ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNIT
MODEL A/E32C-45A
P/N 1559AS400-1

Plan of Action for Fleet Implementation
NEW REQUIREMENTS

• By law, use of R22 will be discontinued
• R22 will still be around for the next 3 years (until 2010) for new equipment and then available for an additional 5 years (until 2015) for rework and or repair of existing equipment
• New MODEL A/E32C-45A ECUs with R134A refrigerant will be delivered to MFP this year, but will not be fleet-fielded until depletion of existing supply stocks
NEW NEEDS (R134A)

• R134A ECUs use P.O.E. oil vice the mineral oil that R22 ECUs use; therefore to avoid contamination of refrigerants the following items are needed:
  - Separate manifold gauges and hoses
  - Separate evacuation/refrigerant recovery machines
  - Separate reclaiming bottles
NEW NEEDS (R134A)

- These items must be conspicuously marked with bright yellow stickers (P/N 1559AS496) warning of R134A Refrigerant Use
THIS UNIT CONTAINS R-134A REFRIGERANT
NOT CHANGED

• Refrigerant charging valves were not changed on the new ECUs
  – No need to buy specialized equipment
• The current vacuum pumps used are acceptable for use on either system
QUICK DISCONNECTS

- For ease of repair or rework, the new MODEL A/E32C-45A ECUs have been outfitted with quick-disconnect tube fittings on all major components
QUICK DISCONNECTS

• This upgrade presents a new fleet maintenance logistic need
  – A torque tool set will be needed to properly reconnect quick disconnect fittings
  – A Quick-disconnect Torque Tool Set consists of the following:
NEW NEEDS
(QD TORQUE TOOLS)

• 1/2" Sq Dr, 10-150 Ft-Lbs/10-200 NM Torque Wrench (McMaster P/N 5274A13)
• 3/8” Sq Dr, 30-150 In-Lbs Torque Wrench (McMaster P/N 85555A213)
NEW NEEDS
(QD TORQUE TOOLS)

• 1/2” Sq Dr, 1-3/8 “ Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5831A22)
• 1/2” Sq Dr, 1-1/4” Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5831A15)
NEW NEEDS
(QD TORQUE TOOLS)

• 1/2” Sq Dr, 1-1/8” Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5831A14)
• 1/2” Sq Dr, 15/16” Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5831A11)
NEW NEEDS
(QD TORQUE TOOLS)

• 3/8” Sq Dr, 3/4” Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5844A17)
• 3/8” Sq Dr, 5/8” Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5844A15)
NEW NEEDS
(QD TORQUE TOOLS)

• 3/8” Sq Dr, 7/16” Crowfoot Wrench (McMaster P/N 5844A12)

• 1/2” Sq Dr Female to 3/8” Sq Dr Male socket extension adapter (McMaster P/N 55435A64)
NEW NEEDS (QD TORQUE TOOLS)

- 3/8" Sq Dr Female to 1/2 " Sq Dr Male socket extension adapter (McMaster P/N 5522A33)
- 3/8" Sq Dr Breaker Bar
NEW NEEDS
(QD TORQUE TOOLS)

• In addition to the specified tools given common hand tools will be needed in conjunction with the QD Torque Tools:
  – Appropriate sized Crescent Wrenches
CONVERTING AN R22 UNIT TO AN R134A UNIT

- The following actions would have to be done to convert an existing R22 ECU to an R134 model
  - Recover and dispose R22 refrigerant
  - Change Compressor from a 3 ton to a 6 ton - zr type compressor
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- Change all piping and valves, and add Quick-disconnect fittings
- Change condenser fan to higher speed model
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CONSIDERATIONS

- Cost of new parts will exceed 50% of acquisition price (Old ECU $1600; New ECU approx $3000—could go down if more than the original 1000 are bought)
- Labor to replace these parts would be excessive
- Life expectancy of old ECUs was estimated at 10 years, many are already near and over that age
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CONCLUSION

• Conversion of an existing R22 ECU to an R134A model is not economically feasible