



## **Braze Free Refrigeration Fittings**





We have developed a solution for joining together tube without use of solder/flame for high pressure refrigerant applications.

Our technology is a genuine alternative to brazing without the drawbacks a brazed joint can bring.

We believe the technology is revolutionary, an opportunity to change the market, and not just in North America.

We believe it is perfect for the refrigerant market, but specifically for natural refrigerants.

Whereas a flame free connection is an obvious attraction, the additional benefits of a consistent mechanical connection, free from human error, that can be made in seconds with superior leak rates is unparalleled.



RLS stands for 'Rapid Locking System', the initial project name.

Pioneered using I.P. developed by Marmon Groups (Berkshire Hathaway) Copper Tube Company – Cerro Flow Products.

Spun out into new company - RLS LLC.

We are located in Missouri and not only are the fittings made in Missouri but the copper billets and tube used to make the fittings are located in Missouri.

Project has taken considerable resources and is 5 years in the making.

Product has been installed and in continuous testing since August 2011. Over 25,000 fittings now installed without 1 failure.



'Everything leaks' but refrigeration leakage is a well-known global concern.

Supermarkets are known to leak as much as \$20k of refrigerant per year (average supermarket has 750 brazed connections).

Much smaller systems such as home air conditioners also leak at joints.

Additionally oxide in system results in issues for system performance.

Nitrogen purge eliminates contamination but is not always done correctly.







Size	Leak Rate
1/4"	4.00E-10
5/16"	6.10E-10
3/8"	1.30E-09
1/2"	5.00E-09
5/8"	5.40E-09
3/4"	5.20E-09
7/8"	5.40E-09
1-1/8"	3.00E-10

Certified by EWI, 30+ fittings of each size. The above table is the worst performing of each of size. Samples subjected to 3 million vibration cycles prior to testing.

The maximum leak rate detected was 1.30E-09 std.cc/sec, which has a Freon equivalent of .000204 grams/year or 7.223x10<sup>-6</sup> ounces/year. Approximately 1,900 times tighter than F Gas Rule definition of "hermetically sealed".

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Size	Burst Pressure Psi
1/4"	6300
5/16"	5600
3/8"	4700
1/2"	3800
5/8"	3600
3/4"	3400
7/8"	3250
1 1/8"	3000



All of our fittings are much stronger than ACR refrigeration tube of the same size.



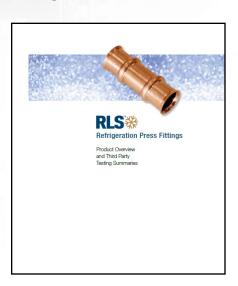
Extensive testing has been carried out by Creative Thermal Solutions.

Testing includes 5000 cycles of freeze-thaw, combined pressure temperature of 8,000 cycles from 90 C to 10 C and 3 million cycles of vibration fatigue.

All fittings passed and leak free.

In addition we have had extensive corrosion testing undertaken using dissimilar metals.

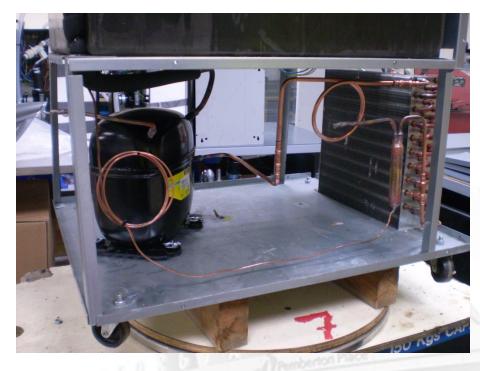
Testing and results available on our website.





## **Product in Use**

Braze Free Refrigeration Connections





Manufacturer in Mexico

Manufacturer in USA

Both are moving towards natural refrigerants in 2016







Supermarket in NE USA.

**412 Braze Free Connections** 





Product being marketed in wholesale/contractor channel by Parker Sporlan.

Brand name Zoomlock.





Currently developing products 'stubbed out' with RLS ends – valves, filter driers, sight glasses etc.



Development of new sku's

Introduction of aluminum, stainless and copper cryogenic version of the product.

All 3 products currently in testing.



Stainless version well suited to Co2 applications (burst pressures over 6000psi).

Product currently only available in North America. We will bring to South America and Europe in 2016.



More information: www.rlspressfittings.com