, R-421A [58% R-125 / 42%134a (58.0/42.0)] offers a **much closer approximation of the thermodynamic R-22 pressure-temperature (P-T) characteristics** than 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0), an important consideration for replacement of the HCFC refrigerant Freon – 22 (R22) and for retrofit and specifically for thermostatic expansion valve control of refrigerant flow metering in air conditioning and refrigeration machinery. Over the temperature range of -40 to +65 °C (-40 to +149 °F), the pressure deviation in (kPa or psia) for R-421A [58% R-125 / 42%134a (58.0/42.0)] compared to Freon -22 (R-22) deviates by -0.6 to +1.3% as contrasted to 1.3 to 2.5% for 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0) with average deviations of 0.3% and 1.8%, respectively. Restated in terms of gauge pressure (psig), the corresponding ranges are -16.1 to 1.4% for and 33.9 to 2.6% with averages of -0.5 and 4.0%. In short, unexpectedly R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% R134a (58.0/42.0)] better approximates the pressure-temperature (P-T) characteristics of Freon (R-22) than 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0).

7. For the evaporating temperature span of primary interest as a replacement for the HCFC refrigerant Freon – 22 (R-22) in air conditioning and refrigeration, namely -20 to +10 C (-4 to +14), the average pressure deviation compared to Freon – 22 (R-22) on an absolute pressure basis for R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% R134a (58.0/42.0)] is approximately 5% that of 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0).

8. Predicated on a representative average evaporating temperature of 10 °C (50 °F) without superheat, R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% R134a (58.0/42.0)] outperforms 60% R-125 / 40% R134a by 0.15 to 1.04% for average condensing temperatures spanning 35-65 °C (95-149 °F) without sub-cooling. The calculations are based on theoretical-cycle calculations discounting compressor and motor efficiency, fan power and similar parasitic losses and also assuming ideal heat transfer and fluid flow; these

simplifications actually give a very slight advantage to the less-efficient refrigerant option. The following doubly-normalized figure shows the comparative performance losses with increasing condenser temperatures (when cooling is most needed) for such idealized cycles predicated on equipment modification to yield the same nominal coefficient of performance (COP) for Freon – 22 (R-22) and the two substituted blends at the common rating condition of 35 °C (95 °F) condensing:



9. As shown, R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% R134a (58.0/42.0)] unexpectedly outperforms the 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0)] composition for the full range, but its advantage grows at higher temperatures, namely when air conditioning and refrigeration loads increase (i,e., when most needed). The higher temperatures also are when utility demand rates kick in when applicable (normally for commercial and industrial but not for residential rates). Stated another way, **unexpectedly the "58/42"**

[R-421A (58% R125 / 42% R134a)] composition benefits are greatest when most needed as compared to a 60% R125 / 40% R134a composition.

10. The lower fraction of R-125 (with five fluorine atoms per molecule compared to four in the R-134a component) for R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% R134a (58.0/42.0)] implies additional advantages compared to 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0). First, the lower fluorination implies a slightly lower cost under rational pricing scenarios. Second, the Global Warming Potential (GWP), an indicator of potency as a greenhouse gas relative to carbon dioxide for 100 year integration (the value most often cited and used in treaties and regulations) for R-421A [58% R-125 / 42% R134a (58.0/42.0)] is 2380 compared to 2420 for 60% R-125 / 40% R134a (60.0/40.0); the 1.7% lower (more favorable) value is again due to the lower fraction of R-125 in R-421A [58% R125 / /42% R134a] as compared to 60% R125 / /40% R134a.

11. Attached is a Summary and a Table of Substitute Refrigerants Listed in SNAP Notice 25. The Table provides a listing of refrigerants acceptable as substitute to HCFC-22 (chlorodifluoromethane). This SNAP Notice 25 and the Table are issued by the EPA. The Table includes approximately 45-50 refrigerants determined by the EPA to be acceptable as substitutes for HCFC-22. This Table includes not only my refrigerant designated as R-421A by ASHRAE but also the following refrigerants, among others:

1) R125/R290/R134A/R600A in a ratio of 55/1/42.5/1.5% by weight;

2) R32/R125/R134A in a ratio of 20/40/40% by weight (known as R407A);

3) R125/R134A/R600A in a ratio of 46.6/50.0/3.4% by weight (R417A);

4) R125/R134A/R600A in a ratio of 55.0/42.0/3.0 (R422B);

5) R125/R134A/R600A/R600/R601A in a ratio of 50.5/47.0/0.9/1.0/0.6% by weight (R424A); and

6) R125/R134A in a ratio of 50/50% by weight (R507A).

12. As seen from the SNAP Table, not all combinations of HFC-125 (pentafluoroethane) and HFC-134a (1, 1, 1, 2-tetrafluoroethane) are suitable for use with or as a substitute or a replacement for R-22 (HCFC-22, chlorodifluoromethane). For Example, R416A (134a/125/600 in the ratio 59.0 (+0.5, -1.0)/39.5 (+1.0,-0.5)/1.5 (+1.0,-0.5) is not listed as a suitable replacement for either CFC-11 or HCFC-22. In fact, the only combination of HFC-125 and HFC-134a to the exclusion of other refrigerant gases, such as R290 and R600, that are SNAP approved by the EPA to be suitable for use with or as a substitute or a replacement for the HCFC refrigerant R-22 are our R-421A and R-421B refrigerants.

13. In fact, there are HCFC refrigerants and combinations of R-125 and R-134a that are suitable for use with or as a substitute or a replacement for R-22 (HCFC-22) but not for R-12 (CFC-12) and vice versa. HCFC 125 is an acceptable substitute for CFCs but not HCFC-22. Examples are provided in Table 1 and Table 2 below:

Table 1
In Air Conditioning

	CFC	HCFC-22
HCFC 123	Yes	No
HCFC 125	Yes	No
HFC 236	Yes	No
R-290	No	Yes
R401A,B	Yes	No
R404A	No	Yes
R-406A	Yes	No
R407A	No	Yes
R409A	Yes	No
R410A,B	No	Yes
R416A	No	No
R417A	No	Yes
R421A	No	Yes
R422B	No	Yes
R424A	No	Yes

Table 2
In Commercial Refrigeration

	CFC	HCFC-22
HCFC 22	Yes	No
HCFC 152B	No	Yes
HFC 236	Yes	No
R290	No	Yes

R401A,B	Yes	No
R402A,B	Yes	No
R406A	Yes	No
R408A	Yes	No
R409	Yes	No
R410A,B	No	Yes
R411A,B	Yes	No
R416A	No	No
R417A	No	Yes
R421A	No	Yes
R422B	No	Yes
R424A	No	Yes

14. Attached hereto is a Table 7 including a listing of the refrigerants that are primarily offered in competition to my R-421A refrigerant along with their respective dew points and bubble points. The bubble point and dew point for HCFC-22 are -41.46 and -41.46°F, respectively. While the bubble point for my R-421A refrigerant closely approximates that of HCFC-22, the blend dew point does not; yet as shown above my R-421A refrigerant performs surprisingly well as a substitute for HCFC-22. In fact, I have found that to adjust the ratio of R125 and R134a in my refrigerant blend away from its 58% (±1.0 %) R125 and 42% (±1.0) so the its dew point of about -32°F (in particular, -31.65°F) more closely matches the dew point of HCFC-22 would negatively impact the aforementioned Global Warming Potential (GWP) of my refrigerant.

15. I have read US Patent No. 6,207,071 that I understand is cited against my above application. I do not find any teaching therein on how to select or design a refrigerant composition to serve as a substitute specifically for HCFC-22. There is a general statement in column 1, lines 21-27, to the use of "CFC (chlorofluorocarbon) and HCFC (hydrochlorofluorocarbon)" is now restricted. This statement, however, does not specifically identify HCFC-22 (chlorodifluoromethane). Moreover, there is no mention, let alone any suggestion, in Takigawa of considering the bubble point and/or dew point of a refrigerant blend of refrigerants in designing a blend of refrigerant gases to serve as a substitute for HCFC-22.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this patent.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 28 2017

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ATTACHMENT OF TABLE 7

Table 7: Data for Selected Refrigerants (IP units)

properties	R-22	R-407C	R-410A	R-421A	R-422B	R-422D	R-427A	R-438A
molar mass (lb/mol)	0.190629	0.190046	0.160823	0.246359	0.239242	0.242365	0.199395	0.218478
normal boiling point (NBP)								
bubble point for blends (°F)	-41.48	-46.63	-69.80	-41.22	-42.36	-45.78	-46.33	-44.19
blend dew point (°F)	-41.48	-33.93	-69.46	-31.85	-32.59	-37.01	-35.16	-33.05
maximum temperature glide								
at NBP (°F)	0.000	12.697	0.342	9.569	9.759	8.747	12.184	11.340
at 68 °F (°F)	0.000	10.005	0.269	6.582	6.334	6.373	9.323	8.606
density at NBP								
saturated liquid (lb/ft^3)	87.97	80.19	84.26	91.19	87.26	87.01	80.46	86.64
saturated vapor (lb/ft^3)	0.2936	0.2891	0.3508	0.3731	0.3632	0.3716	0.3030	0.3319
latent heat of vaporization								
at NBP (Btu/lb)	100.6	107.2	117.4	82.5	84.2	86.0	101.8	92.8
at NBP (Btu/ft^3) vapor	29.53	30.99	30.00	30.78	30.59	30.40	30.83	30.80
at 140 °C (Btu/lb)	60.23	58.29	45.23	41.48	41.78	37.94	53.00	47.28
saturated vapor pressure								
at 68 °F (psia)	102.6	127.7	209.8	119.6	128.7	131.1	124.2	122.8
at 140 °F (psia)	352.1	396.8	556.1	398.3	340.3	364.3	355.0	348.7
critical point								
temperature (°F)	205.1	188.6	160.4	181.6	181.6	179.2	189.0	188.3
pressure (psia)	725.7	671.4	710.8	568.4	574.6	568.3	627.0	624.3
specific volume (ft^3/lb)	0.0908	0.0831	0.0649	0.0891	0.0864	0.0853	0.0827	0.0814
ozone depletion potential (ODP) relative to R-11								
scientific	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
regulatory (MP)	0.055							
global warming potential (GWP) for 100 yr ITH								
scientific relative to CO_2	1790	1783	2100	2630	3060	3760	2100	2230
ASHRAE 34 / ISO 817 safety classification	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
ASHRAE 34 Refrigerant Concentration Limit (RCL) (lb/Mcf)	19	18	28	17	18	18	16	4.9

The grey regions of Table 6 and Table 7 indicate inapplicable data, namely the absence of composition-based glide based for the single-compound R-22. They also signify inapplicable data for blends not directly regulated by ozone depletion potential (ODP) in international treaties (notably the Montreal Protocol) and most regulations, though regulatory consequences result indirectly based on mass-weighted formulations of the blends.

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