

MHIAA Partners with Superior Training Centre to Deliver Australian First Industry Training

On June 7 2019, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Air-Conditioners Australia, Pty.Ltd. (MHIAA) were proud to partner with Superior Training Centre to deliver the first formal training on the handling of A2/A2L flammable refrigerants in Australia. The full day course took place at Innovation Park - MHIAA's brand new showroom and training facility located at their new Sydney Head Office.

Although R32 refrigerants have been available Australia wide for several years, Superior Training Centre representative and Quality Assurance Manager Ben Peters notes, that to date there has been no formal training in this refrigerant and there was a necessity to address this critical skill gap in the industry.

"At Superior Training Centre we recognised that there was a skills shortage and training shortage on the ways to properly handle R32 refrigerants. With R32 being rolled out industry wide, more and more technicians will be working with this refrigerant and it is important that anyone working with these products know the safety and legal ramifications of this refrigerant"- Ben Peters Superior Training Centre.

The one-day training course, which combined both practical and theoretical elements looked at the ways to correctly recover R32 and how to recognise the different ratings and cylinder labels for each class of refrigerant. Along with this, participants also learnt the emergency procedures to use with R32 to ensure the safety of all technicians in their respective workplaces.

General Manager -Sales and Planning for MHIAA Adrian Brown recognised that it was time for manufacturers in Australia to become involved in the training of our technicians in R32.

"As a manufacturer of R32 products and with the understanding that our company will continue to roll out products with this refrigerant, we recognised that it was now time for us to be at the forefront of this refrigerant and ensure that our technicians and those installing MHI products, all understand this refrigerant and employ safe work practices" -Adrian Brown, MHIAA

He notes that MHIAA was proud to partner with Superior Training Centre to launch this training in Australia.

"With our new showroom, Innovation Park, as a company we are continually on the lookout for ways that we can support our customers and the technicians working with our products daily. We were extremely proud and honoured to partner with Superior Training Centre on this training as it is vitally important for not only the technicians here today but also the industry as a whole" -Adrian Brown.

The training course was developed by Superior Training Centre, who liaised with the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) and key manufacturers including Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Air-Conditioners Australia to ensure the content was correct.

"The training course was developed to bridge the gap between technicians and R32 refrigerants and we look forward to working with key manufacturers and industry bodies including the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association(RACCA) to roll this out on a national level"
-Ben Peters Superior Training Centre

Supporting this, Adrian Brown notes that there was a great turnout to the event at the MHIAA Sydney Head Office and that the company looks forward to working with Superior Training Centre again as this training course goes national.

'We had an exceptional turnout at our event in Sydney and given this was the first time it was run in Australia we can clearly see that technicians are keen to learn and employ safe practices with R32 refrigerants. It was an absolute pleasure to work with Superior Training Centre on this program launch and we look forward to working with them again to bring this course to a national level!" Adrian Brown, MHIAA.

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