
FREE RESOURCE GUIDE

Refrigerant Buyback Payout & Pricing Guide

Everything HVAC contractors, equipment dealers, and facility managers need to know about buyback payouts, pricing factors, payment terms, and how the process works from first call to final payment.

A plain-language guide from the team that actually does the buying.

Top 200AIM ACT HFC
ALLOWANCE HOLDERS**30 Days**OR LESS PAYMENT
ON RECOVERED GAS**In-House**MIXED-GAS
SEPARATION**National**BUYBACK &
SHIPPING

— INTRODUCTION

Why We Made This Guide

Every week, HVAC contractors, facility managers, and equipment dealers contact us with the same questions: What will you pay for my refrigerant? How does the process work? When do I get paid?

The honest answer is that buyback pricing is not a fixed number. It depends on what you have, how much of it, and whether the gas needs reclamation before it can re-enter the supply chain. This guide walks you through exactly how we evaluate your refrigerant and what you can expect from start to finish.

— ELIGIBLE REFRIGERANTS

What We Buy

We buy recovered and surplus refrigerant from HVAC contractors, equipment dealers, property managers, and industrial facilities across the country. The refrigerants we purchase most frequently include:

R-22

HCFC-22

R-410A

Most common residential HFC

R-134a

Auto & commercial refrigeration

R-404A

Commercial refrigeration

R-507A

Low-temp commercial

R-11, R-113, R-123

Chiller refrigerants

R-438A & R-449A

HFC blends

Other HFCs & HCFCs

Market-dependent

Mixed-Gas Cylinders

Evaluated case-by-case

If you have a refrigerant not listed above, contact us directly. We evaluate uncommon blends and mixed-gas cylinders on a case-by-case basis. As an in-house mixed-gas separation facility, we can process what most buyers cannot.

What Determines Your Payout

There is no universal buyback price, and anyone telling you otherwise is guessing. Your payout depends on five factors:

1

Refrigerant Type

Different refrigerants carry different market values based on current supply, AIM Act phase-down status, and demand. R-22 and HFC phase-down refrigerants often carry higher buyback value because supply is tightening under federal regulations. High-GWP HFCs being phased down are subject to declining production quotas, which affects market value directly.

2

Purity and Contamination Level

Recovered refrigerant that has been mixed with oil, moisture, air, or other refrigerants requires additional reclamation work before it re-enters the market. Virgin refrigerant in sealed, undamaged cylinders that can be resold without reprocessing carries the highest payout. Recovered or blended gas that needs separation and reclamation is priced to reflect that extra step.

3

Quantity

Volume matters. A 30-pound recovery cylinder and a 2,000-pound drum are evaluated differently. Larger volumes generally yield better per-pound pricing because the logistics-to-value ratio improves. If you have multiple cylinders from a single job site or a facility cleanout, send us the full inventory at once.

4

Cylinder Condition

Cylinders must be in safe, legal condition for transport and handling. Damaged valves, compromised integrity, or non-compliant containers affect the buyback offer. We handle DOT-compliant cylinders only.

5

Location and Logistics

For local customers in southwest Florida, we can arrange pickup directly. For national customers shipping refrigerant to our facility in Bradenton, the cost and logistics of inbound freight factor into the overall transaction.

What to Expect on Payment

This is where we are different from most buyers in the market.



Recovered Refrigerant

Cylinder gas, reclaimed blends, and field-recovered product. You receive payment within **30 days or less** of the transaction. Most buyers and brokers in this industry run 45- to 90-day payment windows. We do not.



Virgin Refrigerant in Sealed Containers

Factory-sealed cylinders in original condition that can be resold without reprocessing. Payment timelines can be faster. Contact us to discuss the specifics based on what you have.

We do not delay payment as a float strategy. When we commit to a timeline, we meet it.

How the Process Works

1

Contact Us With Your Inventory

Call (941) 371-0300 or submit a quote request through the website. Tell us what refrigerant type you have, the approximate quantity, the condition of the gas, and your general location. The more detail you provide upfront, the faster we can get you an accurate offer.

2

We Evaluate and Quote

Based on current market conditions and the specifics of your refrigerant, we provide a custom payout quote. We do not publish live pricing online because refrigerant markets move and a posted rate is almost never accurate by the time a seller calls.

3

We Arrange Logistics

For local customers, we discuss pickup. For national sellers, we coordinate inbound shipping. We walk you through what is needed for safe, compliant transport.

4

We Receive and Verify

Once the gas arrives at our Bradenton facility, we verify the quantity, run purity testing, and confirm the transaction details.

5

You Get Paid

Payment is issued on the agreed timeline. No surprises, no extensions without your knowledge.

— ELIGIBILITY

Minimum Volumes

We work with contractors and facilities handling meaningful quantities of refrigerant. If you are looking to sell a small number of 12-ounce cans or a single partial cylinder of an uncommon refrigerant, we may not be the right buyer for that transaction. Contact us with your inventory details and we will tell you honestly whether it makes sense to proceed.

For R-12, please include the total weight you are looking to sell when you reach out. This helps us qualify the transaction before you spend time on the process.

— ABOUT AMERI-REF

Who We Are

American Refrigerants, Inc. (Ameri-Ref) is an EPA-certified refrigerant reclaimer operating out of Bradenton, Florida. We are not a broker. We do not flip your refrigerant through a middleman. We buy it, process it, and put it back into the market ourselves. That is why we can offer the payment terms and turnaround we do.

EPA-CERTIFIED RECLAIMER

Federally authorized to process used refrigerant back to specification and return it to the market as certified reclaimed product.

AIM ACT HFC ALLOWANCE HOLDER

One of fewer than 200 facilities in the country with this designation under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act.

IN-HOUSE MIXED-GAS SEPARATION

We run fractionation in-house, which means we can process blended and contaminated refrigerant that most buyers have to turn away or send out.

DIRECT BUYER, NOT A BROKER

When you sell to us, you are selling directly to the end processor. No middlemen, no extended payment chains, no uncertainty about who actually holds your gas.

Ready to Get a Quote?

Tell us what you have. We will tell you what it is worth.



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