



Food Retail Panel

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Natural Refrigerant Stores

- Pearl-Boulder, CO pumped CO2 (low-temp)
- Trolley Sq.-Salt Lake City, UT, pumped CO2 (low-temp)
- Dedham, MA pumped CO2 (low-temp)
- Wellesley, MA low-temp DX CO2/medium temp liquid overfeed CO2, cascaded to 407A
- Lynnfield, MA low-temp DX CO2/medium temp liquid overfeed CO2, cascaded to 407A
- Fairfield, CT low-temp DX CO2 in a cascade system
- Yonkers, NY low-temp DX CO2 in a cascade system
- 3rd & Third-Brooklyn, NY Transcritical CO2
- Folsom, CA low-temp DX CO2 in a cascade system
- Castro- San Francisco, CA, low temp DX CO2/medium temp liquid overfeed CO2, cascaded to 407A
- Arden Way-Sacramento, CA low-temp DX CO2 in a cascade system (conversion from HFC)
- Gilman-Berkley, CA Transcritical CO2
- Alameda-San Jose, CA, Transcritical CO2
- Dublin, CA, low temp DX CO2/medium temp liquid overfeed CO2, cascaded to R717 (NH3)



Natural Refrigerant Store Map





What We Are Learning

- Higher initial system costs compared to HFC DX, but prices are quickly dropping
- Install costs are artificially high due to contractors' lack of comfort; industry needs training
- Maintenance is comparable to HFC DX system, but leak rates are higher
- Energy data is very promising





- 1st synthetic refrigerant-free supermarket in U.S. (3rd & Third, Brooklyn NY)
 - ❖zero ozone depletion
 - low global warming potential
- 3 GreenChill Platinum Certifications
- Collaboration between rack OEM, control vendors, CxA, and maintenance partners formed valuable synergies
- Opportunity for further data analysis



Future Development

- Energy and refrigerant reduction are very high priorities for Whole Foods Market
- Continue to pinpoint technology options with focus on natural refrigerant solutions
 - There is no silver bullet low GWP system
 - Climate and building-type specific design
- Continue to explore off-the-shelf and custom natural refrigerant systems through collaboration with various partners
- Identify partners early
 - ❖ System (rack) OEM
 - Engineers
 - Control Vendor
 - Commissioning Agent
- * Repeat, compare, evaluate
- Eventually Streamline