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## The EPA's Updated Refrigerant Management Requirements

As you may already be aware, the new Section 608 requires distributors and wholesalers to obtain documentation from shops / technicians starting January 1, 2018.

What does this mean for you? In order to purchase R134a 30lb cylinders after January 1st, 2018 each shop will need to have at least one technician that has an EPA 609 certification. Any reseller of R134a, will be required to have an image or copy of the certification on file as well as the name and certification number for the person who is purchasing the refrigerant or the person in the shop who is 609 certified.

EPA rules can be found at: [www.epa.gov/section608/refrigerant-sales-restriction](http://www.epa.gov/section608/refrigerant-sales-restriction)

A list of EPA approved certifying companies can be found at:

<https://www.epa.gov/mvac/section-609-technician-training-and-certification-programs>.

It may be easiest to work with MACS (Mobile Air Conditioning Society), ESCO Institute or Mainstream Engineering due to them having online testing capabilities, with open book format. This lifetime certification test generally costs around \$20, depending on the certifying company. It consists of 25 questions, of which 21 must be answered correctly for you to receive certification.

The fines for shops purchasing R134a without the certification are severe – up to \$27,500 per day and we don't want to see that happen to you!

**If you have already received certifications, please send a copy to us at:**

**P.O. Box 898, Auburn, WA 98071 – or - fax to 253-804-3223 You may give them to your sales person or email [AR@seattleautomotive.com](mailto:AR@seattleautomotive.com)**

**We will be gathering these certificates as we sell R134a refrigerant as well.**

*All of us at Seattle Automotive Distributing greatly appreciate your business!*

*Have a Happy and prosperous 2018!*

