

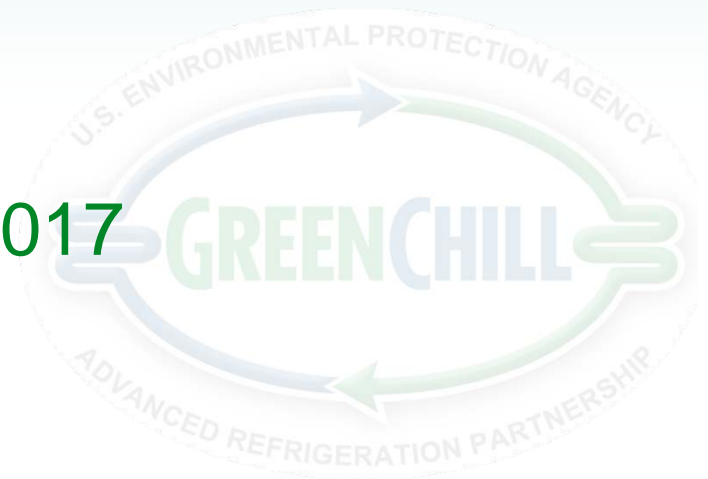


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Refrigeration Systems in Small-Format Stores***

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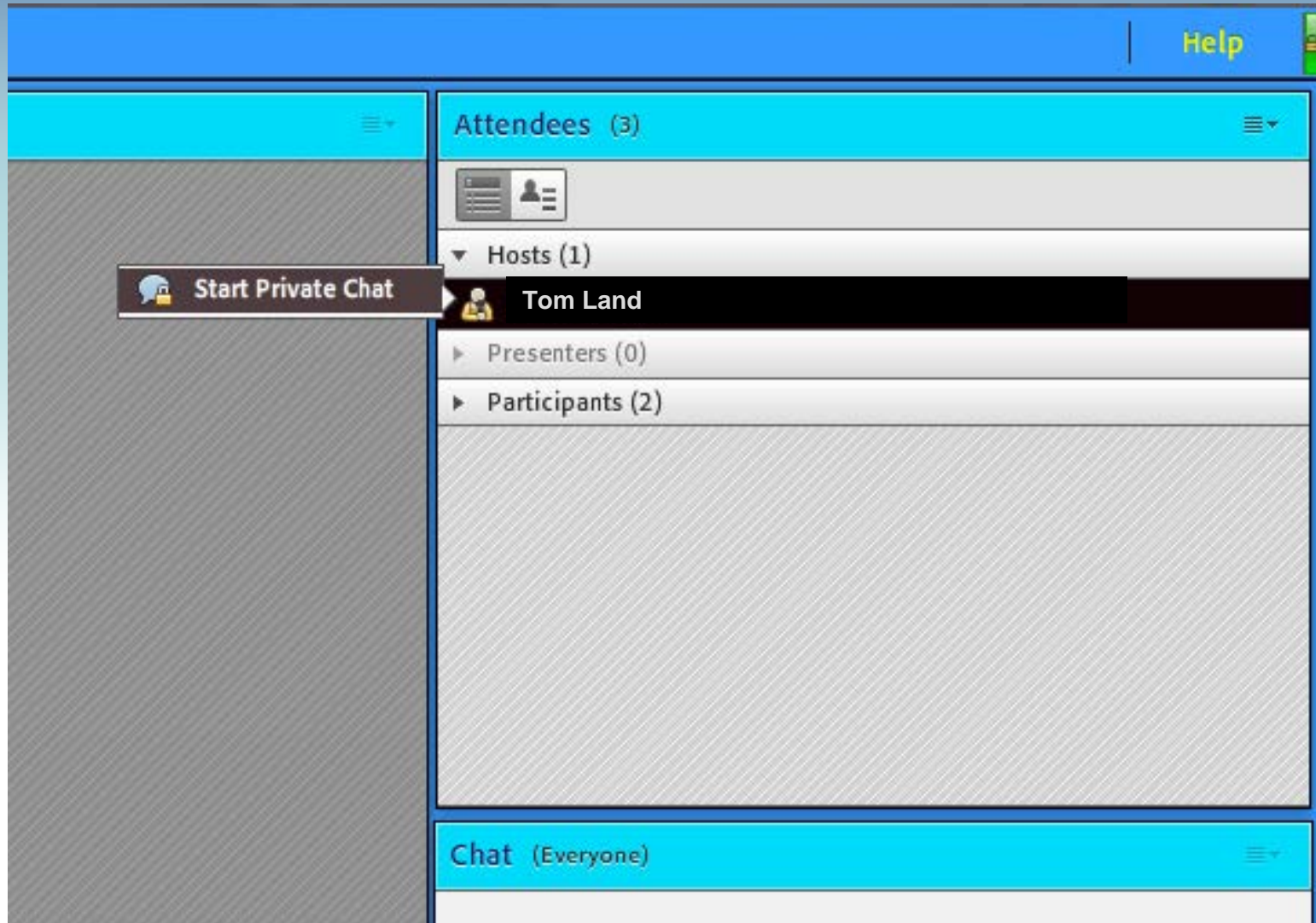
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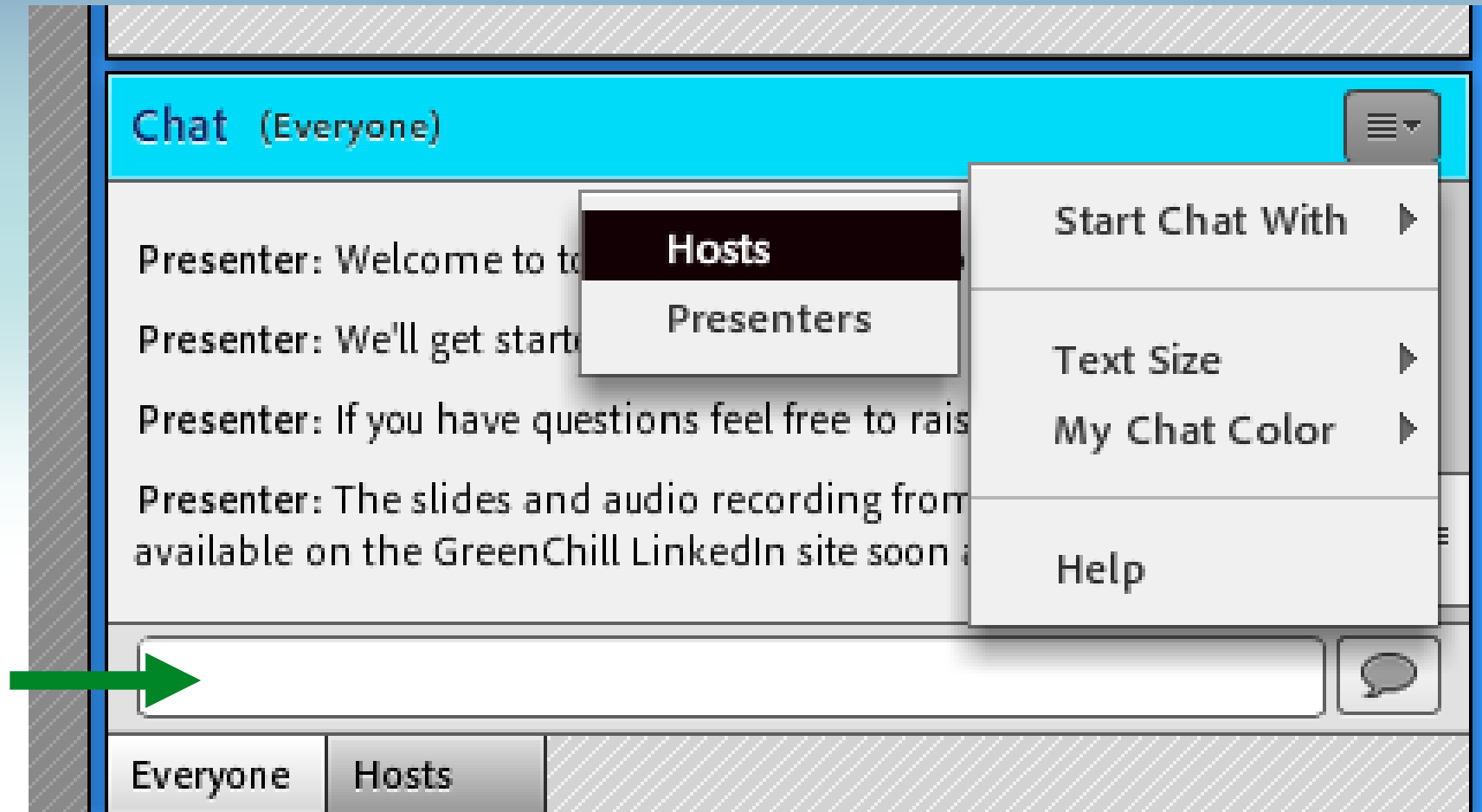
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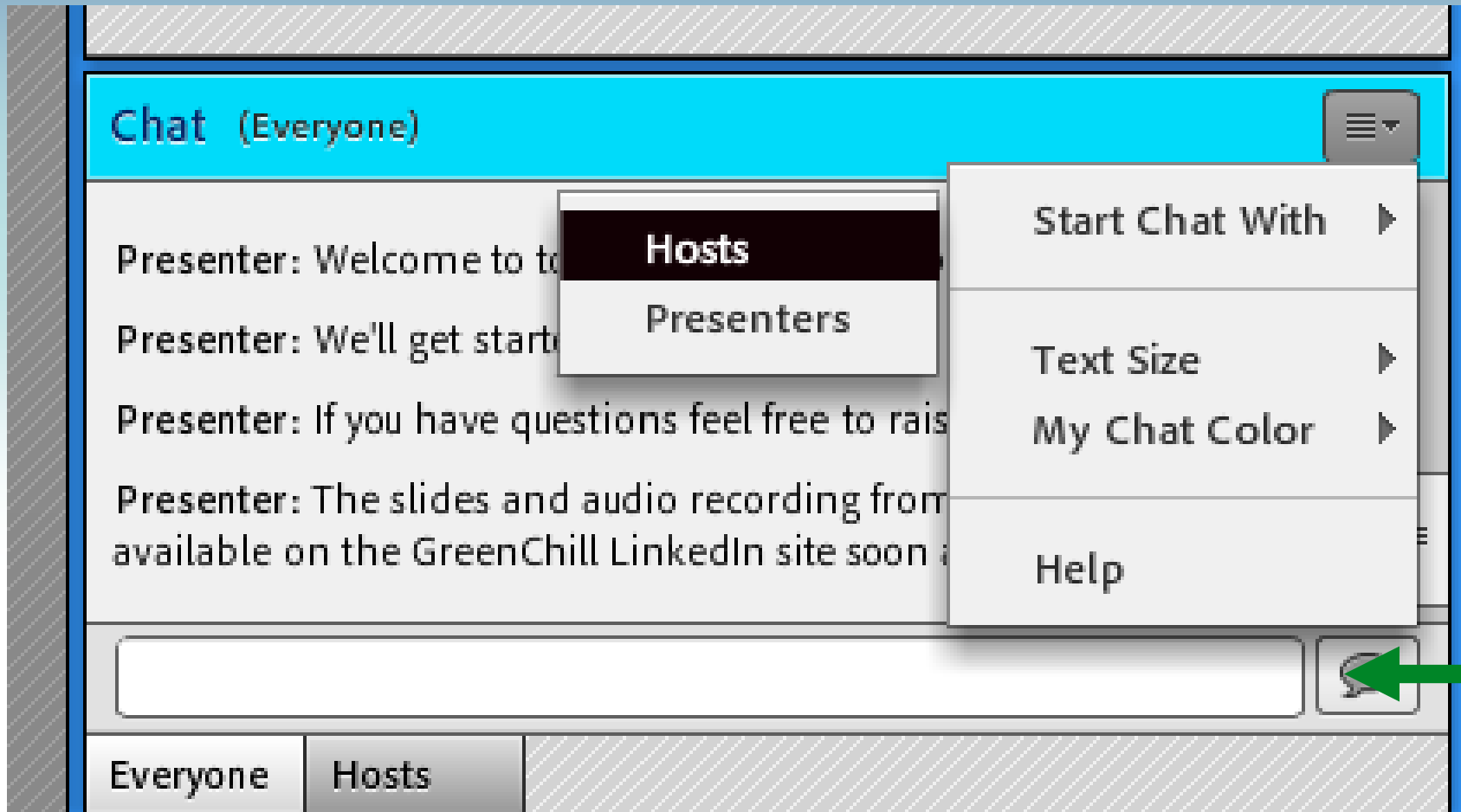
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# Today's Agenda

## Small format retail stores move to implementing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) technology

- ▶ Regulatory impact in the decision making process
- ▶ Natural refrigerants and CO<sub>2</sub>
- ▶ Overcoming the challenges of moving to new technology
- ▶ Understanding total cost of ownership (TCO) and return on investment (ROI)
- ▶ Growth of CO<sub>2</sub> installation and our impact on the environment



# Regulatory Impact on the Decision Making Process

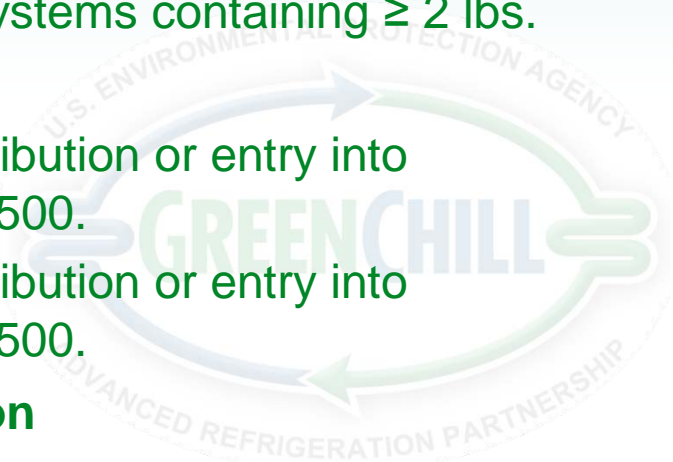
One of our original goals was to develop a long term refrigerant management program to get out in front of the regulatory impact at both the State and National levels that will provide us a long term solution



# Regulatory Impact on the Decision Making Process

## California Air Resources Board (CARB) Rules Making Process: Updated October 24, 2017

- ▶ Stationary Refrigeration Measures in 2021
  - Refrigerants  $\geq 150$  global warming potential (GWP) prohibited new systems  $\geq 50$  lbs.
  - Refrigerants  $\geq 1,500$  GWP prohibited in new systems containing 20-50 lbs.
- ▶ Stationary Air Conditioning Measures in 2021
  - Refrigerants  $\geq 750$  GWP prohibited new systems containing  $\geq 2$  lbs.
- ▶ Sales Restrictions on Refrigerants
  - 2020 – No production, imports, sales, distribution or entry into commerce of refrigerants with a GWP  $\geq 2,500$ .
  - 2024 – No production, imports, sales, distribution or entry into commerce of refrigerants with a GWP  $\geq 1,500$ .
- ▶ **Visit CARB's website for official information**
  - <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/hfc-reduction-measures-rulemaking>





# Regulatory Impact in the Decision Making Process

- ▶ EPA's Final Rule, July 20, 2015 and September 26, 2016
- ▶ Changed listing status of certain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- ▶ Understanding the need to move away from high GWP refrigerants and future proof our business

Phase-out refrigerant	Final Rule: July 20, 2015								Final Rule: September 26, 2016				
	Super-market (New**)	Super-market (Retrofit***)	Remote condensing unit (New)	Remote condensing unit (Retrofit***)	Stand-Alone				Refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment (New)	Cold storage warehouses (New)	Ice machines (New)	Very low-temp refrigeration (New)	
					MT < 2,200 BTU/hr. and not contain flooded evap. (New)	MT ≥ 2,200 BTU/hr. with or without flooded evap. (New)	LT (New)	LT and MT (Retrofit***)					
R-404A/507A	Jan. 1, 2017	July 20, 2016	Jan. 1, 2018	July 20, 2016	Jan. 1, 2019	Jan. 1, 2020	Jan. 1, 2020	July 20, 2016	Jan. 1, 2021	^Jan. 1, 2023	OK	OK	
R-410A	OK	-	OK	-	Jan. 1, 2019	Jan. 1, 2020	Jan. 1, 2020	-	Jan. 1, 2021	^Jan. 1, 2023	OK	OK	
R-407A/C/F	OK	OK	OK	OK	Jan. 1, 2019	Jan. 1, 2020	Jan. 1, 2020	OK	^Jan. 1, 2021	R-407C/F OK R-407A: ^Jan. 1, 2023	OK	R-407C only	
HFC-134a	OK	OK	OK	OK	Jan. 1, 2019	Jan. 1, 2020	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	
Likely alternatives (Emerson perspective)													
R-448A/449A	OK	OK	OK	OK	Neither SNAP-approved, nor banned	Neither SNAP-approved, nor banned	OK	OK for LT only	-	-	OK	-	
R-450A/513A	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	
R-290	-	-	-	-	OK	OK	OK	-	-	-	OK	OK	
R-744	OK	-	OK	-	OK	OK	OK	-	OK	OK	-	OK	
R-717	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	-	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	-	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	OK <small>(in primary loop of secondary system)</small>	OK	OK	-

\*\* Includes ice machines connected to a supermarket rack refrigeration system.

\*\*\* EPA uses term "retrofit" to indicate the use of a refrigerant in an appliance that was designed for and originally operated using a different refrigerant. Term does not apply to upgrades to existing equipment where the refrigerant is not changed.



# Natural Refrigerants and CO<sub>2</sub>

## Benefits of CO<sub>2</sub>

- ▶ 1 – GWP
- ▶ 0 – ODP (ozone depletion potential)
- ▶ American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) classified A1 refrigerant
- ▶ Non-toxic and non-flammable
- ▶ Avoids future refrigerant retrofits
- ▶ No charge restriction



Environmental Impact			
Refrigerant		ODP	GWP
CO <sub>2</sub>	R-744	0.00	1
Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)	R-22	0.05	1,810
HFC	R-404A	0.00	3,922
HFC	R-407A	0.00	2,107
Hydrofluoro olefin (HFO)	R-448A	0.00	1,273
HFO	R-449A	0.00	1,397
Ammonia	R-717	0.00	0

# Natural Refrigerants and CO<sub>2</sub>

- ▶ Availability of a compact CO<sub>2</sub> booster system design for a small format to help standardize selection and support a lower first cost
- ▶ Compact, small format CO<sub>2</sub> booster systems can be used as a centralized refrigeration system for small format stores or as a distributed system for larger format stores



## Drivers to Develop

- Indoor package (with or w/o enclosure) and remote air-cooled condenser or adiabatic condenser
- Outdoor package with field-installed condenser
- Outdoor package w/integral air-cooled condenser – future evolution
- Compact package to keep costs at a minimum
- Platform development

Criteria	Traditional	New
Dimension	138"x34"x87"	133"x39"x72"
Weight	5,000 lbs.	4,000 lbs.

# Understanding Challenges & Benefits with CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Systems

## CHALLENGES

### **Increased Capital Cost**

CO<sub>2</sub> systems do currently cost more

- Driving systems cost reduction to a closer parity with HFC direct expansion (DX) systems
- Cases require electronic expansion valves (EEVs) and case controllers

### **Availability of Refrigeration Contractors**

- The CO<sub>2</sub> Booster systems are similar to traditional DX systems, but require some additional training for installation, start-up and maintenance
- Training available with growing numbers of contractors

### **Impact on Energy Performance**

With the low critical point of CO<sub>2</sub> versus traditional HFC systems, ambient conditions impact the performance of the systems. Adiabatic condensers and parallel compression are recommended in warmer climates.

# Understanding Challenges & Benefits with CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Systems

## Tangible Benefits

### Things We Can Calculate

- Savings on start-up refrigerant charge
- Savings on refrigeration installation
- Savings on electrical installation
- Savings on case performance with EEV's
- Savings on energy

## Intangible Benefits

### Things We Know, but are Hard to Calculate

- Future cost avoidance of HFC retrofits
- Relief from leak and recordkeeping requirements
- Savings preventative maintenance program w/ lower cost refrigerant
- Better quality product w/ better case controls
- Impact on social responsibility

# Understanding TCO and ROI with CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Systems

## Impact of an ROI on understanding installed cost vs. equipment's first cost

- ▶ Reduced refrigerant cost (reduced charge and cost/lbs.)
- ▶ Refrigeration Installation (smaller pipe sizing)
- ▶ Electrical Installation (single point electrical with case controllers)

## Impact of annual savings and refrigerant management on TCO

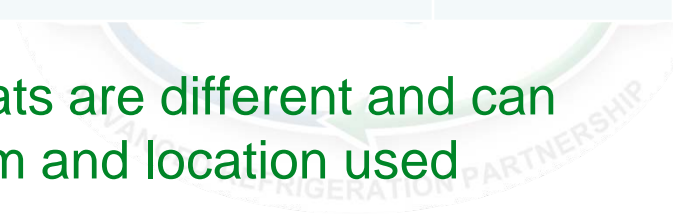
- ▶ Annual saving for refrigerant management with lower cost CO<sub>2</sub>
- ▶ No future refrigerant retro-fit cost
- ▶ Improved technology in warmer climates for energy efficiency
- ▶ Support from local utilizes with incentives



# Understanding TCO and ROI with CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Systems

ROI Summary	Base Design	Optional CO <sub>2</sub> Booster	Difference
Refrigeration Systems	\$	\$	\$
Refrigerated Cases	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Capital Cost	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Start-up Refrigerant Cost	\$	\$	\$
Refrigerant (\$/lb.)	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Charge (lbs.)	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Refrigeration	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Electrical	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Installation Cost	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Annual Refrigerant (%)	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Annual Usage (kWh)			
Estimated Annual Operating Cost (\$)	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Annual Totals	\$	\$	\$
Utility Incentives			\$
Equipment Installed Cost (Equipment & Installation)			\$
Balance	\$	\$	\$
Annual Maintenance and Operating Cost Savings			\$
ROI in Years			

Baseline system designs and ROI formats are different and can impact the comparison of the system and location used



# Growth of CO<sub>2</sub> in Small Format

## Impact on CO<sub>2</sub> technology in a small format

100 stores operating in U.S. with CO<sub>2</sub> booster technology

60+ stores operating in a warm climate with CO<sub>2</sub> booster

55 stores EPA GreenChill Platinum certified stores



# Impact of Natural Refrigerants on the Environment

## ≡ CORPORATE ≡ RESPONSIBILITY



- ▶ Estimated environmental impact of operating small format stores
- ▶ Equivalencies for: 100 stores, 200 lb. charge, 15% leak rate, over 10 years
- ▶ 52,475 tons (104,950,000 lbs.) CO<sub>2</sub>/ 10 years/ 100 stores

Equivalent Impact	
Cars driven for 1 year	8,711
Gallons of gas	5,403,876
Train cars of coal	252
Tons of recycled waste	16,372
Average household energy use	4,303
Tree growth for 10 years	1,220,569



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