

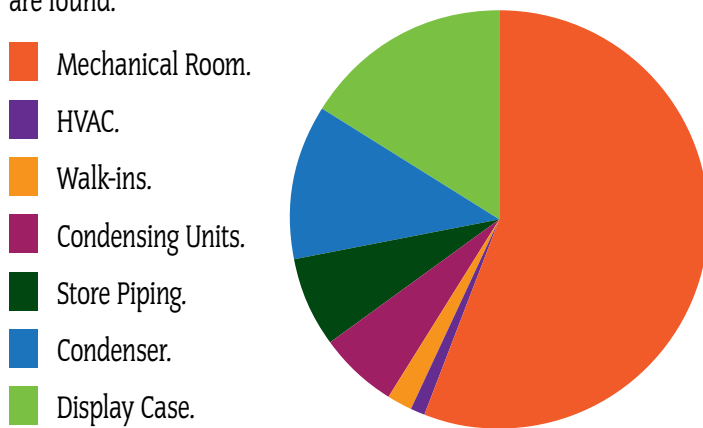
Refrigerant Leaks

Costly to Your Energy Bill, Costly to the Environment

Refrigerant is expensive to buy, and no one wants to waste it. Yet tiny leaks can hurt whole systems, forcing them to run more often, use more energy and lead to higher energy bills. Have your systems tested to find and fix leaks.

Where Leaks Happen

Below is a pie chart showing where most refrigerant leaks are found:



Information provided by the Food Marketing Institute.



What Causes Leaks?

Mechanical wear and vibration account for 86 percent of refrigerant leaks at grocery stores, according to the Food Marketing Institute. Here's what you can do to reduce leaks from both:

- Tighten loose fittings.
- Replace damaged fittings.
- Replace worn gaskets.
- Install gaskets where they are missing.
- Install caps where they are missing.

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