# A/C Refrigerant Information Panel

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Ward Atkinson – Former Chair, SAE ICCC Committee

**Peter Coll – Neutronics Refrigerant Analysis** 

Mary Koban – DuPont Flouroproducts

Jeff Murphy – RTI Division, MAHLE Clevite, Inc.

### Ward Atkinson – Sun Test Engineering

- Former Chair, SAE Interior Climate Control Committee
- Technical Advisor to MACS Worldwide

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- Numerous Awards for Work with SAE ICCC
  - EPA "Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award" (1990/1997)
  - SAE "Outstanding Contribution Award" (2009)
  - Arch T. Colwell Cooperative Engineering Medal (1998)
- GM/Chevrolet Engineering (Retired 1981)

### **Peter Coll – Neutronics**

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- **VP Neutronics Refrigerant Analysis**
- Board of Directors MACS Worldwide
- SAE Interior Climate Control Committee
- Consultant to US Government Agencies, Foreign Government Agencies, and UNEP
- Working with Neutronics Since 1998

### Mary Koban – DuPont Flouroproducts

**Opteon<sup>TM</sup> YF Mobile AC Technical Manager** 

- Board of Directors MACS Worldwide
- SAE Interior Climate Control Committee
- Working with DuPont Automotive Refrigerants Since 2006

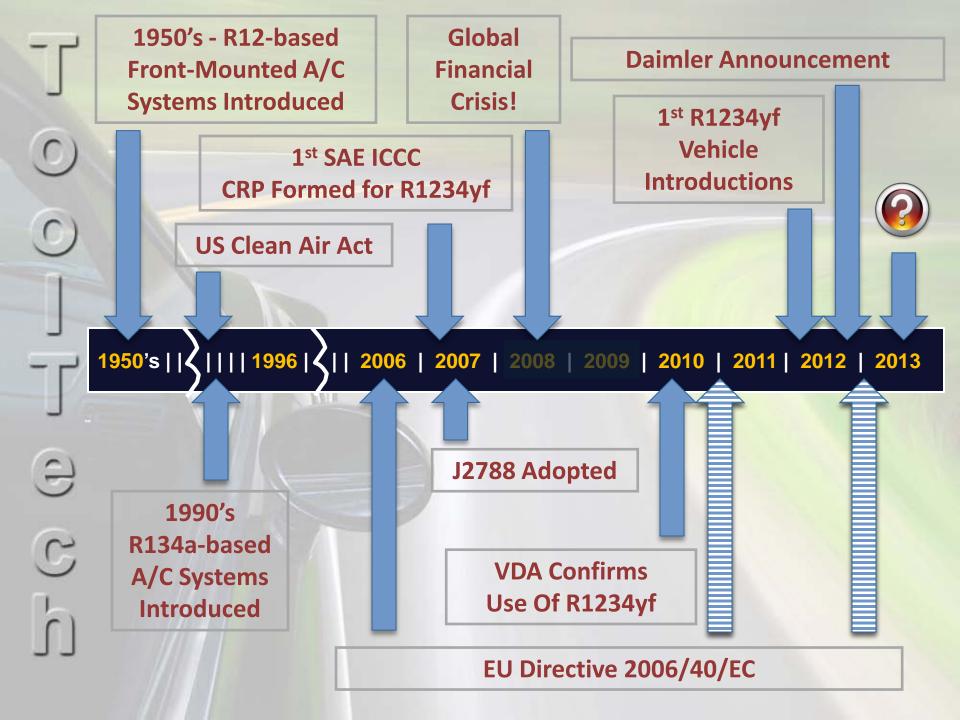
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# "How Did We Get Here?"

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# **Reversal by Daimler**

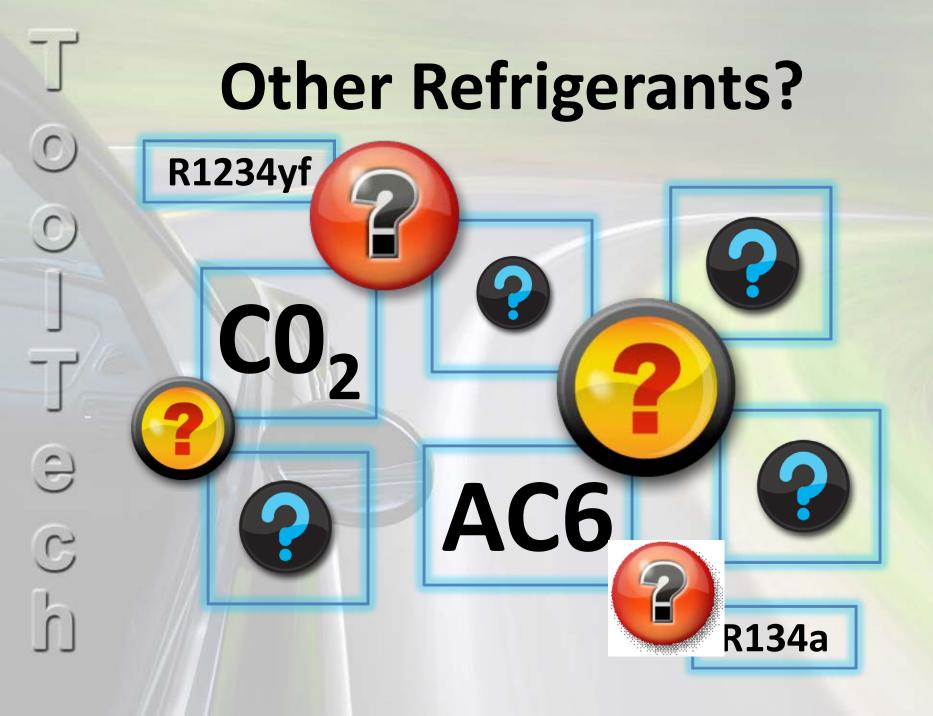
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## Sindustry Impact?





## **Cross Contamination**

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# R134a ≠ R1234yf

## **Counterfeit Refrigerants How Big Is The Problem?**



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FAKE Dupont R134a



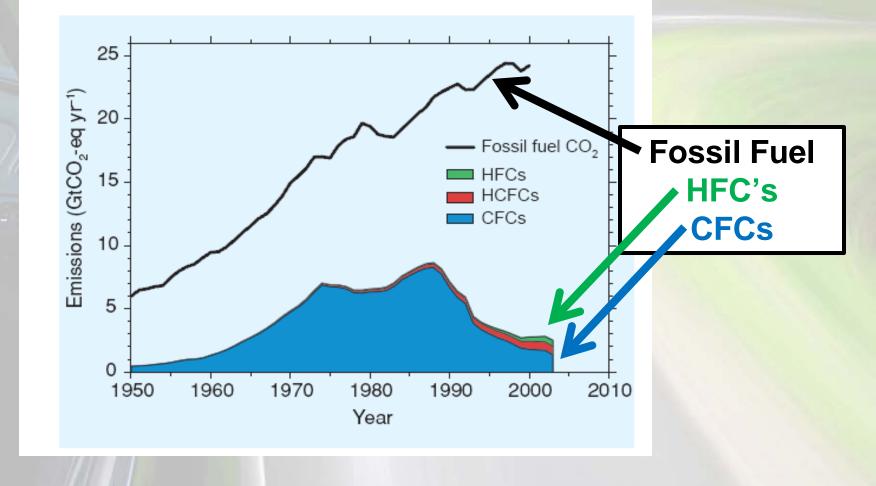
Dupont spelled with lower case "p" instead of "P"



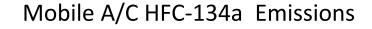
# R-134a is the biggest HFC, but HFCs are a small part of the global warming problem

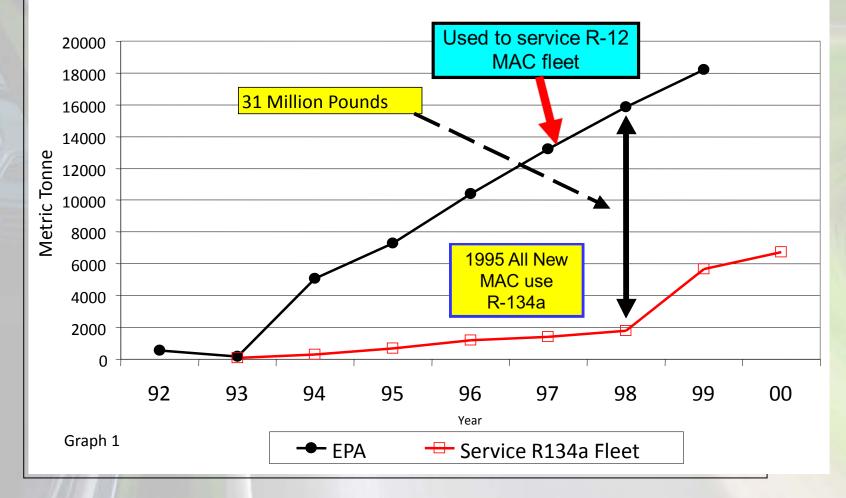
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## New Global Refrigerants Studied

- R744 Carbon Dioxide
- HFC-152a [secondary loop]
- GAR Blends
  - DuPont
  - Honeywell
  - Ineos Fluor
  - Solvay
- HFO-1234yf - DuPont-Honeywell

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## Alternative Refrigerant Development Program(s)

- Introduction of a replacement refrigerant
  - -Very complex

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- Requires considerable time
- None are "Drop In" replacements
- Requires US EPA "SNAP" Listing

   May require safety mitigation
   features

### What's Needed To Consider New Refrigerants

Toxicity

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- Material Compatibility
- Component Refrigerant Permeation/leakage Evaluation
- Performance
- C Energy Requirements
  - Meet Regulatory Requirements

## O New MAC System Refrigerant

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### Mexichem Low GWP Blend AC6

## MAC Service Issues using Blend Refrigerants

Testing Overview of Lower GWP Blend Refrigerants Blend "AC6" Composition 6% CO<sub>2</sub>, 9% R134a, 85% R1234ze

Potential for composition shift of ternary blend composition whenever a vapor-liquid interface is created

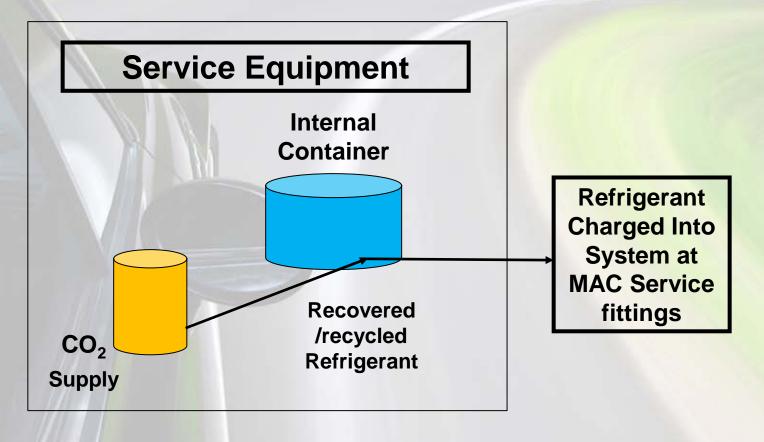
Composition will vary as liquid level and temperature change

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### **On-site Blend Recovery/refill**

The AC6 blend recovery/refill process, including the use of a "Refrigerant Identifier" to establish the correct CO<sub>2</sub> composition for a production application, is currently under development



### Where Does This Industry Need to Go?

- Expand Service to Include Total Vehicle Environment Management That Interface With HVAC systems
  - Include Hybrid and electric vehicles
- Control Systems (Electronic)
  - Comfort of occupants and inclement weather visibility
  - Battery/electronic devices
- Recovery of waste heat (Engine Cooling Systems management)
- Heat pumps
- Secondary loop systems
- New Technologies Requires Extensive Training