

# FORANE® 410A

Forane®410A refrigerant (R-410A) is a non-ozone depleting blend of hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) R-32 and R-125 developed as a replacement refrigerant for air conditioning applications currently designed for (HCFC) R-22. Due to the higher refrigerating capacity and pressures of R-410A, it should not be used as a retrofit refrigerant in R-22 equipment.

### **Application**

Forane® 410A refrigerant is used in new residential and commercial air conditioning systems, heat pumps, dehumidifiers, and small chillers. R-410A is also being considered in some medium temperature refrigeration applications.

### Properties & Performance

R-410A is a near-azeotropic HFC refrigerant blend that meets the industry's needs for many new air conditioning systems. R-410A has received an A1 safety rating from ASHRAE (lowest levels of toxicity and flammability), having zero ozone depletion potential.

R-410A is a higher pressure and capacity refrigerant than R-22, requiring equipment and components specifically designed to accommodate the resulting higher system pressures and lower flow rates needed. Typical operating pressures of an R-410A system will be 50% to 60% higher than those in an R-22 system at comparable operating conditions. R-410A also has significantly higher volumetric refrigerating capacity than R-22 under most operating conditions. This allows OEMs to manufacture equipment of similar capacity and efficiency to R-22 in a smaller package.

#### Lubrication

To ensure proper oil return, R-410A is typically used with polyolester (POE) oil. The HFC components of R-410A are not miscible with mineral oil or alkylbenzene. Manufacturers provide new R-410A systems and compressors already charged with the appropriate lubricant. Care must be taken when handling POE lubricants because they are hygroscopic, which means that they can readily absorb moisture from the air. This is especially a concern when handling POEs in humid environments. High levels of moisture in the system can lead to oil degradation and system failure.

#### Charging

Due to the zeotropic nature of the R-410A blend, it should only be charged as liquid to prevent fractionation (changes in the designed refrigerant composition, See Definitions - Fractionation). In situations where vapor would normally be charged into a system, a valve should be installed in the charging line to flash liquid from the cylinder into vapor. Never introduce liquid into a running system, as compressor damage may result. R-410A requires the use of manifold gauge sets, recovery machines, and cylinders specifically designed and rated for its higher pressures.

### Retrofit

Due to the significantly higher operating pressures and capacities of R-410A, it should never be used as a retrofit for R-22 systems. R-410A should only be used with equipment designed specifically for use with R-410A.

PROPERTIES	R-410A				
Average Molecular Weight (g/mol)	72.6				
Normal Boiling Point (°F)	-61.9				
Critical Temperature (°F)	162.0				
ASHRAE Safety Group Classification	A1				
Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)	0				
Global Warming Potential (GWP) 2,100					

## **DEFINITIONS**

# Bubble Point (Saturated Liquid Temperature)

The temperature (for a given pressure) at which the liquid of a refrigerant blend (any 400 or 500 series refrigerant) begins to evaporate or boil. This is similar to the saturated liquid temperature of a single component refrigerant.

# Dew Point (Saturated Vapor Temperature)

The temperature (for a given pressure) at which the vapor of a given refrigerant blend (any 400 or 500 series refrigerant) begins to condense or liquefy. This is similar to the saturated vapor temperature of a single component refrigerant.

#### Fractionation

The change in composition of a refrigerant blend (any 400 or 500 series refrigerant) when it changes phase from liquid to vapor (evaporation) or from vapor to liquid (condensation). This behavior in blends explains the permanent changes to refrigerant composition from leaks, causing the blend to deviate outside the tolerances of the designed composition.

#### Glide

The difference in temperature between the evaporator outlet and inlet due to fractionation of the blend. Theoretically, this can be calculated by finding the difference between the dew and bubble temperatures at constant pressure. Actual measurements may differ slightly depending on the state of the liquid refrigerant at either end of the evaporator (or condenser). Pressure losses through the evaporator may also affect glide.

#### **Normal Boiling Point (NBP)**

The temperature at which a given refrigerant begins to boil while at atmospheric pressure (14.7 psia).

#### **Abbreviations**

AB - alkylbenzene

GWP - global warming potential

MO - mineral oil

ODP – ozone depletion potential

OEM - original equipment manufacturer

POE - polyolester

PAG - polyakylene glycol

## **OTHER TOPICS**

### **Refrigerant Lubricants**

The phase-out of ozone depleting refrigerants has impacted air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment design in many ways. One of the most significant changes to these systems is the transition of the compressor lubricants. Use of an appropriate lubricant is important when servicing, installing, or retrofitting a system. The following information may be helpful as general background information on refrigerant lubricants; however, always follow OEM recommendations for proper lubricant selection.

**Mineral Oil:** Mineral oil has been the lubricant of choice for systems utilizing many of the CFC and HCFC refrigerants. Both the CFCs and HCFCs tend to have adequate miscibility with mineral oil, helping to ensure acceptable oil return under normal operating conditions. Sometimes a synthetic lubricant (i.e. AB or POE) is required under certain conditions, such as reduced miscibility with CFC retrofit blends or high discharge temperatures with products like R-22.

**Alkylbenzene:** Alkylbenzene is a synthetic refrigerant compressor lubricant used in new refrigeration systems and for retrofits from CFCs to HCFCs. Typically, Alkylbenzene has better miscibility with HCFCs than mineral oil, resulting in more reliable oil return. For retrofits of older CFC equipment, a partial oil change from mineral oil to alkylbenzene may be acceptable.

**Polyolester:** HFC refrigerants serve as the replacements for the ozone-depleting CFCs and HCFCs. However, both mineral oil and alkylbenzene have poor miscibility with HFCs, making oil return with these products unreliable in many systems. POEs are synthetic oils commonly used in new HFC systems and for retrofitting older CFC and HCFC equipment to HFC refrigerants. Special care must be taken when using POE oils due to their quick absorption of moisture when left exposed to the atmosphere (hygroscopic).

**Polyalkylene Glycol:** In addition to POE oils, polyalkylene glycol (PAG) lubricants are used with R-134a in automotive airconditioning applications. Like POEs, PAGs are hygroscopic synthetic oils and must be treated with care to minimize exposure to moisture. While both POEs and PAGs are used with R-134a in automotive systems, the two oil types are not interchangeable and should not be mixed.

#### **Material Compatibility**

Whenever retrofitting an air-conditioning or refrigeration system, compatibility of system materials is always a concern. Items such as elastomers, hoses, and filter-driers respond differently to different refrigerants and oils. For these reasons, before performing any refrigerant retrofit, Arkema recommends contacting the OEM for specific recommendations. Arkema's Technical Service hotline can also be reached at (800) 738-7695.

#### **Leak Detection**

Leak checking should be a routine practice whenever performing maintenance on or servicing an air-conditioning or refrigeration system. As elastomers and other sealing components may react differently to new refrigerants and oils, leak checking should always be performed after any refrigerant retrofit.

Certain older style leak detectors have difficulty detecting newer refrigerants. It is important to verify whether or not your leak detector is rated for the type of refrigerant (CFC, HCFC, or HFC) you will be working with. Also, some refrigerant dyes are only compatible with specific refrigerant oils. Always check with the manufacturer before using a leak dye in an air-conditioning or refrigeration system.

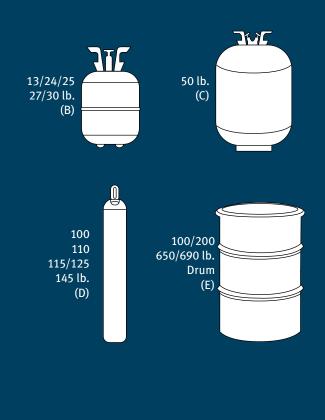
	PRESSURE (PSIG)																	
Sat. Temp (°F)	R-22	R-407C Liquid Pressure	R-407C Vapor Pressure	R-410A Liquid Pressure	R-427A Liquid Pressure	R-427A Vapor Pressure	R-407A Liquid Pressure	R-407A Vapor Pressure	R-123	R-12	R-134a	R-409A Liquid Pressure	R-409A Vapor Pressure	R-401A Liquid Pressure	R-401A Vapor Pressure	R-401B Liquid Pressure	R-401B Vapor Pressure	Sat. Temp (°C)
-50	6.2	2.9	11.4	5.3	3.8	11.9	0.8	9.0	29.2	15.4	18.7	12.4	17.2	13.5	17.9	12.2	16.8	-45.6
-45	2.7	0.4	8.5	8.0	0.1	9.0	1.7	5.7	29.0	13.3	16.9	9.7	15.2	11.1	16.0	9.6	14.7	-42.8
-40	0.5	2.5	5.2	11.0	1.9	5.9	3.9	2.0	28.9	11.0	14.8	6.8	13.1	8.4	13.8	6.7	12.4	-40.0
-35	2.6	4.8	1.5	14.2	4.1	2.4	6.4	1.0	28.7	8.4	12.5	3.5	10.7	5.3	11.4	3.4	9.7	-37.2
-30	4.9	7.3	1.3	17.8	6.6	0.8	9.2	3.3	28.4	5.5	9.8	0.0	8.1	2.0	8.7	0.1	6.8	-34.4
-25	7.4	10.1	3.6	21.8	9.3	2.9	12.2	5.8	28.1	2.3	6.9	2.0	5.1	0.8	5.6	2.0	3.5	-31.7
-20	10.1	13.1	6.1	26.1	12.2	5.3	15.6	8.5	27.8	0.6	3.7	4.1	1.9	2.9	2.2	4.1	0.1	-28.9
-15	13.2	16.5	8.8	30.8	15.4	7.9	19.2	11.5	27.4	2.4	0.1	6.5	0.8	5.1	0.7	6.5	2.0	-26.1
-10	16.5	20.1	11.9	35.9	18.9	10.8	23.2	14.9	27.0	4.5	1.9	9.0	2.8	7.5	2.8	9.1	4.2	-23.3
-5	20.0	24.0	15.2	41.5	22.8	14.0	27.5	18.5	26.5	6.7	4.1	11.8	4.9	10.1	5.0	11.9	6.6	-20.6
0	23.9	28.3	18.9	47.5	26.9	17.5	32.2	22.5	25.9	9.1	6.5	14.8	7.2	13.0	7.4	14.9	9.2	-17.8
5	28.2	33.0	22.9	54.1	31.4	21.2	37.3	26.9	25.3	11.8	9.1	18.1	9.7	16.1	10.1	18.2	12.1	-15.0
10	32.8	38.0	27.3	61.2	36.3	25.4	42.8	31.6	24.6	14.6	11.9	21.7	12.5	19.5	13.0	21.8	15.2	-12.2
15	37.7	43.5	32.0	68.8	41.5	29.9	48.7	36.7	23.7	17.7	15.0	25.5	15.4	23.1	16.2	25.7	18.6	-9.4
20	43.0	49.3	37.2	77.1	47.2	34.7	55.1	42.3	22.8	21.0	18.4	29.6	18.7	27.1	19.6	29.9	22.3	-6.7
25	48.7	55.7	42.7	86.0	53.3	40.0	62.0	48.3	21.8	24.6	22.1	34.0	22.2	31.4	23.4	34.4	26.3	-3.9
30	54.9	62.5	48.7	95.5	59.8	45.7	69.3	54.8	20.7	28.4	26.0	38.7	26.0	36.0	27.4	39.3	30.6	-1.1
35	61.5	69.8	55.2	105.7	66.8	51.9	77.2	61.8	19.5	32.5	30.3	43.8	30.1	40.9	31.8	44.5	35.2	1.7
40	68.5	77.6	62.1	116.6	74.3	58.7	85.6	69.4	18.1	36.9	35.0	49.2	34.5	46.2	36.5	50.1	40.2	4.4
45	76.0	86.0	69.5	128.3	82.3	65.6	94.6	77.4	16.6	41.6	40.0	54.9	39.2	51.8	41.6	56.0	45.6	7.2
50	84.0	94.9	77.5	140.8	90.8	73.3	104.2	86.1	15.0	46.7	45.4	61.0	44.3	57.9	47.0	62.4	51.4	10.0
55	92.5	104.5	86.0	154.1	99.9	81.5	114.4	95.3	13.1	52.0	51.1	67.6	49.8	64.3	52.8	69.2	57.5	12.8
60	101.6	114.6	95.1	168.2	109.6	90.3	125.2	105.2	11.2	57.7	57.3	74.5	55.6	71.2	59.0	76.5	64.1	15.6
65	111.2	125.4	104.8	183.2	119.9	99.6	136.7	115.7	9.0	63.7	63.9	81.8	61.9	78.5	65.7	84.2	71.2	18.3
70	121.4	136.9	115.2	199.2	130.8	109.6	148.8	127.0	6.6	70.2	71.0	89.5	68.6	86.3	72.8	92.3	78.7	21.1
75	143.6	149.1	126.2	216.1	142.4	120.3	161.7	138.9	4.0	76.9	78.6	97.7	75.8	94.5	80.3	101.0	86.7	23.9
80	143.6	162.1	137.8	234.0	154.6	131.6	175.3	151.6	1.2	84.1	86.6	106.4	83.4	103.2	88.4	110.2	95.2	26.7
85	155.7	175.8	150.2	253.0	167.6	143.7	189.7	165.1	0.9	91.7	95.1	115.5	91.5	112.4	96.9	119.8	104.2	29.4
90	168.4	190.2	163.4	273.0	181.2	156.4	204.8	179.3	2.5	99.7	104.2	125.2	100.2	122.2	106.0	130.1	113.8	32.2
95	181.8	205.5	177.4	294.1	195.6	170.0	220.8	194.4	4.2	108.2	113.8	135.3	109.4	132.5	115.6	140.9	123.9	35.0
100	195.9	221.6	192.1	316.4	210.8	184.4	237.6	210.4	6.1	117.1	124.1	146.0	119.2	143.3	125.7	152.3	134.7	37.8
105	210.7	238.5	207.8	339.9	226.8	199.6	255.3	227.4	8.1	126.5	134.9	157.2	129.6	154.8	136.5	164.3	146.0	40.6
110	226.3	256.4	224.4	364.6	243.6	215.7	273.9	245.2	10.3	136.4	146.3	169.0	140.6	166.8	147.8	176.9	158.0	43.3
115	242.7	275.1	241.9	390.5	261.2	232.7	293.5	264.1	12.6	146.7	158.4	181.4	152.3	179.4	159.8	190.1	170.6	46.1
120	259.9	294.7	260.5	417.7	279.7	250.6	314.0	284.0	15.1	157.6	171.1	194.4	164.7	192.7	172.4	204.0	183.9	48.9
125	277.9	315.2	280.1	446.3	299.1	269.5	335.4	305.0	17.7	169.0	184.5	208.0	177.8	206.6	185.7	218.6	197.9	51.7
130	296.8	336.7	300.9	476.3	319.4	289.5	357.9	327.1	20.6	180.9	198.7	222.3	191.6	221.2	199.7	233.9	212.6	54.4
135	316.5	359.2	322.9	507.6	340.7	310.5	381.5	350.5	23.6	193.5	213.6	237.2	206.3	236.5	214.5	250.0	228.1	57.2
140	337.2	382.6	346.2	540.5	362.9	332.6	406.2	375.1	26.8	206.5	229.3	252.9	221.8	252.5	229.9	266.7	244.3	60.0
145	358.8	407.0	370.8	574.8	386.1	355.9	431.9	401.0	30.2	220.2	245.7	269.3	238.2	269.3	246.2	284.3	261.4	62.8
150	381.5	432.4	396.9	610.6	410.3	380.4	458.9	428.3	33.8	234.5	263.0	286.4	255.5	286.8	263.2	302.6	279.3	65.6

#### PRESSURE (PSIG) R-502 R-408A R-507A Sat. R-402A R-402B R-404A Sat. Temp Liquid Liquid Liquid Liquid Temp (°F) (°C) Pressure Pressure **Pressure** Pressure -50 0.2 1.6 2.5 1.1 0.6 1.1 -45.6 -45 1.9 1.1 4.9 3.2 2.7 3.3 -42.8-40 4.1 3.3 7.4 5.6 5.0 5.7 -40.0 -35 6.5 5.6 10.3 8.2 7.6 8.3 -37.2 -30 9.2 8.2 13.4 10.4 11.2 -34.4 11.1 14.2 -31.7 -25 12.1 11.0 16.7 13.4 14.3 -20 15.3 14.1 20.4 17.6 16.8 17.8 -28.9 18.8 17.5 24.5 20.5 21.6 -26.1 -15 21.4 -10 22.6 21.2 28.8 24.5 25.7 -23.3 25.4 -5 26.7 25.2 33.6 29.8 28.8 30.1 -20.6 0 31.1 29.5 38.7 34.6 33.5 34.9 -17.8 5 35.9 34.2 44.2 39.8 38.6 40.2 -15.0 10 41.0 39.3 50.1 45.3 44.0 45.8 -12.2 15 46.5 44.8 56.5 51.3 49.9 51.8 -9.4 20 52.5 50.7 63.4 57.6 56.2 58.3 -6.7 25 70.7 58.8 57.0 64.5 63.0 65.3 -3.9 30 65.6 63.7 78.5 71.8 70.3 72.8 -1.1 35 72.8 71.0 86.9 79.6 78.1 80.8 1.7 40 80.5 78.7 95.8 88.0 86.4 89.3 4.4 45 88.7 87.0 105.3 96.9 95.2 98.4 7.2 97.4 115.4 108.1 50 95.8 106.3 104.7 10.0 106.6 105.1 126.1 114.7 118.5 12.8 55 116.3 60 116.4 115.1 137.4 127.0 125.3 129.4 15.6 126.7 125.6 149.4 136.6 141.1 65 138.2 18.3 70 137.6 136.8 162.1 148.6 153.4 150.1 21.1 149.1 148.7 75 175.5 162.7 161.2 166.4 23.9 80 161.2 161.2 189.7 176.0 174.6 180.2 26.7 174.0 174.4 85 204.6 189.9 188.8 194.8 29.4 187.4 220.2 90 188.4 204.7 203.7 210.1 32.2 220.2 201.4 203.1 236.8 219.4 226.3 35.0 95 100 216.2 218.7 254.2 236.5 235.9 243.4 37.8 105 231.7 235.4 272.4 253.6 253.4 261.3 40.6 110 247.9 252.1 291.6 271.6 271.7 280.2 43.3 115 264.9 270.2 311.7 290.5 290.9 300.0 46.1 120 282.7 289.1 332.8 310.3 311.1 320.8 48.9 125 301.4 308.9 354.9 331.0 332.3 342.6 51.7 320.8 365.5 130 329.7 378.1 352.7 354.5 54.4 135 341.2 351.5 402.4 375.4 377.8 389.4 57.2 362.6 374.3 427.8 399.2 402.2 414.5 60.0 140 145 385.0 398.1 454.4 424.0 427.7 440.7 62.8 150 408.4 423.0 482.3 450.0 454.4 468.1 65.6

Forane® Refrigerant Cylinder Identification

Тур	e	Color Code	Sizes (Net lbs.)				
R-12	CFC	White	30 (B), 50 (C), 145 (D), 2000				
R-502	CFC	Lavender	30 (B), 125 (D)				
R-22	HCFC	Light Green	30 (B), 50 (C), 125 (D), 1000, 1750				
R-123	HCFC	Light Blue Grey	100 (E), 200 (E)				
R-401A	HCFC	Pinkish Red	30 (B), 125 (D)				
R-401B	HCFC	Mustard	30 (B), 125 (D)				
R-402A	HCFC	Sand	27 (B), 110 (D)				
R-402B	HCFC	Olive	13 (B)				
R-408A	HCFC	Medium Purple	24 (B), 100 (D), 1300				
R-409A	HCFC	Tan	30 (B), 125 (D), 1800				
R-134a	HFC	Light Blue	30 (B), 125 (D), 1000, 1750				
R-404A	HFC	Orange	24 (B), 100 (D), 1300 tons				
R-407A	HFC	Lime Green	25 (B), 115 (D)				
R-407C	HFC	Brown	25 (B), 115 (D), 1000, 1600				
R-427A	HFC	Green	25 (B) 110 (D)				
R-410A	HFC	Rose	25 (B), 100 (D), 850, 1350				
R-507A	HFC	Teal	25 (B), 100 (D), 800, 1400				

# **Container Types**Size not to scale



#### Forane® Refrigerant Basic Property Data Chart **Properties** R-410A R-427A R-407A R-407C R-134a R-404A R-507A R-22 R-408A R-409A R-123 Average Molecular Weight (g/mol) 72.6 90.4 90.1 86.2 102.0 97.6 98.8 86.5 87.0 97.4 152.9 Normal Boiling Point (NBP) (°F) -61.9 -44.8 -49.0 -46.1 -14.9 -51.5 -52.8 -41.3 -47.9 -30.1 82.1 Latent Heat of Vaporization at NBP (BTU/lb) 116.7 102.0 101.3 107.4 92.8 86.0 84.3 100.5 97.6 94.6 73.7 Critical Temp (°F) 162.0 185.6 180.1 187.2 214.1 161.6 159.8 204.8 182.6 224.2 362.7 Critical Pressure (psia) 717.9 637.1 654.9 670.1 590.3 539.5 539.5 722.3 629.5 667.2 532.9 Density of Saturated Vapor @ NBP (lb/ft3) 0.26 0.30 0.30 0.29 0.33 0.34 0.34 0.29 0.30 0.31 0.40 Density of Saturated Liquid at 77°F (lb/ft3) 71.9 65.2 65.0 74.5 66.3 75.9 66.3 71.5 71.1 75.3 91.3 Specific Heat of Saturated Vapor at NBP (BTU/lb °R) 0.18 0.17 0.18 0.18 0.17 0.19 0.18 0.14 0.16 0.15 0.16 Specific Heat of Saturated Liquid at 77°F (BTU/lb °R) 0.44 0.38 0.36 0.38 0.34 0.39 0.39 0.30 0.37 0.30 0.23 Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) (CFC-11 = 1.0) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.055 0.026 0.05 0.02 ASHRAE Safety Group Classification Α1 Α1 Α1 Α1 Α1 Α1 Α1 Α1 A1 Α1 В1 Occupational Exposure Limits (8 hr time/wt. Avg.) (ppm) 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 50

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Global Warming Potential (GWP)



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