







New IEC Charge Limit For Flammables

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TC 86 SC1 ISO 5149



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High Pressure Act Electrical Safety Act

PRODUCT STANDARD



TC61 SC61C IEC 60335-2-24 IEC 60335-2-89 TC61 SC61D IEC 60335-2-40

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CLC61 EN 60335-2-24 EN 60335-2-89 EN 60335-2-40



STP's UL250 UL60335-2-24 UL471 UL60335-2-89 UL474, UL484 UL60335-2-40



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The risk with more than 150g flammable refrigerant must be the same as we have with the current limit of 150 g



- Experts in the Working Group 4 are representing major global manufacturers like AHT, Epta, Electrolux Professional, True Manufacturing, Emerson, Hussmann, Daikin, United Technologies, Whirlpool, Panasonic, Sanden, Porkka, etc
- The main factor used to minimize the creation of a flammable mixture arround the appliance is the air-flow or/and specific design features.
- Max refrigerant charge for each circuit 13*LFL, but not more than 1,2kg, (remote systems are excluded)







Main new requirements above 150g of charge:

- Refrigeration circuit has to be hermetically sealed
- Refrigerant-containing parts shall be protected and not be an accessible part,
- Appliance shall be constructed to not cause excessive vibration or resonance,
- Appliance shall be marked with the minimum room floor area in which the appliance is permitted to be installed (with some exceptions),





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Main new requirements above 150g of charge:

- Appliance shall be constructed such that a leak of refrigerant shall not result in a flammable refrigerant concentration surrounding the appliance, by passing the test of Annex CC
- Testing includes **doors**/drawers **opening** test after full charge release inside closed cabinet.

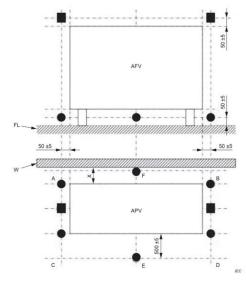




Figure CC.1 - Schematic illustration of the refrigerant concentration sampling points



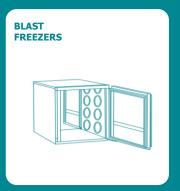


Applications To BenefitHigher Charge Limit



















Conclusions:

- Based on positive vote in CDV stage, during plenary of IEC SC61C in Busan, **SC61C** decided to go for the final vote of **FDIS** (Final Draft of International Standard), that considers the **500g limit for propane** charges and which will also allow the use of **A2L safety class** refrigerant alternatives up to **1,2 kg**
- International vote on **FDIS** will start arround **April 2019**. **If positive**, proposed standard will be published in **Q3 2019**. It will allow use of flammable refrigerants to much larger plug-in appliances
- In **Japan**, in case of a positive IEC, Ed.3 of IEC standard 60335-2-89 is going to be translated into Japanese and **JIS C 9335 2-89** with some national differences coming from JRAIA risk assessment can be released
- Publication of the New Edition of **IEC 60335-2-89** will be an huge achievement on the path to meet **Kigali Amendment** and all regional and national legislation to **mitigate global warming**







Thank you for listening.

