

Transition to low GWP refrigerant

ESPEC is dedicated to reducing the environmental impact of our products through energy conservation, responsible handling of potentially hazardous substances, and adherence to regulations.

HFC refrigerant R-404A replaced by low GWP refrigerant R-449A

As a global leader in taking strong measures on F-gases (fluorinated greenhouse gases), ESPEC is starting to use very low Global Warming Potential (GWP) refrigerant R-449A in our main test chambers, which is a climate friendly alternative to HFC refrigerant R-404A that has a higher GWP of 3,920. This minimizes our chambers' potential environmental impact and is also in compliance both the EU "Regulation No 517/2014" (known as "F-gas Regulation"), and the Kigali Amendment on global phase-down of the consumption and production of HFCs, which is under the Montreal Protocol on substances that can deplete the ozone layer.

[Global HFC phase-down timeline] **EU F-gas regulation** Kigali amendment to the Montreal Protocol 2019 Non-Article 5 phase-down (main group) 2020 Ban of HFCs with GWP 2500 or more Non-Article 5 phase-down (others) (e.g.R-404A) - New equipment sales and servicing 2024 Article 5 freeze (2024) & - Existing equipment with a charge phase-down (2029) (Group 1) size of 40t of CO2 equivalent or more 2028-Article 5 freeze (2028) & (service & maintenance) phase-down (2032) (Group 2) Stop using R-404A 2030-- Prohibition on sale of new equipment 2033 Ban on HFC trade - Prohibition on service & maintenance with non-Parties 2036-2045 2047

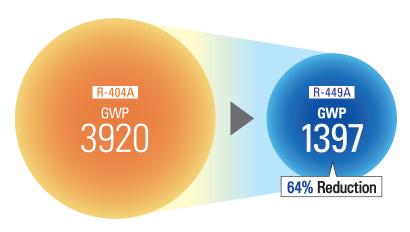
For more details: https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/faq_kigali_amendment_en.pdf

R-449A is the best alternative to R-404A

R-404A has been replaced by R-449A in all new models launched after September 2018 with more climate friendly technology.

On-site retrofits are available

ESPEC can retrofit your existing chambers with suitable alternative low GWP refrigerant to extend the period of maintainability.





Product line-up with low GWP refrigerant R-449A

Product	Model with HFC refrigerant R-404A	Available model with low GWP refrigerant R-449A*	Product	Model with HFC refrigerant R-404A	Available model with low GWP refrigerant R-449A*
Temperature & Humidity Chamber Platinous J Series	PL/PU- [K [1997-2011] PL/PU- J [2011-] PSL/PG- K [1997-2012] PSL/PG- J [2012-] PR- [K [1997-2011] PR- J [2011-]	PL/PU- J PSL/PG- J R-449A is available from 2020. PR- J R-449A is available from 2020.		TSA Series TSA1 [1999-2011] TSA2 [2011-2015] TSA3 [2014-]	TSA-□□3 Water-cooled type only
Environmental Stress Test Chamber AR Series	Standard Type ARL/ARU/ARS/ARG-	ARL/ARU/ARS/ARG- □□□□-J	Thermal Shock Chamber	TSD-100 [2005-2016] TSD-101-W [2016-]	TSD-101-W
	Rapid-rate Temperature Cycle Type ARSF/ARGF- [2016-]	ARSF/ARGF-□□□□ ARS/ARG-□□□□-5			
Bench-Top Type Temperature (& Humidity) Chamber	SH/SU- 221,261,641,661 [2001-2013] SH/SU- 222,262,642,662 [2013-]	SH/SU -222,262,642,662			
Faster Temperature (& Humidity) Chamber SM series	SML/SMU/ SMS/SMG-2 [2004-2018] SML/SMU/ SMS/SMG-21 [2017-]	SML/SMU/ SMS/SMG-21		TSE-10 [1999-2001] TSE-11A [2001-2016] TSE-12-A [2016-]	TSE-12-A R-449A is available from August 2019.
Walk-In Type Temperature (& Humidity) Chamber	H Series TBE/TBF/TBL/TBU/ TBR/TBUU- [2000-2011] E Series TBE/TBF/TBL/TBU/ TBR/TBUU- [2010-]	TBE/TBF/TBL/TBU/ TBR/TBUU-□□E			

*on request