Mobile Air Conditioners: Reclaiming or Recycling Refrigerant

Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 136 regulates repair practices, product sales, acceptable refrigerant recovery and recycling equipment. These rules complement federal regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and are aimed at reducing the emission of refrigerants.

Under Wisconsin law, “Refrigerant” means any substance used, sold for use, or designed or intended for use in a mobile air conditioner or trailer refrigeration equipment to transfer heat out of the space being cooled.

Mobile air conditioner repairs

No person may perform motor vehicle repair that releases or may release refrigerant from a mobile air conditioner or trailer refrigeration equipment and install or service a mobile air conditioner or trailer refrigeration equipment that contains refrigerant unless that person is certified under either the EPA Section 608 or Section 609 technician certification programs.

Refrigerant Purchase Records Requirements

Wisconsin law requires that technicians (EPA 608 or 609 certified) buying refrigerant or receiving refrigerant on consignment must keep an accurate record of all of the following:

- The legal name and complete address of the person from whom that person purchased or received that refrigerant
- The type and amount of refrigerant purchased or received
- Whether, at the time of purchase or receipt, the refrigerant as new, reclaimed, recycled or recovered

A purchaser or consignee may use purchase or consignment invoices to comply with these requirements if the invoices contain all of the information required. These records must be kept for two years.

Refrigerant Sales Records Requirements

Wisconsin law requires a person who sells or consigns refrigerant to a technician (EPA 608 or 609 certified) to keep accurate records of all of the following:

- The legal name and complete address of the person to whom the refrigerant was sold or consigned
- The type and amount of refrigerant sold or consigned
- Whether, at the time of sale or consignment, the refrigerant was new, reclaimed, recycled or recovered
- A copy of any written guarantee from the buyer or consignee

A seller or consignor may use sale or consignment invoices to comply with these requirements if the invoices contain all of the required information. These records must be kept for two years.

Small cans of refrigerants

Wisconsin law prohibits the buying and selling of ozone-depleting refrigerant in a container holding less than 15 pounds.

For additional information, please visit our website.