Replacing the accumulator or receiver-drier is just one step towards a proper A/C system repair, which will help establish customer trust and confidence. Here are some of the reasons why the accumulator, or receiver-drier, should be changed when you repair an A/C system:

• Debris and other contaminates in the system are filtered out and trapped inside
• Debris and contaminates can reduce oil flow to the compressor
• These components cannot be flushed, so debris and contaminates cannot be removed
• Moisture contaminates the oil, which leads to rapid or premature compressor failure
• Moisture saturates the desiccant after a few hours of exposure to the atmosphere
• Length of exposure to moisture cannot be determined on a system with a leak
• The average size desiccant bag holds a maximum of a tablespoon of moisture
• Excessive moisture may cause abnormal gauge readings, making diagnosis difficult
• The average life span of the desiccant is about four years
• Most manufacturers require replacement to maintain compressor warranty