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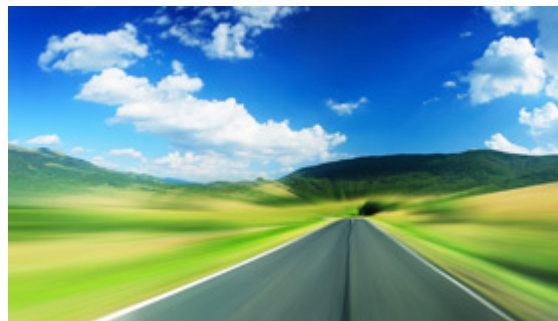
[German carmakers choose R744](#)

Industry insiders confirmed that German car manufacturers have decided to choose CO₂ (R744) for next generation mobile air conditioning systems. Grouped under the VDA, German manufacturers have also decided to stop all developments on new chemical blends.

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According to three reliable industry sources, the German Automotive Industry Association (VDA) has recently come together to choose CO₂ (R744) as the replacement to the current refrigerant, HFC 134a, in mobile air conditioning. This decision effectively puts an end in Germany to long discussions about which systems to choose to comply with the EU Directive banning high global warming refrigerants as from 2011.

Given its environmental performance and potential to significantly improve the system's efficiency, the German car industry is choosing CO₂ (744) instead of new blends proposed by chemical giants. The latter are still considered by other European manufacturers, even though they present open questions regarding their toxicity, flammability, long-term environmental effects etc..



"Should the VDA decision to go for R744 be officially confirmed, then the DUH welcomes this decision by the German car industry to take the lead in opting for the most sustainable solution available", says Jürgen Resch, Managing Director of the DUH (Deutsche Umwelthilfe).

Mr. Resch added that he also hopes "that other car manufacturer associations will follow the German lead."

Next steps

R744.com will be reporting and sending regular updates concerning this important development on car air conditioning. In the meantime, readers are encouraged to react to this news by adding comments below.