

Person of the Year Award



Kurt Liebendorfer
Vice President
Evapco

Kurt has been a leading force behind the development and deployment of its low-charge ammonia packaged systems since joining the company in 2014.

After introducing its Evapcold low-charge ammonia R717) packaged units in 2016, Evapco by 2022 had installed 100 of the units across 25 industrial sites, with each site using between one and 10 units, including penthouse refrigeration and chillers.

Since then, the company has installed many more ammonia packages, including its latest VersaSplit system with separate evaporators, helping to establish low-charge ammonia packaged systems as a major option in industrial refrigeration in North America.

In 2022, Evapco acquired Canadian-based transcritical CO₂ manufacturer Systèmes LMP to form subsidiary Evapco Systems LMP (Evapco LMP for short), and Kurt is now involved in the sales of CO₂ as well as ammonia systems.

In 2018, Liebendorfer was vice-chairman of the IIAR committee overseeing the launch of Ammonia Refrigeration Management – Low Charge (ARM-LC) guidelines, designed to help end users safely install, operate and maintain ammonia refrigeration systems that use a charge of 500lbs (227kg) or less.

Kurt is a frequent speaker at industry events and a reliable source of information for media outlets. He recently narrated a video touting the environmental, social and governance (ESG) benefits of packaged low-charge ammonia units.