

ECO LOCK ®



BRAIN BEE exclusive system that enables saving gas, safeguard operators' safety and the environment.

THE PROBLEM: THE PUFF EFFECT

The operation of a recharge station has a strong impact on the environment, due to the formation of the so-called 'puff' effect, that is to say dispersion of refrigerant in the environment that usually occurs at the end of a normal charge of a vehicle during the detachment of recharge hoses from the vehicle circuit.

In fact, due to its mechanical shape, any traditional coupler requires the presence of a small area of interchange among components called "DEAD SPACE".

During recovery, the air in that area is sucked together with the refrigerant and contributes to the formation of **non condensable gases**.

After recharge, this area remains filled with refrigerant and upon hose detachment it is released in the air having an environmental and financial impact.

PUFF EFFECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

RS IN EUROPE 235.000.000	NUMBER OF CIRCULATING CARS IN EUROPE
RGES PERFORMED 0,15	AVERAGE NUMBER OF RECHARGES PERFORMED PER CAR
05.250.000	TOTAL NUMBER OF RECHARGE SERVICES PERFORMED IN EUROPE IN 1 YEAR
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SION DUE TO PUFF 141.000 kg	ANNUAL REFRIGERANT DISPERSION DUE TO PUFF EFFECT
RGE (puff effect) 2860	ANNUAL GWP DUE TO RECHARGE (puff effect)
201.630.000 kg	EQUIVALENT ANNUAL CO2

PUFF EFFECT: FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE GARAGE

ANNUAL COST FOR THE GARAGE DUE TO DISPERSION RESULTING FROM PUFF EFFECT	€ 180,00
COST OF REFRIGERANT R-134a (trend starting from 2013)	€ 150,00/Kg
AVERAGE NUMBER OF RECHARGES PERFORMED PER YEAR	300
AVERAGE REFRIGERANT DISPERSION DURING 1 SINGLE RECHARGE (puff effect)	4 g

Data Source: European Community

ECO LOCK ® SYSTEM - THE SOLUTION

The **ECO LOCK** ® **SYSTEM** stems from BRAIN BEE experience and represents a state-of-the-art solution to comply with the specific requirements of **VDA** manufacturers, the prestigious Association of Car Manufacturers (Germany).

In particular those requirements concerning the **reduction of gas dispersion** during the normal recharge operation.



THE **ECO LOCK** ® SYSTEM

This patented system is fitted with

an ECO LOCK ® COUPLER (available both for GAS R-134a and GAS R-1234yf)

controlled through its **ECO LOCK** ® **SOFTWARE**. This software is required for the correct operation of the system, which controls the automatic operation for couplers opening/closing, thus ensuring full functionality and safety.

Thanks to its patented technology, **ECO LOCK** ® allows fully avoiding the typical 'puff' effect.

The adoption of the ECO LOCK ® SYSTEM allows **elimination of the whole refrigerant to be recharged from the dead space of the coupler**, before hoses detachment. It hence prevents gas dispersion in the environment.



WHY CHOOSING ECO LOCK ®

- 1. TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
- 2. TO ENSURE INCREASED SAFETY DURING ANY A/C RECHARGE SERVICE
- 3. TO LIMIT WASTAGE AND THUS REMARKABLY REDUCE COSTS

ECO LOCK ®: THE FIRST AND ONLY

Following specific conformity tests carried out by TÜV RHEINLAND, the ECO LOCK ® SYSTEM has been recognized as

UNIQUE TECHNOLOGY COMPLYING WITH THE VDA MANUFACTURERS' SPECIFICATIONS.

therefore entirely fulfilling (and also going beyond) the requirements of containment of leaks caused by hoses detachment, which are in this way eliminated.

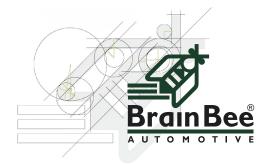


THE **INTELLIGENT** COUPLER:

Reduces the formation of non condensable gases inside the vessel

Avoids dispersion of refrigerant in the air upon hose detachment (pull effect)

Checks for any leak from the SCHRADER ® valve before detachment



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