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## LONG-TERM REFRIGERANT SOLUTIONS AND SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURES FOR REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS

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# Long-Term Refrigerant Solutions and Sustainable Architectures for Refrigeration Systems



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- **Assessment of Refrigeration Systems**
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  - Convenience & Forecourt Stores
  - Small/Medium-Size Supermarkets
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# Introduction

- Retail & industrial refrigeration play a key role in reaching the CO<sub>2</sub> eq. reduction constraints of the F-Gas regulation
- The switch to lower GWP refrigerants has started, however much later than what would have been required to pass the CO<sub>2</sub> eq. availability reduction step of 2018
- Due to this late and still slow transition, there is now an absolute need for new installations to switch to cooling technologies using refrigerants with GWP below 150
- Beside industrial/chemical gases like CO<sub>2</sub>, hydrocarbons or NH<sub>3</sub>, the hydrofluoroolefins (HFO) with GWP<150 are and will remain long-term, F-Gas compliant refrigerant solutions
- These HFO solutions still represent in many applications and systems an optimum in terms of the combination efficiency (TEWI), capacity, safety risk & total cost of ownership

# Assessment of Refrigeration Systems

- There is no single refrigerant solution for all applications
- The focus needs to shift away from the refrigerant only, towards the combination system + refrigerant
- Systems are evolving based on the possibilities and opportunities offered by each refrigerant
- What aspects should be considered to assess impact of any refrigeration system or installation?
  - **Environmental parameters**
    - Direct emissions (coming from leaks) expressed in ton of CO<sub>2</sub> eq. throughout life span of the refrigeration installation
    - Indirect emissions, coming from CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through the energy production necessary for the installation to be operated, expressed in tons of CO<sub>2</sub> throughout life span of the refrigeration installation
  - **Financial parameters (for the end user of the installation)**
    - CAPEX
    - OPEX (including maintenance, refrigerant top-off, repairs throughout life span of refrigeration installation)
  - **Safety Risk**

	Metric type	% of capture of impact	
		Environmental	Financial
<b>GWP</b>	1 dimension	up to 35%	0%
<b>TEWI</b>	1 dimension	up to 95%	0%
<b>LCCP</b>	1 dimension	up to 100%	0%
<b>Eco-Efficiency</b>	2 dimensions	up to 95%	up to 100%

# Food Service, Cold Rooms

## Typical Examples of Systems

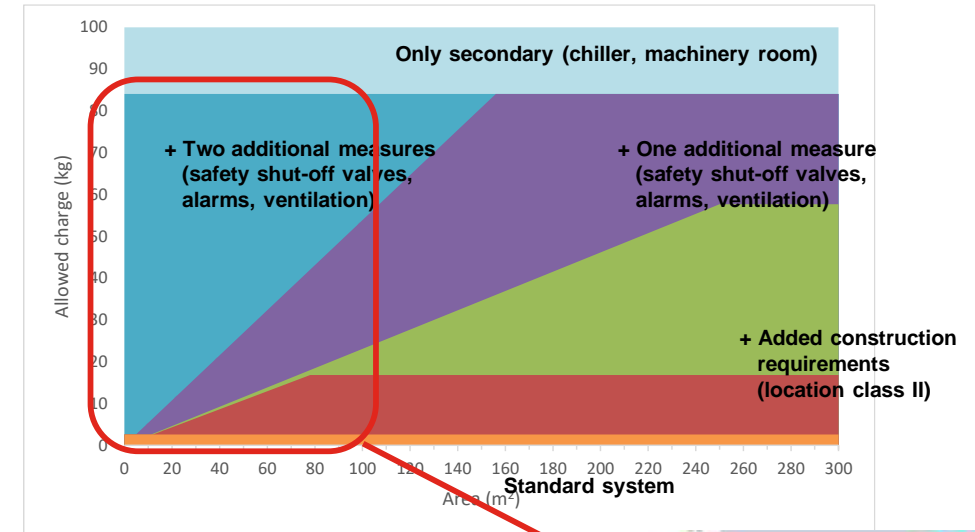
- **Condensing Units**
- **Monoblock Systems**

## Recommended Refrigerant Solution

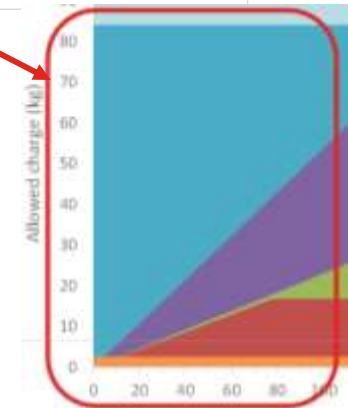
**Solstice® L40X (R-455A)**

## Key Benefits System + Refrigerant

- EN 378: Direct expansion possible in public buildings with up to 84 kg of R-455A per circuit (with 2 additional safety measures)
- High efficiency in medium- & low-temp, comparable with R-404A
- Higher capacity per circuit vs. R-290 and lower safety risk
- Cost comparison vs. R-744 condensing units (MT) result in:
  - ca. 46% lower CAPEX
  - ca. 36% lower OPEX (calculated for 15 years life span for average European ambient temperatures)
- Eco-Design: GWP<150 gives access to reduction of MEPS



Room height 2,5 m.  
LFL 431 g/m<sup>3</sup>.



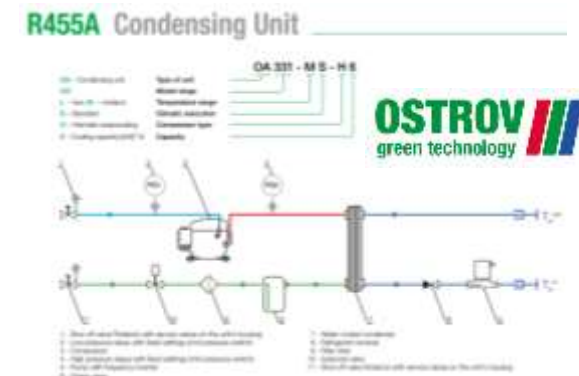
# Food Service, Cold Rooms

## References

- **Alecto/Hawco:** Available (**booth 7A-624**) (<https://www.hawcorefrigeration.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/alecto-condensing-unit-waterloop-aircooled-us.pdf>)
- **Ostrov Green Technology:** Available (<http://www.ostrovcomplete.com/data/file/OGT/OGT-catalogue-s-EN.pdf>)
- **Zanotti:** Medium-Temp monoblock systems ready for R-455A (**booth 7-216**) ([https://www.honeywell-refrigerants.com/europe/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CaseStudy\\_Zanotti\\_210x297mm\\_EN\\_2482018\\_Web-Version.pdf](https://www.honeywell-refrigerants.com/europe/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CaseStudy_Zanotti_210x297mm_EN_2482018_Web-Version.pdf))
- **Bitzer:** Condensing units LH qualified with R-455A (**booth 7-326**)
- **SCM Frigo:** Condensing units “CUBO Light” ready for R-455A (**booth 7-424**)
- **Rochhausen:** Condensing units with R-455A (**booth 5-442**)
- **Rivacold:** Testing R-455A (**booths of Rivacold 6-319, FIC 6-320 and Honeywell 6-126**)
- **Tecumseh:** Working on R-455A (**booth 5-334**)
- **Emerson:** Working on R-455A (**booth 6-318**)



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Systems already available and more to come soon

# Convenience & Forecourt Stores

## Example of System/Architecture

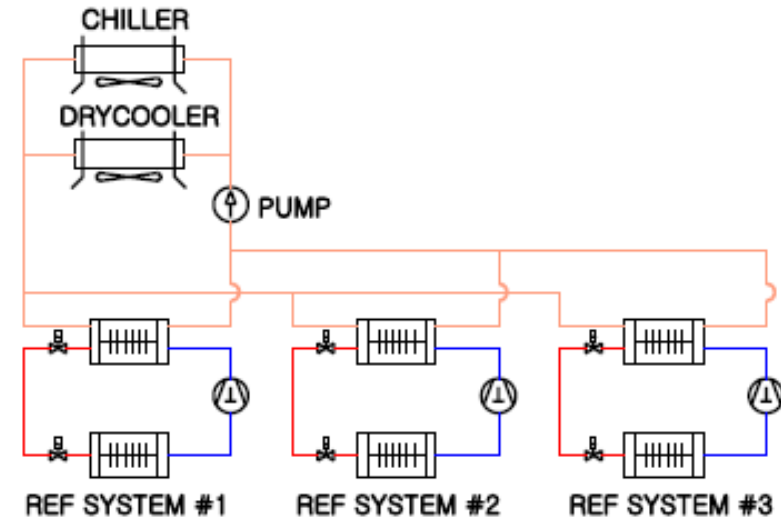
**Waterloop-cooled stand-alone units with heat recovery**

## Recommended Refrigerant Solution

**Solstice® L40X (R-455A)**

## Key Benefits System + Refrigerant

- EN 378: Charge up to 2,6 kg possible in public buildings without room size constraints nor additional measures
- Higher capacity per circuit vs. R-290 and lower safety risk
- Simplicity & speed of system construction vs. R-744 systems (reduced store downtime: faster store opening)
- Simplicity, safety & speed of maintenance vs. R-744 and R-290 systems
- Smaller systems allow for significantly reduced power consumption peaks & lower price per kWh for the operator
- R-455A is versatile and covers whole temperature range: low-temp, medium-temp and AC/heating chiller
- Evacuation of condensation heat from stand-alone systems i.e., lower load on AC system in warm periods, and lower load on heating system in cold periods (lower OPEX)

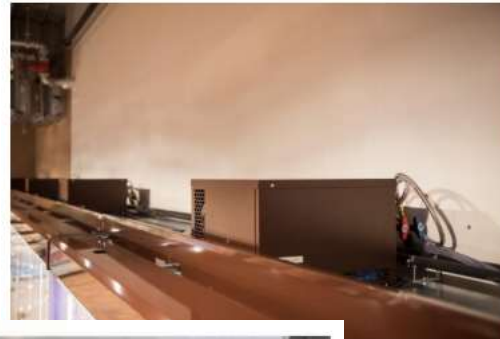


# Convenience & Forecourt Stores

## References

- **KMW Limburg:** Available (booth 6-126)

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Several retailers and forecourt stores confirmed implementation



# Small/Medium-Size Supermarkets

## Example of System/Architecture

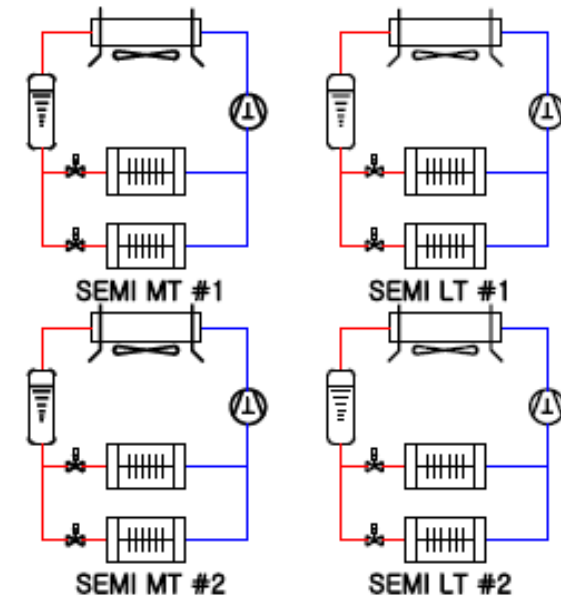
**Distributed architecture based on condensing units**

## Recommended Refrigerant Solution

- **Solstice® L40X (R-455A)**
- **Solstice® N40 (R-448A) / N13 (R-450A)**

## Key Benefits System + Refrigerant (R-455A)

- Covers both low- & medium-temp with GWP<150 (similar to R-448A)
- EN 378: Charge up to 57,7 kg possible in public buildings if outdoor condensing units (min. 625 m<sup>3</sup> room volume) or up to 84 kg per circuit (with 2 additional safety measures) - this reduces the number of circuits to be built (lower CAPEX & OPEX)
- Higher capacity per circuit vs. R-290 and lower safety risk
- Lower cost & higher efficiency vs. centralized R-744 systems (specific set point for each cluster of cabinets allow for optimized working conditions hence efficiency)
- Architecture allows for higher flexibility vs. centralized system architectures (store set-up configuration, replacement of failing units, potential food loss)



# Large Supermarkets

## Recommended System/Architecture

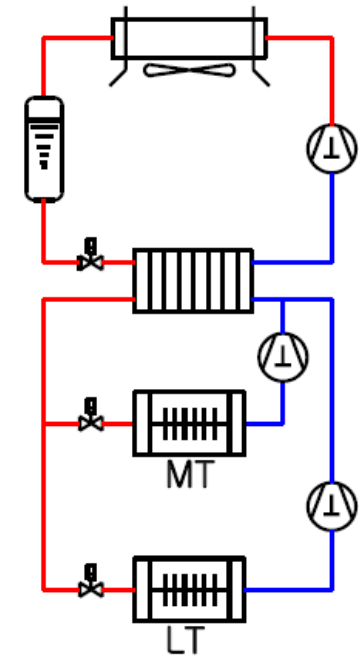
**Cascade architecture**

## Recommended Refrigerant Solution

**Solstice<sup>®</sup> ze & R-744**

## Key Benefits System + Refrigerant

- Full coverage of refrigeration, heating, AC and hot water through properties of R-1234ze
- R-1234ze: PED Group 2 & higher COP than R-134a
- Better efficiency in medium & high ambient conditions when compared with transcritical R-744 systems
- Subcritical installation: simplicity & lower cost of system construction and maintenance vs. transcritical R-744 systems
- GWP<1, no F-Gas constraints (R-1234ze is not GHG)
- Risk assessments ongoing to determine max. allowed charge of R-1234ze in DX (no charge limitation if in machinery room)



# Large Supermarkets

## References

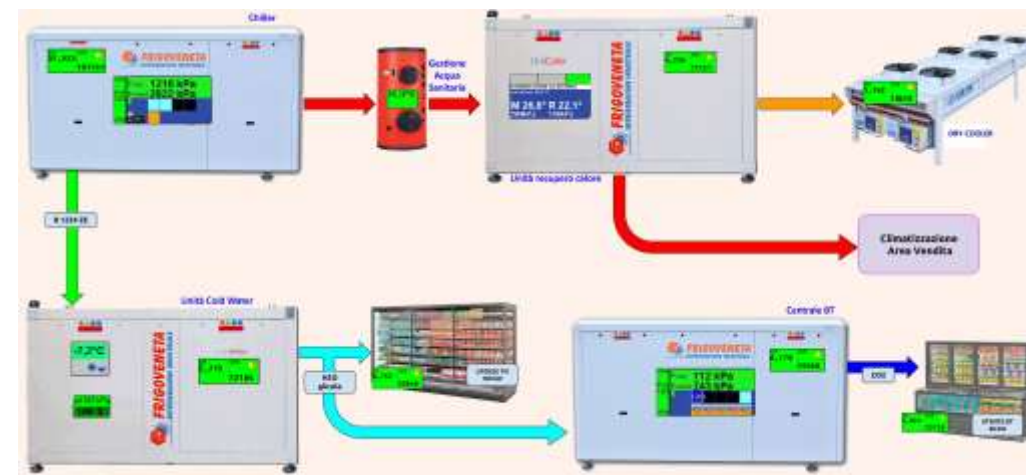
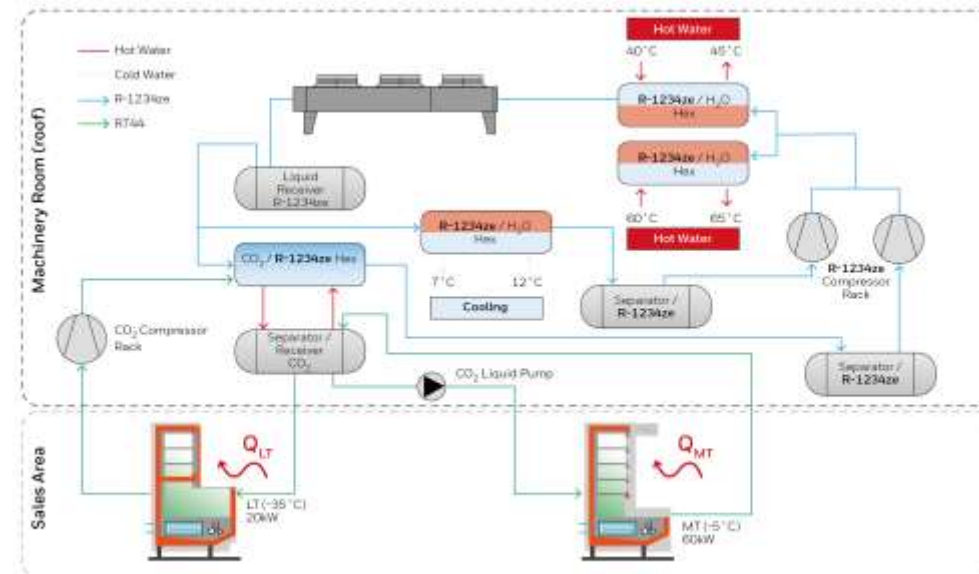
### ▪ U2/UNES Supermarket (Parma, Italy)

- Commissioned Dec 2014
- Operating & maintenance costs reduced by ~15,000 €/year \*
- Energy consumption reduced by ~35% \*
- Compact system design: Increase sales floor area

\* When compared to standard 3-system architecture (Ref DX + HVAC + Gas HW)

### ▪ Famila & Mega Supermarkets (Italy)

- 4 stores commissioned in Sep 2018 by FrigoVeneta
- Chiller R-1234ze (ca. 80 kg)
- Glycol for medium-temp (180 kW) / R-744 for low-temp (40 kW)
- Energy consumption optimization thru :
  - Recovery of waste heat from cooling (AC + sanitary hot water)
  - Central regulation of all HVAC loads (heat pump, air treatment, fans)
  - Central management of lighting loads & FM



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Superior efficiency in higher ambient

# Solstice<sup>®</sup> L40X (R-455A): Further Commercial References

## Self-Contained Integral Systems

- **ES System K / Genfrost**



## Waterloop Systems

- **Ostrov**
- **Alecto/Hawco**



## Food Service & Collective Kitchen

- **Tournus Equipement**



## Large DX Industrial Systems

- **Quercy Refrigeration**



# Industry

## Example of System/Architecture

**Process Chiller**

## Recommended Refrigerant Solution

**Solstice<sup>®</sup> ze**

## Key Benefits System + Refrigerant

- More compact system design vs. R-717 chillers: Lighter & lower CAPEX
- Simplicity & lower cost of system construction, operation and maintenance
- Efficiency comparable with R-717 systems
- Lower safety risk vs. R-717 chillers
- GWP<1, no F-Gas constraints (R-1234ze is not GHG), PED group 2
- EN 378: No charge limitations in most cases (room occupancy/access & system location)

# Industry

## References

### ▪ **Zimavi Vegetable Processing (Alicante, Spain)**

- 2 cold rooms (@1°C) + 1 refrigeration tunnel (from 25°C to 2°C) / 250 kW
- Chiller R-1234ze from Geoclima + heat transfer fluid Temper
- Consultancy/Contracting: Frimavi
- 20% lower investment & 70% lower operation cost than for a corresponding R-717 installation
- COP similar to corresponding R-717 installation (similar operating conditions)



### ▪ **Quercy Refrigeration (South-West France)**

- Fruit storage & processing
- COP higher than for the R-717 chillers, through the use of air-cooled DX condensers (upwards waste heat recovery)
- 50% lower CAPEX vs. similar R-717 chillers
- Lower noise level
- Compressors for R-1234ze are tight compared with compressors for R-717 systems



# Honeywell Refrigerant Solutions for New Systems

		Food Service, Cold Rooms	Convenience & Forecourt Stores	Small/Medium- Size Supermarkets	Large Supermarkets	Large Industrial	Refrigerated Transport
<b>Self-contained, integral systems Low- &amp; Medium-Temp (Plug-ins)</b>		<b>Solstice® L40X (R-455A)</b>					
<b>Condensing Units</b>	Compressor below 2 HP	<b>Solstice® L40X</b>					
	Compressor between 2 and 10 HP		<b>Solstice® L40X</b> (if charge size allowed by EN378 and/or risk assessment) Otherwise: <b>Solstice® N40</b> or <b>Solstice® N13</b>			<b>Solstice® L40X</b>	
	Compressor above 10 HP					<b>Solstice® L40X</b>	
<b>Waterloop Systems</b>			<b>Solstice® L40X</b>				
<b>Monoblock Systems</b>		<b>Solstice® L40X</b>				<b>Solstice® L40X</b>	<b>Solstice® L40X</b>
<b>Centralized systems</b>	System cooling capacity above 40 kW			Today: cascade <b>Solstice® ze/R-744</b> Tomorrow: “ <b>Solstice® zd loop / Solstice® L40X</b> ”		Process chillers: <b>Solstice® ze/zd</b>	

# Summary

- HFO solutions represent an optimum in terms of efficiency (TEWI), capacity, safety risk & total cost of ownership in many applications and systems
- Honeywell has developed long-term refrigerants which can cover most systems and applications
- **Solstice® L40X (R-455A):** F-Gas compliant refrigerant for Low-, Medium- & High-Temp in refrigeration, heat pumps and chillers
  - Already several key references in the market: food service, self-contained display cases, waterloop, condensing units, industrial racks
  - Its extremely low flammability is a key differentiator vs. hydrocarbons
  - The high LFL enables higher max. charges according to EN 378 and is a key differentiator vs. other A2L's
  - Its high efficiency in Medium- & Low-Temp, also in small capacities, is a key differentiator vs. R-744
  - CAPEX and OPEX of systems are comparable with traditional R-134a/R-404A systems
- **Solstice ze & Solstice zd:**
  - Widely used in chiller applications today
  - Optimal & safe solutions for cascade architectures in retail & industrial refrigeration



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