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and HVAC Job Fair (see page B4)

RGF® Environmental Group Initiates Research Project to Enhance Filtration and Inactivation of **Radioactive Particulates**



RGF® originally designed, built and tested a radiation filter/neutralizer 21 years ago for a multi billionaire's office in New York after 9/11. He was worried that a tactical nuclear attack may be next. RGF® tested the unit and installed it in his office. Thank God it has never

prietary activated minerals for the effective filtration and inactivation of radioactive particles and gases, also ozone.

This project is designed to develop devices for use in homes and commercial establishments to reduce the risks associated with radioactive fallout that may occur as a result of a natural disaster, a deliberate nuclear attack, or in some locations occur naturally.

Dr. James Marsden, RGF's Executive Director of Science and Technology, is leading the project in cooperation with the company's engineers who have extensive nuclear weapon testing and nuclear power generation safety experience. In announcing the project,

Jeff Schlichenmeve Publisher

been needed for a nuclear attack so RGF® never went into production. Obviously, things have changed in the world for the worse and a

nuclear attack is of concern! Even a tactical nuclear weapon will create a radiation fallout cloud that will travel around the world with weather patterns.

An RGF® research and development project has been in testing for

years to combine our ETL/FDA approved state-ofthe-art HEPA filtration technologies that utilize our RGF® ETL approved Photohydroionization® (PHI) and Bipolar Ionization, carbon, boron, and RGF's pro-



he stated that, "By combining proprietary RGF® air treatment technologies with true HEPA filtration, the risks associated with radioactive fallout can be substantially reduced in homes as well as commercial buildings." Although this may seem premature, RGF® has always been

ahead of the time throughout their 37-year history. Better to be safe and prepared than sorry. RGF® has the Microcon-X in-duct system and stand-alone floor models in limited production for field testing.

OLDACH's Third Florida Location Is Now Open For Business In Tampa

OLDACH is now open for business in Tampa as their third Oldach location in Florida. Their address is 5110 W Knox St., Tampa, Florida 33634. The building has 30,300 square feet of store and showroom, and in addition, has a 660-square-foot training room. Their phone numbers are 813-559-7300 and

in residential and commercial air conditioning & refrigeration. Corporate Headquarters are located in the Metropolitan Area of San Juan Puerto Rico at Las Palmas Industrial Park in Cataño focusing its efforts in the distribution of residential and commercial air conditioning, refrigeration, industrial cool-

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has been established

in Puerto Rico for

over 60 years; was

founded by Mr. John

Oldach as a Manu-

facturer's Represen-

Giancarlo Brito.

As it stands today, Oldach represents one of the largest HVAC parts and air conditioning distributors in Puerto Rico, whose ownership falls between partners Giancarlo Brito and Felix Campos, both graduate engineers with vast experience

tative and later purchased by their CEO,

which aid in the realization of our goals. OLDACH has plans to open more locations in the US over the next few years.

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equipment and controls, installation supplies, parts,

and accessories.

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TODAY'S AC & REFRIGERATION NEWS

How to Anger a Customer

Ruth King's Contractors Cents

Technician 1 performs a cooling maintenance. He does the procedures according to manufacturer recommendations. He takes about 45 minutes for the maintenance visit. The customer loved the visit and renewed her maintenance plan.

A year later Technician 2 performs a cooling maintenance. He takes 15 minutes and tells the customer the maintenance is complete. The customer is really upset. She calls the company complaining. And, she wants someone back to do the maintenance she paid for, the right way according to her...the way Technician 1 performed it.

Moral of the story:

Everyone needs to perform maintenance according to your standard procedure...whatever it is. One tech can't take 45 minutes while another technician takes 15. You send the wrong message to the customer. Most won't complain. Most just won't renew. And, you'll never know unless you contact the customer after the maintenance visit.

Another situation:

Back in the 1980's one of the HVAC franchisors, Service America, included waxing the outdoor unit as part of the maintenance tasks. A contractor, who is now retired, continued this procedure for more than 20 years. If a technician didn't wax the unit, the maintenance customer would always call complaining. This contractor's customers had come to expect a certain level of service and when it didn't happen, the phone would ring. If a tech didn't wax the unit the customer complained. Another tech had to go back to the customer, apologize, and wax the unit. Expensive!

Another way your techs MUST be consistent:

If the life expectancy of a cooling system in your geographic area is 10 to 12 years, then when the maintenance technician visits the customer in the 9th year of that system, he must say, and every technician after that must say, "Mrs. Customer, your system is operating in the best possible condition for its age. It is 9 years old and the manufacturer says the life expectancy of your cooling system is 10 to 12 years. You might want to start budgeting for a new system."

Consistency is critical. If a technician said it when the system was 9 years old, a technician said it when the system was 10 years old, and technicians DIDN'T say it when the system was 11 years old and 12 years old, she's forgotten when her compressor is grounded at the end of her 12th year. And, she's surprised and angry with your company for not reminding her.

Contrast this situation with a customer who "rolls the dice" and is told every year about manufacturer's life expectancy. When the compressor fails at the end of year 12 she is not surprised and often comments, like the cookies that follow you around when you are searching on the web. Ads pop up relevant to what you are searching for). You cannot geofence government buildings, churches, schools, or hospitals.

Retail establishments, streets (you can capture the MAID's of everyone who drives down the street where you just installed a new system), or even booths at a trade show can be geofenced.

Here's how it works: Capture the MAID. Send a digital ad with a link to a landing page. The landing page has a short video about why work for your company, the benefits of entering the industry, etc. It asks for whatever data you want for follow up – generally name and best time to call. You follow up.

Fair warning: Your website MUST have a career page – it should NOT look like a job application. The careers page should have the benefits of working at your company. It should have short videos, which you



Industry expert Ruth King has helped contractors get and stay profitable for more than 25 years.

Reach her at ruthking@hvacchannel.tv.

can and should record with your cell phones (so they don't look staged). Videos should include one of you, the owner, a field employee from each department, an office employee, and someone who has worked at your company for many years.

You are selling to potential employees! You sell the same way as you would sell to a customer – answer the question: why join our company?

If you are recruiting people with mechanical abilities to enter our industry, you can send them through Interplay Learning's boot camp. Their virtual reality or desktop series gets them ready to work and gives them the information they need to get their EPA card (www.interplaylearning.com)

To explore using geofencing, call Mike Ratchford at 713-806-6297. I've known Mike for years and have seen how he has helped contractors grow their businesses using his marketing and advertising products.

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"You told me this would happen."

Consistency is the key to a happy customer who trusts and refers your company. Written procedures and training as well as follow up ensure the procedures are being followed.

Next Topic: A Creative, New Way to Recruit Field Personnel - What if you could recruit 24/7 in places that you know potential employees go to?

For example, if you are looking for people with mechanical capabilities to enter our industry, wouldn't it be nice to contact everyone who went into an auto parts store? It's possible now with geofencing. By putting a geofence around an auto parts store you can discover everyone who goes in that store who has their mobile device on.

Geofencing technology has been around for many years. Now it can be used to recruit. If you've ever wondered how someone got your mobile phone number and is sending you digital ads, it's through your MAID. Mobile devices have unique MAID's (Mobile Advertising ID's). By capturing your MAID companies can send advertising to that phone. (It's



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Tropic Supply Hosts Appion Demo Days in May

Hands-on Demonstrations of the Appion Product Line

JUNE 2022



During the month of May, Michael Williams, Florida Sales Manager of Barksdale Sales Group, conducted several Appion Demo Days at Tropic Supply Resource Centers across the state of Florida featuring the G5Twin, MGABAS and SPDY12.

He informed Tropic customers about the impor-



Appion Demo Day at the Tropic Supply Resource Center North Miami T-1



Appion Demo Day at the Tropic Supply Resource Center in Tallahassee T-21



tance of refrigerant recovery and system evacuation

for system efficiency and longevity, the speed advan-

tage of using valve core removal tools, the effects of

vacuum pump oil on the evacuation process, and the

need for accurate and repeatable digital gauge read-

ings during recovery and evacuation.

Juan Orobeza of First Class Air Conditioning with Michael Williams of The Barksdale Sales Group

Demo Day Promotion: Any contractor who purchased \$100 or more in Appion products during demo day hours received an Appion water bottle and multitool. For future event details please visit your local Tropic Supply Resource Center or visit the events calendar at www.tropicsupply.com/eventscalendar.



Juan Castillo and Miguel Aguilar of Williams Island with Michael Williams of The Barksdale Sales Group



Jason Godwin of Tropic Supply Tallahassee with Michael Williams of The Barksdale Sales Group



Omar Campos of Vedo International, Marcus Moorer of Chanin Mechanical, Michael Williams of The Barksdale Sales Group



Marlon Rojas of Kool Flow Air Conditioning with

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Appion Demo Day at the Tropic Supply Resource Center in Sunrise T-20



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JUNE 2022

Code & Legislative Update: Focus of SWACCA's May Program



Bob Cochell, President, Gulf Coast Air Systems and member of the Energy TAC for the Florida Building Commission, shared insights at the May 3, 2022 SWACCA program: Code & Legislative Updates. As a founding member of FRACCA

Bob Cochell

and longtime industry influencer, members and guests were treated to an exhaustive update on current codes and pending changes, some effective July this year and others in 2023.

FRACCA President, and former SWACCA Board member, Will Barnes, President, Ellsworth's Heating & Cooling, were present where participants heard critical information that affects contractors' daily business routines and field operations

SWACCA President Jim Britton, Service Manager, Gulf Shore Cooling, also announced four new

SWACCA member companies (Air 360, Air Repair, Amazing Air & Heat, and Ferguson HVAC), and presented Tank Martin, Branch Manager, Ferguson HVAC Supply in Ft. Myers, with the company's new member Certificate.

Active for more than 47 years, SWACCA's goal is to better the HVAC industry for its members, their customers and employees. SWACCA meets the first

> Tuesday of each month at the Embassy Suites, Ft Myers/Estero.

Upcoming programs include SEER 2 (June), Inspector Panel (August), Annual Golf Outing (October), Trade Show (November). SWACCA also conducts educational CEU workshops, with Fall sessions planned for Flammable Refrigerants and Duct Work Installation.

To become a member call SWAC-CA at (727) 209-0890 and speak with Executive Director Cheryl Harris or Association Administrator Desmond

Ryan. You can send an e-mail to info@sw-acca.org and ask to be placed on SWACCA's e-mail list to receive notices of upcoming events.



New Resources for Educators and Trainers

To assist those on the front line of HVACR education become more effective in their roles, the ESCO Institute has released a new instructor resource center. Some of the resources produced by veterans in HVACR education include webinars on overcoming the challenges of being an effective teaching, improving student outcomes, addressing the technician shortage, program advisory meetings, and maintaining classroom records.

In addition to the webinars, instructors can access a blog with HVACR teaching tips and strategies, links to free practice exams, industry news, podcasts, an HVACR educators' group to network, and industry scholarships.

Those involved in training our current and future workforce looking for some guidance are encouraged create a free account on the HVACR Learning Network, then access the instructor resource center.

Johnson Controls Invests \$7.5M in **Automation Equipment** at HVAC Plant

MILWAUKEE - (May 25, 2022) - In April 2022, Johnson Controls completed a major \$7.5 million investment into new automation equipment at the company's commercial HVAC manufacturing plant in Norman, Oklahoma. The new equipment will increase capacity, while improving product quality, safety, and assembly productivity at the 900,000-square-foot facility, known as Johnson Controls Rooftop Center of Excellence.

The new automation equipment includes; Punch and Roll Forming Machine, Robotic Press Brakes, Turret Laser Machines, and Auto Brazer.

"Johnson Controls is committed to surpassing our customers' expectations through the continuous improvement of our manufacturing plants and investment into our product lines," said Doug Schuster, Vice President & General Manager, Global Ducted Systems, Johnson Controls. "We continue to invest in the improvement activities at the Norman facility to modernize and expand the plant, automate the manufacturing process, improve safety for our employees and ensure our products are built to the highest quality standards possible."

The new equipment will increase facility capacity and streamline the manufacturing process, making employees jobs safer and more efficient, but jobs will not be impacted.

The most notable expansion of the 50-year-old Norman facility was in April 2019. It now features nearly 400,000-square-feet of incremental laboratory and manufacturing space, which includes a two-story, 52-foot-high testing lab roughly the size of one-and-a-half football fields. The extensive laboratory allows Johnson Controls to conduct on-site development, regulatory compliance, performance, safety, and reliability testing, including the ability to test a 150-ton rooftop unit in climates ranging from -30°F to 130°F. The 2019 expansion also included renovations to more than 150,000-square-feet of office and meeting space. Today, the facility manufacturers commercial HVAC systems for Johnson Controls, YORK®, TempMaster®, Luxaire®, Coleman® and Champion® brands. For info visit www. johnsoncontrols.com/hvac-equipment/rooftop-units.



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Johnstone Supply Ware Group celebrated the Grand Opening of their newest relocated store during the week of May 9-13, 2022. The new Port St. Lucie store which replaced the Ft. Pierce branch is located at 321 NW Peacock Blvd, in Port St Lucie, FL.

The celebration lasted all week and included a tasty lunch of burgers and hot dogs, grilled right on site. Manufacturers Representatives were on-hand



Johnstone Supply Ware Group Port St. Lucie Matt Berger, Jim Holman, Billy Kapopoulos, Justin Berger

highlighting all of their newest products with product demonstrations, and discussing industry trends. Many different product specials were offered daily. Some of prize raffle drawings included i-pad and a 50" Samsung Smart TV.

Today, the Ware Group owns and operates Johnstone Supply branches in 27 convenient locations (23 in Florida, and 4 in South Carolina).



Natalie Dee of Pro Dev Reps (RGF) with Lori Diodato and Natalie Johns of Miranda Plumbling and Air Conditioning

The Ware Group is committed to offering the highest level of customer service, inventory stock position, friendly, knowledgeable, committed staff continually "Saving You Time and Making You Money!"

You can reach the store manager Matt Berger or anyone else who is a part of the Port St. Lucie team, by calling (772) 468-0211.



(L&R) Dan and Dave of St. Lucie County with (center) Billy Kapopoulos of Johnstone Supply Ware Group



Randy Castricone of Goole - Nest Pro with Matt Berger, branch manger of Johnstone Supply Ware Group Port St. Lucie



(L&R) Brandon Perry and Fernando Perez of Lennox Air Conditioning with (center) Angela Garcia of Shupe, Carboni and Associates





Hiram Pagan of Seacoast Air Conditioning with Johanne Bueno of J. Nichols & Associates



Johnstone Supply Ware Group Port St. Lucie has easy access convenient to I-95 and the Florida's Turnpike





Jack Hammer, Matt Berger, and John Mazzotti

of Johnstone Supply Ware Group

The Johnstone Supply Ware Group Port St. Lucie counter was very busy with product specials all day!



Damian Oyola Crown Cool with Fidel Martinez of Emerson

John Mazzotti, Regional Manager for Johnstone Supply Ware Group, cooking up some burgers and dogs

Scott and Carol Lentz of Lentz Air Conditioning



(L&R) Mike Seyfried and Joe Sisti of Speedy Air Conditioning with (center) David Miville of The Metal Shop



Billy Kapopoulos of Johnstone Supply Ware Group presents ipad prize to winner Cesar Perez of True Air



(L&R) Damian Oyola and Steve Ferro of Crown Cool with (center) Tom Berger, who has two sons working at Johnstone Supply Port St. Lucie

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I've had a change of

heart. Back in the early

2000s, during the big

Which Valve Do I Open First?

By Bryan Orr

construction boom, I did many system startups on residential units for a large company I worked for. When installers

Bryan Orr

ran the line sets prior to startup, they weren't always very careful to keep them clean and dry. Many times, we would end up with a

restriction in the piston or TXV. These new residential systems come with a precharged refrigerant in the condenser. So, after my vacuum was complete, I would "release" the charge by slowly opening the liquid line service and watching to see if my suction pressure would steadily rise.

If there were anything in the liquid line, it would hit the screen or drier before the metering device instead of possibly running the other way and clogging the TXV or orifice.

I often knew that there was a restriction before I even started the system because I got used to watching that suction needle rise. While I did this for a good reason, that reason is in the past.

When we install systems, we take great care to make sure the line set stays clean and dry, and we flow nitrogen while brazing with the line drier installed near the indoor coil.

It's a new day, and I'm giving up my old sins.

So, now I must admit that the better way to do it is to open the SUCTION valve first (slowly!). That prevents oil loss out of the compressor into the discharge line and out of the liquid line.

It's unlikely that you will lose enough compressor oil to cause any damage by opening the liquid line slowly, but any oil that the compressor loses has a long journey before it gets back to the compressor. The other issue is that oil loss in those first few moments in the life of a new system can have long-lasting effects

on the operation and longevity of that compressor. Have you ever taken a liquid line hose off after a

new system install and gotten oil all over? That is often due to opening the liquid line first

and the compressor losing oil to the discharge line and then to the liquid line.

When you open the suction side slowly first, oil loss from the compressor will enter the suction line. Once the compressor begins running, it will pull that oil back into the compressor.

When doing it this way, you would attach your micron gauge to the liquid line core remover side port with the Schrader in place in the side port. Once you completed your vacuum and proved you had no leaks or moisture by valving off the VCT's and watching your decay rate, you would then attach your gauge manifold and slowly crack the suction side until you see a few psi on the liquid side. Now, remove the vacuum gauge to ensure the system pressure does not damage it.

Most micron gauges can handle some pressure. For example, the Testo 552 can handle up to 72 PSIG (4.96 bar), and many can handle 400 psi (27.57 bar) or more. It never hurts to remove that expensive and sensitive micron gauge before exposing the sensor to high pressure. Still, it's never a good idea to remove it BEFORE the system is under positive pressure. If you do that, you will lose the entire vacuum.

You would then purge your manifold hoses and fully open the suction valve and then the liquid line valve.

When charging a system with no charge (not running), weigh refrigerant into the liquid line first until both sides equalize in pressure. That way, you can ensure that you are not introducing liquid refrigerant right into the compressor crankcase.

Also, keep in mind that it is good practice to run the crankcase heater once the charge has been released and before the system is started to prevent a flooded start on the compressor.

—Bryan

MACCA Hosts Unlicensed Contractors Activity Meeting With Local Sheriff's **Departments and Florida DBPR**

The Manasota Air Conditioning Contractors Association held a panel discussion on May 5, 2022, with Timothy McGrath, Tampa Field Manager-Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Manatee County Sheriff, Rick Wells; Sarasota County Chief Deputy Colonel, Brian Woodring; and Captain Eric Hill, City of Venice Police Department; which focused on curbing the issue of unlicensed contractor activity.

Hiring an unlicensed contractor is against the law and can cause physical and financial harm to a homeowner or business. The panelists stressed the importance of checking who you hire to work on your home and/or business, and to make sure they hold the proper licensing. Timothy McGrath, Field Manager-Florida DBPR, expressed the dangers of hiring unlicensed contractors and how they can lack the necessary qualifications, education, and exhibit subpar performance standards which can lead to non-compliance with building codes.

Both County Sheriff's Departments, the City of Venice Police, and the Florida DBPR, suggest the best way to curb the issue of unlicensed contractors within our community and businesses is to educate others through social media, prevent victimization by educating seniors within the community, utilize local resources, and be an ambassador. Do not hesitate to report any suspicious unlicensed contractor activity by collecting a tag number, description and/or photo(s) of the person or vehicles involved in the crime prior to making the report.

Please report any unlicensed activity to your County/City Police/Sheriff Departments and/or the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) Hotline #1.866.532.1440, email the department at ULA@myfloridalicense.com or download the DBPR mobile app.

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AccuAir Attends 14th Annual Larry Wilder Memorial Fishing Tournament

Frank Suranyi of AccuAir Inc.

reeled in a really nice snook!



All sponsorships include a professional guide, boat, bait and tackle. Food and beverages were provided to participating anglers throughout the day!

This year's event was held on April 15, 2022 at the Westshore Yacht Club. Since its inception

in 2006, this annual fishing tournament has made a lifechanging impact on the students and teachers of Hillsborough County.

Named after Larry Wilder, a passionate supporter of our public schools, this tournament benefits Hillsborough Education Foundation and their mission to strengthen public education by providing school supplies to students in need, funding school and classroom enrichment grants, supporting two student scholarships and more!

HEF partners with the community and is dedicated

to deepening the impact on student and teachers to ensure every student receives a high quality education. The event was a huge success; it was a beautiful sunny day with a tremendous crowd of par-



Frank Suranyi of AccuAir Inc., Penny Anderson of AccuAir Inc., and Leon Essex, Bard Representative

ticipants and sponsors to win the coveted first place trophies in SNOOK, REDFISH and TROUT.

> The angler teams were each matched with a boat and captain! Lunch and refreshments were provided. Although it was a catch and release tournament, it was loads of fun to reel in these prized species.

> After check-in at 3:00 PM, trophies were awarded, lunch was served, a raffle and auction was held that included valuable and coveted prizes, including sports memorabilia etc.

Bard-AccuAir is a regular sponsor of the tournament. "It was an honor to participate in the Larry Wilder Memorial Fishing

Tournament, and I can hardly wait to do it again next year" declared Frank Suranyi, of AccuAir Inc., Bards Exclusive Distributors for Engineered Products in Florida.



Leone Green and Associates is pleased to announce that Gary Prine Jr. has joined their Manufacturers Representative Agency.

A 2008 graduate of Valdosta State University with a B.A. in Marketing, Gary brings 15 years of industry experience to our agency.

Gary is based in Valdosta, Georgia and will support our Distributor and Contractor Partners in North Florida and South Georgia. He will also continue to supplement our coverage in Central and West Florida, leveraging his relationships with both Distributors and Contractors in those market areas.

Leone Green and Associates was founded in 1981 and represents outstanding Vendors in the Southeastern United States as well as Export markets. Leone Green Vendor Partners offer a wide assortment of products to HVAC, Refrigeration, Insulation and Sheet Metal Wholesalers.

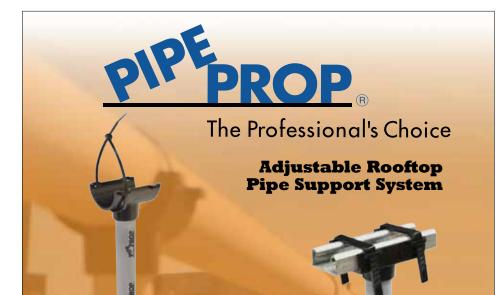
We invite our vendor and distributor partners to welcome Gary to our Agency via email, gprine@le-onegreen.com or cell, 229-560-5603.

Call for Presenters

HVAC Excellence is seeking presentation proposals from top minds representing manufacturers, associations, and other industry stakeholders for the National HVACR Education Conference.

The conference is designed to help those who train our current and future workforce learn about new and emerging technologies, get answers from, and be inspired by industry leaders, exchange ideas with industry peers, while gaining a better understanding of the future of the HVACR industry.

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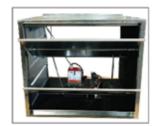


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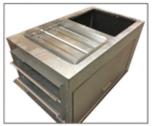




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New Reliable® Architectural Louver Protects PTAC Units Against Extreme Weather

Geneva, AL - May 12, 2022 - Reliable has expanded its collection of architectural louvers rated for severe weather and extreme performance with the newly-designed Florida-approved AEL-42-7020-MD louver.

The 1.5-inch-deep horizontally-bladed stationary louver is Florida Building Code-certified (FBC# 40250.1) for high-velocity hurricane zones (HVHZ) and specifically designed for use with ductless packaged terminal air conditioner (PTAC) units. Developed with OEM customers in mind, the AEL-42-7020-MD permits ample fresh air ventilation without comprising PTAC system performance.

"The AEL-42-7020-MD interlocking blades were engineered to withstand hurricane-level storms with wind loads up to 50 PSF," said Joe Rockhold, louver product manager, Reliable.

With ever-increasing extreme weather events, the combination of protection against wind-born debris while providing fresh air safely has been a challenge. The AEL-42-7020-MD achieves both to help building owners create healthier environments with peace of mind.

The AEL-42-7020-MD is constructed from extruded aluminum, and its minimal wall thickness is an aesthetically-pleasing design for hotel, senior living and healthcare facilities, or other locations that require packaged terminal air conditioning units.

Reliable louvers are factory-finished in a variety of options and backed by an industry-leading 20-year finish warranty and 5-year product warranty. For more information about Reliable, visit www.reliablelouvers. com.



Certified by Florida Building Code to protect PTAC ventilation openings in high-velocity hurricane conditions.

Embraco Brings Extra Energy Efficiency And Extended Cooling Capacity In Its X Generation Compressors

May 2022 - Embraco, a global provider of refrigeration technology for the residential and commercial cold chain, and a portfolio brand of Nidec Global Appliance, has a new generation of compressors for commercial applications in the North American market. Each platform is an evolution of previous generations and brings a set of specific attributes, such as higher levels of energy efficiency and extended cooling capacity. Called the X Generation, it is composed of a set of robust models from the EMX, NTX, NJX and NEX compressors families.

The whole new generation was designed for the use of natural refrigerant (R290). "This is part of our strategy to keep investing in future proof solutions, but always keeping our legacy products for the existing refrigerants", explains Michel Moreira, Sales Director at Nidec Global Appliance, where he is responsible for Embraco's commercial products portfolio in the North American region. The X Generation compressors are also highly energy efficient, supporting commercial refrigeration equip-

ment manufacturers to comply with the upcoming energy efficiency regulations for the sector.

With the exception of the EMX-HST, because of size limitations, this generation was also designed considering its use with the new R290 charge limits that are expected to take place in the US in the near future. These product families can handle larger flammable refrigerant charges increased from 150g to 500g [17.6 oz], in open cabinets and to 300g [10.6 oz] in closed ones. It would enable the adoption of R290 products in larger commercial refrigeration applications. The new UL standard on the subject was recently published, but before the new charge limits could be implemented in the U.S. they first need the EPA SNAP approval as well as require Ashrae 15 Standard and Building Codes update.

The four platforms have been launched in waves in the North American region, with the EMX HST (High Starting Torque) getting to customers in the end of 2021, the NJX in the first part of 2021, and the NEX and NTX in the end of 2020. Each family responds to specific market demands.

It's Lights Out for Dust, Debris, and Fog with Brass Knuckle® Midnight Safety Glasses



CLEVELAND—May 26, 2022—Clear vision is vital to most every job out there and Brass Knuckle® has created eyewear that can handle just about anything work throws at it. Dust

and debris? Fog? No matter the threat, it's lights out with new Midnight (BKDST-1050AFP) Safety Glasses. The trifecta of face-tight gasket, SideShield, and wraparound protection makes work comfortable for the wearer, and life miserable for dust and fog. The lenses feature BK-Anti-FOG+, the world's best antifog protection, to keep vision clear in high-moisture, high-heat conditions. When opened to wear, exclusive SideShield earpieces meet extended lenses at a tight, precision-cut seam for true wraparound protection.

Brass Knuckle began developing its science to meet EN 166/168, which was and remains the most stringent anti-fog standard in the world. Then they continued to tweak the BK-Anti-FOG properties until it exceeded those standards. They didn't stop there, as each lens also offers 99.99% UV protection, and also meets demanding industry test requirements (ANSI Z87.1, EN166UV) and offers abrasion and chemical resistance.



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AHRI Releases March 2022 U.S. Heating and Cooling Equipment Shipment Data

U.S. shipments of central air conditioners and air-source heat pumps totaled 945,983 units in March 2022, up 2.3 percent from 925,031 units shipped in March 2021. U.S. shipments of air conditioners increased 1.1 percent, to 583,253 units, up from 576,646 units shipped in March 2021. U.S. shipments of air-source heat pumps increased 4.1 percent, to 362,730 units, up from 348,385 units shipped in March 2021.

Year-to-date combined shipments of central air conditioners and air-source heat pumps increased 8.2 percent, to 2,434,073 units, up from 2,248,729 units shipped during the same period in 2021. Year-to-date shipments of central air conditioners increased 6.7 percent, to 1,439,381 units, up from 1,348,522 units shipped during the same period in 2021. The year-to-date total for heat pump shipments increased 10.5 percent, to 994,692, up from 900,207 units shipped during the same period in 2021.

Bluon Launches BluonSearch, The Most Comprehensive Cross Reference, Parts and Equipment Database Tool for HVAC

IRVINE, Calif. – May 11, 2022 – Bluon, Inc., the rapidly growing company focused on upgrading the HVAC industry, today announced the launch of BluonSearch, the most comprehensive parts and equipment cross-reference database in HVAC. BluonSearch represents a giant leap forward in enabling HVAC distributors to quickly determine their customers' needs and satisfy them using their local inventory - all through a highly intuitive, brand-agnostic tool providing instant access to over 300,000 unique model numbers and 3 million unique parts, with over 40 million listed cross-references.

Distributors lose a staggering portion of potential part orders - estimated at up to 50% - by not having an easy-to-use, comprehensive database enabling them to determine what part, or equivalent part, their customer actually needs. BluonSearch solves what is a shockingly pervasive problem in the HVAC industry, costing local distributors billions in lost potential revenue, and technicians countless hours of lost time.

BluonSearch is the rebirth of XREF, acquired by Bluon in 2021, that provided basic access to replacement parts and cross-reference information for HVAC distributors nationwide. Bluon and its unique team of technicians and database engineers spent nine months pouring over the immense database adding specifications and new connections and most importantly, ensuring data accuracy. The result is BluonSearch, an entirely new, updated database that allows even the most novice employees to instantly

> add decades of experience to their daily interactions with customers.

"We are excited to provide our customers with a much-needed, comprehensive equipment and cross-reference tool," said Adam Curry, vice president of software at Bluon. "It turns out that the world of HVAC parts and equipment is kind of a mess. The industry is large but fragmented, so we've had hundreds of manufacturers produce millions of parts, but no one has created a truly brand-agnostic map for navigating it all. This lack of a simple search tool is a hidden tax on the industry, costing billions in missed sales and lost productivity. BluonSearch is a huge leap forward for HVAC distributors and their customers."

BluonSearch is part of the BluonLive platform, which will connect over 110,000 HVAC technicians currently using Bluon's mobile support app with their local HVAC distributors. BluonLive, set to launch in June, will provide distributors with a powerful new way to receive order requests from technicians in the field that come fully informed. It will let the distributor know the specific Model # that tech is working on and all known compatible replacements for specific parts requested. Bluon recognizes that HVAC techs are the heart and soul of the industry and the ultimate drivers of its efficiency and innovation. Bluon's support platform is a revolutionary mobile app that offers tools, training and 24/7 tech support to HVAC technicians in the field.

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Two Tests That Add Something Extra to the Ordinary Call

The summer heat is upon us, and the daily grind of non-stop calls will soon wear on you. In the middle of the madness, it's easy to forget the value you provide. As a result, you get numb moving from one call to the next just to get through the day. The intense pace and heat suck the fun out of what you do.

What if there was a way to add something a little extra to each call and make the job more interesting and fun? I'm not talking about doing more work but cutting out the unessential things you do and replacing them with something better. Let's look at two tests you can add to any ordinary service call and make it extraordinary for you and your customers.

One: Measure Static Pressure

As an industry, we have gotten into a bad habit of assuming the duct systems we see each day work properly. We get so focused on the equipment that we forget to look at what's attached to it. What if you could get a glimpse into how well the HVAC system's airside performs? If you measure static pressure on each service call, you can.

Total External Static Pressure (TESP) is the first pressure to measure. It's the amount of resistance the air handling equipment must overcome to move air through the duct system and over components like an air filter and coil. You can think of TESP as the HVAC system's blood pressure and an overall health indicator.

If TESP is high, it shows there's a potential airside problem to investigate further. You'll need to measure pressure drops and duct system pressures to discover the cause(s) of excessive TESP.

Filter pressure drop helps you see how restrictive the air filter is. This test can lead you to filter upgrades simply by taking two pressure measurements to determine if the filter is too small or restrictive. It can also show the impact of a clean filter compared to the old one that you replace.

an indoor coil is restrictive. Instead of tearing into the coil cabinet, this measurement helps you decide when to visually inspect the coil and see if it's plugged with dirt and debris. If you need to clean the coil, you can compare the before and after pressure drop measurements to verify a successful cleaning.

Duct pressures give you a glimpse into how restrictive the supply and return duct systems are. A single pressure reading where air enters the air handling equipment reveals the condition of the return duct system. A second pressure reading where air exits the air handling equipment shows the condition of the supply duct system. If pressures are high, you can move down the duct system in four-foot increments until you discover a large change in pressure. Use this test to diagnose poor fittings and internal duct restrictions.

Two: Measure System Temperatures

Most service technicians measure supply and return dry bulb (db) temperatures from the equipment. However, if you add the farthest supply register and return grille temperatures to your calls, you look beyond the equipment and see the duct system's influence.

When you take supply register and return grille temperatures, you can see how much cooling is lost through duct system insulation and leakage. Many technicians use the equipment temperature drop (Δt) as a performance indicator. You can also look at the duct system Δt and compare it to the equipment's Δt . A duct system without excessive temperature loss should have a temperature change within 10% of the equipment's Δt .

Taking these two extra temperature readings will open the door for many opportunities to correct issues that have gone uncovered for decades. You may help one customer decide to stick with your company because you gave them the extra piece of information

Coil pressure drop is a quick way to determine if that helped them discover why one room in their home is uncomfortable.

Next Steps

With the two measurements we briefly covered, you can help a customer see a side of their HVAC system they've never seen before. These tests make work fun again because you never know what you'll find. One reading may hold the clue to a problem your customer would pay dearly to solve.

It doesn't take much additional testing or time to achieve these results. You can typically add "something extra" to your service calls in less than five minutes with the right tools and some practice.

The trick is figuring out the unessential things you do on each call and then replace them with measurements that matter. For example, if you attach your gauge manifold to every cooling system you service, there's one unessential thing you can stop. Only gauge up when needed.

As you move to each call, ask yourself, are you checking boxes and punching the clock, or did you really make a difference? Consider how you can use these two tests to move past the summer insanity and make a difference in the lives of your customers. Add something "extra" to your ordinary calls and make them extraordinary.

David Richardson serves the HVAC industry as the director of technical curriculum at the National Comfort Institute, Inc. (NCI). NCI specializes in training that focuses on improving, measuring, and verifying HVAC and Building Performance.

If you're an HVAC contractor or technician interested in learning more about diagnosing duct systems, contact David at davidr@ncihvac.com or call him at 800-633-7058. NCI's website www.nationalcomfortinstitute.com is full of free technical articles and downloads to help you improve your professionalism and strengthen your company.





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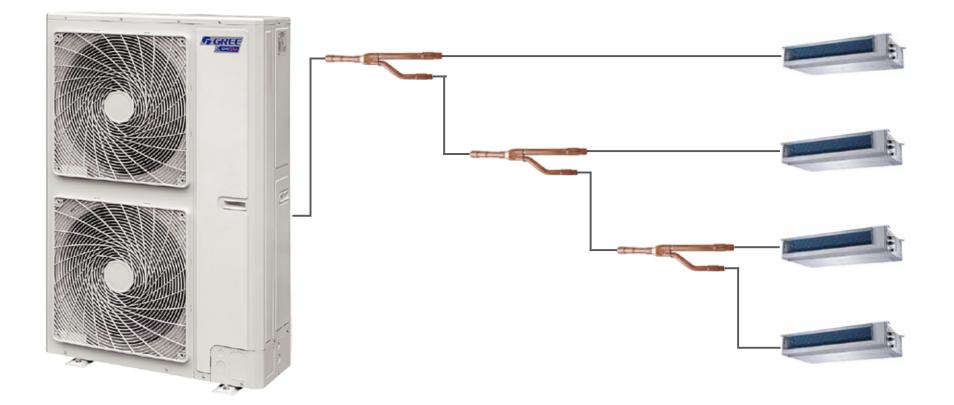


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2022 ACCA/CF Apprenticeship **Graduation Ceremony at the Altamonte Hilton**



Chapter held its 2022 Graduation Ceremony at the Altamonte Hilton. 29 Apprentices Graduated from 3rd year, 16 from the 2nd year and 33 from the 1st year. Thank you to all who celebrated with the ACCA/CF Apprenticeship Committee and ACCA/CF Board.

Instructors Appreciation - Andy Brunkala, Emery Cary, Apprenticeship Coordinator, Tony Duncan, Ellen Logue, John Nazarchyk, Ray Pearce, Don She-

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Speaker -Bryan Orr, Kalos Services

2022 Apprentice of the Year - Tran Truong from Energy Air-Received A set of Fieldpiece Digital Gauges donated by Johnstone, \$200, a certificate and Trophy. 2021 Gary MacLeod Award - Salim Hernandez, from Energy Air received a certificate and Trophy.- Larry Stewart had perfect attendance for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year and Received \$100.

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Celebrating the Achievements of the 2022 ACCA/CF Apprenticeship Graduating Class at the Altamonte Hilton

REHAU Sells Its Business in Russia

LEESBURG, V.A. – May 25, 2022 – The REHAU Group will sell its business in Russia to the local management and will withdraw completely from the country. A corresponding preliminary agreement has now been signed by both parties.

REHAU had already announced on March 4, 2022, to ramp down its business in Russia in a controlled manner. The development of the past weeks has made further decisions unavoidable.

The REHAU Group has been active in Russia for around 30 years and has served the market there primarily with polymer-based solutions for the window, construction and furniture sectors. With Meraxis, New Ventures, RAUMEDIC, REHAU Automotive and REHAU Industries, the REHAU Group unites strong companies under one roof. With polymer-based solutions, the family-owned company generates annual sales of more than 4 billion euros. More than 20,000 people work for the group of companies, which has grown independently over the course of a century. Passionate and committed, employees at more than 190 sites develop, manufacture and market innovative products and solutions for the automotive, construction, furniture, materials, medical and industrial.

HARDI Distributors **Report 26.7% Percent Revenue Increase** in March

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 3, 2022 - Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) released its monthly TRENDS report, showing the average sales performance by HARDI distributors was an increase of 26.7% percent during March 2022. The average annual sales growth for the 12 months through March 2022 is 25.3% percent.

"The extraordinary sales growth during the first three months of the year was helped by easy prior year comparisons and the extraordinary price increases that have been passed through," said HARDI Market Research & Benchmarking Analyst Brian Loftus. "The first quarter is the low season of the year. It will be interesting to see if the annual sales growth will still have a 20-handle at the end of the seasonally important Q2."

The Days Sales Outstanding, a measure of how quickly customers pay their bills, was 42 days at the end of March 2022. "The March 2022 DSO is comparable to March 2021. This rate is considerably better than the pre-pandemic norm for March in the 48-day area," said Loftus.

"The TRENDS performance during the past year has tracked the rapid economic recovery. We expect economic growth to be cooling this year," said Loftus. "Consumer Sentiment is down, inflation and mortgage rates are up. The sales growth at Building Materials and Supply retailers is slowing and our TRENDS annual sales growth has a strong tendency to follow the performance of that group."

HARDI members do not receive financial compensation in exchange for their monthly sales data and can discontinue their participation without prior notice or penalty. Participation is voluntary, and the depth of market coverage varies from region to region. An independent entity collects and compiles the data that can include products not directly associated with the HVACR industry.



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Malco Products, SBC, Launches American-Made Eagle Grip Locking Tools



DEWITT, NEB. (May 5, 2022) Malco Products, SBC, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of highquality Americanmade hand tools, today announced the launch of Eagle Grip, its new-

est line of professional-grade locking tools. Eagle Grip Locking Tools are the first full line manufactured at Malco's plant in DeWitt, Nebraska, the original birthplace of the locking pliers.

Forged from premium American steel, Eagle Grip tools deliver stronger and more reliable performance on the job and are backed by Malco's 72-year heritage of innovation, quality and dependability.

Eagle Grip is the strongest locking pliers* in the world and 100% made in the USA. Malco tools are designed and built to meet the rigorous demands of professional users, and in Malco's in-house testing, Eagle Grip tools outperformed the competition on every measure.

The first 6 products in the Eagle Grip line include locking pliers and clamps for use in sheet metal, automotive, welding and agriculture applications:

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"Since 1950, Malco has built its reputation on manufacturing the highest quality tools for trade professionals," said Rich Benninghoff, president and CEO of Malco Products. "Our end-users have high expectations when it comes to the tools they use, and Malco takes great pride in exceeding those expectations to provide best-in-class performance. The introduction of our new Eagle Grip line of locking tools is an excellent example of our dedication to craftsmanship and building American-made tools you can count on."

"Just like with all of Malco's products, we did not cut any corners on the design and construction of the Eagle Grip line," Benninghoff added. "We use a better grade of steel, premium heat treat process and rigorous testing to ensure that Eagle Grip tools are the strongest, toughest locking handle tools on the market. We hope end-users are just as proud to add Eagle Grip to their toolbox as we are to be introducing it."

Eagle Grip tools are now available for purchase online through the Eagle Grip website and Malco's distribution partners. For more information about Eagle Grip, visit www.eaglegripusa.com.



JB Warranties Named Among Best Workplaces for Fourth Year

JB Warranties has been named to Inc. magazine's annual Best Workplaces list. Featured in the May/June 2022 issue, hitting newsstands on May 17, 2022, and prominently featured on Inc.com, the list is the result of a comprehensive measurement of American companies that have excelled in creating exceptional workplaces and company culture, whether operating in a physical or virtual facility.

2022 is the fourth year that JB Warranties has made Inc. magazine's Best Workplaces list. Each company that was nominated took part in an employee survey, conducted by Quantum Workplace, which included topics such as management effec-

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tiveness, perks, fostering employee growth, and overall company culture. The organization's benefits were also audited to determine overall score and ranking.

JB Warranties' CEO Jeff Bohannan said, "The pandemic has presented many businesses with challenges over the past few years, including the need to maintain a thriving corporate culture despite remote working conditions. We've strived to maintain a sense of fun and camaraderie between employees whether they work from home or venture into the office. The JB Warranties team is honored to be part of Inc. magazine's best workplaces again."



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KEEPING FLORIDA COOL: FLORIDA REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS COMMEND LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ON APPROVING SB 352 TO LOWER HVAC REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT COSTS BY FIXING

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Tallahassee, Fla, May 18, 2022 - The Florida Refrigeration and Air Condition Contractors Association (FRACCA) commends the legislature on the passage of SB 352 – Construction Liens, which changes the Notice of Commencement filing requirements for HVAC contractors to bring outdated exemption thresholds in line with current repair prices.

The bill ensures significant cost savings for HVAC repairs and replacements for both the contractors as well as consumers.

"FRACCA expresses its thanks to Representative Melony Bell and Senator Ed Hooper for championing this initiative and working to support businesses in the HVAC industry." said Paula Huband, Executive Director of FRACCA. "This change will save both contractors and customers thousands of dollars for the cost of executing and recording Notices of Commencement for typical repair or replacements, as well as relieve them from burdensome legal paperwork currently required of small-scale projects."

Currently, a Notice of Commencement must be filed with the clerk of court for HVAC repair and replacement projects above a specified cost threshold. In 1999, the legislature established an exemption to this filing requirement to relieve businesses from excessive legal documents on standard repairs. This exemption threshold was revised in 2006 to its current price level. Contractors need not file a Notice of Commencement for direct contracts valued at \$2,500 or less and direct contract for the repair or replacement of an existing HVAC system costing less than \$7,500. While this exemption threshold has the remained the same for 18 years, repair costs have risen significantly, putting a greater burden today on businesses doing lesser repairs.

SB 352 raises the exemption limit from \$7,500 to \$15,000, meaning HVAC system repair or replacement projects valued at less than \$15,000 do not have to be filed with the clerk of court. This exemption applies only to direct contracts and would not apply where an HVAC contractor is acting as a subcontractor on a larger repair or replacement or where the project involves the installation of a new HVAC system.

"I am proud to have sponsored Senate Bill 352: Construction Liens during the 2022 legislative session. This bill makes sense for consumers in Florida as it updates Florida Statute to help consumers avoid unnecessary costs when repairing or replacing their heating or cooling system" said bill sponsor Senator Ed Hooper.

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(M-F/ 8am - 5:30pm Eastern) Or send an Email to: ULA@myfloridalicense.com "In an effort to keep my constituents cool and comfortable, this language updates outdated thresholds relating to filing requirements for repairing and replacing air conditioning units here in Florida." said House sponsor Representative Melony Bell.

The bill passed through the legislature and was APPROVED by the Governor, it now takes effect July 1, 2022.

The Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (FRACCA) is a not-for-profit trade organization that seeks to promote the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC/R) industry in the state of Florida. FRACCA is comprised of nine chapters across the state, bringing together HVAC/R suppliers and contractors of every size to provide educational and training materials, advocacy, and partnership opportunities.

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Aspen Manufacturing Introduces LGM Series High-Efficiency, Multi-Position Aluminum Coil 120V Air Handlers



Humble, Texas, May 3, 2022 - Aspen Manufacturing, LLC (Aspen), one of the largest independent manufacturers of evaporator coils and air handlers for the residential and commercial residential heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) marketplace in the United States and Canada, announces the introduction of the LGM Series high-efficiency, multiposition, aluminum coil 120-volt air handlers.

The 120-volt LGM Series offers outstanding installation versatility. The units are shipped as upflow or horizontal right and can be converted for downflow or

LGM Series

horizontal left installations onsite by HVAC technicians.

When a proper metering device is used, the LGM Series units are ETL listed for use with R-22 or R-410A refrigerants. In addition, they can be AHRI certified with most brands of air conditioners or heat pumps. Available in 2- through 4-ton cooling capacity without electric heat, all LGM Series models are backed by a 10-Year Limited Warranty.

When properly installed and tested in accordance with ASHRAE standard 193, the sturdy, fully insulated galvanized steel cabinet offers less than 2% air leakage from the cabinet.

A factory-provided knockout for duct return is standard on all LGM Series models, and all feature an easy access door for coil cleaning.

All LGM Series models feature a high-efficiency 120-volt ECM motor with factory programmed software to control motor speeds and torques. Aspen's proprietary software encoding allows the ECM motors to provide optimal performance and reliability. Rail-mounted blowers allow easy removal during service and routine maintenance by HVAC technicians. An electronic control board includes a blower time delay which helps to maximize heat/cool extraction and offers an integrated fuse for additional protection.

A high efficiency, all-aluminum coil with rifled tubing and enhanced fins allows maximum heat transfer on all LGM Series air handlers. As a USbased manufacturer, all Aspen coils are leak tested using a two-stage pressure decay and mass spec-

HVAC Excellence Rebrands Its Education Conference

This year, HVAC Excellence has rebranded its conference from National HVACR Educators and Trainers Conference, to National HVACR Education Conference, to appeal to everyone who is involved in the training and educating our workforce. It has long been thought that HVACR training and education only occurs in career and technical education programs.

The fact is that everyone who works at a contracting firm, supply house, manufacturing facility, publishing company, school or industry organization is involved, to some degree, in training and educating the future and incumbent HVACR workforce.

The success and continued good health of the HVACR industry relies on a well-defined and maintained pathway to carry accurate, up-to-date and relevant information to all who work in this ever-changing trade.

With their new branding, HVAC Excellence's 2022 National HVACR Education Conference, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, attracted a large number of individuals who might otherwise have never thought of themselves as a teacher, educator, trainer or instructor. This year's conference offered over 70 breakout sessions conducted by industry-leading manufacturers, organizations, authors, online personalities, and other nationally-recognized professionals. These sessions covered a wide range of subject areas including customer service skills, teaching methodologies, new technologies, ductless split systems, recruitment, and regulatory changes that affect everyone in the industry.

This year's event also hosted an exhibition hall with over 60 booths representing all segments of our industry. The expo hall afforded all conference attendees the opportunity to meet with individuals from our partner companies and organizations to discuss hottopic HVACR-related issues, handle new tools and equipment, see product demonstrations and network with other likeminded industry professionals.

The conference is open to anyone involved in the HVACR industry (educators, administrators, trainers, wholesalers, contractors, etc.) who is interested in learning about new technologies, codes, contentdelivery techniques, and interacting with those who change the face of our industry.

To learn more about HVAC Excellence's 2023 Education Conference, visit escogroup.org and click the conference link. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas, March 20-22, 2023.



trometer process. Further, the coils are pressurized with Nitrogen and factory sealed for maximum reliability.

LGM Series air handlers are available with either factory-installed orifice or TXV metering devices. Units can be converted with bolt-on TXVs during field installation.

Founded in 1975 and based in Humble, Texas, Aspen Manufacturing is a leading independent manufacturer of evaporator coils and air handlers under the Aspen and Airmark brands. Aspen's current product offerings include a broad range of residential and light commercial evaporator coils, coils and blowers for manufactured homes, and air handlers which are sold throughout the United States and Canada by wholesalers and distributors.

Aspen utilizes state-of-the-art fabrication and assembly equipment as well as stringent quality inspections to maintain the highest possible quality in all its products. More information about Aspen's brands can be found www.aspenmfg.com and www.airmark-ac.com

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Next meeting will be held on June 1st at 6 p.m. at

starting September 2022.



SFACA Monthly Program Meeting **HVAC Job Fair 2022** May 4th, 2022

The May SFACA Program Meeting was held on May 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Tropical Acres Steakhouse in Fort Lauderdale. SFACA hosted a free Job Fair during the meeting. The HVAC Job Fair 2022 enabled contractors to interview candidates and hire HVAC technicians, engineers, mechanics, installers, refrigeration technicians, and apprentices.

SFACA also invited Career Source and Associ-



Jeff Campen of PIKE Mechanical, Phil London of Thermal Concepts and Gregg D'Attile of ART Plumbing Air & Electric



Jason Hebbert of Arpec discusses current positions that are available



Andy Andres and Jacklyn Andres of Brisk Air, Bob Volin of Air Design Concepts, and Brad Higgins of Pride Air Conditioning



Eric Greentree and Chad Aitken of GreenTree Air explain what to expect if hired as a technician with their company



Kelly Dexter, SFACA president, speaks to the members about the current situation in the HVAC industry workforce



There was a good turnout for the SFACA Program Meeting and the HVAC Job Fair 2022

be their Annual Vender Showcase. This is an excellent opportunity for one-on-one marketing on commercial and residential controls products. This will help contractors throughout Miami-Dade & Broward Counties understand the recent advances in controls including capabilities and benefits to the end users and contractors. There will be Give-aways, Networking, Raffle, Bites & Bar, and Door Prizes! See you there!



Angelica Baena-Alonso and Fernando Alonso of Master Cooling Contractors



Nelson Guerra of Air America Air Conditioning interviews a potential HVAC technician



Ed Lawton of Enterprise with Stacey Miller of SFACA

LG Electronics Honored by U.S. EPA as 2022 Energy Star **Partner of the Year**

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2022 – LG Electronics has been named 2022 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year-Sustained Excellence by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This prestigious honor, a distinction LG has received nine times since 2012, recognizes the company's exemplary commitment to

Administrator Michael S. Regan. "They are showing once again that taking action in support of a clean energy economy can be good not only for the environment, but also for business and customers. We know it's going to take all of us working together to tackle the climate crisis." he said

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Granted Accreditation



HVAC Excellence is pleased to announce that the HVACR training program at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Knoxville, TN has been granted accreditation.

protecting the environment through leadership in EN-ERGY STAR certified products and promotions.

"As a long-time ENERGY STAR partner, LG views its collaboration with the EPA as a paramount

for the company, our employees, consumers, dealers and other stakeholders," said Thomas Yoon, president and CEO, LG Electronics North America. "Consistent with our focus on environmental sustainability as a core business principle, LG is 100-percent committed to demon-

strating that working together can inspire change, improve energy efficiency and protect the environment."

Marked by unprecedented consumer demand for energy-efficient appliances and exploding interest in climate action, 2021 was an incredible year when American consumers purchased 10 ENERGY STAR certified LG products every minute.

LG and other award-winning 2022 ENERGY STAR partners are "demonstrating what it takes to build a more sustainable future," according to EPA

Each year, the ENERGY STAR program honors a group of businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy achievements. ENER-

> GY STAR award winners lead their industries in the production, sale, and adoption of energy-efficient products, homes, buildings, services, and strategies. These efforts are essential to fighting the climate crisis and protecting public health. To learn more about LG's ENERGY

STAR products, please visit LG.com.

LG Electronics USA, Inc., based in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., is the North American subsidiary of LG Electronics, Inc., a \$63 billion global innovator in technology and manufacturing. In the United States, LG sells a wide range of innovative home appliances, home entertainment products, commercial displays, air conditioning systems, energy solutions and vehicle components. LG is an nine-time ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year.

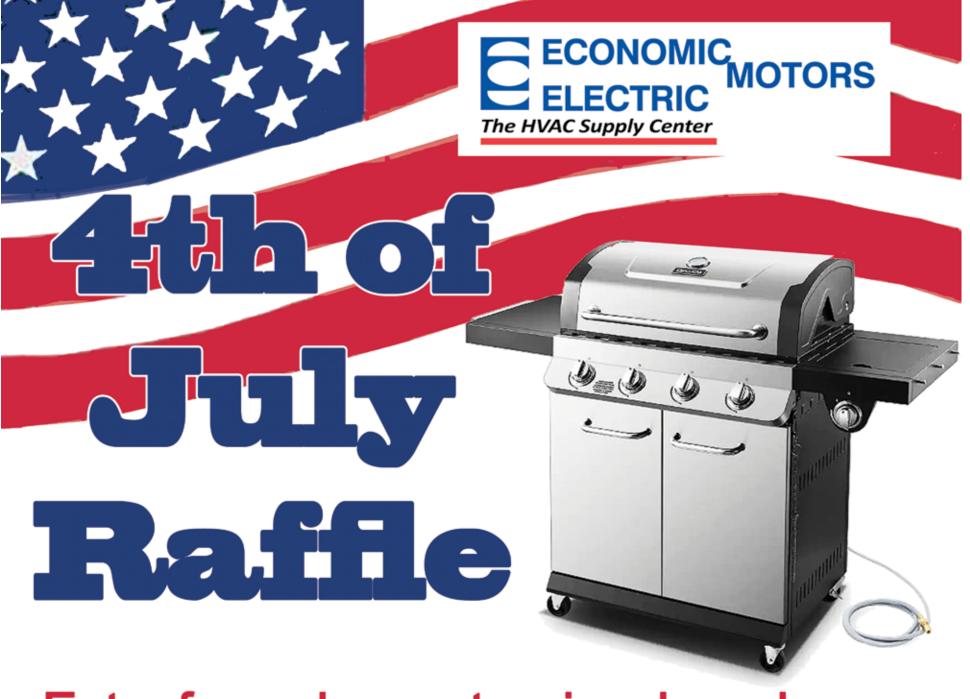
To pursue this accreditation, they completed a detailed, comprehensive self-study, that demonstrated compliance with each of the required standards. The self-study was then sent to HVAC Excellence, where an accreditation review board thoroughly assessed the submission.

The accreditation review board, having approved the self-study, sent a team to conduct an intense, onsite review of the program. The onsite team was tasked with validating compliance with all the established standards and the accuracy of the self-study. The onsite team consists of two members, one who has served as an HVACR instructor, the other as a school administrator. They are seasoned professionals, that possess the knowledge, training, and experience to successfully evaluate every aspect of an HVACR program.

Upon a thorough review of all the documentation presented by the administration, faculty, and the onsite accreditation team, the HVAC Excellence accreditation review board unanimously decided to grant accreditation of the program.



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2022 ASHRAE Miami Golf Tournament at the Miami Beach Golf Club May 5th, 2022

The 2022 ASHRAE Miami Golf Tournament. was held on May 5th at the Miami Beach Golf Club. Registration started at noon, and a shotgun start at 1 PM. Goodie Bags were presented to each golfer. Proceeds went to ASHRAE Research.

Miami ASHRAE Chapter members enjoyed an afternoon of fun and festivities with industry



Registration was fast, and everyone received a nice goodie bag!

peers. On the course, beverage carts were available ASHRAE Annual Conference, June 25-29, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto. The five-day con-

Following the tournament was the awards dinner, presenting awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Many great raffle prizes too!

Registration is now open for the 2022



Catching some lunch with friends at the Miami Beach Golf Club before the tournament

ASHRAE Annual Conference, June 25-29, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto. The five-day conference includes sessions addressing current trends and technologies in the HVAC&R industry, as well as tours, social events and a keynote message from Fredi Lajvardi, nationally recognized STEM educator and subject of IMAX film, Dream Big.



ASHRAE golfers heading to their first hole after the shotgun start at 1pm



Kyle Goring, Michael Hoo, Genir Ruiz, and Frank Jara of Viega foursome



Dan Rogers, Will Goodspeed, and Kristopher Chung of Flow Control Tech threesome



Joe Lopez Jr, David Lopez, and John Flaherty of ACE threesome



Luis Chinea, Jaime Bernat, and Ivan Velez of Saez Distributors threesome



Gustavo Calderon, Stefanie Holmes, Steve Bender, Jacob Arana, and Pablo Artega of Envelop Group



Tedd Jagusztyn, David Deshields, and Steven Garcia of Daikin threesome



Luis Jimenez, Doug Daniels, Andrew Magin, and Tony Roque of Thermal Concepts foursome



Keith Miller, Jaxon Mills, Jeff Hawk, and Mike Granobles of Cors-Air foursome



Hector Arena, JC Diaz, Armando Cosio, and Roger Coll of JCI foursome





Jorge Alvarez, Danny Diaz, David Fernandez, and Lorenzo Fernandez of Evapco foursome



Antonio Bravo, Carlos Montoya, and Danny Denaro of Cors-Air threesome

Justice Johnson, Adrian Sanchez, and Alejandro Rivas of Tom Barrow threesome



Anselmo Gil, Gus Gomez, Frank Clark, and Javier Flores of Cooling Power foursome



Wagner Braga, Charlie Seybold, Cary Glines, and Raphael Lorenzo of Trane foursome



Alejandro Gutierrez and Alejandro Molinar of HES

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Neil Caporale, Marty Capagreco, and Eric Armour of Roth threesome



Brady Spann, Max Marrero, and Rafael Vicens of Addison threesome



Kenneth Hernandez, Christopher Guerra, Andrew Miller, and Corey Balko of B&I foursome



Kyler Asia, Scott Watson, Juan Gonzalez, and Steve Charney of JASCKO foursome



Longest Drive Winner was Christopher Guerra of B&I



Closest to the Pin winner was Kristopher Chung of Flow Control Tech



3rd Place Winners: Luis Jimenez, Doug Daniels, Andrew Magin, and Tony Roque of Thermal Concepts



2nd Place Winners: Luis Jimenez, Doug Daniels, Andrew Magin, and Tony Roque of Thermal Concepts



1st Place Winners: Brady Spann, Max Marrero, and Rafael Vicens of Addison

Rheem® Receives Awards for IoT and Good Design

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XX, 2022 - Rheem®, a

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turer of water heating and

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the IoT Breakthrough Awards and the Good Design Awards.

Rheem received "Overall Company of the Year" designation from the IoT Breakthrough Awards, which provides market intelligence and recognition programs in technology such as Artificial Intelligence, CyberSecurity, Digital Health and FinTech, as well as IoT.

"The IoT awards programs spotlight the 'breakthrough' leaders in the world's most competitive categories of technology," said Christopher Freeman, Senior Manager of Smart Products at Rheem. "This is an area that receives a high volume of nominations, which makes the honor particularly significant and rewarding for our team at Rheem."

won in the Building Materials category while Rheem RenaissanceTM 3-6 Ton Commercial HVAC units received recognition in the Industrial category. The Rheem Classic Plus Series System units offer solutions for homeowner challenges such as small spaces, excess noise, and outdated energy use, ensuring access to high-quality air. Rheem Renaissance 3-6 Ton Commercial HVAC units offer heating and cooling solutions that suit customer's business needs, design and application requirements.

"We are honored that the Good Design Awards included Rheem in its selection of best products," said Chris Day, Vice President Product Strategy and Engineering, Rheem Air Division. "It is important recognition for our team members who work diligently to innovate and ensure that our products are leaders in the world marketplace."

Additionally, Rheem's Water Heating Division's ProTerra® Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heater earned a Good Design Award in the Building Materials category. ProTerra combines unparalleled efficiency, first-of-its-kind innovations for the category, and

Emerson Accelerates Sustainability Leadership with Third **Consecutive 2022 ENERGY STAR Partner** of the Year Award

ST. LOUIS (May 5, 2022) - Emerson announced its SensiTM smart thermostats have received the 2022 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award. As three-time winner of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy's highest honor, Sensi also receives the Sustained Excellence Award – the only smart thermostat to ever receive this award.

"We know it's going to take all of us working together to tackle the climate crisis, and the 2022 ENERGY STAR award-winning partners are demonstrating what it takes to build a more sustainable future," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.

ENERGY STAR's Sustained Excellence Award is the highest honor among the categories. Emerson's Sensi thermostat became the first smart thermostat to be named ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year in 2020

Design Awards. Rheem Classic Plus[®] Series System cally pleasing design.

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Milwaukee Tool Starts Construction of New Facility in Grenada, MA

GRENADA, MS – Milwaukee Tool is excited to announce construction on their newest facility in Mississippi. Located in Grenada County, Mississippi, Milwaukee's latest expansion will accommodate the company's growing power tool accessories and power tool business, and will also serve as a centralized repair facility. The new location will create more than 800 new jobs, and is planned to open in mid-2023.

"We're thrilled to, once again, expand our footprint in the state of Mississippi, where we've been able to recruit some of the best talent in the country," said Steve Richman, Milwaukee Tool Group President. "Our success is the result of our talented people and the culture we've created; it is unparalleled in the industry. We are committed to investing in new talent, and the right opportunities to continue meeting the needs of our distributor and user partners with the speed and agility that defines who we are as a company."

Milwaukee® is investing more than \$60 million into advanced technology and manufacturing equipment at their new 563,000-square-foot Grenada location. The facility will house critical accessory manufacturing capabilities, and will join the company's other service hub in Greenwood, IN.

"Emerson is honored to be recognized as a leader in developing technologies that advance energy efficiency," said Jamie Froedge, executive president of Emerson's Commercial & Residential Solutions business. "With more consumers motivated to take action on environmental sustainability, we're happy to deliver a solution like Sensi that enables home comfort while lowering costs for consumers and saving energy resources for the planet."

ENERGY STAR Certified Sensi smart thermostats can save users about 23% of HVAC energy consumption by adjusting the temperature using flexible scheduling, remote access and geofencing. Sensi thermostats empower consumers to control their home temperature from anywhere in the world through their phone. In addition, Sensi delivers monthly usage reports that provide month-overmonth comparisons of heating and cooling run times and average humidity levels unique to each home. These reports give users a clear picture of HVAC usage and energy efficiency tips to help them save even more. For more info, go to Sensi.Emerson.com.

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Reliable, Versatile Headlamps Facilitate Safety, Productivity for HVAC-R Contractors



For HVAC-R contractors, a dependable, high-quality headlamp can significantly improve on-the-job safety and productivity. Given the nature of the job, many end up working in poorly lit, cramped, enclosed spaces, so

lighting solutions that allow the use of both hands can be critical.

As with any tool, however, there are choices to make as to cost and quality. Since HVAC-R contractors work in relatively harsh environments, headlamps should be durable enough to withstand rough handling and contact with water, chemicals, dyes, and refrigerants. Choosing a unit that offers advanced features such as multiple lighting settings (spot, flood, close range), are dimmable, or have UV LEDs for leak detection using fluorescent dyes, can expedite job completion and improve safety.

Fortunately, a growing number of durable, professional-grade task lighting tools provide powerful illumination with extended battery life and advanced options to HVAC-R professionals.

For example, the Vizz-IND headlamp offers a consistent 420 Lumens of illumination with a burn time of 90 hours. The headlamp can be switched between a bright LED spot beam for long throw illumination and four 5mm LEDs that deliver a flood beam. The LEDs are dimmable, allowing adjustment to suit the work environment.

Some unique headlamp options help HVAC-R technicians safely, efficiently handle various jobs in the field.

The Remix Ultraviolet (UV) headlamp, for instance, is designed to assist with tasks such as leak detection. The headlamp combines a 300-lumen spot beam with three high-intensity UV LEDs that cause fluorescent dyes to "glow" for leak detection in low light settings.

Another product, the Snap Solo features a detachable magnetic head unit that can be worn as a traditional headlamp, used as a handheld flashlight, or attached to any magnetic surface to illuminate even very confined work areas. The unit provides 300 lumens and a 155-hour runtime.

Although purchasing low-cost headlamps and handheld lights is always an option, contractors and technicians that select professional-grade models with features suited to the task will discover that the improved reliability and performance will increase their safety and productivity for many years to come. For more info, call 1-800-257-9080; email questions@princetontec.com; or visit our website princetontec.com



ASHRAE Supported Follow Up Report on IAQ In Schools Released

ATLANTA (May 5, 2022) – ASHRAE provided technical support for a newly released report from the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), detailing how school districts around the country have continued to manage air quality within their schools during the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Managing Air Quality in the Pandemic: How K-12 Schools Addressed Air Quality in the Second Year of COVID-19" builds on an April 2021 report, "Preparation in the Pandemic: How Schools Implemented Air Quality Measures to Protect Occupants from COVID-19," which was the first and only known national survey of on-the-ground implementation of indoor air quality (IAQ) improvements at schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The new report highlights the urgent need to better support school districts with implementation of airborne infection control strategies to support mitigation of the immediate CO-VID-19 threat, as well as future pandemics, seasonal epidemics and to improve overall indoor air quality.

"Studies have shown a direct link between indoor air quality in schools and student performance and attendance," said 2021-22 ASHRAE President Mick Schwedler, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE, LEED AP. "This study further underscores the importance of not only providing technical guidance for improving indoor air quality, but the need for practical implementation strategies. We trust that the findings in this report will lead to more knowledge sharing, expanded partnerships and greater investments to improve indoor air quality and decarbonize our schools."

The report cites strategies and challenges from school districts serving over 2.6 million students in more than 4,000 schools. Findings shows that schools prioritized increasing outdoor air intake by whatever means were available to them and reflects on how the pandemic and schools' responses to it have evolved. Importantly for national advocates, the survey responses indicate that school districts in different locales (urban versus non-urban) are seeking guidance from different types of sources.

"Maintaining good indoor air quality is vital to support the health and wellness of students and faculty," said Anisa Heming, director for the Center for Green Schools. "School districts recognize that proper ventilation is critical to curbing the spread of airborne diseases like COVID-19. However, more than two years into the pandemic, they still need support to find the right strategies and resources to make the necessary changes."

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab conducted research for the report compiled from a national survey of public school districts during October-December 2021 to assess the implementation of a range of ventilation, filtration, disinfection and air quality monitoring strategies and was followed by focus group discussions with participants.

Lennox Industries Opens Nominations Period for Annual Feel The Love Program to Make Clean Indoor Air Accessible for All

RICHARDSON, Texas, May 2, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Nominations are now open for Lennox Industries' annual Feel The Love program. The program, now in its 13th year, recognizes deserving community heroes in the U.S. and Canada by awarding heating or cooling equipment and installation free of charge. Through Feel The Love, Lennox continues to advocate for the importance of indoor air quality and the accessibility of clean, comfortable air for all.

As most homeowners continue to spend more time inside their home, Lennox encourages family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and local organizations to nominate deserving community heroes who are in need of a new HVAC unit to feel safer and to breathe perfect air in their own space. Selected recipients will receive brand new heating or cooling equipment during this year's Feel The Love Installation Week, taking place October 8-15, 2022.

"For the past few years, we've proudly participated in the Feel The Love program and partnered with Lennox to donate much-needed heating and cooling equipment to our local community," said Jason Bradford, owner of Nacogdoches Sheet Metal, Plumbing & A/C in Nacogdoches, Texas. "As a Marine Corps veteran, the program and its mission are especially important to me. Lennox' Feel The Love program has allowed us to bring clean, comfortable air to fellow veterans or community heroes facing disabilities, financial challenges or job loss, which is incredibly rewarding."

The Feel The Love program is made possible through continued partnership and collaboration with the Lennox dealer network across North America. Since the inaugural Feel The Love program in 2009, Lennox and its dealers have completed over 1,500 free installations, with 130 installations occurring in 2021.

"The spirit of Feel The Love is needed now more than ever as many in our communities continue to feel the health and financial impact of the ongoing pandemic," said Quan Nguyen, VP & General Manager at Lennox Industries. "We, along with our dealers, are committed to providing consistently clean, perfect air to our local heroes who continuously put the well-being of others before their own."

With homeowners' increased focus on and prioritization of good indoor air quality, Lennox remains committed to ensuring healthy, clean air in every room. For more information about how Lennox is bringing perfect air to deserving households and to nominate a member of your community, visit Feel-TheLove.com.

Rheem® Earns Second Consecutive Energy Star® Award



ATLANTA, May 5, 2022 – Rheem® a global manufacturer of water heating and HVACR products has received the 2022 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Each year the ENERGY STAR program honors a group of businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy achievements.

"Rheem is innovating with intent

and engineering solutions with lifetime-sustainability in mind," said Chee Wee Gan, Rheem's Senior Vice President, Strategy and Sustainability. "We are committed to preserving our planet's resources through energy efficiency."

Rheem made a significant commitment to Sustainability with its Greater Degree of Good initiative which highlights "Intelligent Products," "Responsible Processes" and "Inspired People" to advance select Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"We focus on material selection, smart features and responsible recycling while introducing intelligent air and water products to homes and businesses around the globe," said Chris Day, Rheem's Vice President of Product Strategy and Engineering, Global Air.

"We know that heating, cooling and water heating account for the majority of a home's energy usage and we see the opportunity for Rheem to make a real impact on creating a sustainable future," said Stacey Gearhart, Vice President of Product Management and Channel Marketing, Global Water. "Our teams across the air and water businesses are working together every day to meet customer needs while lowering environmental impact."

"We know it's going to take all of us working together to tackle the climate crisis, and the 2022 ENERGY STAR award-winning partners are demonstrating what it takes to build a more sustainable future," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "These companies are showing once again that taking action in support of a clean energy economy can be good not only for the environment, but also for business and customers."

ENERGY STAR award winners lead their industries in the production, sale, and adoption of energy-efficient products, homes, buildings, services, and strategies. These efforts are essential to fighting the climate crisis and protecting public health.Winners are selected from a network of thousands of ENERGY STAR partners.

Bryant Installs Comfort Solutions in Chip Ganassi Racing Garages

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 2022 — Today, Bryant announced the installation of Bryant ductless systems in all Chip Ganassi Racing garages in support of cool, comfortable workstations. Bryant is once again sponsoring Tony Kanaan, driver of the No. 1 The American Legion Honda. This will be his 21st Indianapolis 500 appearance.

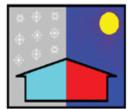
Bryant has a rich tradition in auto racing and is the longest-standing non-automotive sponsor at the Indianapolis 500. Legends such as Eddie Sachs, Rodger Ward, Cale Yarborough, Scott Brayton, Chip Ganassi, Stan Fox and Janet Guth-

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rie have all run under the Bryant racing banner. Tony Kanaan earned Bryant its first-ever victory at the 2013 Indianapolis 500.

"Bryant has been a part of the Indianapolis 500 for a long time, and we couldn't be more pleased to be providing indoor air quality and cooling solutions to Chip Ganassi Racing, their teams and drivers, in support of optimal working and racing conditions," said Justin Keppy, President, NA Residential & Light Commercial HVAC. "Tony Kanaan embodies Bryant's Whatever It Takes® philosophy, and we are honored to return as a sponsor for Chip Ganassi Racing at the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500."

"Thanks to the Bryant units here at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, our garages are cool and comfortable," said Tony Kanaan, driver of the No. 1 The American Legion Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing. "From the drivers to the crew, we've been very happy with Bryant's support of the team and protection from the summer heat. Now, let's go and win the Indianapolis 500."

For Bryant, the Indianapolis 500 also serves as an opportunity to celebrate its Bryant Factory Authorized Dealers who have gone above and beyond in pursuit of product sales growth, equipment sales, customer satisfaction, outstanding service and participation in various dealer programs and promotions. Of those, Medal of Excellence, Circle of Champions and Pinnacle winners will be recognized from across North America. Two will be awarded the Charles Bryant award and only one will be recognized with the coveted Bryant Dealer of the Year award.

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