

# Mixing of Alternative Gases

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- Review of DILO's Green Gas Handling Roadmap
- Alternative Gas Theory review
- Storage (C4, C5)
- Mixing on-site
- Preparation and Creating a Mixture
- Measuring a mixture
- Alternative Gas Cylinder information
- Gas Mixture - End of Life
- Closing Remarks



# Learning Outcomes

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- Review the characteristics of Novec mediums
- Identify the ratios for mixtures of alternative gases
- Understanding the importance of liquid vs. vapor storage of C4/C5 mixtures
- Prevention methods of cross contamination

# DILO's Green Gas Handling Roadmap

## SF<sub>6</sub> FREE GAS HANDLING



### Environmentally Friendly Solutions

Several switchgear manufacturers now offer the first eco-efficient Gas Insulated Equipment designed for use with alternative gases. Alternative gases have a significantly reduced Global Warming Potential compared to SF<sub>6</sub> gas. DILO has invested years of research and development into the first complete product line engineered for the handling of alternative gases.



Product Line C4 | 3M™ Novac™ 4710 (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>

Product Line C5 | 3M™ Novac™ 5110 (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Devices in C4 and C5 product line allow for:



Filling of gas compartments in the medium and high voltage range



Emission free recovery of gas compartments



Leak detection and monitoring of gas quality

### Manufacturer-independent Development

As a specialist and world leader for gas handling solutions, DILO also works with manufacturers, public, and private organizations that require support for alternative gas handling applications. DILO can engineer and supply custom products for special applications, including development, production, installation, and commissioning.

## DILO'S ROADMAP TO GREEN GAS HANDLING

Market launch of DILO metal-to-metal sealing high pressure tube unions 1951

1967 to Present SF<sub>6</sub> Gas handling solutions improving technology to reduce emissions to 0.05lbs or less per pound of SF<sub>6</sub> gas handled

Introduction of SF<sub>6</sub> Gas Reconditioning Services to North America, contributing to emission reductions by eliminating need for virgin gas 2009 to Present

2016 Development of SF<sub>6</sub> gas alternative handling equipment

Introduction of C4 and C5 gas handling, analysis, and leak detection equipment 2018

2019 Development of C4 and C5 gas mixing equipment

Introduction of gas mixing services in North America 2022

2024 Alternative gas handling services via DILO Direct

Custom Products for Special Applications

# Mixture Procurement: Past & Present

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- End-users previously only allowed to purchase from 3M
  - A distribution agreement has been struck between EPA and DILO for the US Market in 2022
- Cylinders of Novec used to have to be sent to the DILO factory in Germany to be mixed and sent back to customer in either gaseous or liquid storage containers
- DILO Florida will have all of the equipment to perform mixing in the US by Q1 2023
  - C4/C5 gas mixing plant & associated handling/testing equipment
  - Novec-specific vessels
  - Supporting carrier gases
  - Factory-trained technicians
- Stock of filled cylinders based on OEM mixtures will be available



# DILO's History With Insulating Gases

DILO has over 70 years of experience, providing high-pressure fitting solutions for industrial and specialty gases and liquid applications. And, over 50 years of knowledge, experience and expertise in engineering, production and service of gas handling, field analysis, leak detection and gas management solutions for gas insulated equipment.



DILO is represented by over 80 agents globally. Including, 30 service locations worldwide and 3 main Service Centers of Excellence located in, Babenhausen Germany, three service centers and one production facility in the United States of America (Odessa FL, Casa Grande AZ & Portland OR) and a location in Singapore.



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# DILO's Gas Supply Commitment

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- New alternatives are certainly offering excellent benefits and the future will continue to allow the evolution of the alternatives.
- We as an industry will continue make progress with equipment, resources, knowledge and training for alternatives
- As the alternatives improve and decisions to which alternatives will be used, considering and supporting reduction of global emissions can be realized at the local level by utilizing recycled and/or reconditioned SF<sub>6</sub> gas
- SF<sub>6</sub> gas continues to be a proven medium for GIE insulation and arc quenching at all voltage and current levels
- SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling techniques, processes and training has provided a great level of reduction in emissions during the gas handling process

# DILO SF<sub>6</sub> Certified Gas Process



Introduce into SF<sub>6</sub> supply stream

## Intake & Analysis of Used SF<sub>6</sub>

- Low Purity
- High H<sub>2</sub>O\*
- Presence of SO<sub>2</sub>\*



Account for weight of SF<sub>6</sub> analyzed  
and to be reconditioned



\* CIGRE ; IEEE; ANSI; IEC; ASTM

Account for weight of SF<sub>6</sub> analyzed  
and reconditioned



Fill into clean (non-contaminated) SF<sub>6</sub> storage  
containers

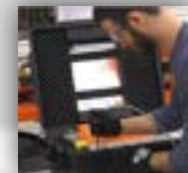


Confirm analysis of reconditioned SF<sub>6</sub> meets/exceeds  
standards for re-use\*




Perform SF<sub>6</sub> reconditioning

Analysis of Reconditioned SF<sub>6</sub>



Report#	5-2975	Revised	0		Date	1/09/2020	Printed	1
AssetTag Number	Cylinder Serial Number	Cylinder Certification Date	Purity (wt %)	Moisture	Decomp (SO <sub>2</sub> /SF <sub>6</sub> )	Tare Weight	Gross Weight	SF <sub>6</sub> Weight
500870007	82014*	10/2014	100.0%	<= 100 PPMv	PPMv	1,204.0 (1.85)	2,004.0 (1.85)	1,100.0 (1.85)
6169.33	82014*	10/2014	100.0%	<= 100 PPMv	PPMv	1,208.0 (1.85)	2,008.0 (1.85)	1,100.0 (1.85)
4990.26	82011*	10/2014	100.0%	<= 100 PPMv	PPMv	1,400.0 (1.85)	2,200.0 (1.85)	1,100.0 (1.85)
4057.0	82014*	10/2014	100.0%	<= 100 PPMv	PPMv	1,400.0 (1.85)	2,200.0 (1.85)	1,100.0 (1.85)
4057.17	82014*	10/2014	100.0%	<= 100 PPMv	PPMv	1,407.0 (1.85)	2,207.0 (1.85)	1,100.0 (1.85)





BEHIND THE SCENES  
IN TORONTO

# Alternative Gas Review

		Sulfur-hexafluoride	Clean-Air	Carbon Dioxide and Oxygen	C4-Fluoronitrile	C5-Fluoroketone
Base Gas	Chemical Formula	SF <sub>6</sub>	80% N <sub>2</sub> + 20% O <sub>2</sub>	70% CO <sub>2</sub> + 30% O <sub>2</sub>	(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CFCN	(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CFC(O)CF <sub>3</sub>
	CO <sub>2</sub> e(GWP)	23,500	0	<1	2,210	1
	Boiling Point	-64°C	<-183°C	-50C	-5°C	+27°C
	Dielectric Strength	1.00	0.43	0.77	2.20	1.70
Gas Mixture	Background (gases)	Pure or with N <sub>2</sub> or CF <sub>4</sub>	80% N <sub>2</sub> + 20% O <sub>2</sub>	70% CO <sub>2</sub> + 30% O <sub>2</sub>	~90% CO <sub>2</sub>	~90% O <sub>2</sub> With N <sub>2</sub> or CO <sub>2</sub>
	CO <sub>2</sub> e(GWP)	23,500	0	<1	~380	<1
	Lowest Operating Temperature	-30°C *	-50°C	-50C	-30°C	0°C to +5°C -20°C possible
Internal Arc Reaction	Decomposition Products	HF, S <sub>x</sub> F <sub>y</sub> , SOF <sub>x</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>x</sub> , CF <sub>4</sub>	If applicable: O <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub>	CO, HF, O <sub>3</sub>	CO, HF, C <sub>n</sub> F <sub>2n+2</sub> , other Fluorinated Compounds	CO, HF, COF <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>x</sub> F <sub>y</sub> , other Fluorinated Compounds
	Toxicity of Decomposition Products	Slightly toxic (Hodge-Sterner)	Typically None	Relatively harmless (Hodge-Sterner)	Practically non-toxic (Hodge-Sterner)	

# Alternative Gas Review

Properties of the gas mixtures				
Common trade names		g <sup>3</sup> (GE)	AirPlus (ABB)	CleanAir (Siemens)
Gas mixtures in use	Pure SF <sub>6</sub>	C4: < 6.3 % with CO <sub>2</sub>	C5: < 15 % in Synthetic Air	CA: ~ 20 % O <sub>2</sub> in N <sub>2</sub>
	SF <sub>6</sub> with N <sub>2</sub> or CF <sub>4</sub>	C4: < 6.3 % with O <sub>2</sub> /CO <sub>2</sub>	C5: < 15 % in O <sub>2</sub> /CO <sub>2</sub>	-
Minimum operating temperature	Pure SF <sub>6</sub> : < -30 °C	Depending on the exact mixture:		< -50 °C
	SF <sub>6</sub> with N <sub>2</sub> /CF <sub>4</sub> : < -50 °C	-30 °C to -5 °C		-
Global warming potential	≤ 22800	≤ 500	< 1	0



# Storage (C4, C5)

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## Gaseous storage

Advantages	Disadvantages
Certified gas	Relatively small quantities can be stored
Small gas compartments can be filled	Partial liquefaction possible when cooling down
No service cart necessary (only gas refilling device)	Mixing ratio cannot be changed on site

## Partially liquefied storage

Advantages	Disadvantages
Large storage quantity	No direct withdrawal possible without service cart
Exact predefined gas mixture	Heating by service cart is time-consuming
Independent of outside temperature	Mixing ratio cannot be changed on site



# Storage (C4, C5)

## Comparison of storage capacity

Comparison of the maximum storage capacities of liquefied and gaseous mixtures of Alternatives Gases.

Comparison of storage capacity	6 % C4 and 94 % CO <sub>2</sub>	6 % C5 and 94 % CO <sub>2</sub>	Synthetic Air (20 % O <sub>2</sub> in 80 % N <sub>2</sub> )
gaseous			
50 l cylinder, T = 20 °C	5.1 kg	1.6 kg	11.8 kg
600 l tank/cylinder bundle, T = 20 °C	61.3 kg	19.1 kg	141.6 kg
Filling pressure, T = 20 °C	46.9 bar	13.5 bar	200 bar
liquefied			
50 l cylinder, PH = 300 bar	28.3 kg	30.6 kg	Not applicable
600 l cylinder, PH = 70 bar	79.3 kg	85.6 kg	Not applicable

PH = Test pressure of the pressure tank. For synthetic air, a filling with 200 bar at 20 °C has been used as a calculation basis. Liquefaction of the mixture at this temperature cannot occur. For calculation of the liquefaction point, the ideal gas equation was used.



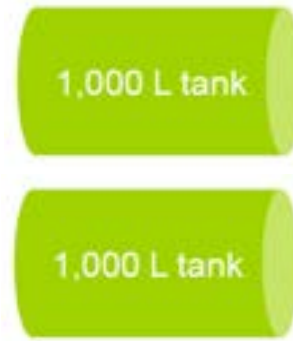
# C4/C5 Off-Site Mixing



Gaseous



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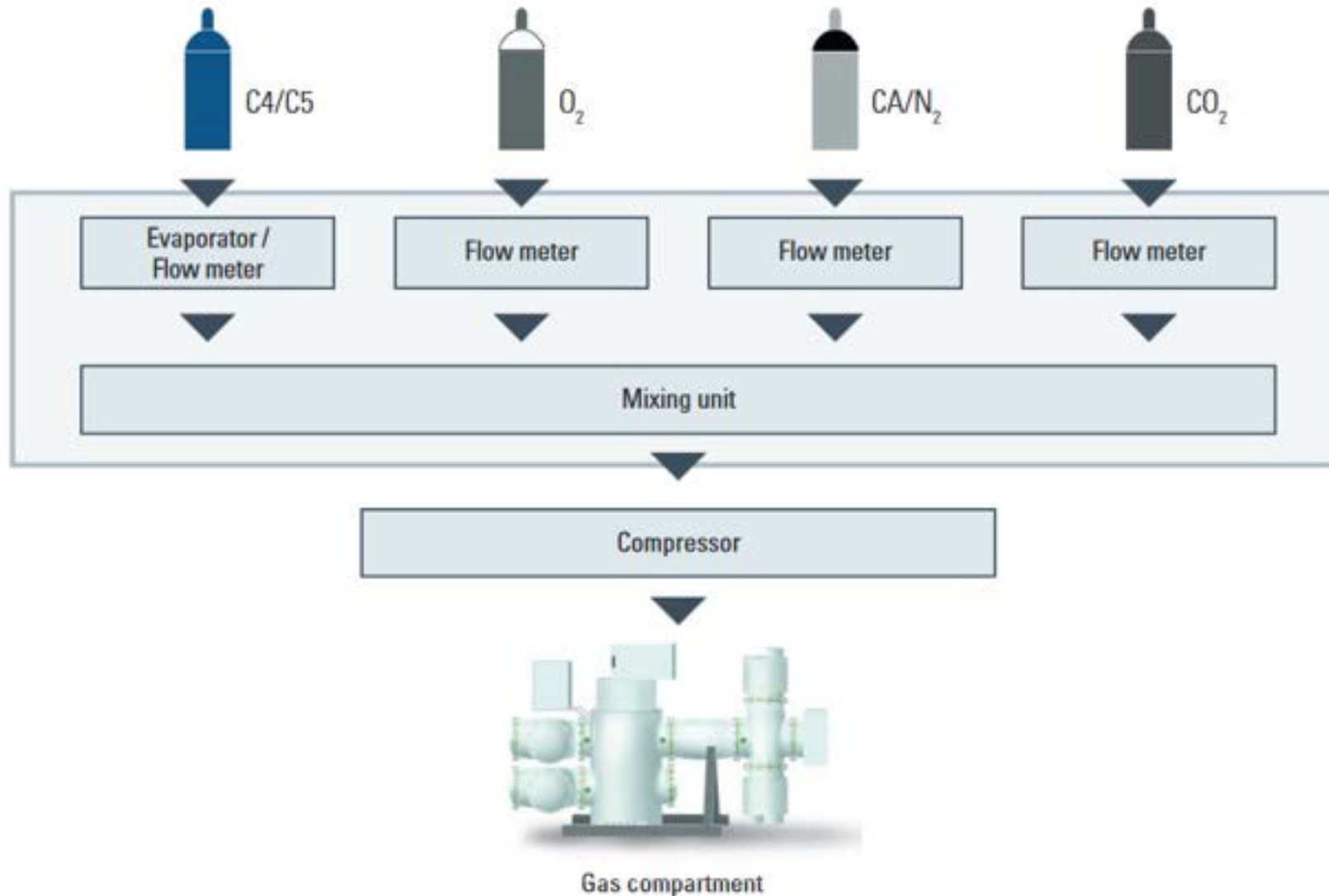


Liquid





# C4/C5 Mixing On-Site



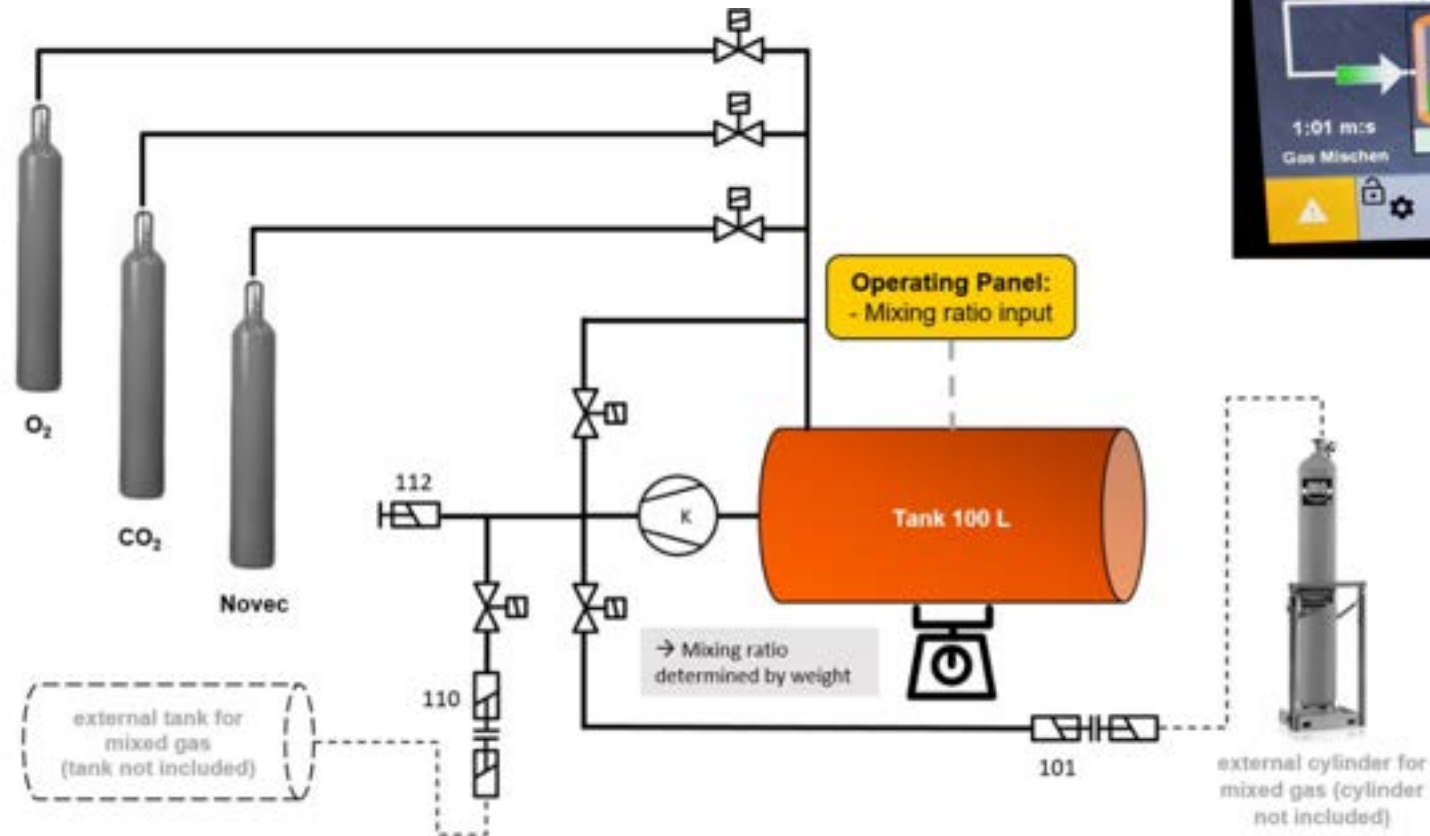
# Preparation and Creating a Mixture

- Identify cylinder threads (examples C4/C5 vs SF6)
- Nitrogen Purging of cylinders prior to filling



# Creating a Mixture

- Flow Diagram (in short form)
- Setting parameters on the mixing plant



# Measuring a Mixture

- Using a Multi-Analyzer
- Lab Analysis
- Review of Sensors & Main Contaminants

	Mol% 3M™ Novec™ 4710	Mol% 3M™ Novec™ 5110	Moisture	Mol% oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	Mol% carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Concentration carbon monoxide (CO)
Measuring principle/sensor	Non-dispersive infrared sensor (NDIR)	Non-dispersive infrared sensor (NDIR)	Electronic dew point measurement (capacitive)	Electrochemical reaction	Non-dispersive infrared sensor (NDIR)	Electrochemical reaction
Measuring range	0 – 10 mol%	0 – 15 mol%	-60 °C to +20 °C	0 – 25 mol%	0 – 100 mol%	0 – 500 ppm
Measuring accuracy	≤ ±0.1 mol% (at < 7%) ≤ ±0.2 mol% (at ≥ 7%)	≤ ±0.1 mol% (at < 7%) ≤ ±0.2 mol% (at ≥ 7%)	≤ ±2°C (at > -40°C) ≤ ±3°C (at < -40°C)	≤ ±0.2% mol%	≤ ±2 mol%	±2% of measuring range

# General Labeling

- Material # Identification →
  - Ratio of mixed gases
  - Weight of gas mixture
  - Container Size
  - Valve type Contaminants



DCGas C5\*-5,90/5,60/CO2g 600l +5C mF

DCGas = DILO Certified Gas

C5-5,90/5,60/CO2 = Mixture C5 consisting of: 5.9 % Novec 5110, 5.6 % O2 und 88.5 % CO2

g = State of aggregation of the gas: here gaseous

600 l = The container; Here 600 l tank

+5°C = Ambient temperature

mF = with pressure vessel

UN 3163 LIQUEFIED GAS, N.O.S. (oxygen, 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)propanenitrile, carbon dioxide)



Comm. no.: 30061159  
Mat. no.: 1044344  
Serial no.: 8100000290

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|---|--------|
| 1. 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-propanenitrile (3M™ Novec™ 4710) | 8.50 % |
| 2. Oxygen [O <sub>2</sub> ]   | 5.30 % |
| 3. Carbon dioxide [CO <sub>2</sub> ]  | Rest   |

Delivery weight net:	23.52 kg
Storage container:	50 l
Container-no.:	AUJ 167 UT
Filling tolerance:	± 2.00 % relative
Valve outlet:	W 21.80 x 1/14" External RH

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Before use, store gaseous mixtures in temperature-controlled rooms for a sufficiently long time to achieve complete mixing!

# QR Labeling

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- Benefits for operators
  - Reduces risk of cross contamination
  - Simplifies inventory management



# Gas Mixture End of Life or New beginning?

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- Reconditioning is possible with C4 & C5
- Separation Plant in development
- Cons to incineration:
  - Permanent loss of product
  - Increased cost of GIE ownership
  - Extended lead times due to vendor reliance



# Frequently Asked Questions

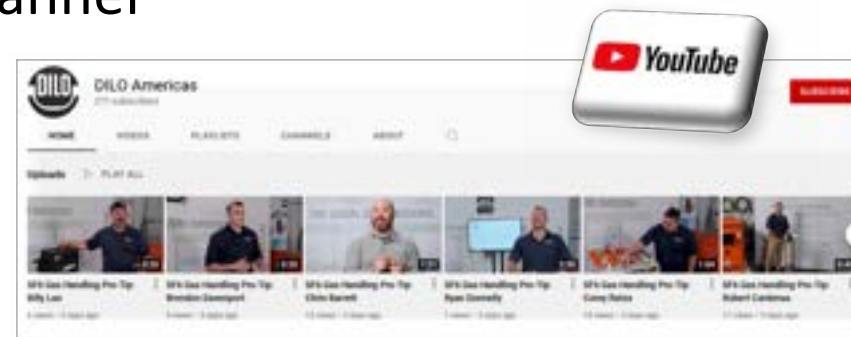
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- Do I have to purchase Novec directly for a vendor to create a mixture?
- Are alternative gases able to be reconditioned?
- Can storage be liquid *AND* gaseous?
- What are ways I can simplify my documentation processes?



# Closing Remarks & Resources

- DILO. WhitePapers
- DILO. Training & Certification
- DILO Media
  - Check out our Blog!
  - Pro-tip videos
  - DILO Americas – YouTube Channel



# Thank you!

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Questions??

