

Why is The Price of R-22 Refrigerant So High?

Since early January 2012 the price of R-22 refrigerant, which is used in many air conditioning systems, has risen as much as 400%—and we don't know how high it might go. These are direct costs that we have to pay and we have no choice but to pass those costs along, which is why your refrigerant may be higher than it used to be.

Here's Why

The U.S. EPA controls the production and import of R-22 refrigerant. They set limits on how much can be produced and imported each year, but they failed to set limits for 2012. Until the EPA sets these limits, manufacturers must produce 45% less R-22 refrigerant than they did last year.

This creates uncertainty in the marketplace and the manufacturers have increased their prices.

What's Next?

The earliest the EPA will announce its decision is summer 2012. Nobody knows what the final 2012 limits will be. Until the EPA makes its decision, the market will remain uncertain and prices may continue to rise.

As a professional contractor, our goal is to provide you with the best possible products and services at the best possible value. Unfortunately, we have no control over the cost of a commodity like R-22 refrigerant. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope Washington resolves this issue soon.

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