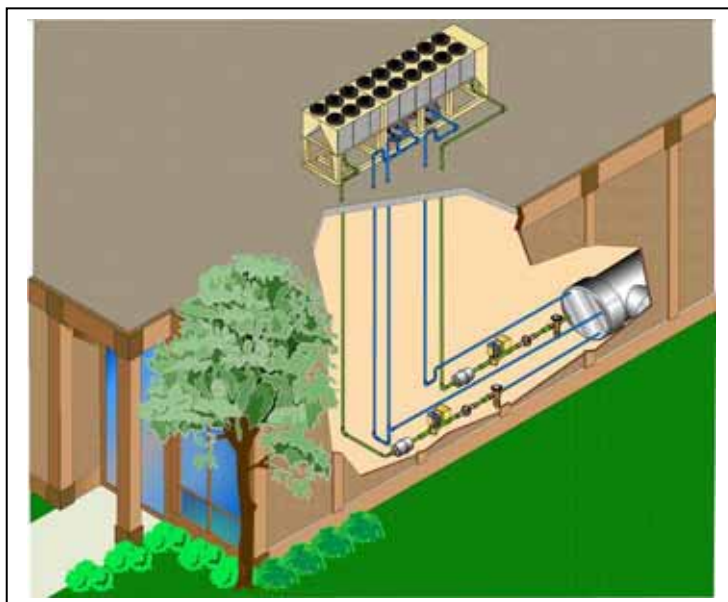
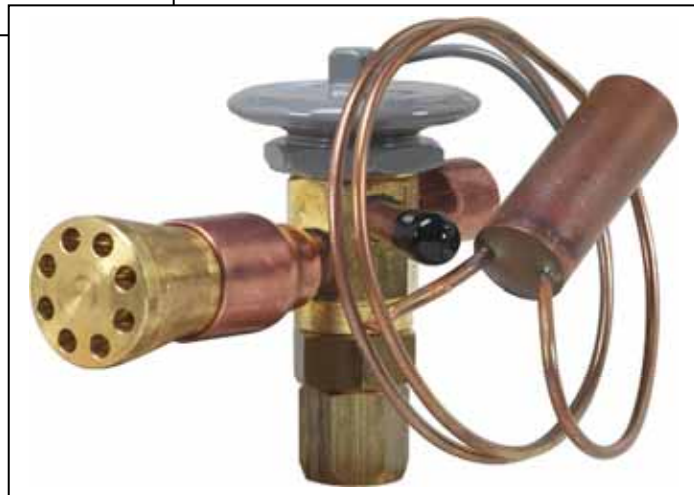
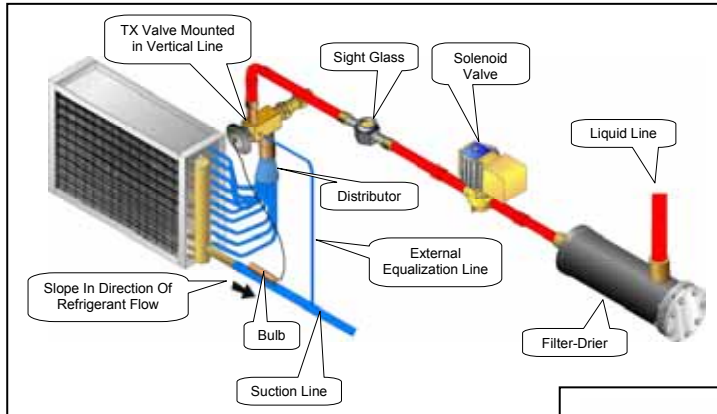


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# Introduction

## Audience

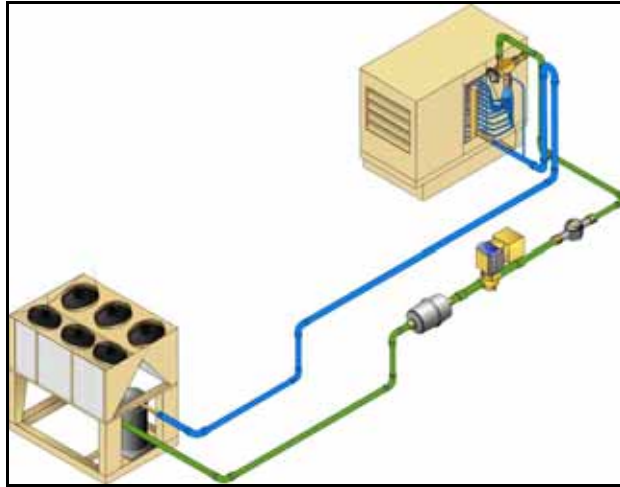
This Application Guide was created for design engineers and service technicians to demonstrate how to size refrigerant piping.

## Using This Guide

This Guide covers R-22, R-407C, R-410A, and R-134a used in commercial air conditioning systems. It does not apply to industrial refrigeration and/or Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) systems. Illustrations and figures are not to scale. Examples showing how to perform an analysis appear in shaded outlined boxes.

### How to Determine Equivalent Length

Calculate the equivalent length of the liquid line for the following condensing unit with DX air-handling unit.



The liquid line is composed of the following elements:

- 30 ft (9.14 m) of 1-3/8 inch (35 mm) piping
- 4 long radius elbows
- 1 filter drier
- 1 sight glass
- 1 globe type isolating valve

To determine the equivalent length for the refrigerant accessories use **Table 4** and **Table 5** (page 50).

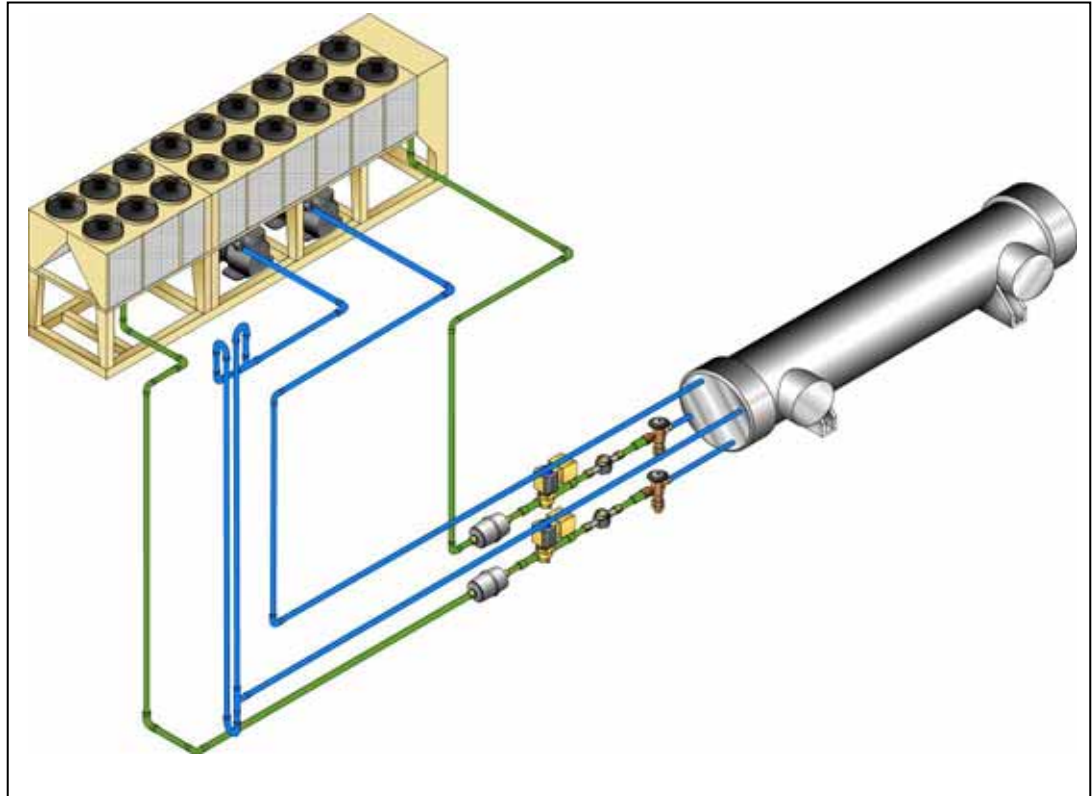
Item	Quantity	Dimension (ft)	Total (ft)
Long radius elbow	4	2.3 (0.7m)	9.2 (2.8m)
Filter drier	1	35 (10.7m)	35 (10.7m)
Sight glass	1	2.5 (0.76m)	2.5 (0.76m)
Globe valve	1	38 (11.6m)	38 (11.6m)
Piping	1	30 (9.1m)	30 (9.1m)
<b>Total</b>			<b>117.7 (34.96m)</b>

## Refrigerant Piping

Several HVAC systems require field refrigeration piping to be designed and installed on-site. Examples include:

- Condensing units
- Direct expansion (DX) coil in air handlers
- Remote evaporators with air-cooled chillers (*Figure 1*)
- Chiller with a remote air-cooled condensers

**Figure 1 - Typical Field Piping Application**



The information contained in this Application Guide is based on Chapter 2 of ASHRAE's Refrigeration Handbook and McQuay's experience with this type of equipment.

A properly designed and installed refrigerant piping system should:

- Provide adequate refrigerant flow to the evaporators, using practical refrigerant line sizes that limit pressure drop
- Avoid trapping excessive oil so that the compressor has enough oil to operate properly at all times
- Avoid liquid refrigerant slugging
- Be clean and dry

# Refrigerant Piping Design Check List

The first step in refrigerant piping design is to gather product and jobsite information. A checklist for each is provided below. How this information is used will be explained throughout the rest of this guide.

## Product Information

- Model number of unit components (condensing section, evaporator, etc.)
- Maximum capacity per refrigeration circuit
- Minimum capacity per refrigeration circuit
- Unit operating charge
- Unit pump down capacity
- Refrigerant type
- Unit options (Hot Gas Bypass, etc.)
- Does equipment include isolation valves and charging ports
- Does the unit have pump down?

## Jobsite Information

- Sketch of how piping will be run, including:
  - Distances
  - Elevation changes
  - Equipment layout
  - Fittings
  - Specific details for evaporator piping connections
- Ambient conditions where piping will be run
- Ambient operating range (will the system operate during the winter?)
- Type of cooling load (comfort or process)
- Unit isolation (spring isolators, rubber-in-shear, etc.)

☺ *Tip: Use this list to gather the information required to design your refrigerant piping system*

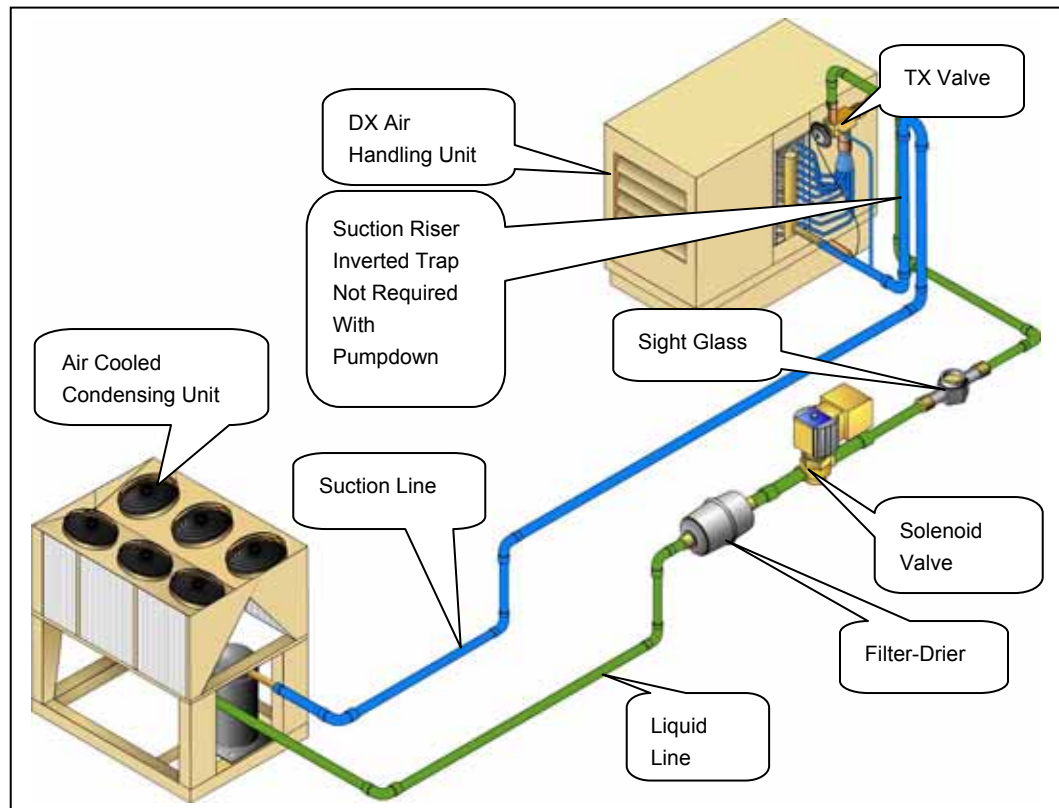
# Typical Refrigerant Piping Layouts

This section shows several typical refrigerant piping layouts for commercial air conditioning. They will be used throughout this guide to illustrate piping design requirements.

**Figure 2** shows a condensing unit mounted on grade connected to a DX coil installed in a roof-mounted air-handling unit.

1. A liquid line supplies liquid refrigerant from the condenser to a thermal expansion (TX) valve adjacent to the coil.
2. A suction line provides refrigerant gas to the suction connection of the compressor.

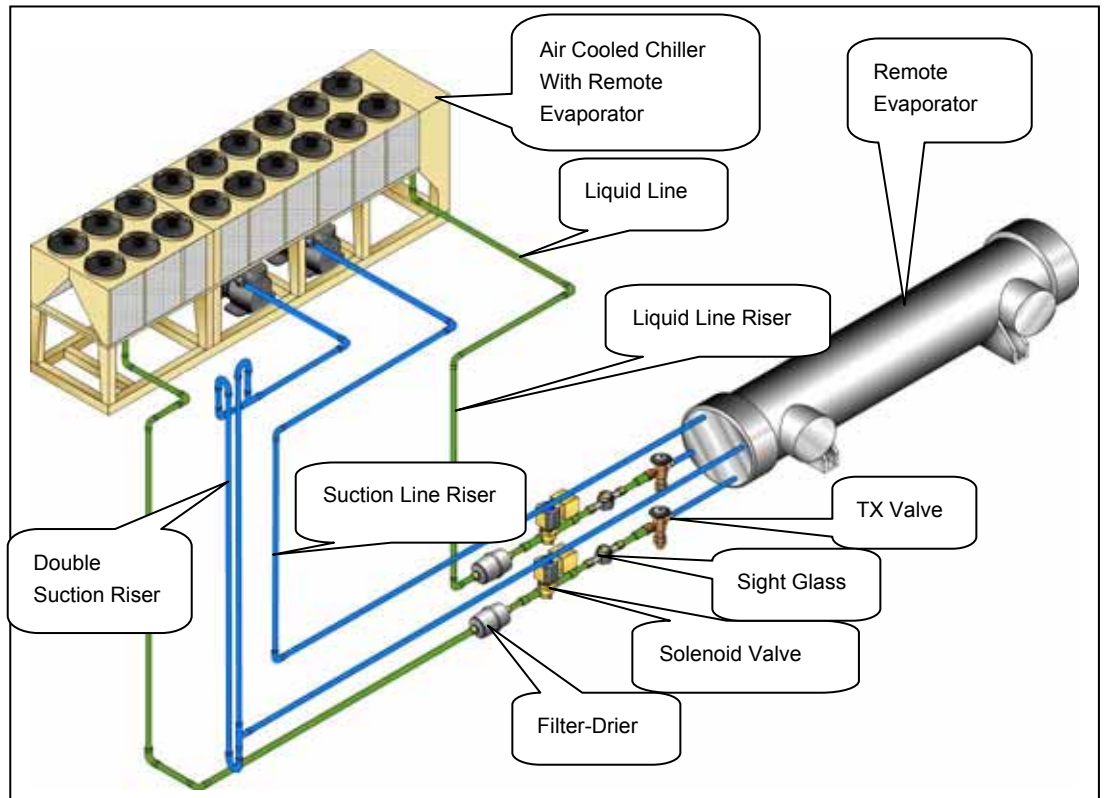
**Figure 2 – Condensing Unit with DX Air Handling Unit**



**Figure 3** shows a roof-mounted air-cooled chiller with a remote evaporator inside the building.

1. There are two refrigeration circuits, each with a liquid line supplying liquid refrigerant from the condenser to a TX valve adjacent to the evaporator, and a suction line returning refrigerant gas from the evaporator to the suction connections of the compressor.
2. There is a double suction riser on one of the circuits. Double suction risers are covered in more detail in the *Oil Return in Suction and Discharge Risers* section of this guide (page 23).

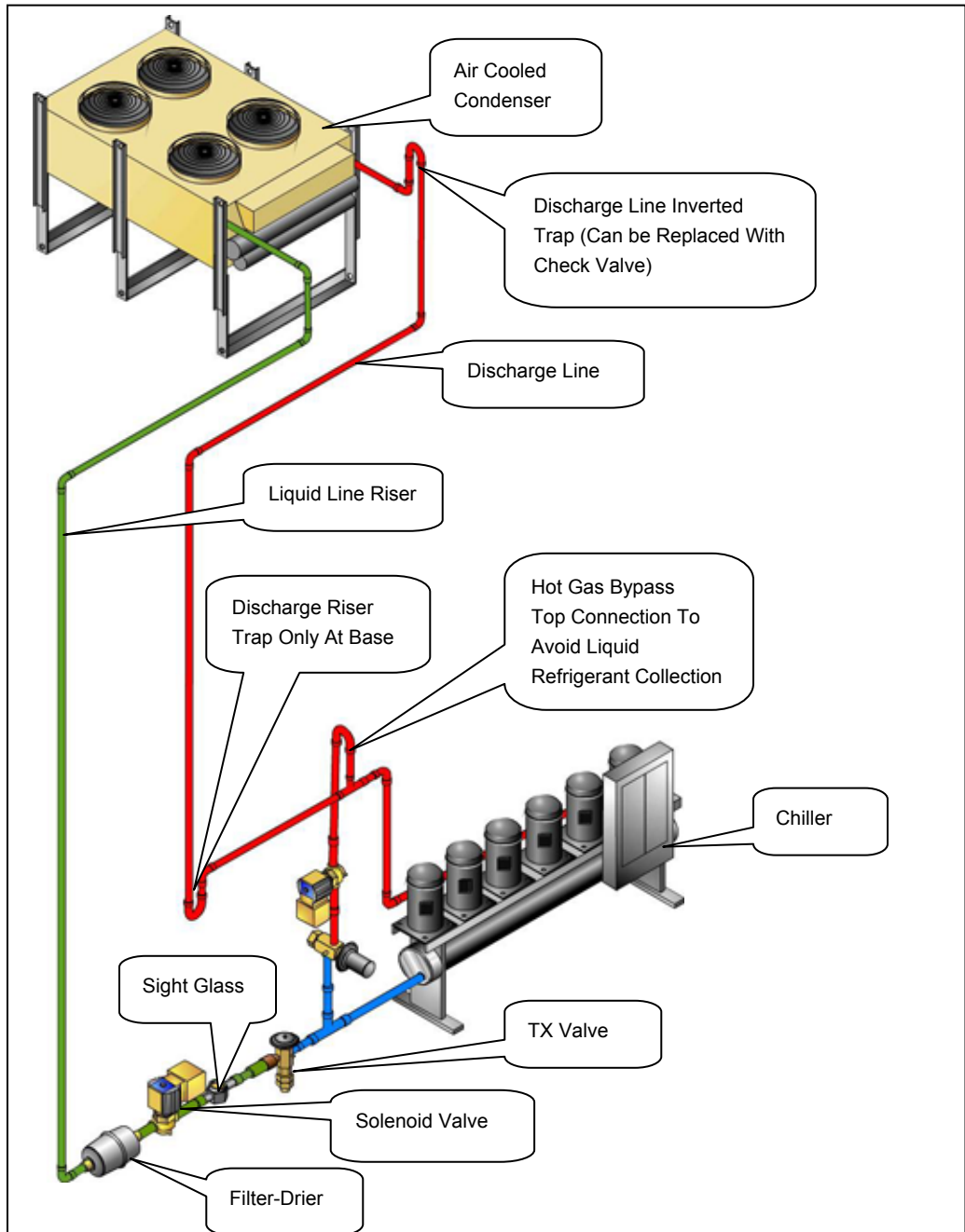
**Figure 3 - Air-cooled Chiller with Remote Evaporator**



**Figure 4** shows an indoor chiller with a remote air-cooled condenser on the roof.

1. The discharge gas line runs from the discharge side of the compressor to the inlet of the condenser.
2. The liquid line connects the outlet of the condenser to a TX valve at the evaporator.
3. The hot gas bypass line on the circuit runs from the discharge line of the compressor to the liquid line connection at the evaporator.

**Figure 4 - Indoor Chiller with Remote Air-cooled Condenser**





# Piping Design Basics

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Good piping design results in a balance between the initial cost, pressure drop, and system reliability. The initial cost is impacted by the diameter and layout of the piping. The pressure drop in the piping must be minimized to avoid adversely affecting performance and capacity. Because almost all field-piped systems have compressor oil passing through the refrigeration circuit and back to the compressor, a minimum velocity must be maintained in the piping so that sufficient oil is returned to the compressor sump at full and part load conditions. A good rule of thumb is a minimum of:

- 500 feet per minute (fpm) or 2.54 meters per second (mps) for horizontal suction and hot gas lines
- 1000 fpm (5.08 mps) for suction and hot gas risers
- Less than 300 fpm (1.54 mps) to avoid liquid hammering from occurring when the solenoid closes on liquid lines

Hard drawn copper tubing is used for halocarbon refrigeration systems. Types L and K are approved for air conditioning and refrigeration (ACR) applications. Type M is not used because the wall is too thin. The nominal size is based on the outside diameter (OD). Typical sizes include 5/8 inch, 7/8 inch, 1-1/8 inch, etc.

**Figure 5 - Refrigerant Grade Copper Tubing**



Copper tubing intended for ACR applications is dehydrated, charged with nitrogen, and plugged by the manufacturer (see **Figure 5**).

Formed fittings, such as elbows and tees, are used with the hard drawn copper tubing. All joints are brazed with oxy-acetylene torches by a qualified technician.

As mentioned before, refrigerant line sizes are selected to balance pressure drop with initial cost, in this case of the copper tubing while also maintaining enough refrigerant velocity to carry oil back to the compressor.

Pressure drops are calculated by adding the length of tubing required to the equivalent feet (meters) of all fittings in the line. This is then converted to PSI (kPa).

## Pressure Drop and Temperature Change

As refrigerant flows through pipes the pressure drops and changes the refrigerant saturation temperature. Decreases in both pressure and saturation temperature adversely affect compressor performance. Proper refrigeration system design attempts to minimize this change to less than 2°F (1.1°C) per line. Therefore, it is common to hear pressure drop referred to as “2°F” versus PSI (kPa) when matching refrigeration system components.

For example, a condensing unit may produce 25 tons (87.9 kW) of cooling at 45°F (7.2°C) saturated suction temperature. Assuming a 2°F (1.1°C) line loss, the evaporator would have to be sized to deliver 25 tons (87.9 kW) cooling at 47°F (7.2°C) saturated suction temperature.

**Table 1** compares pressure drops in temperatures and pressures for several common refrigerants. Note that the refrigerants have different pressure drops for the same change in temperature. For example, many documents refer to acceptable pressure drop being 2°F (1.1°C) or about 3 PSI (20.7 kPa) for R-22. The same 3 PSI change in R-410A, results in a 1.2°F (0.7°C) change in temperature.

**Table 1- Temperature versus Pressure Drop**

Refrigerant	Suction Pressure Drop		Discharge Pressure Drop		Liquid Pressure Drop	
	°F (°C)	PSI (kPa)	°F (°C)	PSI (kPa)	°F (°C)	PSI (kPa)
R-22	2 (1.1)	2.91 (20.1)	1 (0.56)	3.05 (21.0)	1 (0.56)	3.05 (21.0)
R-407C	2 (1.1)	2.92 (20.1)	1 (0.56)	3.3 (22.8)	1 (0.56)	3.5 (24.1)
R-410A	2 (1.1)	4.5 (31.0)	1 (0.56)	4.75 (32.8)	1 (0.56)	4.75 (32.8)
R-134a	2 (1.1)	1.93 (13.3)	1 (0.56)	2.2 (15.2)	1 (0.56)	2.2 (15.2)

Note Suction and discharge pressure drops based on 100 equivalent feet (30.5 m) and 40°F (4.4°C) saturated temperature.

## Liquid Lines

Liquid lines connect the condenser to the evaporator and carry liquid refrigerant to the TX valve. If the refrigerant in the liquid line flashes to a gas because the pressure drops too low or because of an increase in elevation, then the refrigeration system will operate poorly. Liquid sub-cooling is the only method that prevents refrigerant flashing to gas due to pressure drops in the line.

The actual line size should provide no more than a 2 to 3°F (1.1 to 1.7°C) pressure drop. The actual pressure drop in PSI (kPa) will depend on the refrigerant.

Oversizing liquid lines is discouraged because it will significantly increase the system refrigerant charge. This, in turn, affects the oil charge.

**Figure 2** (page 6) shows the condenser below the evaporator. As the liquid refrigerant is lifted from the condenser to the evaporator, the refrigerant pressure is lowered. Different refrigerants will have different pressure changes based on elevation. Refer **Table 2** to for specific refrigerants. The total pressure drop in the liquid line is the sum of the friction loss, plus the weight of the liquid refrigerant column in the riser.

**Table 2 - Pressure Drop In Liquid Lines By Refrigerant<sup>1</sup>**

Refrigerant	Pressure Drop PSI/ft (kPa/m) Riser
R-22	0.50 (11.31)
R-407C	0.47 (10.63)
R-410A	0.43 (9.73)
R-134a	0.50 (11.31)

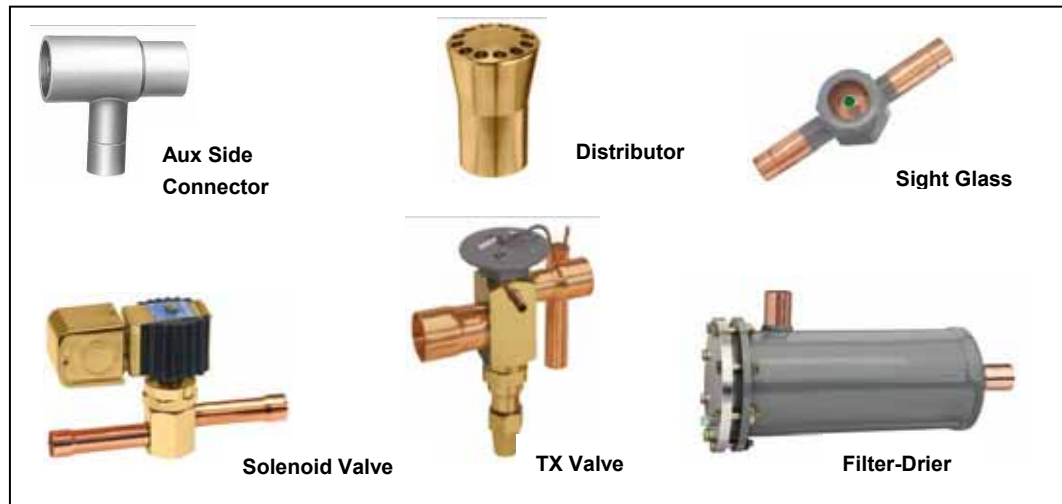
Only sub-cooled liquid refrigerant will avoid flashing at the TX valve in this situation. If the condenser had been installed above the evaporator, the pressure increase from the weight of the liquid refrigerant in the line would have prevented the refrigerant from flashing in a properly sized line without sub-cooling.

<sup>1</sup> Based on saturated liquid refrigerant at 100°F (37.7°C)

It is important to have some sub-cooling at the TX valve so that the valve will operate properly and not fail prematurely. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations. If none are available, then provide 4 to 6°F (2.2 to 3.3°C) of sub-cooling at the TX valve.

Liquid lines require several refrigerant line components and/or accessories to be field selected and installed (**Figure 6**). Isolation valves and charging ports are required. Generally, it is desirable to have isolation valves for servicing the basic system components, such as a condensing unit or condenser. In many cases, manufacturers supply isolating valves with their product, so be sure to check what is included. Isolating valves come in several types and shapes.

**Figure 6 - Refrigerant Accessories<sup>2</sup>**



Referring to **Figure 2** (page 6):

1. Working from the condenser, there is a liquid line filter-drier. The filter drier removes debris from the liquid refrigerant and contains a desiccant to absorb moisture in the system. Filter driers are either disposable or a permanent with replaceable cores.
2. Next there is a sight glass that allows technicians to view the condition of the refrigerant in the liquid line. Many sight glasses include a moisture indicator that changes color if moisture is present in the refrigerant.
3. Following the sight glass is the TX valve. (More information about TX valves is available under **Thermal Expansion Valves**, page 33.)

Possible accessories for this system include:

- A hot gas bypass port. This is a specialty fitting that integrates with the distributor – an auxiliary side connector (ASC).
- A pump down solenoid valve. If a pump down is utilized, the solenoid valve will be located just before the TX valve, as close to the evaporator as possible.
- Receivers in the liquid line. These are used to store excess refrigerant for either pump down or service (if the condenser has inadequate volume to hold the system charge), or as part of a flooded low ambient control approach (More information about flooded low ambient control approach is available under **Condenser Flood Back Design**, page 42). Receivers are usually avoided because they remove sub-cooling from the condenser, increase the initial cost, and increase the refrigerant charge.

Liquid lines should be sloped 1/8 inch per foot (10.4 mm/m) in the direction of refrigerant flow. Trapping is unnecessary.

<sup>2</sup> Photos courtesy of Sporlan Division – Parker Hannifin Corporation

## Suction Lines

Suction gas lines allow refrigerant gas from the evaporator to flow into the inlet of the compressor. Undersizing the suction line reduces compressor capacity by forcing it to operate at a lower suction pressure to maintain the desired evaporator temperature. Oversizing the suction line increases initial project costs and may result in insufficient refrigerant gas velocity to move oil from the evaporator to the compressor. This is particularly important when vertical suction risers are used. (More information about designing vertical suction risers is covered in more detail in *Suction Line Sizing*, page 22)

Suction lines should be sized for a maximum of 2 to 3°F (1.1 to 1.7°C) pressure loss. The actual pressure drop in PSI (kPa) will depend on the refrigerant.

### Suction Line Piping Details

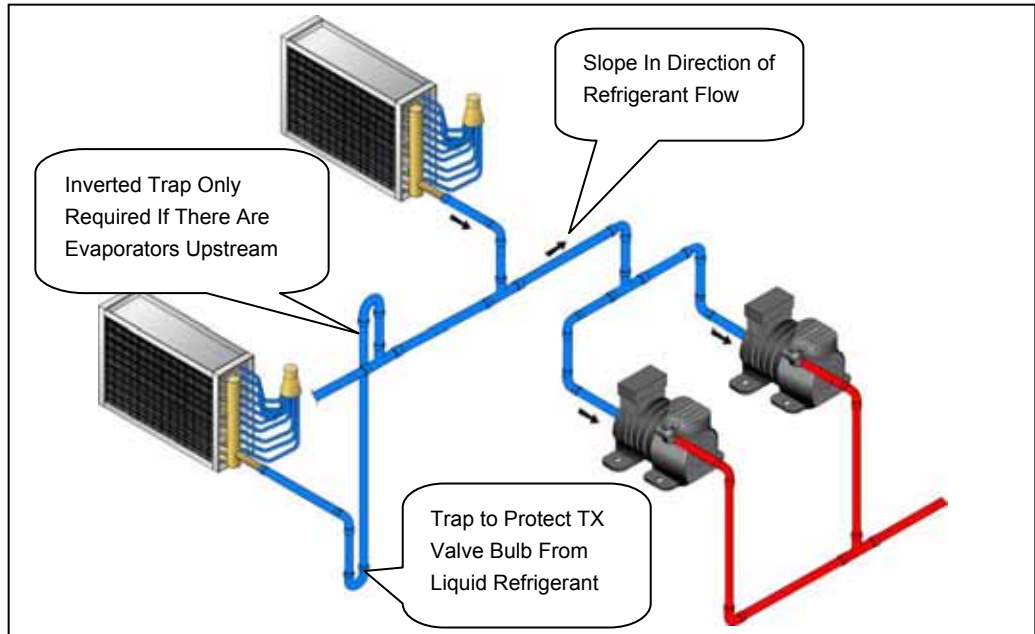
While operating, the suction line is filled with superheated refrigerant vapor and oil. The oil flows on the bottom of the pipe and is moved along by the refrigerant gas flowing above it. When the system stops, the refrigerant may condense in the pipe depending on the ambient conditions. This may result in slugging if the liquid refrigerant is drawn into the compressor when the system restarts.

To promote good oil return, suction lines should be pitched 1/8 inch per foot (10.4 mm/m) in the direction of refrigerant flow. Evaporator connections require special care because the evaporator has the potential to contain a large volume of condensed refrigerant during off cycles. To minimize slugging of condensed refrigerant, the evaporators should be isolated from the suction line with an inverted trap as shown in *Figure 7* and *Figure 8*:

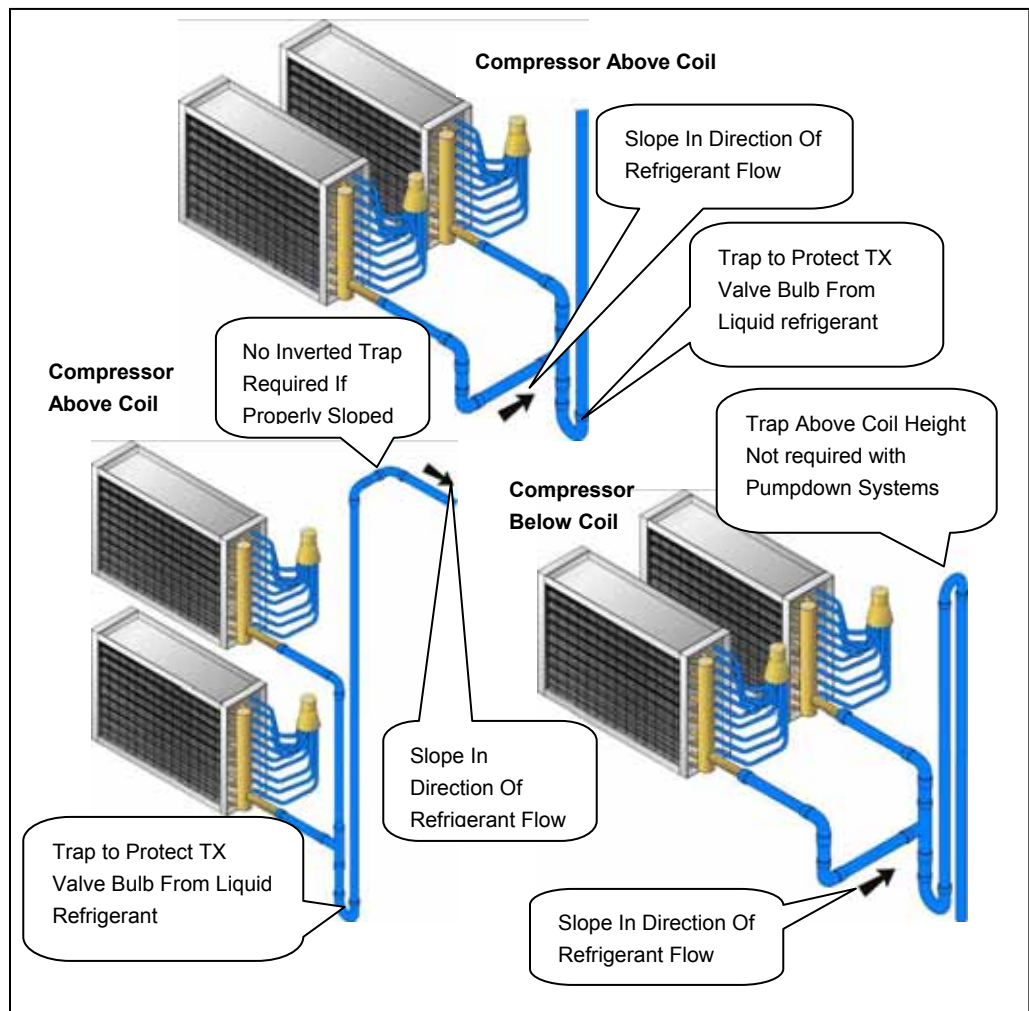
The trap should extend above the top of the evaporator before leading to the compressor.

1. With multiple evaporators, the suction piping should be designed so that the pressure drops are equal and the refrigerant and oil from one coil cannot flow into another coil.
2. Traps may be used at the bottom of risers to catch condensed refrigerant before it flows to the compressor. Intermediate traps are unnecessary in a properly sized riser as they contribute to pressure drop.
3. Usually with commercially produced air conditioning equipment, the compressors are “pre-piped” to a common connection on the side of the unit.
4. Suction line filter driers are available to help clean the refrigerant before it enters the compressor. Because they represent a significant pressure drop, they should only be added if circumstances require them, such as after compressor burnout. In this instance, the suction filter drier is often removed after the break-in period for the replacement compressor. Suction filter driers catch significant amounts of oil, so they should be installed per the manufacturer’s specifications to promote oil drainage.

**Figure 7 - Remote Evaporator Piping Detail**



**Figure 8 - Suction Piping Details**

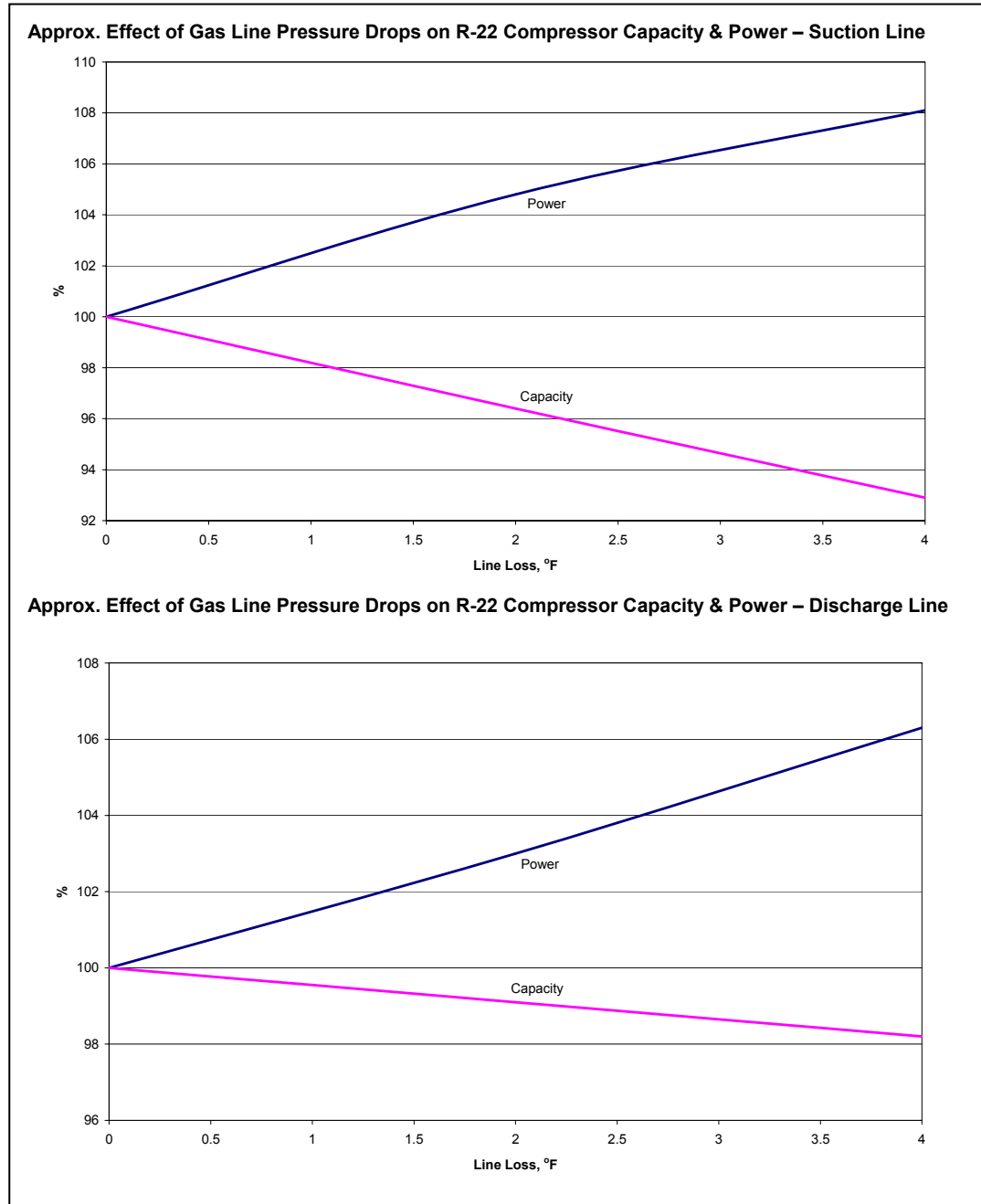


# Discharge Lines

Discharge gas lines (often referred to as hot gas lines) allow refrigerant to flow from the discharge of the compressor to the inlet of the condenser. Undersizing discharge lines will reduce compressor capacity and increase compressor work. Over sizing discharge lines increases the initial cost of the project and may result in insufficient refrigerant gas velocity to carry oil back to the compressor.

Discharge lines should be sized for no more than 2 to 3°F (1.1 to 1.7°C) pressure loss. The actual pressure drop in PSI will depend upon the refrigerant. **Figure 9** illustrates how capacity and power consumption are affected by increasing pressure drop for both discharge and suction lines. Although these curves are based on an R-22 system, similar affects occur with other refrigerants.

**Figure 9-Capacity and Performances versus Pressure Drop**

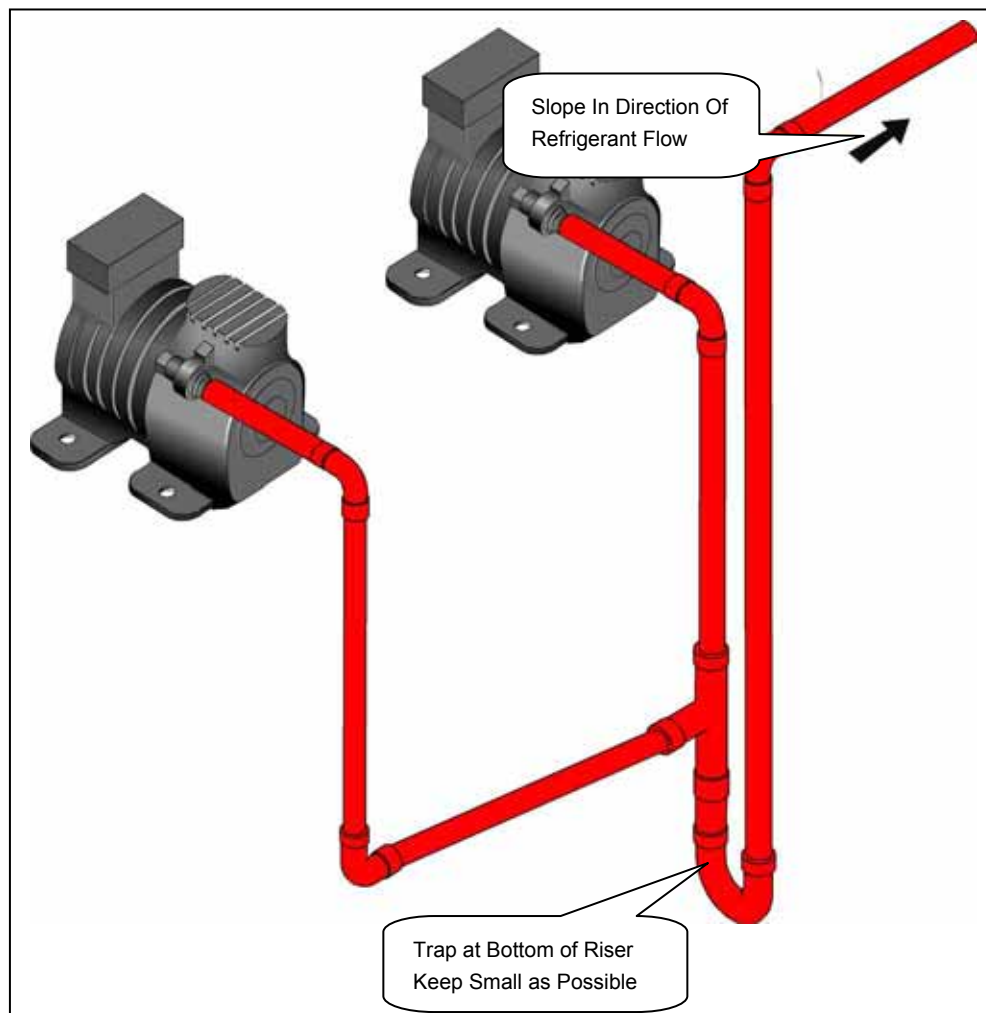


## Discharge Line Piping Details

Discharge lines carry both refrigerant vapor and oil. Since refrigerant may condense during the off cycle, the piping should be designed to avoid liquid refrigerant and oil from flowing back into the compressor. Traps can be added to the bottom of risers to catch oil and condensed refrigerant during off cycles, before it flows backward into the compressor. Intermediate traps in the risers are unnecessary in a properly sized riser as they increase the pressure drop. Discharge lines should be pitched 1/8 inch per foot (10.4 mm/m) in the direction of refrigerant flow towards the condenser (*Figure 10*).

Whenever a condenser is located above the compressor, an inverted trap or check valve should be installed at the condenser inlet to prevent liquid refrigerant from flowing backwards into the compressor during off cycles. In some cases (i.e. with reciprocating compressors), a discharge muffler is installed in the discharge line to minimize pulsations (that cause vibration). Oil is easily trapped in a discharge muffler, so it should be placed in the horizontal or downflow portion of the piping, as close to the compressor as possible.

**Figure 10 - Discharge Line Piping Details**

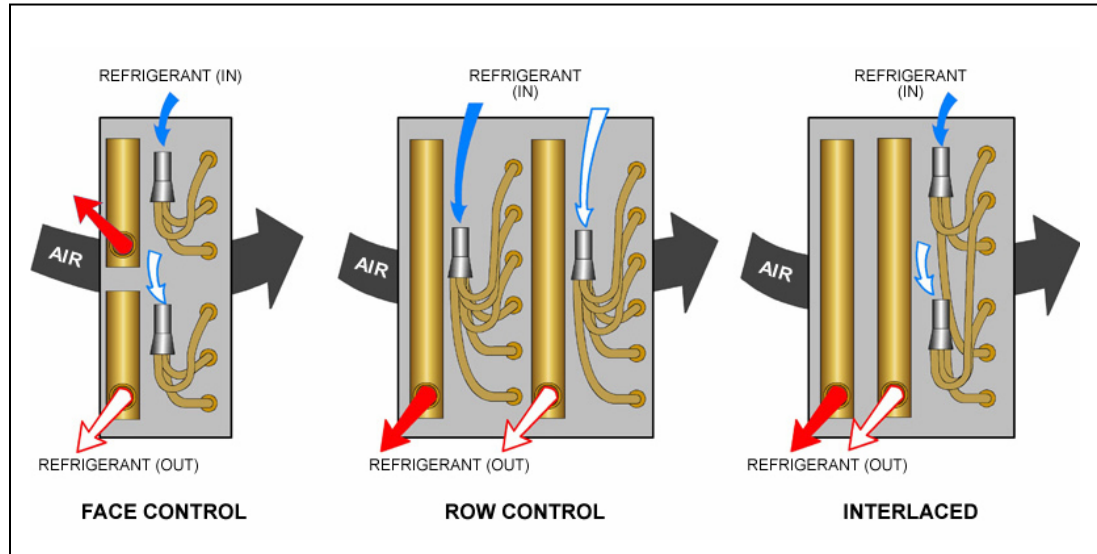


## Multiple Refrigeration Circuits

For control and redundancy, many refrigeration systems include two or more refrigeration circuits. Each circuit must be kept separate and designed as if it were a single system. In some cases, a single refrigeration circuit serves multiple evaporators, **but multiple refrigeration circuits should never be connected to a single evaporator**. A common mistake is to install a two circuit condensing units with a single circuit evaporator coil.

**Figure 11** shows common DX coils that include multiple circuits. Interlaced is the most common. It is possible to have individual coils, each with a single circuit, installed in the same system and connected to a dedicated refrigeration circuit.

**Figure 11 - DX Coils with Multiple Circuits**

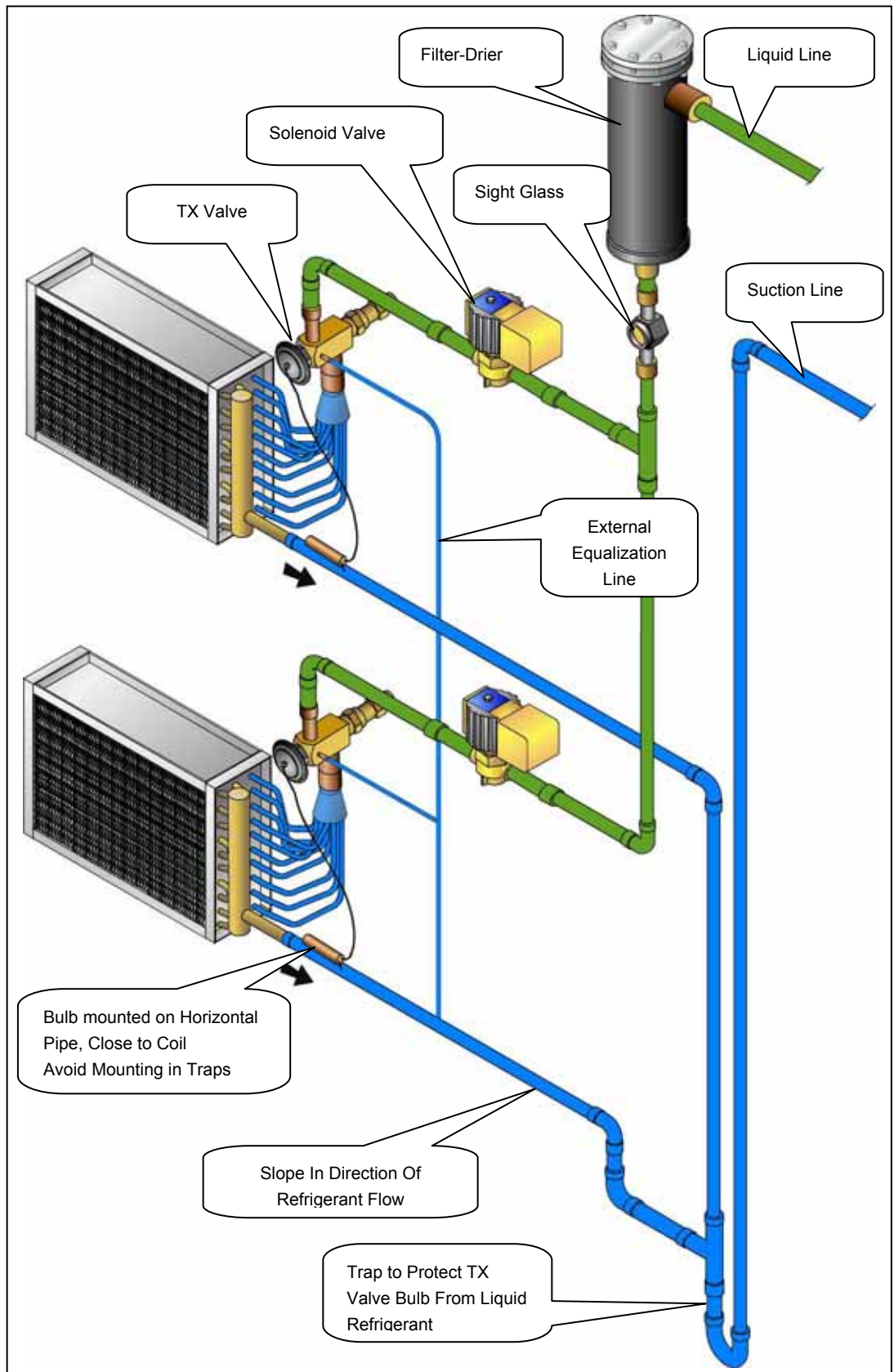


While most common air conditioning applications have one evaporator for each circuit, it is possible to connect multiple evaporators to a single refrigeration circuit.

**Figure 12** shows a single refrigeration circuit serving two DX coils. Note that each coil has its own solenoid and thermal expansion valve. There should be one TX valve for each distributor. Individual solenoids should be used if the evaporators will be operated independently (i.e. for capacity control). If both evaporators will operate at the same time, then a single solenoid valve in a common pipe may be used.



**Figure 12 - Multiple Evaporators on a Common Refrigeration Circuit**



# Sizing Refrigerant Lines

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## Refrigerant Capacity Tables

*Appendix 2* (page 49) and *Appendix 3* (page 70) provide refrigerant line sizes for commonly used refrigerants. There is data for suction, discharge, and liquid lines. Suction and discharge lines have data for 0.5, 1, and 2°F (0.28, 0.56, and 1.7°C) changes in saturated suction temperature (SST). Liquid lines are based on 1°F (0.56°C) changes in saturation temperature.

The data is based on 105°F (40.6°C) condensing temperature (common for water-cooled equipment) and must be corrected for other condensing temperatures (air-cooled equipment is typically 120 to 125°F (48.9 to 51.7°C)). The tables are also based on 100 feet (30.5 m) of equivalent length. The actual pressure drop is estimated based on the actual equivalent length of the application using equations in the footnotes of the refrigerant capacity tables.

© *Tip: Saturated suction temperature is based upon the pressure leaving the evaporator and represents the refrigerant temperature as a gas without superheat. The actual refrigerant temperature leaving the evaporator will be higher than this. The difference between the two temperatures is called superheat.*

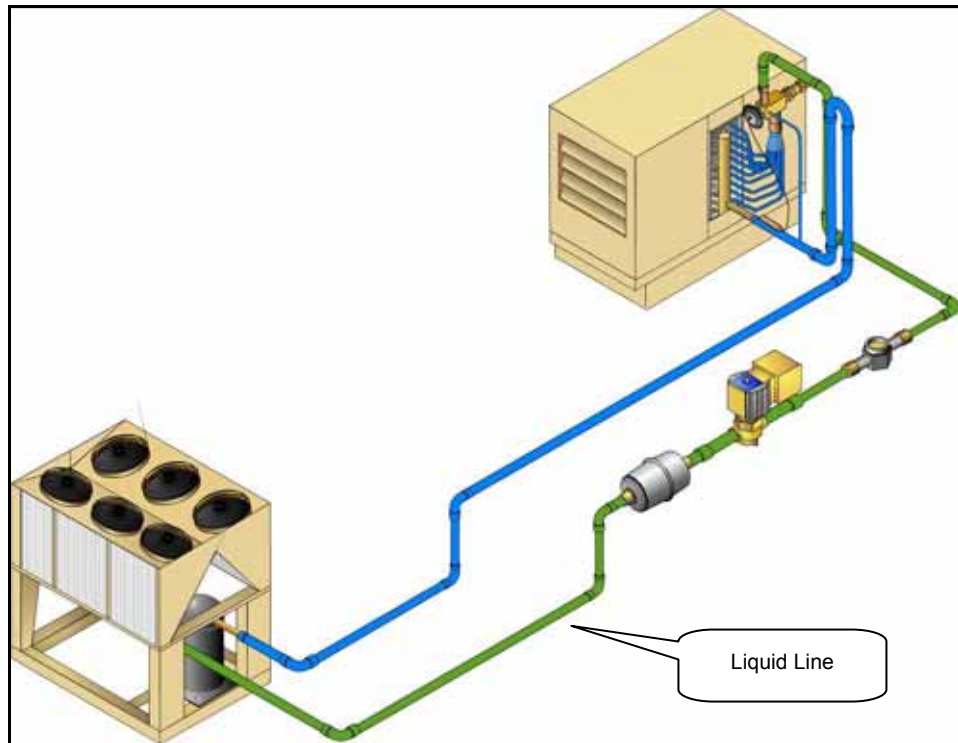
## Equivalent Length for Refrigerant Lines

*Table 4* and *Table 5* in *Appendix 2* (page 50) provide information for estimating equivalent lengths. The actual equivalent length is estimated by calculating the path length in feet (meters) that the piping will follow and adding the pressure drops of the fittings and/or accessories along that length. The tables provide pressure drops in equivalent feet of straight pipe for fittings and accessories.

For example, in *Table 4*, we see that a 7/8-inch (22 mm) long radius elbow has a pressure drop equivalent to 1.4 feet (0.43 m) of straight copper pipe.

### How to Determine Equivalent Length

Calculate the equivalent length of the liquid line for the following condensing unit with DX air-handling unit:



The liquid line is composed of the following elements:

- 22 ft (6.7 m) of 1-3/8 inch (35 mm) piping
- 7 long radius elbows
- 1 filter drier
- 1 sight glass
- 1 globe type isolating valve

To determine the equivalent length for the refrigerant accessories use **Table 4** and **Table 5** (page 50).

Item	Quantity	Dimension (ft)	Total (ft)
Long radius elbow	7	2.3 (0.70m)	16.1 (4.90m)
Filter drier	1	35 (10.70m)	35 (10.70m)
Sight glass	1	2.5 (0.76m)	2.5 (0.76m)
Globe valve	1	38 (11.58m)	38 (11.58m)
Piping	1	22 (6.70m)	22 (6.70m)
<b>Total</b>			<b>113.6 (34.64m)</b>

### How to Size Liquid Lines

Size the refrigerant liquid lines **and** determine the sub-cooling required to avoid flashing at the TX valve for the condensing unit with DX air-handling unit shown in the previous example.

The system:

- Uses R-410A
- Has copper pipes
- Evaporator operates at 40°F (4.4°C)
- Condenser operates at 120°F (48.9°C)
- Capacity is 60 tons (211 kW)
- Liquid line equivalent is 113.6 ft (34.64 m)
- Has a 20 ft (6.1 m) riser with the evaporator **above** the condenser

#### Step 1 – Estimate Pipe Size

To determine the liquid line pipe size for a 60 ton unit, use **Table 8** in **Appendix 2**. According to the table, a 1-3/8 inch (35 mm) pipe will work for a 79.7 ton (280 kW) unit. Note, the table conditions (equivalent length and condensing temperature) are different than the design conditions.

#### Step 2 – Calculate Actual $\Delta T$

Using Note 5 in the table, we can calculate the saturation temperature difference based upon the design conditions:

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = \Delta T_{\text{Table}} \left[ \frac{\text{Actual length}}{\text{Table length}} \right] \left[ \frac{\text{Actual capacity}}{\text{Table capacity}} \right]^{1.8}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 1^{\circ}\text{F} \left[ \frac{113.6 \text{ ft}}{100 \text{ ft}} \right] \left[ \frac{60 \text{ tons}}{79.7 \text{ tons}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.68^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$\left( \Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 0.56^{\circ}\text{C} \left[ \frac{34.64\text{m}}{30.48\text{m}} \right] \left[ \frac{211\text{kW}}{280\text{kW}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.39^{\circ}\text{C} \right)$$

#### Step 3 – Calculate Actual Piping Pressure Drop

According to **Table 8**, the pressure drop for 1°F (0.56°C) saturation temperature drop with a 100 ft equivalent length is 4.75 PSI (32.75 kPa).

The actual piping pressure drop is determined using the equation

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Table}} \left( \frac{\Delta T_{\text{Actual}}}{\Delta T_{\text{Table}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 4.75\text{PSI} \left( \frac{0.68^{\circ}\text{F}}{1^{\circ}\text{F}} \right) = 3.23\text{PSI}$$

$$\left( \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 32.75\text{kPa} \left( \frac{0.39^{\circ}\text{C}}{0.56^{\circ}\text{C}} \right) = 22.81\text{kPa} \right)$$

#### Step 4 – Calculate Total Pressure Drop

Next to determine the Total pressure drop, we use **Table 2** (page 10), and recall that the riser is 20 ft. For R-410A the pressure drop is 0.43 PSI per ft (9.73 kPa/m).

$$\text{Pressure drop from the riser} = \text{Riser height} \times \frac{\text{Refrigerant pressure drop}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Pressure drop from the riser} = 20 \text{ ft} \times \frac{0.43 \text{ PSI}}{\text{ft}} = 8.6 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\left( \text{Pressure drop from the riser} = 6.1 \text{ m} \times \frac{9.73 \text{ kPa}}{\text{m}} = 59.35 \text{ kPa} \right)$$

Total pressure drop = Actual pressure drop + Riser pressure drop

$$\text{Total pressure drop} = 3.23 \text{ PSI} + 8.6 \text{ PSI} = 11.83 \text{ PSI}$$

$$(\text{Total pressure drop} = 59.35 \text{ kPa} + 22.81 \text{ kPa} = 82.16 \text{ kPa})$$

#### **Step 5 – Determine the Saturated Pressure of R-410A at the TX Valve**

Using refrigerant property tables which can be found in **Appendix 2** of McQuay's **Refrigerant Application Guide (AG 31-007)**, see [www.mcquay.com](http://www.mcquay.com) the saturated pressure for R-410A at 120°F is 433 PSIA (absolute) (2985 kPa). To calculate the saturation pressure at the TX valve, we take the saturated pressure of R-410A at 120°F and subtract the total pressure drop.

$$\text{Saturated Pressure}_{\text{TX Valve}} = \text{Saturated pressure}_{120\text{F}} - \text{Total pressure drop}$$

$$\text{Saturated pressure}_{\text{TX Valve}} = 433 \text{ PSIA} - 11.83 \text{ PSIA} = 421.17 \text{ PSIA}$$

$$(\text{Saturated pressure}_{\text{TX Valve}} = 2985 \text{ kPa} - 82.15 \text{ kPa} = 2902.85 \text{ kPa})$$

#### **Step 6 – Determine the Saturation Temperature at the TX Valve**

Referring back to the Refrigeration property Tables in **Application Guide 31-007**, the saturation temperature at the TX valve can be interpolated using the saturation pressure at the TX valve (421 PSIA). The saturation temperature at the TX valve is found to be 117.8°F

#### **Step 7- Determine The Sub-cooling Required for Saturated Liquid at the TX Valve**

The sub-cooling require to have saturated liquid at the TX valve can be found by:

$$\text{Subcooling} = \text{Actual saturation temperature} - \text{saturation temperature}_{\text{TX Valve}}$$

$$\text{Subcooling} = 120^\circ \text{ F} - 117.8^\circ \text{ F} = 2.2^\circ \text{ F}$$

#### **Step 8- Determine the Required Sub-cooling for Proper Operation**

2.2°F is the amount of sub-cooling required to have saturated liquid refrigerant at the TX valve. Anything less, and the refrigerant will start to flash and the TX valve will not operate properly. For TX valves to operate properly and avoid diaphragm fluttering, there should be an additional 4°F of sub-cooling at the TX Valve.

$$\text{Subcooling requirement} = \text{TX valve temperature} + \text{Minimum system temperature}$$

$$\text{Subcooling requirement} = 2.2^\circ \text{ F} + 4^\circ \text{ F} = 6.2^\circ \text{ F}$$

## Refrigerant Oil

In the DX refrigeration systems covered by this guide, some amount of compressor lubricating oil travels with the refrigerant throughout the piping system. The system design must promote oil return or the compressor sump will run dry and damage the compressor.

Recall, refrigerant piping should be pitched to promote adequate oil return. Fittings and piping layout that traps and retains oil must be avoided. Compressor capacity reduction contributes to the challenge of designing the system.

For example, a screw compressor may reduce refrigerant flow (unload) down to 25%. At this reduced refrigerant flow rate, the refrigerant velocity is reduced to the point that the oil may not be pushed through the piping system and back to the compressor.

Examples of compressors that unload include:

- Scroll compressors often have multiple compressors on a common refrigeration circuit. The circuit can unload to the smallest compressor size. For example, 4 equally sized compressors can unload down to 25%.
- Individual reciprocating compressors unload down to as low as 33%. There can be multiple compressors on a common circuit allowing even more unloading.
- Screw compressors may unload down to 25%.

Always check the manufacturer's information to determine circuit unloading.

More piping typically requires more oil. This is particularly true for long liquid lines. Residential split systems are often pre-charged at the factory with enough oil and refrigerant for a specified line distance. When that distance is exceeded, additional refrigerant and oil will be required. For commercial split systems, the equipment may come pre-charged or it may be provided with either nitrogen or a small holding charge. The refrigerant and oil charge is then provided in the field.

To confirm if more oil is required, the system refrigerant charge must be calculated. **Table 18** (page 60) through **Table 21** (page 61) provide the charge per 100 feet (30.5 m) length for various refrigerants. Generally, the oil charge should be 2 to 3% of the liquid line charge. Consult the manufacturer for the correct volume of oil in the system and the amount of oil shipped in the compressor sump. The required oil that needs to be added is the calculated total oil requirement less the oil shipped in the equipment.

$$\text{Required oil} = \text{Total oil required} - \text{oil shipped in equipment}$$

HFC refrigerants use synthetic POE oils. These oils cannot be mixed with mineral oils. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for the correct type of oil to use.

## Suction Line Sizing

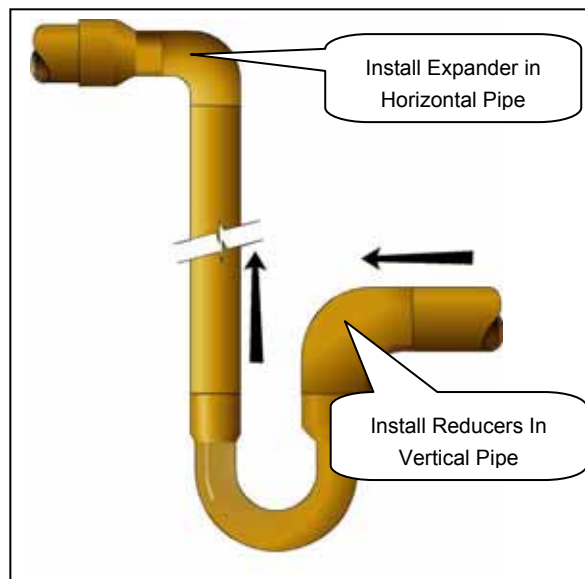
Suction lines contain gaseous refrigerant that moves oil along the piping and back to the compressor. Over-sizing suction pipes increases the initial costs and may reduce the refrigerant gas velocity to the point where oil is not returned to the compressor. Recall, under-sizing suction pipes reduces system capacity. Oil movement is also impacted negatively by risers, because gravity prevents oil from returning to the compressor.

## Oil Return in Suction and Discharge Risers

**Table 10** (page 55) through **Table 17** (page 59) show minimum capacity oil return for suction and discharge risers. When unloading capability exists, risers should be checked to verify that the minimum capacity allows for acceptable oil return. For air conditioning applications that contain less than 100 feet (30.5 m) of piping and no more than 33% capacity reduction per circuit, a properly sized riser should be found. It may be necessary to use a smaller pipe diameter for the riser, which creates a higher than desired pressure drop at full capacity, for optimal oil movement. To compensate, a larger diameter pipe may be used for horizontal runs to minimize the total pressure drop.

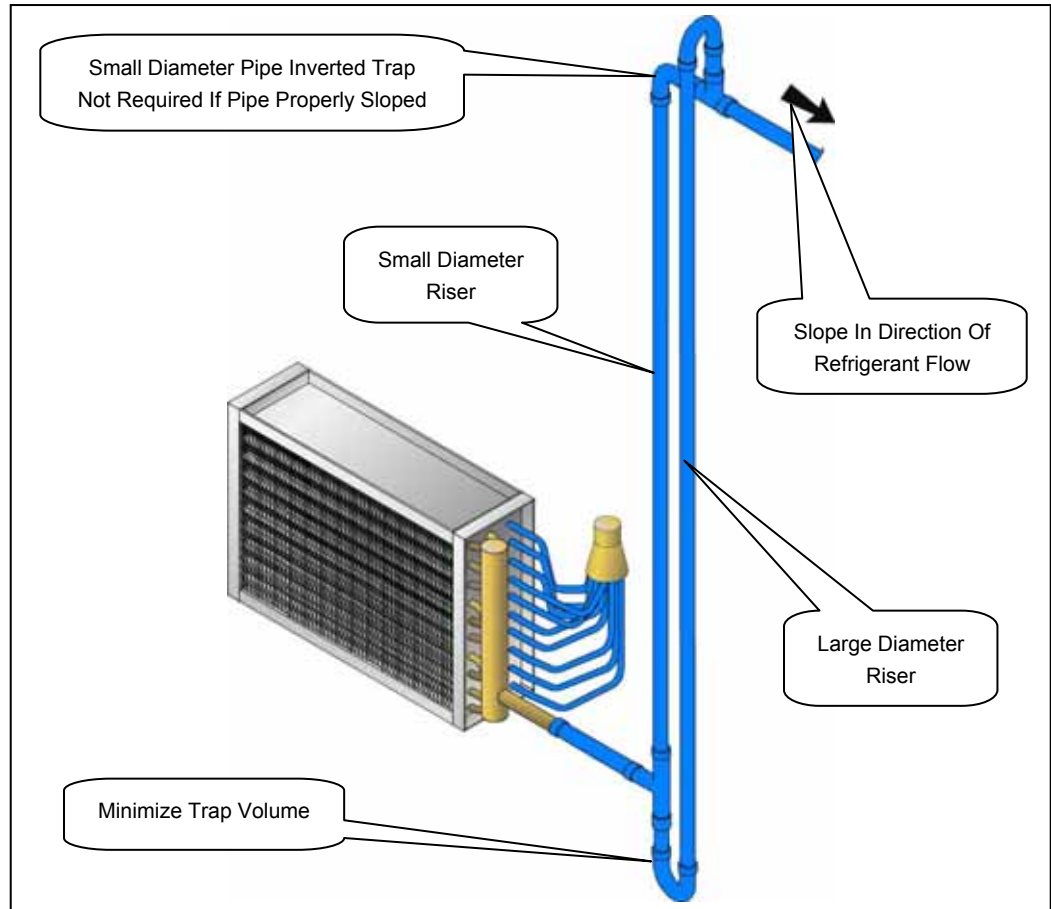
© *Tip: For most air conditioning applications, a single pipe riser will work. In this case, it may be necessary to undersize the riser pipe by one pipe size to provide better oil management.*

**Figure 13 - Proper Reduction Fittings for Risers**



**Figure 13** shows the proper method for reducing the pipe diameter for suction and discharge risers. This approach will prevent oil from being trapped in the horizontal portion of the pipe.

**Figure 14 - Double Suction Riser Detail**



**Figure 14** shows a double suction riser arrangement that is more common in refrigeration applications where suction pressure drops are more critical. Most modern air conditioning applications can be met without requiring a double suction riser. Although the operation and design of a double suction riser is included in this guide, it is **strongly recommended** that systems be designed without a double suction riser, even if the pressure drop in the suction or discharge line is higher than desired.

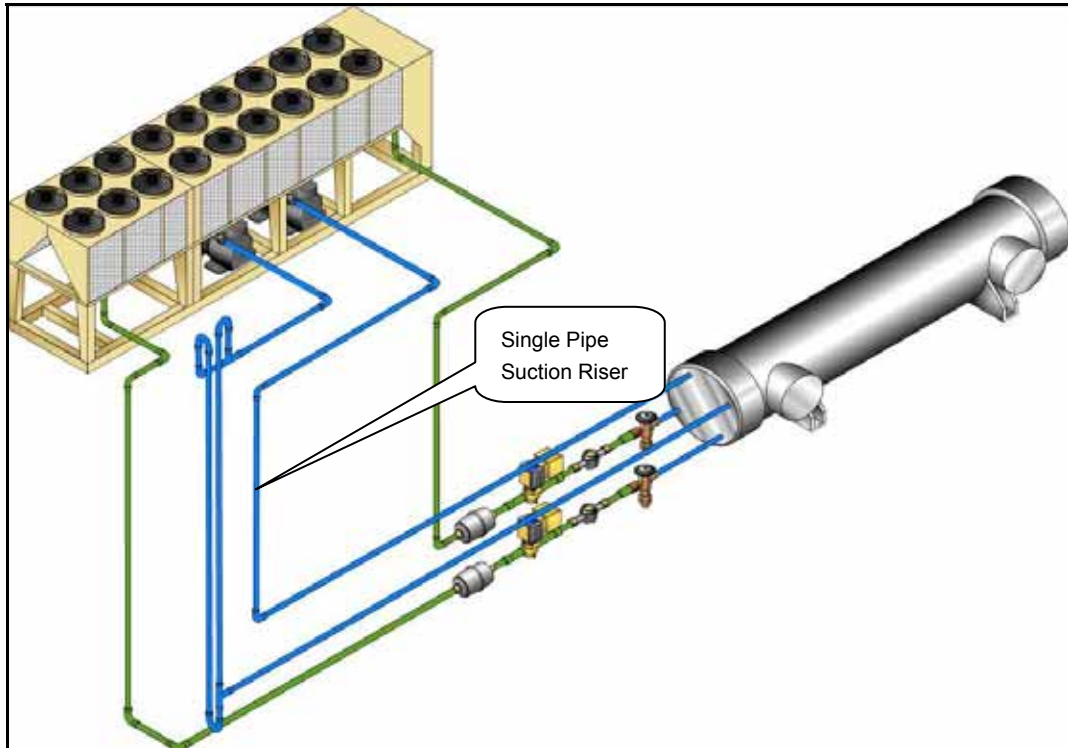
In a double suction riser at full capacity, the refrigerant flow passes through both risers with enough velocity to move the oil. At minimum capacity, oil in the riser flows backward and fills the trap at the bottom. Once the trap is full of oil, refrigerant flow through the large diameter riser is cut off and **only** refrigerant gas flows through the smaller diameter riser. The sum of the two risers is sized for full capacity. The smaller diameter riser is sized for minimum capacity.

One of the challenges of double suction risers is that they hold a significant amount of oil within the trap. Refrigeration compressors often have larger sumps than commercial compressors, so the oil lost to the trap is less problematic for refrigeration than commercial compressors. In addition, when the capacity increases in a double suction riser, a large amount of oil is “blown” through the piping system back to the compressor. Either an oil separator or a suction accumulator (both common in refrigeration systems) may be required for a double suction riser to operate properly without causing damage to the compressor.



## How to Size Suction Lines

Size the suction line with a single pipe riser **and** determine the pressure drop for the following air-cooled chiller with remote evaporator:



The system:

- Uses R-134a
- Has type L copper pipe
- Evaporator operates at 40°F (4.4°C) Saturated Suction Temperature (SST)
- Superheat is 10°F (5.6°C)
- Condenser operates at 120°F (48.9°C)
- Capacity is two 50 tons (176 kW) circuits with up to 20% turn down
- Suction line equivalent length for the horizontal runs is:
  - Bottom 10 ft (3.0m)
  - Top 12 ft (3.7m)
- Suction line equivalent length for a single pipe riser is 42 ft (12.8m)

### Step 1 - Estimate Suction Line Size

To determine the correct suction line size to operate the system at minimum capacity with a single pipe riser use **Table 7** in **Appendix 2**. According to the table, a 3-1/8 inch (79mm) pipe will work for 57.1 tons (200.8kW) unit. Note, the table conditions (equivalent length and condensing temperature) are different than the design conditions.

### Step 2 – Correct for Actual Operating Conditions

Sizing the pipe for full load requires a correction for the 120°F actual condenser temperature. Referring to the correction factors at the bottom of **Table 7**,

$$\text{Actual capacity} = \text{Table capacity} \times 0.902$$

$$\text{Actual capacity} = 57.1 \text{ tons} \times 0.902 = 51.5 \text{ tons}$$

### **Step 3 – Calculate the Actual ΔT**

Using Note 5 in the **Table 7**, calculate the saturation temperature difference based upon the actual design conditions:

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = \Delta T_{\text{Table}} \left[ \frac{\text{Actual length}}{\text{Table length}} \right] \left[ \frac{\text{Actual capacity}}{\text{Table capacity}} \right]^{1.8}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 2^{\circ}\text{F} \left[ \frac{64 \text{ ft}}{100 \text{ ft}} \right] \left[ \frac{50 \text{ tons}}{51.5 \text{ tons}} \right]^{1.8} = 1.2^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$\left( \Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 1.1^{\circ}\text{C} \left[ \frac{19.5\text{m}}{30.5\text{m}} \right] \left[ \frac{176 \text{ kW}}{181 \text{ kW}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.67^{\circ}\text{C} \right)$$

### **Step 4 – Calculate the Actual Pressure Drop**

The top of **Table 7** shows the pressure drop for 40°F (4.4°C) saturation temperature change with a 100 ft (30.5m) equivalent length is 1.93 PSI (13.3 kPa).

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Table}} \left( \frac{\Delta T_{\text{Actual}}}{\Delta T_{\text{Table}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 1.93 \text{ PSI} \left( \frac{1.2^{\circ}\text{F}}{2^{\circ}\text{F}} \right) = 1.16 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\left( \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 13.3 \text{ kPa} \left( \frac{0.67^{\circ}\text{C}}{1.1^{\circ}\text{C}} \right) = 8.1 \text{ kPa} \right)$$

A 3-1/8" pipe has 1.2°F temperature drop and a 1.16 PSI pressure drop which is acceptable for suction pipe.

### **Step 5 – Confirm Oil Return At Minimum Load in The Riser**

Calculate the minimum capacity

$$\text{Min Capacity} = \text{capacity}_{\text{Full}} \times \text{Turn down}$$

$$\text{Min Capacity} = 50 \text{ tons} \times 0.2 = 10 \text{ tons}$$

Actual refrigerant temperature = SST temperature + Superheat temperature

$$\text{Actual refrigerant temperature} = 40^{\circ}\text{F} + 10^{\circ}\text{F} = 50^{\circ}\text{F}$$

Using **Table 11** (page 56), 3-1/8" (79 mm) pipe and 50°F (10°C) refrigerant temperature the minimum allowable capacity is 15.7 tons (55.2 kW). The table is based on 90°F (32.2°C) condensing temperature. The bottom of **Table 11** has correction factors for other condensing temperatures.

$$\text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Actual}} = \text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Table}} \times \text{Correction Factor}$$

$$\text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Actual}} = 15.7 \text{ tons} \times (0.8) = 12.6 \text{ tons}$$

$$(\text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Actual}} = 55.2 \text{ kW} \times (0.8) = 44.16 \text{ kW})$$

Since the Min allowable capacity (12.6 tons) is greater than the minimum capacity (10 tons), a 3-1/8 inch (79 mm) suction pipe is too big for minimum flow in a riser. A minimum capacity of 25 tons (88 kW) (for example, two tandem scroll compressors) would have worked with this riser.

The solution is to reduce the riser pipe one size and repeat Step 5 to confirm minimum condition is met.

We decrease the riser pipe to 2-5/8 inches (67mm) while leaving the horizontal pipes at 3-1/8 inches. Using **Table 11** we check the minimum capacity of a 2-5/8 inch (67 mm) riser. According to the table, the minimum allowable capacity is 10.1 tons (35.5 kW) at 90°F (32.2°C) condenser temperature.

$$\text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Actual}} = \text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Table}} \times \text{Correction Factor}$$

$$\text{Min Allowable Capacity}_{\text{Actual}} = 10.1 \text{ tons} \times (0.8) = 8.1 \text{ tons}$$

The minimum allowable capacity is now less than the minimum capacity so a 2-5/8 inch (97 mm) riser is sufficient for this system.

### **Step 6 – Calculate the Suction Line Pressure Drop With the New Riser Size**

Suction line pressure drop is the sum of the 3-1/8 inch (79 mm) horizontal piping and the 2-5/8 inch (97mm) vertical piping.

The equivalent length of the vertical pipe is given at 42 ft (12.8m). According to **Table 7** (page 52), the capacity for a 2-5/8 inch (97mm) line is 35.8 tons (125.87 kW). To calculate the vertical pipe suction line temperature drop use Note 3 in Table 7;

$$\text{Corrected vertical suction line capacity} = \text{Table capacity} \times 0.902$$

$$\text{Corrected vertical suction line capacity} = 35.8 \text{ tons} \times 0.902 = 32.3 \text{ tons}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual Vertical}} = \Delta T_{\text{Table}} \left[ \frac{\text{Actual length}}{\text{Table length}} \right] \left[ \frac{\text{Actual capacity}}{\text{Table capacity}} \right]^{1.8}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual Vertical}} = 2^\circ F \left[ \frac{42 \text{ ft}}{100 \text{ ft}} \right] \left[ \frac{50 \text{ tons}}{32.3 \text{ tons}} \right]^{1.8} = 1.84^\circ F$$

$$\left( \Delta T_{\text{Actual Vertical}} = 1.1^\circ C \left[ \frac{12.8 \text{ m}}{30.5 \text{ m}} \right] \left[ \frac{175.9 \text{ kW}}{113.6 \text{ kW}} \right]^{1.8} = 1.01^\circ C \right)$$

The top of Table 7 shows the pressure drop for 40°F saturation temperature change with a 100 ft equivalent length is 1.93 PSI (13.3 kPa).

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual Vertical}} = \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Table}} \left( \frac{\Delta T_{\text{Actual Vertical}}}{\Delta T_{\text{Table}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual Vertical}} = 1.93 \text{ PSI} \left( \frac{1.84^\circ F}{2^\circ F} \right) = 1.78 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\left( \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual Vertical}} = 13.3 \text{ kPa} \left( \frac{1.01^\circ \text{C}}{1.1^\circ \text{C}} \right) = 12.21 \text{ kPa} \right)$$

The same approach is used again to calculate the horizontal 3-1/8" piping. In this case the equivalent length of horizontal piping was 22 ft (6.7m).

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual Hor}} = 2^\circ \text{F} \left[ \frac{22 \text{ ft}}{100 \text{ ft}} \right] \left[ \frac{50 \text{ tons}}{51.5 \text{ tons}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.42^\circ \text{F}$$

$$\left( \Delta T_{\text{Actual Hor}} = 1.1^\circ \text{C} \left[ \frac{6.7 \text{ m}}{30.5 \text{ m}} \right] \left[ \frac{176 \text{ kW}}{181 \text{ kW}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.23^\circ \text{C} \right)$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual Hor}} = 1.93 \text{ PSI} \left( \frac{0.42^\circ \text{F}}{2^\circ \text{F}} \right) = 0.41 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\left( \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual Hor}} = 13.3 \text{ kPa} \left( \frac{0.23^\circ \text{C}}{1.1^\circ \text{C}} \right) = 0.278 \text{ kPa} \right)$$

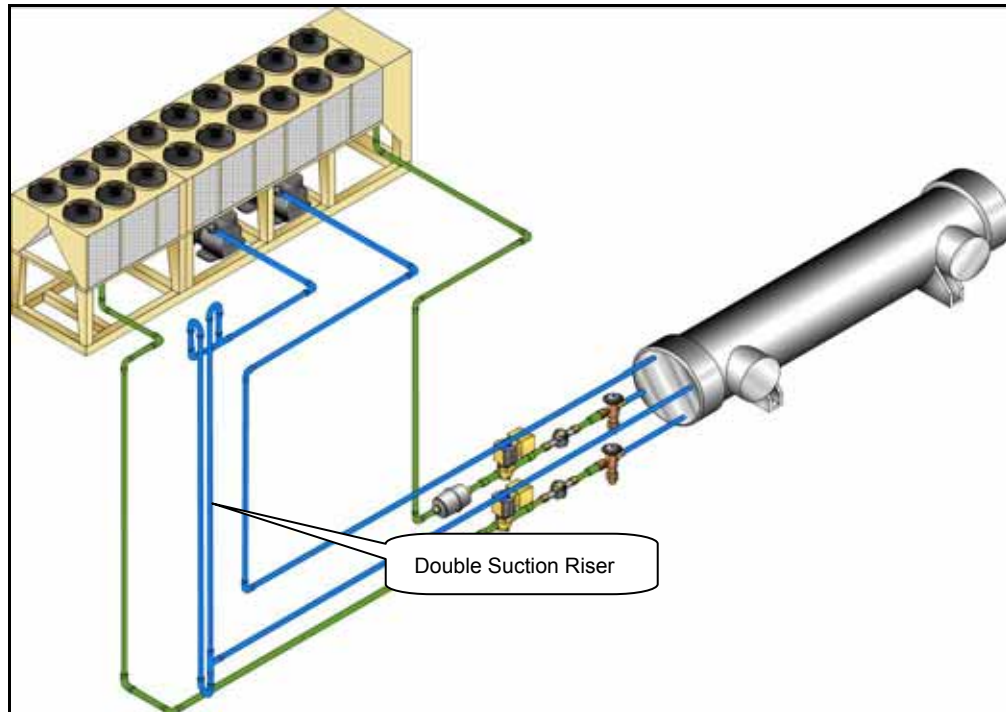
$$\text{Pressure drop}_{\text{Total}} = \text{Pressure drop}_{\text{Vertical}} + \text{Pressure drop}_{\text{Hor}}$$

$$\text{Pressure drop}_{\text{Total}} = 1.78 \text{ PSI} + 0.41 \text{ PSI} = 2.19 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\text{Pressure drop}_{\text{Total}} = 12.21 \text{ kPa} + 0.278 \text{ kPa} = 12.488 \text{ kPa}$$

## How to Size a Suction Line Double Riser

Size a double suction riser for the following air-cooled chiller with remote evaporator:



The system:

- Uses R-134a
- Has type L copper pipe
- Evaporator operates at 40°F (4.4°C) Saturated Suction Temperature (SST)
- Superheat is 10°F (5.6°C)
- Condenser operates at 120°F (48.9°C)
- Capacity is two 50 ton (176 kW) circuits with up to 20% turn down
- Suction line equivalent length for the horizontal runs is:
  - Bottom 10 ft (3.0m)
  - Top 12 ft (3.7m)
- Equivalent Length is 64 ft (19.5m)
- Horizontal pipe size is 3-1/8 inch (79mm) (from previous example)

### Step 1 – Estimate Minimum Capacity

$$\text{Minimum Capacity} = 50 \text{ tons} \times 20\% = 10 \text{ tons}$$

$$(\text{Minimum Capacity} = 176 \text{ kW} \times 20\% = 35.2 \text{ kW})$$

### Step 2 – Estimate Small Riser Size

To determine the small riser line size to operate the system at minimum capacity use **Table 7** in **Appendix 2**.

According to the table, a 2-1/8 inch (54mm) pipe will work for a 20.2 ton (71.0 kW) unit. Note, the table conditions (equivalent length and condensing temperature) are different than the design conditions.

### **Step 3 – Correct for Actual Operating Conditions**

Sizing the pipe for full load requires a correction for the 120°F (48.9°C) actual condenser temperature. Referring to the correction factors at the bottom of **Table 7**;

$$\text{Actual capacity} = \text{Table capacity} \times 0.902$$

$$\text{Actual capacity} = 20.2 \text{ tons} \times 0.902 = 18.2 \text{ tons}$$

$$(\text{Actual capacity} = 71.0 \text{ kW} \times 0.902 = 64.0 \text{ kW})$$

### **Step 4 – Size Large Riser**

At full capacity the cross sectional area of the two risers should equal the original riser area (in this example a 3-1/8 inch pipe). Use **Table 11** (page 56) to determine the area of the pipes.

$$\text{Large diameter riser} = \text{Area original pipe} - \text{Area small pipe}$$

$$\text{Large diameter riser} = \text{Area}_{3-1/8 \text{ inch pipe}} - \text{Area}_{2-1/8 \text{ inch pipe}}$$

$$\text{Large diameter riser} = 6.812 \text{ in}^2 - 3.095 \text{ in}^2 = 3.717 \text{ in}^2$$

$$(\text{Large diameter riser} = 43.95 \text{ cm}^2 - 19.97 \text{ cm}^2 = 23.98 \text{ cm}^2)$$

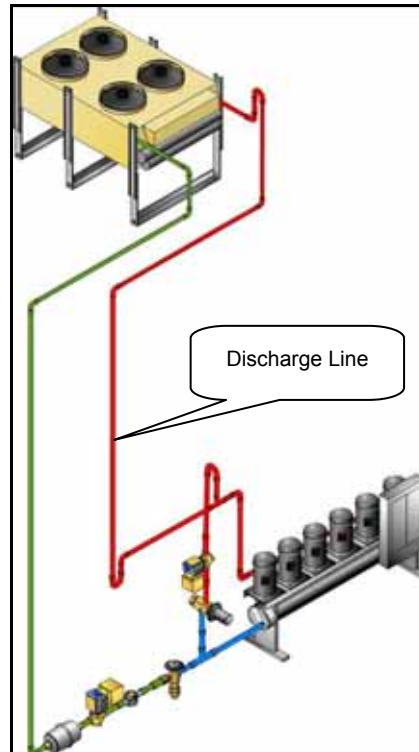
Using **Table 11** we see that 3.717 square inches is between a 2-1/8 inch (54mm) riser and a 2-5/8 inch (67mm) riser. Using a 2-5/8 inch riser will reduce the pressure drop. So the small riser should be 2-1/8 inches and the large riser should be 2-5/8 inches.

## Discharge Line Sizing

Discharge lines contain gaseous refrigerant that moves the oil along the piping back towards the compressor. Oversized discharge lines increase the initial cost and can reduce the refrigerant gas velocity to a point where oil is not returned to the compressor. Undersized discharge lines reduce system capacity. Oil movement in discharge lines is further complicated by risers, where gravity is working against oil return.

### How to Size a Discharge Line

Size minimum capacity discharge line for a single riser **and** the pressure drop for the following indoor process chiller with remote air-cooled condenser:



The system:

- Uses R-22
- Has type L copper pipe
- Evaporator operates at 20°F (-6.7°C) Saturated Suction Temperature
- Superheat is 15°F (5.6°C)
- Condenser operates at 110°F (48.9°C)
- Discharges at 140°F (60°C)
- Capacity is 250 tons (176 kW) circuits with up to 33% turn down
- Discharge line equivalent length for the horizontal runs is:
  - Bottom 15 ft (4.6m)
  - Top 10 ft (3.0m)
- Single pipe riser discharge line equivalent is 110 ft (33.5m)

### **Step 1 – Estimate the Discharge Line Size**

To determine the discharge line pipe size for a 250 ton (211 kW) unit use **Table 6** in **Appendix 2**. According to the table, a 4-1/8 inch (105mm) pipe will work for a 276.1 ton (970 kW) unit with 20°F (-6.7°C) Saturated Suction Temperature. Note, the table conditions (equivalent length and condensing temperature) are different than the design conditions.

### **Step 2 – Correct For Actual Operating Conditions**

Sizing the pipe for full load requires a correction for the 110°F (43.3°C) actual condenser temperature. Referring to the correction factors at the bottom of Table 6;

$$\text{Actual capacity} = \text{Table capacity} \times 1.04$$

$$\text{Actual capacity} = 276.1 \text{ tons} \times 1.04 = 287 \text{ tons}$$

$$(\text{Actual capacity} = 970 \text{ kW} \times 1.04 = 1009 \text{ kW})$$

### **Step 3 – Calculate the Actual $\Delta T$**

Using Note 5 in the table, we can calculate the saturation temperature difference based upon the actual design conditions:

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = \Delta T_{\text{Table}} \left[ \frac{\text{Actual length}}{\text{Table length}} \right] \left[ \frac{\text{Actual capacity}}{\text{Table capacity}} \right]^{1.8}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 1^\circ\text{F} \left[ \frac{110 \text{ ft}}{100 \text{ ft}} \right] \left[ \frac{250 \text{ tons}}{287 \text{ tons}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.86^\circ \text{F}$$

$$\left( \Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 0.56^\circ\text{C} \left( \frac{33.5\text{m}}{30.5\text{m}} \right) \left( \frac{879 \text{ kW}}{1009 \text{ kW}} \right)^{1.8} = 0.48^\circ \text{C} \right)$$

### **Step 4 – Calculate the Actual Pressure Drop**

The top of **Table 6** shows the pressure drop for 1°F (0.56°C) saturation temperature change with a 100 ft equivalent length is 3.05 PSI.

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Table}} \left( \frac{\Delta T_{\text{Actual}}}{\Delta T_{\text{Table}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 3.05 \text{ PSI} \left( \frac{0.86^\circ\text{F}}{1^\circ\text{F}} \right) = 2.62 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 21.03 \text{ kPa} \left( \frac{0.48^\circ\text{C}}{0.56^\circ\text{C}} \right) = 18.03 \text{ kPa}$$

A 4-1/8" pipe has 0.86°F temperature drop and a 2.61 PSI pressure drop which is acceptable for discharge pipe.

### **Step 5 – Confirm Oil Return At Minimum Load In Riser**

Next we evaluate whether the riser size will provide acceptable oil return at minimum load.

$$\text{Minimum capacity} = \text{Actual unit capacity} \times \text{Turn down}$$

$$\text{Minimum capacity} = 250 \text{ tons} \times 0.33 = 82.5 \text{ tons}$$

$$(\text{Minimum capacity} = 879 \text{ kW} \times 0.33 = 290 \text{ kW})$$

The actual discharge refrigerant temperature and condensing temperature are given as 140°F and 110°F respectively. The actual SST and superheat are given as 20°F and 15°F respectively.

Using **Table 14** (page 57) with the above given conditions, the minimum allowable capacity is 62 tons (218 kW). Since the minimum system capacity (82.5 tons) is greater than the minimum riser capacity (62 tons) the riser is acceptable as designed.

Had the riser been too large for the minimum system capacity, the discharge riser should have been decreased one pipe size and Step 5 repeated until an acceptable size was found.



# Thermal Expansion Valves

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Expansion valves are used to modulate refrigerant flow to the evaporator. There are several types of expansion valves including:

- Fixed area restrictor (capillary and orifice types)
- Automatic (constant pressure)
- Thermal expansion (TX)
- Electronic

For field-piped systems, the TX and electronic types are commonly used. Electronic valves require significant controls to operate and normally are used if they were included as part of the original equipment.

**Figure 15 - Thermal Expansion Valve<sup>3</sup>**



TX valves (*Figure 15*) are excellent for DX systems because they modulate refrigerant flow and maintain constant superheat at the evaporator. As superheat climbs, the TX valve opens allowing more refrigerant to flow. As superheat drops, the valve closes to maintain superheat.

TX valves are sized by:

- Refrigerant type
- Refrigeration circuit capacity
- Pressure drop across the valve
- Equalization (internal or external)

For smaller systems, an internally equalized TX valve is acceptable. For larger systems (greater than 2 PSI (13.8kPa) pressure drop across the evaporator, or if a distributor is used) an externally equalized TX valve is recommended. An external line accounts for the pressure drop through the evaporator which becomes an issue on larger evaporator coils.

TX valves and distributors (common with air coils) should be installed in vertical pipes. If a TX valve with a distributor is installed in a horizontal pipe, there is a possibility that the liquid portion of the two-phase flow downstream of the TX valve will fill the distributor tubes on the bottom, leading to different refrigerant flow rates in the individual tubes. This is not an issue with nozzles (common with chillers), so horizontal installations are acceptable.

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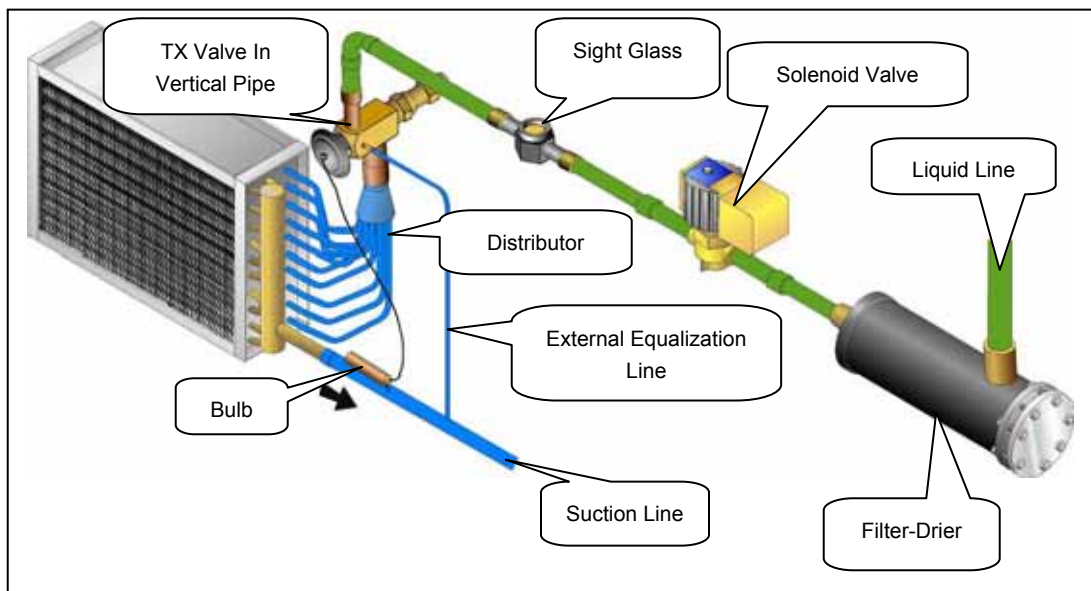
TX valves should be sized as close to capacity as possible. Use of nominal TX valve capacity is discouraged. Follow the manufacturer's selection procedures and select the valve for the actual operating conditions. Under-sizing up to 10% is acceptable if there will be significant part load operation. Higher superheat conditions at full load are allowable.

There must be one TX valve for each distributor. For large DX field applications there are often multiple refrigeration circuits, each with its own compressor, evaporator circuit, and TX valve. Evaporator circuits may be in a common evaporator coil such as interlaced, face split, or row split type (For more information about evaporator circuits see *Multiple Refrigeration Circuits*, page 16). On occasions where there are multiple evaporators on a common refrigeration circuit, separate TX valves and solenoid valves are required for each evaporator.

**Figure 16** shows a typical TX valve installation.

1. The sensing bulb is strapped to the suction line on the top (12 o'clock) for line sizes under 7/8 inch (22 mm) and at 4 or 8 o'clock for larger line sizes. The bulb should be tightly strapped to a straight portion of the suction line and insulated unless it is in the leaving air stream.
2. The equalization line should be downstream of the bulb. Refer to manufacturer's installation instructions for specific details.
3. Neither the bulb nor the equalization line should be installed in a trap.

**Figure 16 - Typical TX Valve Installation**



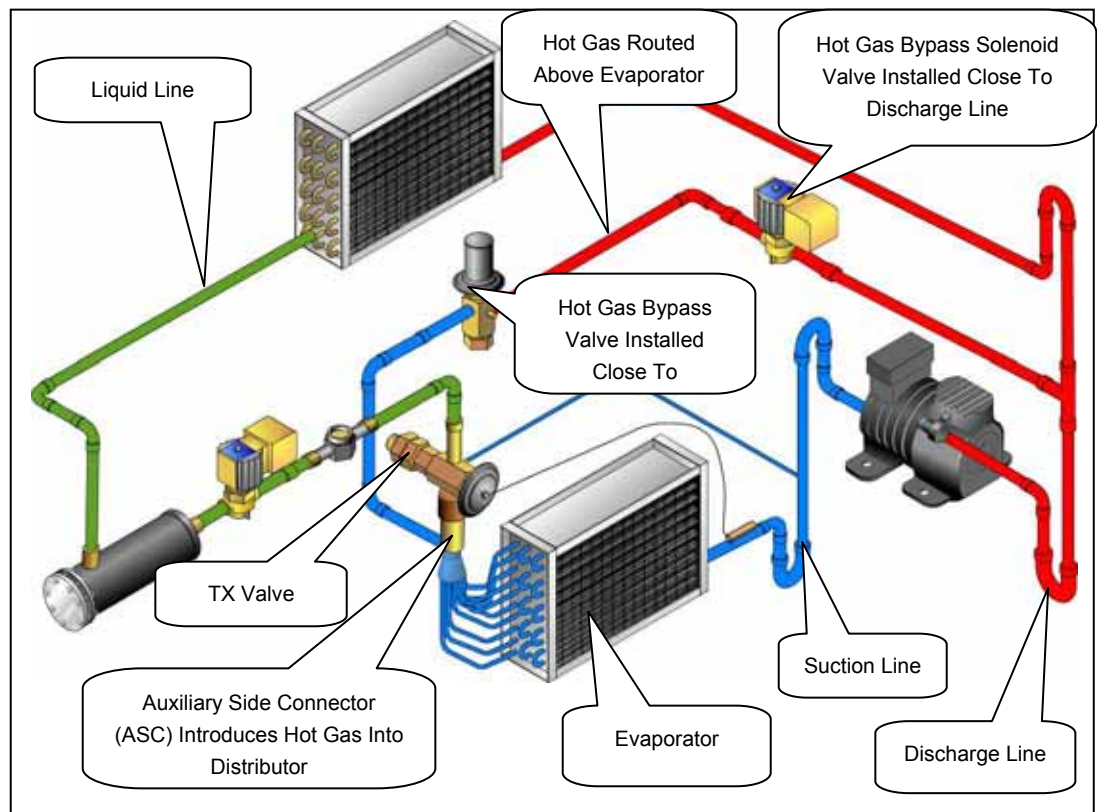
## Hot Gas Bypass

Hot gas bypass is a method of maintaining compressor suction pressure (creating a false load) during light loads. This has the affect of modulating compressor capacity below the minimum unloading point without cycling the compressor. It is accomplished by returning hot (discharge) gas from the leaving side of the compressor back to a point on the low-pressure side of the refrigeration circuit.

**Figure 17** shows the preferred method for piping hot gas bypass. Hot gas is introduced into the inlet of the evaporator and is given ample time to distribute its energy into the main flow of refrigerant prior to returning it to the compressor. A special fitting called an Auxiliary Side Connector (ASC) should be used to introduce the hot gas into the distributor. In addition, the distributor may need a different nozzle. On DX coils that have a venturi, a standard copper tee fitting may be used to introduce the hot gas.

© *Tip: McQuay DX coils use distributors that require an ASC and the nozzle in the distributor needs to be changed. DX coils that use a venturi introduce hot gas bypass using a standard tee fitting.*

**Figure 17 - Typical Hot Gas By-pass Piping Arrangement**



Hot gas bypass lines include a solenoid valve and a hot gas bypass valve. Some manufacturers provide a single device that provides the functions of both a solenoid and control valve. The solenoid valve is energized when hot gas bypass is required. The hot gas bypass valve modulates the refrigerant flow through the line to maintain the suction pressure.

### Hot Gas Bypass Line Sizing

Hot gas piping should be sized using the discharge gas line sizing tables found in **Appendix 2** (page 49). It is best to undersize hot gas bypass lines, keeping them as short as possible, to limit the line volume. During off cycles, the vapor refrigerant will condense and may create a slug of refrigerant

when the hot gas bypass valve opens. A rule of thumb is use one line size smaller than the recommended discharge table line size because hot gas bypass lines are short. Once the line size is selected, the actual temperature and pressure drop should be checked. The line pressure drop should be small relative to the pressure drop across the valve. The line should be pitched 1/8 inch per foot (10.4 mm/m) in the direction of refrigerant flow.

The hot gas bypass valve and solenoid should be located as close to the discharge line as possible. This will minimize the amount of hot gas that may condense upstream of the valve and solenoid.

The hot gas bypass line should be routed above the evaporator and introduced to the ASC from the side to reduce oil scavenging. The line should be insulated and a check valve added if the ambient temperature is lower than the saturated suction temperature.

## Hot Gas Bypass Valves

Hot gas bypass (HGBP) valves used with distributor-type DX coils should be externally equalized. Their purpose is to maintain minimum suction pressure to the compressor. This is best done when the valve is responding to suction pressure. Over sizing the HGBP valve may cause:

- System inversion
- Loss of oil management
- Prevent the compressor from cycling off (overheating)
- Poor efficiency

Hot gas valve selection is based on;

- Refrigerant type
- Minimum allowable evaporating temperature at reduced load – typically 32 to 34°F (0.0 to 1.1°C) for chillers and 26 to 28°F (-3.3 to -2.2°C) for air conditioners
- Minimum compressor capacity
- Minimum system capacity. For air conditioning applications, minimum load with hot gas bypass use should be limited to approximately 10% of a system's capacity. Some process applications will require unloading down to zero
- Condensing temperature at minimum load – typically 80°F (26.7°C).



**Figure 18 - Hot Gas By Pass Accessories<sup>4</sup>**

Hot gas bypass valves must be sized for the difference between the minimum compressor capacity and the minimum system capacity. If the minimum system capacity is zero, then the hot gas bypass valve should be sized for the minimum compressor capacity.

The example provided here is based on Sporlan products. For other manufacturers, refer to their installation and application guides.

Sporlan valves begin to open at approximately 6°F (3.3°C) above the minimum evaporator temperature and remain open at the rated capacity of the minimum evaporator temperature. The actual pressure which the valve will open at depends on the refrigerant.

When remote condensers are used, always layout and size the condenser piping before selecting the HGBP valve. During light loads, when the HGBP valve is open, the remaining velocity in the discharge line may be so low that oil becomes trapped.

<sup>4</sup> Photos courtesy of Sporlan Division – Parker Hannifin Corporation

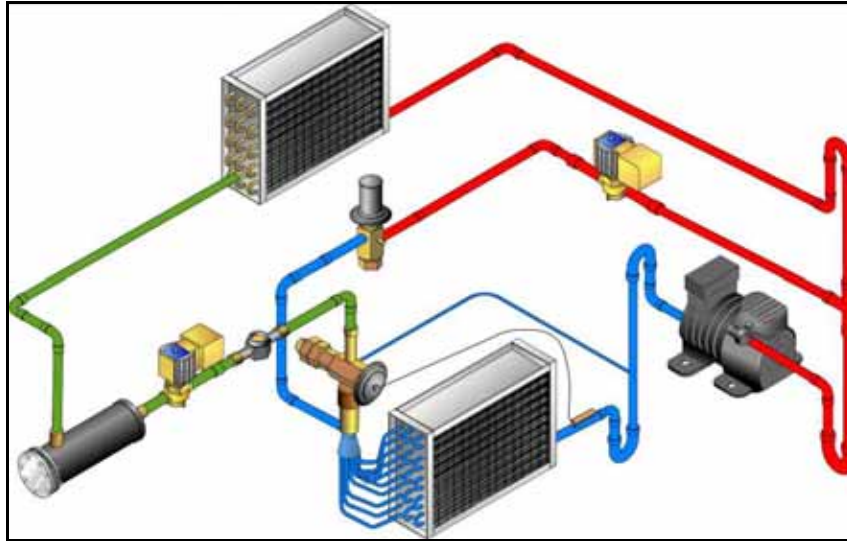
**Figure 19 - HGBP Valve Sizing Chart<sup>5</sup>**

Direct Acting Discharge Bypass Valve Capacities (tons)																							
Capacities based on discharge temperatures 50°F above isentropic compression, 25°F superheat at the compressor, 10°F sub-cooling, and includes both the hot gas bypassed and liquid refrigerant for desuperheating, regardless of whether the liquid is fed through the system thermostatic expansion valves or an auxiliary desuperheating thermostatic expansion valve.																							
Refrigerant	Valve Type	Adjustment Range (psig)	Minimum Allowable Evaporator Temperature At The Reduced Load (°F)																				
			40			26			20			0			-20			-40					
			Condensing Temperature (°F)																				
			80	100	120	80	100	120	80	100	120	80	100	120	80	100	120	80	100	120			
Adjustable Models																							
22	ADRI-1-1/4 ADRIE-1-1/4	0/55	-	-	-	0.34	.044	0.56	0.41	0.52	0.66	0.49	0.63	0.79	0.46	0.59	0.75	0.43	0.56	0.70			
		0/75	0.45	0.58	0.73	0.50	0.64	0.81	0.50	0.65	0.81	0.47	0.60	0.76	0.39	0.50	0.63	0.33	0.42	0.54			
		0/100	0.41	0.53	0.67	0.42	0.54	0.67	0.41	0.53	0.66	0.38	0.49	0.62	0.34	0.44	0.56	0.31	0.40	0.50			
	ADRS-2 ADRSE-2	0/30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.02	3.90	4.91	2.91	3.75	4.74	2.81	3.63	4.58
		0/80	2.73	3.51	4.42	2.77	3.57	4.50	2.79	3.59	4.53	2.84	3.66	4.61	2.83	3.65	4.60	2.71	3.50	4.42			
		ADRPE-3	0/30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	13.9	17.6	10.9	14.1	17.8	10.5	13.5	17.1		
	ADRPE-3 ADRHE-6	0/80	7.12	9.16	11.5	7.69	9.90	12.5	7.92	10.2	12.8	8.44	10.9	13.7	8.55	11.0	13.9	8.24	10.6	13.5			
		0/30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	13.9	17.6	10.9	14.1	17.8	10.5	13.5	17.1			
		0/80	7.12	9.16	11.5	7.69	9.90	12.5	7.92	10.2	12.8	8.44	10.9	13.7	8.55	11.0	13.9	8.24	10.6	13.5			
	134a	ADRI-1-1/4 ADRIE-1-1/4	0/55	0.30	0.40	0.51	0.31	0.41	0.53	0.31	0.41	0.53	0.29	0.38	0.49	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			0/75	0.32	0.43	0.55	0.30	0.39	0.50	0.28	0.37	0.48	0.23	0.31	0.40	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			0/100	0.26	0.34	0.44	0.24	0.32	0.41	0.24	0.31	0.40	0.21	0.28	0.36	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ADRS-2 ADRSE-2		0/30	-	-	-	1.97	2.60	3.34	1.94	2.56	3.30	1.87	2.46	3.18	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		0/80	2.02	2.67	3.43	1.85	2.44	3.15	1.85	2.44	3.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		ADRPE-3	0/30	-	-	-	3.75	4.95	6.38	3.76	4.96	6.39	3.70	4.89	6.31	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ADRPE-3 ADRHE-6		0/80	3.74	4.94	6.37	3.35	4.42	5.70	3.36	4.43	5.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		0/30	-	-	-	7.09	9.36	12.1	7.09	9.37	12.1	7.12	9.41	12.1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		0/80	7.07	9.34	12.0	5.50	7.26	9.36	5.53	7.31	9.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
407C		ADRI-1-1/4 ADRIE-1-1/4	0/55	-	-	-	0.48	0.61	0.77	0.54	0.69	0.86	0.58	0.74	0.93	0.53	0.68	0.85	-	-	-		
			0/75	0.61	0.78	0.97	0.61	0.78	0.97	0.60	0.77	0.96	0.53	0.68	0.85	0.43	0.56	0.69	-	-	-		
			0/100	0.51	0.65	0.81	0.50	0.63	0.79	0.48	0.62	0.77	0.44	0.56	0.70	0.39	0.50	0.62	-	-	-		
	ADRS-2 ADRSE-2	0/30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.52	4.51	5.63	3.38	4.33	5.41	-	-	-			
		0/80	3.32	4.25	5.30	3.32	4.25	5.30	3.33	4.27	5.32	3.36	4.31	5.38	3.30	4.23	5.28	-	-	-			
		ADRPE-3	0/30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.74	8.63	10.8	6.74	8.64	10.8	-	-	-		
	ADRPE-3 ADRHE-6	0/80	5.86	7.50	9.36	5.86	7.50	9.36	5.95	7.61	9.50	6.10	7.81	9.75	6.02	7.71	9.63	-	-	-			
		0/30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.7	16.3	20.3	12.8	16.5	20.5	-	-	-			
		0/80	9.43	12.1	15.1	9.43	12.1	15.1	9.67	12.4	15.5	10.1	13.0	16.2	10.1	12.9	16.1	-	-	-			

<sup>5</sup> This table courtesy of Sporlan Division – Parker Hannifin Corporation. It is only included for the example. Please refer to manufacturers data for sizing and application.

## How to Size a Hot Gas Bypass Line

Size the hot gas bypass line **and** valve for the following air conditioner:



The system:

- Uses R-407C
- Capacity is a 30 ton air conditioner with tandem scroll compressors
- Minimum capacity is 5 tons (17.6 kW)
- Minimum compressor capacity of 15 tons (52.8 kW) or one compressor
- Evaporator operates at 26°F (-3.3°C)
- Condenser operates at 120°F (48.9°C) that drops to 80°F (26.7°C) during minimum load
- Equivalent length is 10 ft (3.0m)

### Step 1 – Estimate HGBP Valve Capacity

HGBP valve = Minimum compressor capacity – Minimum system capacity

HGBP valve = 15 tons – 5 tons = 10 tons

(HGBP valve = 52.8kW - 17.6kW = 35.2kW)

### Step 2 – Select a HGBP Valve

**Figure 19** (page 37) shows the Sporlan Rating table for ADRHE series of HGBP valves. Given a 10 ton capacity, 26°F evaporator temperature, 80°F condensing temperature we can see a ADRHE-6 can deliver 9.43 tons (33.1 kW) and can use a 5/8, 7/8, or 1-1/8 inch solder connection.

### Step 3 – Estimate HGBP Piping Size

**Table 9** (page 54) can be used to determine the hot gas bypass line size for R-407C. For 10 tons 1-1/8 inch line delivers 8.5 tons (29.8 kW) at 20°F (-6.67°C) SST and table rating conditions. The equivalent length of this application is only 10% of the table rating condition. A 1-1/8-inch (29mm) pipe will deliver much more capacity at such a short length. Let's consider a 7/8-inch (22mm) line which delivers 4.2 tons (14.7 kW).

Sizing the pipe for full load requires a correction for the 80°F (26.7°C) actual condenser temperature. Referring to the correction factors at the bottom of **Table 9**;

$$\text{Actual capacity} = \text{Table capacity} \times 0.787$$

$$\text{Actual capacity} = 4.2 \text{ tons} \times 0.787 = 3.31 \text{ tons}$$

$$(\text{Actual capacity} = 14.8 \text{ kW} \times 0.787 = 11.65 \text{ kW})$$

#### **Step 4 – Calculate the Actual ΔT**

Using Note 5 in the table, we can calculate the saturation temperature difference based upon the actual design conditions:

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = \Delta T_{\text{Table}} \left[ \frac{\text{Actual length}}{\text{Table length}} \right] \left[ \frac{\text{Actual capacity}}{\text{Table capacity}} \right]^{1.8}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 1^{\circ}\text{F} \left[ \frac{10 \text{ ft}}{100 \text{ ft}} \right] \left[ \frac{10 \text{ tons}}{3.31 \text{ tons}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.732^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$\left( \Delta T_{\text{Actual}} = 0.56^{\circ}\text{C} \left[ \frac{3.0\text{m}}{30.5\text{m}} \right] \left[ \frac{35.2 \text{ kW}}{11.7 \text{ kW}} \right]^{1.8} = 0.40^{\circ}\text{C} \right)$$

#### **Step 5 – Calculate the Actual Pressure Drop**

The top of **Table 9** shows the pressure drop for 1°F (0.56°C) saturation temperature change with a 100 ft equivalent length is 3.3 PSI.

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Table}} \left( \frac{\Delta T_{\text{Actual}}}{\Delta T_{\text{Table}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 3.3 \text{ PSI} \left( \frac{0.732^{\circ}\text{F}}{1^{\circ}\text{F}} \right) = 2.42 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\left( \text{Pressure Drop}_{\text{Actual}} = 22.8 \text{ kPa} \left( \frac{0.40^{\circ}\text{C}}{0.56^{\circ}\text{C}} \right) = 16.3 \text{ kPa} \right)$$

A 7/8-inch (22mm) line provides a satisfactory pressure drop and keeps the line volume to a minimum. For point of comparison, a 1-1/8 inch (29mm) line would have provided a pressure drop of 0.65 PSI (4.48 kPa). This would have been an acceptable pressure drop, but the volume would have been greater. A 5/8-inch (16mm) line would have had a 13.5 PSI (93.1 kPa) drop and the refrigerant velocity would have caused excessive noise.

In addition to the HGBP valve we require:

- A 7/8 inch (22mm) solenoid
- An ASC for the distributor
- A new nozzle for the distributor

Recall that the HGBP valve begins to open at 6°F (3.3°C) above SST, or in this case 32°F (0°C). By the time SST is 26°F (-3.3°C) the HGBP valve will be passing the equivalent of 10 tons (35.2 kW) of R-407C refrigerant from the discharge line to the inlet of the evaporator.

# Installation Details

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## Pump Down

Some air conditioning systems are designed with either recycling or a one-time pump down cycle. These systems have a condenser sized large enough to hold the refrigerant charge. When cooling is no longer required, a solenoid valve in the liquid line closes. The compressor continues operating until the suction pressure drops below the suction pressure cutout switch. Once the suction pressure switch opens, the compressor stops. One-time pump down systems stay off until there is a need for cooling. Recycling pump down allows the compressor to restart if the suction pressure switch closes, even if cooling is unnecessary. The solenoid is still closed (no cooling required) so the compressor will quickly lower the suction pressure to where the pressure switch opens again. An example of this is the McQuay RPS C-vintage Applied Rooftop System.

The advantage of pump down is that most of the refrigerant in the evaporator is removed. Without pump down, during the off cycle, the refrigerant may migrate to the evaporator and/or suction line. On start up, the liquid refrigerant may be drawn into the compressor and cause slugging. If the casing of the compressor is allowed to get colder than the rest of the circuit, refrigerant throughout the circuit may migrate to the compressor crankcase, condense and cause flooded starts.

Systems that do not have pump down may still have a solenoid that closes while the compressor is off to limit refrigerant migration. Crankcase heaters may also be added to help raise the compressor temperature and avoid refrigerant condensation.

When pump down is part of the equipment design, a solenoid valve will be required in the liquid line as shown in **Figure 16** (page 34). It should be installed as close to the evaporator as possible, just before the TX valve. With pump down, the condenser must be able to hold the system charge. Long field refrigerant piping arrangements may increase the refrigerant volume above the capacity of the condenser and limit service pump down. A receiver may be added to store the refrigerant. Consult the manufacturer if a receiver is required.

## Piping Insulation

Suction lines are cold – 40°F (4.4°C) SST – and cause condensation, even in conditioned spaces. In addition, any heat that enters the refrigerant adds to the superheat and reduces system efficiency. For these reasons, suction lines should be insulated with a vapor proof insulation. This is a requirement of many building codes. Rubratex is the most common form of refrigerant line insulation.

Liquid lines generally are insulated. They are warm to hot (110°F (43.3°C) for air-cooled). If liquid lines pass through a space that is warmer than the refrigerant (i.e. the roof of a building at roof level), or if they could be considered hot enough to pose a safety risk, then insulation should be added.

Discharge lines are generally uninsulated. They may be very hot, in excess of 150°F (66°C), so insulation may be warranted as a safety consideration, or if the heat loss from the discharge gas line would be considered objectionable to the space.

Hot gas bypass lines should be insulated, especially if the runs are long or if the piping is exposed to cold temperatures.



## Refrigerant Line Installation

Refrigerant lines need to be securely installed to minimize vibration that causes noise and damages piping. Reciprocating compressors, in particular, cause vibration. Steel braided flexible refrigerant lines (a must for spring isolated reciprocating compressors) minimize this vibration. Follow manufacturer's instructions when using steel braided lines. Discharge mufflers are also occasionally used on discharge lines to minimize gas pulsations.

Refrigerant lines that rub against solid objects wear holes through copper and create a leak. For this reason, when refrigerant lines pass through walls, the line should pass through sleeved openings in such a manner that the lines do not touch.

There are several commercially available pipe clamping systems that allow pipes to be held rigid without causing damage to them. Most include some form of rubber grommet around the pipe, which is then secured within a bracket. Many building codes specify minimum support spacing.

Piping should also be protected from mechanical damage. Where piping is exposed to possible damage, the lines should be routed out of the way or be protected in some form of chase. Burying refrigerant lines should be avoided.

# Low Ambient Operation

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Refrigeration circuit components are sized for the most demanding application point. This is typically when the ambient temperature is high and the evaporator temperature is low. Many systems are required to operate properly when the ambient temperature is much lower. The issue here is the condenser becomes “too efficient” and lowers the liquid temperature and pressure beyond the range that the TX valve compensates for. In these applications, some form of low ambient control is required.

Water-cooled systems typically use some form of condenser water bypass line to maintain head pressure. For air-cooled systems, there are three common approaches to design for low ambient operation;

- Fan cycling
- Fan speed control
- Condenser flood back

## Fan Cycling and Fan Speed Control

Fan cycling and fan speed control are the most common forms of low ambient operation for commercial air conditioning systems. Fan cycling entails staging condenser fans on and off based on the ambient temperature or the head pressure. Ambient-based control is cost-effective, but should only be used with air conditioning applications. Process loads must use pressure-based controls.

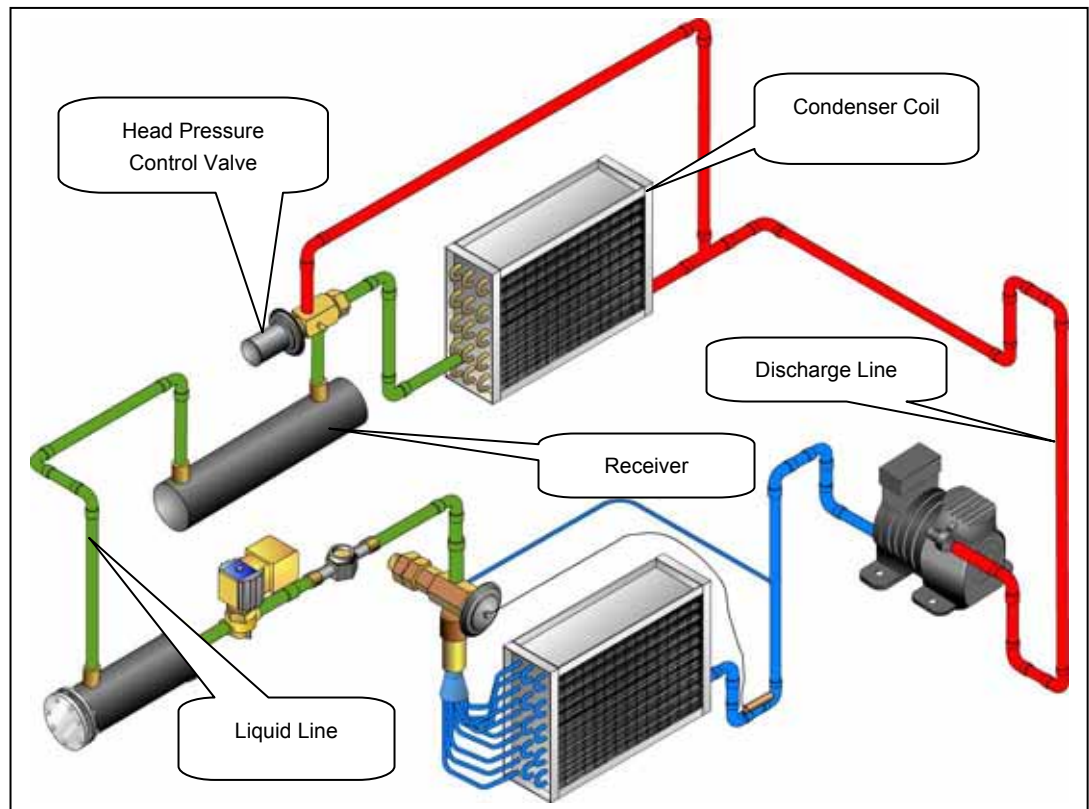
Fan speed control entails using some form of fan speed controller to modulate air-flow through the condenser. Fan speed is usually based on head pressure.

Both of these approaches are options provided by the equipment manufacturer and have minimal impact upon the piping system design, other than requiring a port for the head pressure sensor.

## Condenser Flood Back Design

*Figure 20* shows a typical condenser flood back arrangement. As the ambient temperature drops, the head pressure drops. A head pressure control valve (refrigerant flow regulator) controlled by head pressure begins to close, restricting flow of liquid refrigerant from the condenser. Liquid refrigerant “floods” the condenser. As the tubes in the condenser flood, they reduce the surface area available for condensation and reduce the heat rejection capacity. As the condenser floods, the head pressure climbs until it reaches the setting of the head pressure control valve.

**Figure 20 - Typical Condenser Flood Back Arrangement**



Single head pressure control valve arrangements are available from several manufacturers. Refer to the manufacturers instructions for sizing and applications.

A receiver is required to store refrigerant during warmer weather. The receiver should be sized so it is at 80% of capacity while containing the entire system charge. Another aspect of receivers is that they contain both liquid and gaseous refrigerant at the same time. By their design, receivers prohibit liquid sub-cooling from occurring. Without liquid sub-cooling the capacity of the system is reduced and care must be taken in the design of the liquid line to avoid flashing at the TX valve.

Flooded systems are an excellent method of providing head pressure control in cold climates, but they increase initial cost, add complexity to the refrigeration system, increase installation time, and increase the refrigerant charge. The loss of sub-cooling should be recognized. If a flooded system is required, consult the manufacturer prior to installation.

© *Tip: Flooded systems with receivers are complex. Consult the manufacturer for assistance before installing.*

# Safety and the Environment

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Refrigeration systems contain fluids under pressure at dangerous temperatures and pressures. Proper safety procedures **must** be followed to provide a system that is acceptable. ASHRAE Standard 15, Safety Code for Mechanical Refrigeration and ASME Standard B31.5, Refrigeration Piping should be followed. Most building codes require adherence to these Standards.

Technicians should also be EPA or other government agency certified to handle refrigerants.

# Appendix 1 - Glossary

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**Accumulator (suction)** A device installed just before a compressor in the suction line that is used to separate vapor refrigerant from liquid refrigerant and oil. They are common in heat pumps and industrial refrigeration applications.

**Adiabatic Process** A process where energy gain to the surroundings is zero. Enthalpy remains constant for the fluid. An example is the refrigeration expansion process.

**ASC (Auxiliary Side Connector)** A fitting used in conjunction with a distributor to introduce hot gas refrigerant into the distributor for hot gas bypass.

**Azeotropic Refrigerants** Refrigerant blends that behave as a single substance. An example is R-410A.

**Carnot Cycle** The ideal, reversible heat cycle between two infinite heat sinks.

**Check Valve** A valve that only allows flow in one direction. Used in refrigeration systems to stop refrigerant migration when the system is off.

**Compressor** A component in a refrigeration system that compresses refrigerant vapor to a higher pressure and temperature and consumes power to do so.

**Condenser** A component in a refrigeration system where refrigerant is condensed from a gas to a liquid and heat is rejected to the surroundings.

**COP (Coefficient of Performance)** The measure of the refrigeration system efficiency. Defined as refrigeration effect per compressor power.

**Critical Point** The point on a P-H Diagram where the saturated liquid and saturated vapor lines meet. Above the critical point, condensation cannot occur.

**Density (d)** The mass of a substance divided by the volume that substance occupies. It is measured in pounds per cubic foot (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) or kilograms per meter cubed (kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**Desuperheater** A device that removes super heat from either the suction or discharge gas line. This heat may be used in a heat recovery application such as hot water heating.

**Direct Expansion (DX) Evaporator** An evaporator where the refrigerant is in the tubes. Used for either refrigerant to air coils or chillers.

**Discharge (hot gas) Line** A refrigerant line that carries superheated, high pressure refrigerant from the compressor to the condenser.

**Discharge muffler** Used to reduce sound and pulsations in refrigerant lines. They are typically installed in discharge lines near the compressor.

**Distributor** A device that feeds two phase refrigerant evenly to each tube of a DX evaporator. It is usually part of the coil and is directly down stream of the TX valve.

**Economizer (refrigerant)** A form of two stage refrigeration cycle where the compressor has a port that allows refrigerant at an intermediate pressure to be injected into the compression process.

**EER (Energy Efficiency Ratio)** Refrigeration effect in British thermal units per hour per power input in watts (Btu/hr•W).

**Enthalpy (h)** The measure of energy content in a fluid. Measured in British thermal units per pound (Btu/lb).

**Entropy (s)** The measure of molecular disorder of a substance. A process without change in entropy is considered ideal and reversible. Measured in British Thermal Units per pound –degree Rankin (Btu/lb°R)

**Evaporator** A component in a refrigeration system where refrigerant is boiled from a liquid to gas and heat is absorbed from the surroundings. It is the component that performs the cooling effect.

**Expansion Device** A component that reduces the pressure and temperature adiabatically in a refrigeration system. There are several types but a thermal expansion (TX) valve is most common for air conditioning applications. The device is located in the liquid line as close to the evaporator as possible.

**Filter-Drier** A device used to filter refrigerant to remove contaminants. It also contains a desiccant that removes moisture from the refrigerant. Installed on liquid and/or suction lines.

**Flashing** Partial or total vaporization obtained by sudden reduction of pressure.

**Flash Tank** A component in a refrigeration system used to separate liquid refrigerant from vapor at an intermediate pressure. Commonly used in two stage refrigeration cycles.

**Floodback** A process where liquid refrigerant forms and moves to the lowest or coldest part of the refrigerant circuit. When unplanned for, floodback is detrimental to the operation of the refrigeration system.

**Flooded Evaporator** For chiller evaporators, the refrigerant is outside the tubes and all the tubes are submersed in liquid refrigerant.

**Glide** The change in volumetric composition and saturation temperature experienced by Zeotropic refrigerants during boiling.

**Head Pressure Control Valve** A pressure regulating valve that diverts flow around the condenser as the pressure drops. This is used as part of liquid flood back head pressure control system.

**Hot Gas Bypass** A method of maintaining suction pressure to the compressor during periods of light load by recirculating discharge gas from the leaving side of the compressor back to either the inlet of the evaporator or the suction line.

**Hot Gas Reheat** A method of reheating supply air after it has been cooled by using a second coil down stream of the evaporator and passing discharge gas from the compressor through it.

**Intercooler** A component in a refrigeration system used to desuperheat compressed refrigerant with cool liquid refrigerant. Commonly used in two stage refrigeration cycles to cool refrigeration from the booster compressor.

**Isentropic Efficiency ( $\eta_s$ )** Measure of compressor efficiency defined as  $\Delta h_{\text{isentropic}} / \Delta h_{\text{actual}}$ .

**Isentropic Process** A process where the entropy remains constant. Such a process is said to be reversible and cannot be more efficient. An example is isentropic compression (which cannot actually occur but is used as a benchmark to measure actual compressor performance against – See isentropic efficiency.)

**Isobaric Process** A process that occurs at constant pressure. An example is evaporation in the evaporator.

**Isolators** Components used to stop vibration and noise from passing beyond the source. There are isolators for compressors and refrigerant piping. Compressor isolators are rubber in shear (RIS) or spring. Refrigerant piping isolators are usually rubber grommets used with a clamping system.

**Isothermal Process** A process that occurs at constant temperature. An example is evaporation in the evaporator.

**Liquid Floodback head pressure control** A method of maintaining proper head pressure during low ambient operation by flooding the condenser with liquid refrigerant and reducing the effective heat transfer surface of the condenser.

**Liquid Line** A refrigerant line that moves liquid high pressure refrigerant from the condenser to an expansion device.

**Liquid overfeed system** An evaporator where the refrigerant is mechanically pumped faster than it is boiled so liquid refrigerant exits the evaporator. The mixture leaving the evaporator enters a low pressure receiver where the vapor is drawn off to the compressor and the liquid is returned to the evaporator. This arrangement is common in industrial applications.

**Liquid Sub-cooling Reheat** A method of reheating supply air after it has been cooled by using a second coil down stream of the evaporator and passing liquid refrigerant from the condenser through it.

**Low Ambient Control** A control process that maintains condenser pressure at an acceptable level during periods of low ambient temperature and/or load. Examples include, fan cycling, fan speed control, and liquid flood back control.

**Mass (*m*)** The quantity of a substance present. It is measured in pounds or lb<sub>m</sub> or kilograms ( kg).

**Oil Separator** A vessel in a refrigeration circuit used to separate oil from refrigerant. They are usually in the discharge line. The oil is returned to the compressor sump.

**Pressure (*p*)** Force over unit area. Bursts pipes or expands balloons. It is measured in pounds per square inch (PSI) or Pascals (Pa).

**Quality (*x*)** The ratio of vapor mass to liquid mass refrigerant during evaporation and/or condensation.

**Receiver** A container used to store liquid refrigerant. Typically used when the condenser cannot hold the refrigerant charge or for liquid flood back low ambient control.

**Reversing Valve** A device in a refrigeration circuit used to convert an air conditioner into a heat pump. When powered, the reversing valve will switch the evaporator and condenser to reverse the rejection of heat.

**Riser** A refrigerant pipe that runs vertically.

**Rubatex** A brand name for a moisture proof expanded rubber insulation commonly used on refrigerant piping for thermal insulation.

**Saturation Condition** A state where liquid and vapor refrigerant are in direct contact with each other and all properties remain unchanged overtime. When a refrigerant is in saturation condition there can be only one temperature for a given pressure and visa versa.

**Saturated Condensing Temperature** The saturation condition that exists in the condenser.

**Saturated Suction Temperature** The saturation condition that exists in the evaporator.

**Service Valve** A refrigerant valve that can be manually closed to isolate part of a refrigeration circuit for servicing.

**Sight Glass** A refrigerant piping fitting that has a window to allow viewing of the refrigerant. They are used in the liquid line as close to the TX valve as possible to visualize vapor bubbles. Some sight glasses include a moisture indicator used to mark the presences of moisture in the refrigeration system.

**Solenoid Valve** A two position valve (open with power, closed without power) commonly used in refrigerant piping systems to isolate a section of the refrigerant circuit. Also used in pump down and hot gas bypass arrangements.

**Specific Heat (*c<sub>p</sub>*)** The energy needed to raise the temperature of a unit of mass one degree of temperature. Measured in Btu/lb<sub>m</sub>°F or (kJ/(kg°C))

**Sub-cooled Liquid** A liquid that has been cooled below the saturation condition resulting in lower temperature and enthalpy. This is used to offset pressure losses in liquid lines that lead to flashing and to increase the capacity of the refrigeration circuit.

**Suction Line** A refrigerant line that carries low pressure refrigerant vapor from the evaporator to the compressor.

**Superheated Vapor** A vapor that has been heated beyond the saturation condition resulting in increased temperature and enthalpy. This is done to make sure the refrigerant in the suction line entering the compressor is truly a vapor.

**Temperature (T)** Represents the average motion of the molecules in the fluid. It is measured in °F (Fahrenheit) (Celsius or °C).

**Thermal Expansion (TX) Valve** A pressure regulating valve used in refrigeration systems to lower the liquid refrigerant pressure from the condensing pressure to the evaporation pressure. Thermal expansion valves modulate refrigerant flow based on superheat in the suction line.

**Trap** A “P” shaped piping fitting that holds either liquid refrigerant or oil.

**Venturi** An alternative device to a distributor for feeding two phase refrigerant flow into each tube of a DX evaporator. It is usually part of the coil and is directly down stream of the TX valve.

**Volume (V)** The geometrical space occupied by a fluid. It is measured in cubic feet or ft<sup>3</sup> (cubic meters or m<sup>3</sup>)

**Volumetric Efficiency ( $\eta_{vd}$ )** Measure of compressor performance defined as actual volume flow rate/ideal volume flow rate.

**Zeotropic Refrigerants** Refrigerant blends where the components do not behave as one substance. Zeotropic refrigerants experience glide. An example is R-407C.



## Appendix 2 – Refrigerant Piping Tables (Inch-Pound)

**Table 3 - Copper Tube Data<sup>6</sup>**

Nominal Dia.	Type	Wall Dia. (in)	Diameter		Surface Area		Cross Section		Weight Tube (lb/ft)	Working Pressure ASTM B88 To 250°F	
			Outside D, (in)	Inside D (in)	Outside (ft <sup>2</sup> /ft)	Inside (ft <sup>2</sup> /ft)	Meta l Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Flow Area (in <sup>2</sup> )		Annealed (PSIG)	Draw n (PSIG)
1/2	K	0.049	0.500	0.402	0.131	0.105	0.069	0.127	0.269	894	1676
	L	0.035	0.500	0.430	0.131	0.113	0.051	0.145	0.198	638	1197
5/8	K	0.049	0.625	0.527	0.164	0.138	0.089	0.218	0.344	715	1341
	L	0.040	0.625	0.545	0.164	0.143	0.074	0.233	0.285	584	1094
3/4	K	0.049	0.750	0.652	0.196	0.171	0.108	0.334	0.418	596	1117
	L	0.042	0.750	0.666	0.196	0.174	0.093	0.348	0.362	511	958
7/8	K	0.065	0.875	0.745	0.229	0.195	0.165	0.436	0.641	677	1270
	L	0.045	0.875	0.785	0.229	0.206	0.117	0.484	0.455	469	879
1 1/8	K	0.065	1.125	0.995	0.295	0.260	0.216	0.778	0.839	527	988
	L	0.050	1.125	1.025	0.295	0.268	0.169	0.825	0.654	405	760
1 3/8	K	0.065	1.375	1.245	0.360	0.326	0.268	1.217	1.037	431	808
	L	0.055	1.375	1.265	0.360	0.331	0.228	1.257	0.884	365	684
1 5/8	K	0.072	1.625	1.481	0.425	0.388	0.351	1.723	1.361	404	758
	L	0.060	1.625	1.505	0.425	0.394	0.295	1.779	1.143	337	631
2 1/8	K	0.083	2.125	1.959	0.556	0.513	0.532	3.014	2.063	356	668
	L	0.070	2.125	1.985	0.556	0.520	0.452	3.095	1.751	300	573
2 5/8	K	0.095	2.625	2.435	0.687	0.637	0.775	4.657	2.926	330	619
	L	0.080	2.625	2.465	0.687	0.637	0.640	4.772	2.479	278	521
3 1/8	K	0.109	3.125	2.907	0.818	0.761	1.033	6.637	4.002	318	596
	L	0.090	3.125	2.945	0.818	0.771	0.858	6.812	3.325	263	492
3 5/8	K	0.120	3.625	3.385	0.949	0.886	1.321	8.999	5.120	302	566
	L	0.100	3.625	3.425	0.949	0.897	1.107	9.213	4.291	252	472
4 1/8	K	0.134	4.125	3.857	1.080	1.010	1.680	11.684	6.510	296	555
	L	0.110	4.125	3.905	1.080	1.022	1.387	11.977	5.377	243	456
5 1/8	K	0.160	5.125	4.805	1.342	1.258	2.496	18.133	9.674	285	534
	L	0.125	5.125	4.875	1.342	1.276	1.963	18.665	7.609	222	417
6 1/8	K	0.192	6.125	5.741	1.603	1.503	3.579	25.886	13.867	286	536
	L	0.140	6.125	5.845	1.603	1.530	2.632	26.832	10.200	208	391
8 1/8	K	0.271	8.125	7.583	2.127	1.985	6.687	45.162	25.911	304	570
	L	0.200	8.125	7.725	2.127	2.022	4.979	46.869	19.295	224	421

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**Table 4 - Equivalent Length for Fittings (feet)<sup>7</sup>**

Nominal Dia.	Smooth Elbows						Smooth Bend Tee Connections			
	90° Std	90° Long Radius	90° Street	45° Std	45° Street	180° Std	Tee Branch Flow	Straight Through Flow		
								No Reduction	Reduced 25%	Reduced 50%
1/2	1.4	0.9	2.3	0.7	1.1	2.3	2.7	0.9	1.2	1.4
5/8	1.6	1.0	2.5	0.8	1.3	2.5	3.0	1.0	1.4	1.6
7/8	2.0	1.4	3.2	0.9	1.6	3.2	4.0	1.4	1.9	2.0
1 1/8	2.6	1.7	4.1	1.3	2.1	4.1	5.0	1.7	2.2	2.6
1 3/8	3.3	2.3	5.6	1.7	3.0	5.6	7.0	2.3	3.1	3.3
1 5/8	4.0	2.6	6.3	2.1	3.4	6.3	8.0	2.6	3.7	4.0
2 1/8	5.0	3.3	8.2	2.6	4.5	8.2	10.0	3.3	4.7	5.0
2 5/8	6.0	4.1	10.0	3.2	5.2	10.0	12.0	4.1	5.6	6.0
3 1/8	7.5	5.0	12.0	4.0	6.4	12.0	15.0	5.0	7.0	7.5
3 5/8	9.0	5.9	15.0	4.7	7.3	15.0	18.0	5.9	8.0	9.0
4 1/8	10.0	6.7	17.0	5.2	8.5	17.0	21.0	6.7	9.0	10.0
5 1/8	13.0	8.2	21.0	6.5	11.0	21.0	25.0	8.2	12.0	13.0
6 1/8	16.0	10.0	25.0	7.9	13.0	25.0	30.0	10.0	14.0	16.0
8 1/8	20.0	13.0	-	10.0	-	33.0	40.0	13.0	18.0	20.0

**Table 5 - Equivalent Length For Valves And Refrigeration Devices (feet)<sup>8</sup>**

Nominal Diameter	Globe Or Solenoid	60° Wye Valve	45° Wye Valve	Angle Valve	Gate Valve	Swing Check	Sight Glass	Filter Drier	Suction Filter
1/2	17	8	6	6	0.6	5	1.0	12	15
5/8	18	9	7	7	0.7	6	1.2	15	17
7/8	22	11	9	9	0.9	8	1.6	21	22
1 1/8	29	15	12	12	1.0	10	2.0	26	25
1 3/8	38	20	15	15	1.5	14	2.5	35	36
1 5/8	43	24	18	18	1.8	16	2.6	-	40
2 1/8	55	30	24	24	2.3	20			
2 5/8	69	35	29	29	2.8	25			
3 1/8	84	43	35	35	3.2	30			
3 5/8	100	50	41	41	4.0	35			
4 1/8	120	58	47	47	4.5	40			
5 1/8	140	71	58	58	6.0	50			
6 1/8	170	88	70	70	7.0	60			
8 1/8	220	115	85	85	9.0	80			

<sup>7</sup> ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration, Chapter 2, 2006. © American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc., [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org).

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**Table 6 - R-22 Refrigerant Line Sizing Table (tons)<sup>9</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid	
	0°F			20°F			40°F			0°F	20°F	40°F	vel = 100fpm	1°F
ΔT	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	1°F	1°F	1°F		3.05
Δp (PSI)	1.60	0.813	0.406	2.22	1.104	0.552	2.91	1.455	0.727	3.05	3.05	3.05		3.05
OD (in)														
1/2	-	0.18	0.12	0.40	0.27	0.19	0.6	0.40	0.27	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.3	3.6
5/8	0.51	0.34	0.23	0.76	0.52	0.35	1.1	0.75	0.51	1.5	1.6	1.6	3.7	6.7
7/8	1.3	0.91	0.62	2.0	1.37	0.93	2.9	1.97	1.35	4.0	4.1	4.2	7.8	18.2
1 1/8	2.7	1.86	1.27	4.0	2.77	1.90	5.8	3.99	2.74	8.0	8.3	8.5	13.2	37.0
1 3/8	4.7	3.25	2.22	7.0	4.84	3.32	10.1	6.96	4.78	14.0	14.4	14.8	20.2	64.7
1 5/8	7.5	5.16	3.53	11.1	7.67	5.26	16.0	11.00	7.57	22.1	22.7	23.4	28.5	102.5
2 1/8	15.6	10.71	7.35	23.1	15.92	10.96	33.1	22.81	15.73	45.7	47.1	48.5	49.6	213.0
2 5/8	27.5	18.97	13.04	40.8	28.19	19.40	58.3	40.38	27.84	80.4	82.9	85.4	76.5	376.9
3 1/8	44.0	30.31	20.85	65.0	44.93	31.00	92.9	64.30	44.44	128.2	132.2	136.2	109.2	601.5
3 5/8	65.4	45.09	31.03	96.6	66.81	46.11	137.8	95.68	66.09	190.3	196.2	202.1	147.8	895.7
4 1/8	92.2	63.71	43.85	136.3	94.25	65.12	194.3	134.81	93.22	267.8	276.1	284.4	192.1	1263.2

Values in Table 6 are based on 105°F condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°F)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
80	1.11	0.79
90	1.07	0.88
100	1.03	0.95
110	0.97	1.04
120	0.90	1.10
130	0.86	1.18
140	0.80	1.26

**Notes for Table 6:**

1. Table capacities are in tons of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop due to line friction, psi per 100 ft of equivalent line length
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, °F per 100 ft
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures Δt for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 7 - R-134a Refrigerant Line Size Table (tons)<sup>10</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid	
	0°F			20°F			40°F			0°F	20°F	40°F		
	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	1°F	1°F	1°F	vel = 100fpm	1°F
$\Delta p$ (PSI)	1.00	0.50	0.25	1.41	0.71	0.35	1.93	0.97	0.48	2.20	2.20	2.20		2.20
OD (in)														
1/2	0.14	0.10	0.07	0.23	0.16	0.11	0.35	0.24	0.16	0.5	0.6	0.6	2.13	2.79
5/8	0.27	0.18	0.12	0.43	0.29	0.20	0.66	0.45	0.31	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.42	5.27
7/8	0.71	0.48	0.33	1.14	0.78	0.53	1.75	1.20	0.82	2.7	2.8	2.9	7.09	14
1 1/8	1.45	0.99	0.67	2.32	1.59	1.08	3.54	2.43	1.66	5.4	5.7	6.0	12.1	28.4
1 3/8	2.53	1.73	1.18	4.04	2.77	1.89	6.17	4.25	2.91	9.4	9.9	10.4	18.4	50
1 5/8	4.02	2.75	1.88	6.39	4.40	3.01	9.77	6.72	4.61	14.9	15.7	16.4	26.1	78.6
2 1/8	8.34	5.73	3.92	13.3	9.14	6.27	20.20	14.0	9.59	30.8	32.4	34.0	45.3	163
2 5/8	14.80	10.2	6.97	23.5	16.2	11.1	35.80	24.7	17.0	54.4	57.2	59.9	69.9	290
3 1/8	23.70	16.2	11.1	37.5	25.9	17.8	57.10	39.4	27.2	86.7	91.2	95.5	100	462
3 5/8	35.10	24.2	16.6	55.8	38.5	26.5	84.80	58.7	40.4	129.0	135.	142.0	135	688
4 1/8	49.60	34.2	23.5	78.7	54.3	37.4	119.4	82.6	57.1	181.0	191.	200.0	175	971
5 1/8	88.90	61.3	42.2	141.0	97.2	67.1	213.0	148.	102.	323.0	340.	356.0	-	-
6 1/8	143.0	98.8	68.0	226.0	157.	108.	342.0	237.	165.	518.0	545.	571.0	-	-

Values in Table 7 are based on 105°F condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°F)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
80	1.158	0.804
90	1.095	0.882
100	1.032	0.961
110	0.968	1.026
120	0.902	1.078
130	0.834	1.156

**Notes for Table 7:**

1. Table capacities are in tons of refrigeration.
2.  $\Delta p$  = pressure drop due to line friction, psi per 100 ft of equivalent line length
3.  $\Delta t$  = corresponding change in saturation temperature, °F per 100 ft
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures  $\Delta t$  and equivalent lengths  $L_e$

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures  $\Delta t$  for other capacities and equivalent lengths  $L_e$

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 8 - R-410A Refrigerant Line Size Table (tons)<sup>11</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid		
	0°F			20°F			40°F			0°F	20°F	40°F	vel = 100fpm	1°F	5°F
ΔT	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	1°F	1°F	1°F		4.75	23.30
Δp (PSI)	2.57	1.29	0.64	3.46	1.73	0.87	4.50	2.25	1.13	4.75	4.75	4.75			
OD (in)															
1/2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.0	4.6	10.8
5/8	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.7	1.2	0.8	2.4	2.4	2.5	3.2	8.6	20.2
7/8	2.1	1.4	1.0	3.1	2.1	1.5	4.4	3.0	2.1	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.7	22.6	52.9
1 1/8	4.2	2.9	2.0	6.2	4.3	3.0	8.9	6.1	4.2	12.5	12.9	13.2	11.4	45.8	106.6
1 3/8	7.3	5.1	3.5	10.9	7.5	5.2	15.4	10.7	7.3	21.7	22.4	22.9	17.4	79.7	185.0
1 5/8	11.6	8.0	5.5	17.1	11.8	8.2	24.3	16.7	11.6	34.3	35.3	36.1	24.6	125.9	291.5
2 1/8	24.1	16.6	11.4	35.5	24.5	16.9	50.2	34.8	24.1	70.8	72.8	74.6	42.8	260.7	601.1
2 5/8	42.5	29.4	20.2	62.5	43.3	30.0	88.4	61.4	42.5	124.5	128.3	131.2	66.0	459.7	1056.4
3 1/8	67.8	46.8	32.4	99.5	69.1	47.8	140.8	97.9	67.9	198.4	204.3	209.0	94.2	733.0	1680.5
3 5/8	100.5	69.7	48.1	147.7	102.7	71.0	208.7	145.3	100.8	293.9	302.7	309.6	127.4	1087.5	2491.0
4 1/8	141.6	98.3	67.9	208.2	144.7	100.2	293.7	204.8	142.1	413.8	426.1	435.9	165.7	1530.2	3500.9
5 1/8	253.1	175.4	121.5	370.8	258.0	179.2	523.2	365.0	253.8	737.3	759.3	776.7	258.2	2729.8	6228.4
6 1/8	405.8	282.3	195.7	594.9	414.5	287.8	839.8	586.1	407.6	1180.9	1216.2	1244.1	371.1	4383.7	9980.4

Values in Table 8 are based on 105°F condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°F)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
80	1.170	0.815
90	1.104	0.889
100	1.035	0.963
110	0.964	1.032
120	0.889	1.096
130	0.808	1.160

**Notes for Table 8:**

1. Table capacities are in tons of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop due to line friction, psi per 100 ft of equivalent line length
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, °F per 100 ft
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures Δt for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 9 - R-407C Refrigerant Line Size Table<sup>12</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid		
	0°F			20°F			40°F			0°F	20°F	40°F	vel = 100fpm	1°F	5°F
	ΔT	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	2°F	1°F	0.5°F	1°F	1°F			
Δp (PSI)	1.55	0.78	0.39	2.16	1.08	0.54	2.92	1.46	0.73	3.30	3.30	3.30			
OD (in)															
1/2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.9	2.1	3.8	8.9
5/8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	3.4	7.1	16.7
7/8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.8	1.2	0.8	2.7	1.8	1.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	6.9	18.7	43.7
1 1/8	2.3	1.6	1.1	3.6	2.5	1.7	5.4	3.7	2.6	8.2	8.5	8.9	11.8	37.9	88.2
1 3/8	4.1	2.8	1.9	6.3	4.4	3.0	9.5	6.5	4.5	14.2	14.8	15.4	18.0	66.2	153.5
1 5/8	6.4	4.4	3.0	10.0	6.9	4.7	14.9	10.3	7.1	22.5	23.4	24.3	25.5	104.7	241.9
2 1/8	13.4	9.2	6.3	20.7	14.3	9.8	30.9	21.4	14.7	46.5	48.4	50.3	44.4	217.1	499.2
2 5/8	23.6	16.3	11.2	36.6	25.3	17.4	54.5	37.8	26.1	82.0	85.4	88.7	68.5	383.7	879.9
3 1/8	37.8	26.1	17.9	58.3	40.3	27.8	86.9	60.2	41.6	130.5	136.0	141.2	97.7	611.3	1401.5
3 5/8	56.2	38.8	26.7	86.6	60.0	41.4	128.9	89.5	61.8	193.3	201.4	209.2	132.0	907.9	2076.6
4 1/8	79.2	54.7	37.7	122.1	84.6	58.5	181.3	126.1	87.3	272.6	284.0	295.0	171.8	1281.5	2923.4
5 1/8	141.6	97.9	67.6	218.1	151.2	104.7	323.5	225.1	156.1	485.5	505.8	525.3	267.8	2288.8	5209.1
6 1/8	227.9	157.6	109.0	350.4	243.2	168.4	519.6	361.7	251.1	779.0	811.6	843.0	385.0	3676.9	8344.1

Values in Table 9 are based on 105°F condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°F)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
80	1.163	0.787
90	1.099	0.872
100	1.033	0.957
110	0.966	1.036
120	0.896	1.109
130	0.824	1.182

**Notes for Table 9:**

1. Table capacities are in tons of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop due to line friction, psi per 100 ft of equivalent line length
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, °F per 100 ft
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>.

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures Δt for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>.

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 10 - R-22 Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (tons)<sup>13</sup>**

Saturated Suction Temp (°F)	Suction Gas Temp (°F)	Pipe O.D. (inches)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
		Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.825	1.256	1.780	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.970
<b>-40</b>	-30	0.067	0.119	0.197	0.298	0.580	0.981	1.52	3.03	5.20	8.12	11.8	16.4
	-10	0.065	0.117	0.194	0.292	0.570	0.963	1.49	2.97	5.11	7.97	11.6	16.1
	10	0.066	0.118	0.195	0.295	0.575	0.972	1.50	3.00	5.15	8.04	11.7	16.3
<b>-20</b>	-10	0.087	0.156	0.258	0.389	0.758	1.28	1.98	3.96	6.80	10.6	15.5	21.5
	10	0.085	0.153	0.253	0.362	0.744	1.26	1.95	3.88	6.67	10.4	15.2	21.1
	30	0.086	0.154	0.254	0.383	0.747	1.26	1.95	3.90	6.69	10.4	15.2	21.1
<b>0</b>	10	0.111	0.199	0.328	0.496	0.986	1.63	2.53	5.04	8.66	13.5	19.7	27.4
	30	0.108	0.194	0.320	0.484	0.842	1.59	2.46	4.92	8.45	13.2	19.2	26.7
	50	0.109	0.195	0.322	0.486	0.946	1.60	2.47	4.94	8.48	13.2	19.3	26.8
<b>20</b>	30	0.136	0.244	0.403	0.608	1.18	2.00	3.10	6.18	10.6	16.6	24.2	33.5
	50	0.135	0.242	0.399	0.603	1.17	1.99	3.07	6.13	10.5	16.4	24.0	33.3
	70	0.135	0.242	0.400	0.605	1.18	1.99	3.08	6.15	10.6	16.5	24.0	33.3
<b>40</b>	50	0.167	0.300	0.495	0.748	1.46	2.46	3.81	7.6	13.1	20.4	29.7	41.3
	70	0.165	0.296	0.488	0.737	1.44	2.43	3.75	7.49	12.9	20.1	29.3	40.7
	90	0.165	0.296	0.488	0.738	1.44	2.43	3.76	7.50	12.9	20.1	29.3	40.7

Refrigeration capacity in tons is based on 90°F liquid temperature and superheat as indicated by the listed temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other liquid line temperatures.

Liquid Temperature (°F)								
50	60	70	80	100	110	120	130	140
1.17	1.14	1.10	1.06	0.98	0.94	0.89	0.85	0.80

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**Table 11 - R-134a Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (tons)<sup>14</sup>**

Saturated Suction Temp	Suction Gas Temp	Pipe O.D. (inches)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
(°F)	(°F)	Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.825	1.256	1.780	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.970
-40	-30	0.089	0.161	0.259	0.400	0.78	1.32	2.03	4.06	7.0	10.9	15.9	22.1
	-10	0.075	0.135	0.218	0.336	0.66	1.11	1.71	3.24	5.9	9.2	13.4	18.5
	10	0.072	0.130	0.209	0.323	0.63	1.07	1.64	3.28	5.6	8.8	12.8	17.8
-20	-10	0.101	0.182	0.294	0.453	0.88	1.49	2.31	4.61	7.9	12.4	18.0	25.0
	10	0.084	0.152	0.246	0.379	0.74	1.25	1.93	3.86	6.6	10.3	15.1	20.9
	30	0.081	0.147	0.237	0.366	0.71	1.21	1.87	3.73	6.4	10.0	14.6	20.2
0	10	0.113	0.205	0.331	0.510	0.99	1.68	2.6	5.19	8.9	13.9	20.3	28.2
	30	0.095	0.172	0.277	0.427	0.83	1.41	2.17	4.34	7.5	11.6	17.0	23.6
	50	0.092	0.166	0.268	0.413	0.81	1.36	2.1	4.20	7.2	11.3	16.4	22.8
20	30	0.115	0.207	0.335	0.517	1.01	1.7	2.63	5.25	9.0	14.1	20.5	28.5
	50	0.107	0.193	0.311	0.480	0.94	1.58	2.44	4.88	8.4	13.1	19.1	26.5
	70	0.103	0.187	0.301	0.465	0.91	1.53	2.37	4.72	8.1	12.7	18.5	25.6
40	50	0.128	0.232	0.374	0.577	1.12	1.9	2.94	5.87	10.1	15.7	22.9	31.8
	70	0.117	0.212	0.342	0.528	1.03	1.74	2.69	5.37	9.2	14.4	21.0	29.1
	90	0.114	0.206	0.332	0.512	1.00	1.69	2.61	5.21	8.9	14.0	20.4	28.3

Refrigeration capacity in tons is based on 90°F liquid temperature and superheat as indicated by the listed temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other liquid line temperatures.

Liquid Temperature (°F)								
50	60	70	80	100	110	120	130	140
1.26	1.20	1.13	1.07	0.94	0.87	0.80	0.74	0.67

**Table 12 - R-410A Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (tons)**

Saturated Suction Temp	Suction Gas Temp	Pipe O.D. (inches)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
(°F)	(°F)	Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.83	1.26	1.78	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.97
0	10	0.167	0.317	0.542	0.833	1.67	2.92	4.58	9.58	17.17	26.67	40.00	55.83
20	10	0.192	0.363	0.667	0.958	1.96	3.42	5.33	11.08	19.58	30.83	45.83	64.17
40	10	0.213	0.400	0.683	1.067	2.17	3.75	6.00	12.42	21.67	35.00	51.67	71.67

Refrigeration capacity in tons is based on 90°F liquid temperature and superheat as indicated by the listed temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other liquid line temperatures. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Liquid Temperature (°F)						
80	90	100	110	120	130	140
1.05	1.00	0.94	0.90	0.83	0.77	0.72

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**Table 13 - R-407C Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (tons)**

Saturated Suction Temp (°F)	Suction Gas Temp (°F)	Pipe O.D. (inches)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
		Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.83	1.26	1.78	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.97
0	10	0.127	0.242	0.413	0.642	1.31	2.29	3.58	7.42	13.08	20.83	30.83	43.33
20	10	0.150	0.283	0.483	0.758	1.54	2.67	4.25	8.75	15.42	24.58	36.67	50.83
40	10	0.171	0.325	0.550	0.867	1.75	3.08	4.83	10.00	17.50	27.83	41.67	58.33

Refrigeration capacity in tons is based on 90°F liquid temperature and superheat as indicated by the listed temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other liquid line temperatures. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Liquid Temperature (°F)						
80	90	100	110	120	130	140
1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.74

**Table 14 - R-22 Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (tons)<sup>15</sup>**

Saturated Temp (°F)	Discharge Gas Temp (°F)	Pipe O.D. (in)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
		Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.825	1.256	1.780	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.970
80	110	0.235	0.421	0.695	1.050	2.03	3.46	5.35	10.70	18.3	26.8	41.8	57.9
	140	0.223	0.399	0.659	0.996	1.94	3.28	5.05	10.10	17.4	27.1	39.6	54.9
	170	0.215	0.385	0.635	0.960	1.87	3.16	4.89	9.76	16.8	26.2	38.2	52.9
90	120	0.242	0.433	0.716	1.060	2.11	3.56	5.50	11.00	18.9	29.5	43.0	69.6
	150	0.226	0.406	0.671	1.010	1.97	3.34	5.16	10.30	17.7	27.6	40.3	55.9
	180	0.216	0.387	0.540	0.956	1.88	3.18	4.92	9.82	16.9	26.3	38.4	53.3
100	130	0.247	0.442	0.730	1.100	2.15	3.83	5.62	11.20	19.3	30.1	43.9	60.8
	160	0.231	0.414	0.684	1.030	2.01	3.40	5.26	10.50	18.0	28.2	41.1	57.0
	190	0.220	0.394	0.650	0.982	1.91	3.24	3.00	9.96	17.2	26.8	39.1	54.2
110	140	0.251	0.451	0.744	1.120	2.19	3.70	5.73	11.40	19.6	30.6	44.7	62.0
	170	0.235	0.421	0.693	1.050	2.05	3.46	5.35	10.70	18.3	28.6	41.8	57.9
	200	0.222	0.399	0.658	0.994	1.94	3.28	5.06	10.10	17.4	27.1	39.5	54.8
120	150	0.257	0.460	0.760	1.150	2.24	3.78	5.85	11.70	20.0	31.3	45.7	63.3
	180	0.239	0.428	0.707	1.070	2.08	3.51	5.44	10.80	18.6	29.1	42.4	58.9
	210	0.225	0.404	0.666	1.010	1.96	3.31	5.12	10.20	17.6	27.4	40.0	55.5

Refrigeration capacity in tons based on saturated suction temperature of 20°F with 15°F superheat at indicated saturated condensing temperature with 15°F sub-cooling. For other saturated suction temperatures with 15°F superheat, use correction factors in the following table.

Saturated Suction Temperature (°F)			
-40	-20	0	+40
0.92	0.95	0.97	1.02

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**Table 15 - R-134a Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (tons)<sup>16</sup>**

Saturated Temp (°F)	Discharge Gas Temp (°F)	Pipe O.D. (in)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
		Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.825	1.256	1.780	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.970
80	110	0.199	0.36	0.581	0.897	1.75	2.96	4.56	9.12	15.7	24.4	35.7	49.5
	140	0.183	0.311	0.535	0.825	1.61	2.72	4.20	8.39	14.4	22.5	32.8	45.6
	170	0.176	0.318	0.512	0.791	1.54	2.61	4.02	8.04	13.8	21.6	31.4	43.6
90	120	0.201	0.364	0.587	0.906	1.76	2.99	4.61	9.21	15.8	24.7	36.0	50.0
	150	0.184	0.333	0.538	0.830	1.62	2.74	4.22	8.44	14.5	22.6	33.0	45.8
	180	0.177	0.32	0.516	0.796	1.55	2.62	4.05	8.09	13.9	21.7	31.6	43.9
100	130	0.206	0.72	0.600	0.926	1.8	3.05	4.71	9.42	16.2	25.2	36.8	51.1
	160	0.188	0.34	0.549	0.848	1.65	2.79	4.31	8.62	14.8	23.1	33.7	46.8
	190	0.180	0.326	0.526	0.811	1.58	2.67	4.13	8.25	14.2	22.1	32.2	44.8
110	140	0.209	0.378	0.610	0.942	1.83	3.10	4.79	9.57	16.5	25.7	37.4	52.0
	170	0.191	0.346	0.558	0.861	1.68	2.84	4.38	8.76	15.0	23.5	34.2	47.5
	200	0.183	0.331	0.534	0.824	1.61	2.72	4.19	8.38	14.4	22.5	32.8	45.5
120	150	0.212	0.383	0.618	0.953	1.86	3.14	4.85	9.69	16.7	26	37.9	52.6
	180	0.194	0.351	0.566	0.873	1.7	2.88	4.44	8.88	15.3	23.8	34.7	48.2
	210	0.184	0.334	0.538	0.830	1.62	2.74	4.23	8.44	14.5	22.6	33.0	45.8

Refrigeration capacity in tons based on saturated suction temperature of 20°F with 15°F superheat at indicated saturated condensing temperature with 15°F sub-cooling. For other saturated suction temperatures with 15°F superheat, use correction factors in the following table.

Saturated Suction Temperature (°F)			
-40	-20	0	+40
-	-	0.96	1.04

**Table 16 – R-410A Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (tons)**

Sat. Suction Temp (°F)	Discharge Temp (°F)	Pipe O.D. (inches)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
		Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.83	1.26	1.78	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.97
80	140	0.33	0.610	1.060	1.590	3.19	5.54	8.75	13.80	24.40	38.90	57.80	81.70
100	160	0.34	0.628	1.092	1.638	3.29	5.71	9.01	14.21	25.13	40.07	59.53	84.15
120	180	0.35	0.647	1.125	1.687	3.38	5.88	9.28	14.64	25.89	41.27	61.32	86.68

Refrigeration capacity in tons based on saturated suction temperature of 40°F with 15°F superheat at indicated saturated condensing temperature with 15°F sub-cooling. For other saturated suction temperatures with 15°F superheat, use correction factors in the following table. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Saturated Suction Temperature (°F)			
0	20	40	60
0.90	0.94	1.00	1.06

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**Table 17 - R-407C Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (tons)**

Sat. Suction Temp (°F)	Discharge Temp (°F)	Pipe O.D. (inches)											
		1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1 1/8	1 3/8	1 5/8	2 1/8	2 5/8	3 1/8	3 5/8	4 1/8
		Area (in <sup>2</sup> )											
		0.146	0.233	0.348	0.484	0.83	1.26	1.78	3.094	4.770	6.812	9.213	11.97
80	140	0.29	0.530	0.913	1.390	2.79	4.85	7.67	12.10	21.30	33.99	50.70	71.40
100	160	0.30	0.546	0.940	1.432	2.87	5.00	7.90	12.46	21.94	35.01	52.22	73.54
120	180	0.31	0.562	0.969	1.475	2.96	5.15	8.14	12.84	22.60	36.06	53.79	75.75

Refrigeration capacity in tons based on saturated suction temperature of 40°F with 30°F superheat at indicated saturated condensing temperature with 10°F sub-cooling. For other saturated suction temperatures with 30°F superheat, use correction factors in the following table. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Saturated Suction Temperature (°F)			
0	20	40	60
0.96	0.98	1.00	1.02

**Table 18 - R-22 Refrigerant Charge (lbs. Per 100 Feet of Pipe)**

Line Size OD inches	Flow Area in <sup>2</sup>	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		40°F 1.52 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	105°F 68.72 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	140°F 6.97 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>
1/2	0.145	0.15	6.92	0.70
5/8	0.233	0.25	11.12	1.13
7/8	0.484	0.51	23.10	2.34
1 1/8	0.825	0.87	39.37	3.99
1 3/8	1.257	1.33	59.99	6.08
1 5/8	1.779	1.88	84.90	8.61
2 1/8	3.905	4.13	186.36	18.90
2 5/8	4.772	5.04	227.73	23.09
3 1/8	6.812	7.20	325.08	32.97
3 5/8	9.213	9.74	439.66	44.58
4 1/8	11.977	12.66	571.57	57.96
5 1/8	18.665	19.72	890.74	90.33
6 1/8	26.832	28.35	1280.48	129.85
8 1/8	46.869	49.53	2236.69	226.81

Refrigerant weight per 100 feet of pipe is based on 105°F condensing temperature and 10°F sub-cooling, 140°F discharge temperature, and 40°F saturated suction temperature.

**Table 19 - R-134a Refrigerant Charge (lbs. Per 100 Feet of Pipe)**

Line Size OD inches	Flow Area in <sup>2</sup>	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		40°F 1.05 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	105°F 69.93 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	140°F 5.46 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>
1/2	0.145	0.11	7.04	0.55
5/8	0.233	0.17	11.32	0.88
7/8	0.484	0.35	23.50	1.83
1 1/8	0.825	0.60	40.06	3.13
1 3/8	1.257	0.92	61.04	4.76
1 5/8	1.779	1.30	86.39	6.74
2 1/8	3.905	2.85	189.64	14.79
2 5/8	4.772	3.48	231.74	18.08
3 1/8	6.812	4.96	330.81	25.81
3 5/8	9.213	6.71	447.41	34.90
4 1/8	11.977	8.73	581.63	45.38
5 1/8	18.665	13.60	906.42	70.71
6 1/8	26.832	19.56	1303.03	101.65
8 1/8	46.869	34.16	2276.08	177.57

Refrigerant weight per 100 feet of pipe is based on 105°F condensing temperature and 10°F sub-cooling, 140°F discharge temperature, and 40°F saturated suction temperature.

**Table 20 - R-410A Refrigerant Charge (lbs. Per 100 Feet of Pipe)**

Line Size OD	Flow Area	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		40°F	105°F	140°F
inches	in <sup>2</sup>	2.21 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	58.37 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	12.57 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>
1/2	0.145	0.22	5.88	1.27
5/8	0.233	0.36	9.44	2.03
7/8	0.484	0.74	19.62	4.22
1 1/8	0.825	1.26	33.44	7.20
1 3/8	1.257	1.93	50.95	10.97
1 5/8	1.779	2.72	72.11	15.53
2 1/8	3.905	5.98	158.29	34.09
2 5/8	4.772	7.31	193.43	41.66
3 1/8	6.812	10.43	276.12	59.46
3 5/8	9.213	14.11	373.45	80.42
4 1/8	11.977	18.34	485.48	104.55
5 1/8	18.665	28.59	756.58	162.93
6 1/8	26.832	41.10	1087.63	234.22
8 1/8	46.869	71.79	1899.82	409.12

Refrigerant weight per 100 feet of pipe is based on 105°F condensing temperature and 10°F sub-cooling, 140°F discharge temperature, and 40°F saturated suction temperature.

**Table 21 - R-407C Refrigerant Charge (lbs. Per 100 Feet of Pipe)**

Line Size OD	Flow Area	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		40°F	105°F	140°F
inches	in <sup>2</sup>	1.69 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	64.65 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>	8.64 lb./ft <sup>3</sup>
1/2	0.145	0.17	6.51	0.87
5/8	0.233	0.27	10.46	1.40
7/8	0.484	0.57	21.73	2.91
1 1/8	0.825	0.97	37.04	4.95
1 3/8	1.257	1.48	56.43	7.55
1 5/8	1.779	2.09	79.87	10.68
2 1/8	3.905	4.59	175.32	23.44
2 5/8	4.772	5.61	214.24	28.65
3 1/8	6.812	8.01	305.83	40.89
3 5/8	9.213	10.83	413.63	55.30
4 1/8	11.977	14.09	537.72	71.90
5 1/8	18.665	21.95	837.98	112.04
6 1/8	26.832	31.56	1204.65	161.07
8 1/8	46.869	55.12	2104.22	281.34

Refrigerant weight per 100 feet of pipe is based on 105°F condensing temperature and 10°F sub-cooling, 140°F discharge temperature, and 40°F saturated suction temperature.

**Figure 21 - R-22 Suction Gas Velocity**

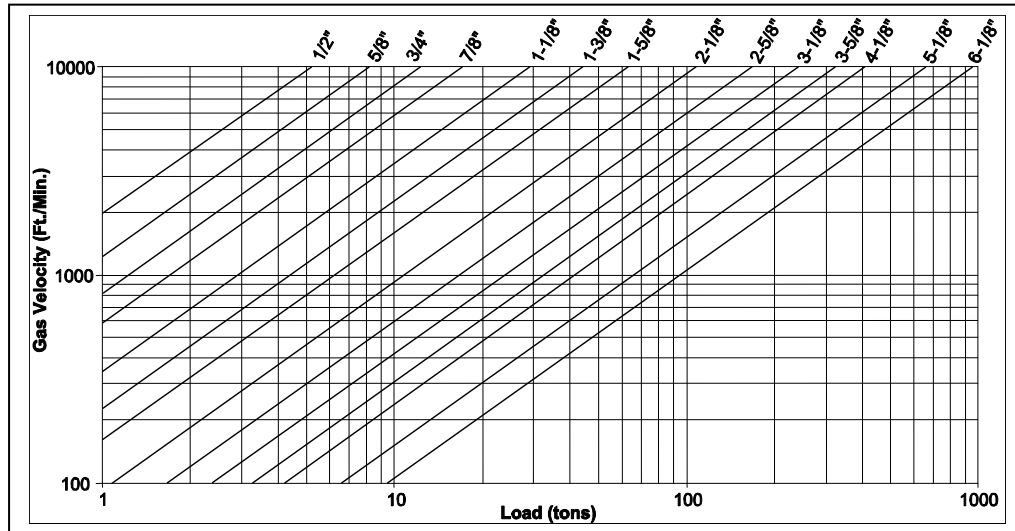


Figure 21 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 22.

**Table 22 - R-22 Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
85	1.63	1.48	1.34	1.21	1.10	1.00	0.92	0.84	0.76
90	1.67	1.51	1.37	1.24	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.85	0.78
95	1.71	1.54	1.40	1.27	1.15	1.05	0.95	0.87	0.80
100	1.75	1.58	1.43	1.30	1.18	1.07	0.98	0.89	0.82
105	1.79	1.62	1.46	1.33	1.20	1.10	1.00	0.91	0.83
110	1.84	1.66	1.50	1.36	1.24	1.12	1.02	0.94	0.86
115	1.89	1.70	1.54	1.39	1.27	1.15	1.05	0.96	0.88
120	1.94	1.75	1.58	1.43	1.30	1.18	1.08	0.98	0.90
125	1.99	1.80	1.63	1.47	1.34	1.22	1.11	1.01	0.92
130	2.05	1.85	1.67	1.52	1.38	1.25	1.14	1.04	0.95
135	2.12	1.91	1.73	1.56	1.42	1.29	1.17	1.07	0.98
140	2.19	1.97	1.78	1.61	1.46	1.33	1.21	1.10	1.01
145	2.27	2.04	1.84	1.67	1.51	1.37	1.25	1.14	1.04

**Figure 22 - R-134a Suction Gas Velocity**

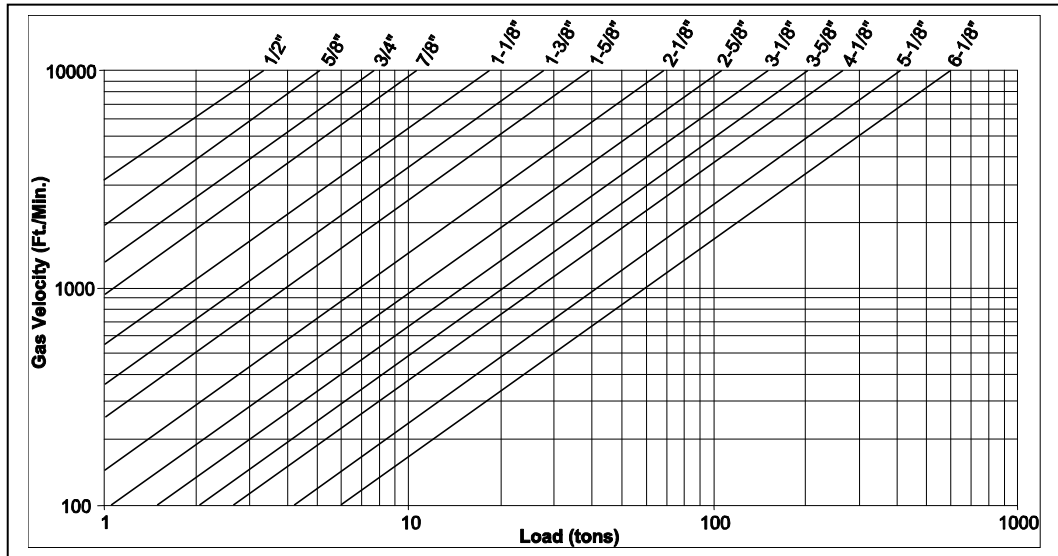


Figure 22 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 23.

**Table 23 - R-134a Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
85	1.76	1.56	1.40	1.25	1.12	1.00	0.90	0.82	0.74
90	1.81	1.61	1.43	1.28	1.15	1.03	0.93	0.84	0.76
95	1.86	1.65	1.47	1.32	1.18	1.06	0.95	0.86	0.77
100	1.91	1.70	1.52	1.35	1.21	1.09	0.98	0.88	0.80
105	1.97	1.75	1.56	1.39	1.25	1.12	1.00	0.91	0.82
110	2.04	1.81	1.61	1.44	1.29	1.15	1.04	0.93	0.84
115	2.10	1.87	1.66	1.48	1.33	1.19	1.07	0.96	0.87
120	2.18	1.93	1.72	1.53	1.37	1.23	1.10	0.99	0.90
125	2.26	2.00	1.78	1.59	1.42	1.27	1.14	1.03	0.92
130	2.35	2.08	1.85	1.65	1.47	1.32	1.18	1.06	0.96
135	2.44	2.16	1.92	1.71	1.53	1.37	1.23	1.10	0.99
140	2.55	2.26	2.00	1.78	1.59	1.42	1.27	1.14	1.03
145	2.66	2.36	2.09	1.86	1.66	1.48	1.33	1.19	1.07

**Figure 23 - R-410A Suction Gas Velocity**

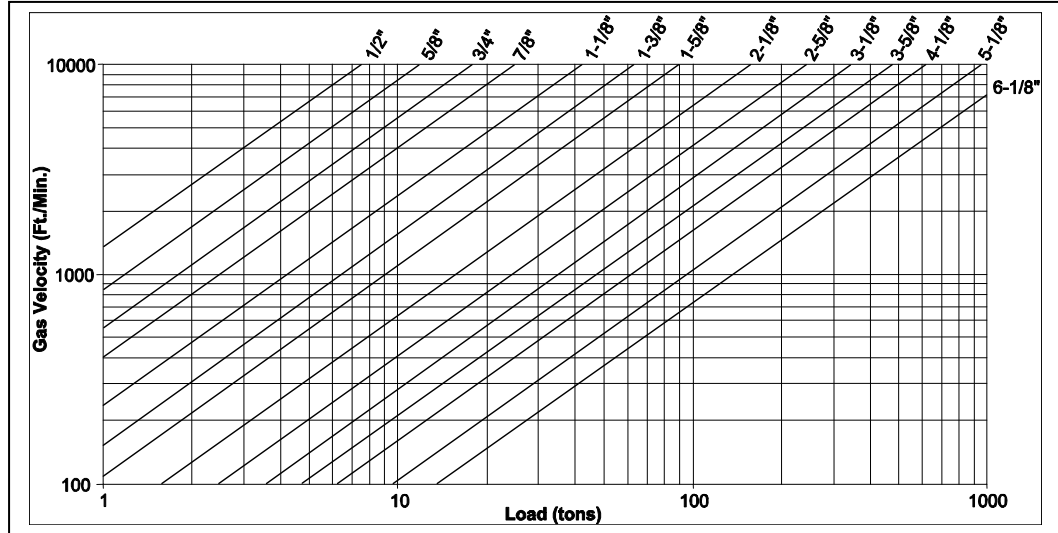


Figure 23 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 24.

**Table 24 - R-410A Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
85	1.60	1.45	1.31	1.19	1.08	0.98	0.90	0.82	0.75
90	1.64	1.48	1.34	1.22	1.11	1.01	0.92	0.84	0.77
95	1.69	1.53	1.38	1.25	1.14	1.04	0.95	0.86	0.79
100	1.74	1.57	1.42	1.29	1.17	1.07	0.97	0.89	0.81
105	1.79	1.62	1.46	1.33	1.21	1.10	1.00	0.91	0.83
110	1.85	1.67	1.51	1.37	1.24	1.13	1.03	0.94	0.86
115	1.91	1.73	1.56	1.42	1.29	1.17	1.07	0.97	0.89
120	1.98	1.79	1.62	1.47	1.33	1.21	1.10	1.01	0.92
125	2.06	1.86	1.68	1.52	1.38	1.26	1.14	1.04	0.95
130	2.14	1.93	1.75	1.58	1.44	1.31	1.19	1.08	0.99
135	2.24	2.02	1.82	1.65	1.50	1.36	1.24	1.13	1.03
140	2.35	2.12	1.91	1.73	1.57	1.43	1.30	1.18	1.08
145	2.48	2.23	2.01	1.82	1.65	1.50	1.36	1.24	1.13



**Figure 24 - R-407C Suction Gas Velocity**

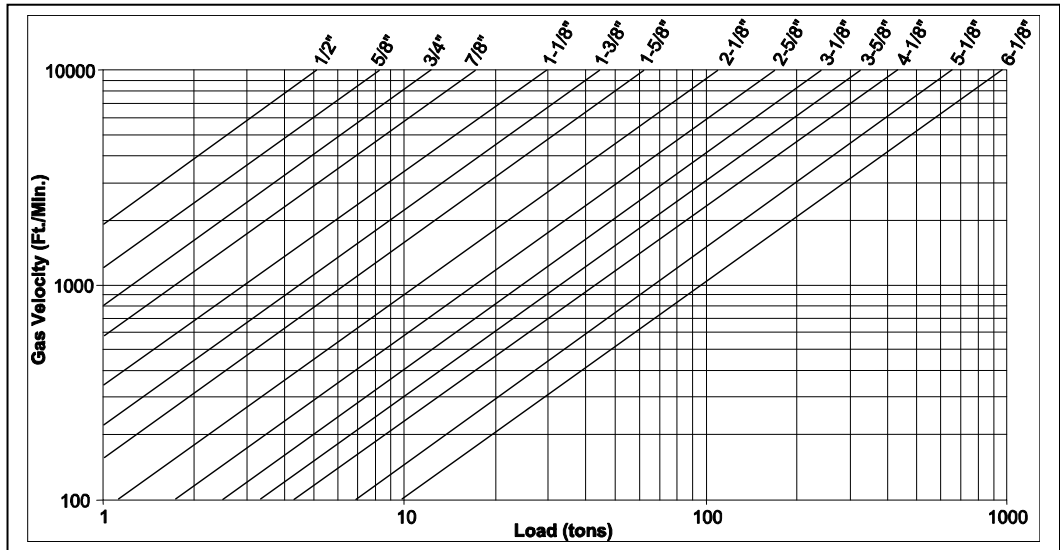


Figure 24 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 25.

**Table 25 - R-407C Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
85	1.78	1.49	1.35	1.21	1.10	0.99	0.90	0.82	0.75
90	1.82	1.53	1.38	1.24	1.12	1.02	0.92	0.84	0.76
95	1.75	1.57	1.42	1.28	1.15	1.04	0.95	0.86	0.78
100	1.80	1.62	1.46	1.31	1.19	1.07	0.97	0.88	0.80
105	1.86	1.78	1.50	1.35	1.22	1.10	1.00	0.91	0.83
110	1.91	1.72	1.54	1.39	1.26	1.14	1.03	0.93	0.85
115	1.98	1.77	1.59	1.43	1.29	1.17	1.06	0.96	0.87
120	2.04	1.83	1.75	1.48	1.34	1.21	1.09	0.99	0.90
125	2.12	1.90	1.81	1.53	1.38	1.25	1.13	1.03	0.93
130	2.20	1.97	1.77	1.59	1.43	1.29	1.17	1.06	0.96
135	2.29	2.05	1.84	1.76	1.49	1.34	1.22	1.10	1.00
140	2.38	2.13	1.91	1.72	1.55	1.40	1.26	1.15	1.04
145	2.49	2.23	2.00	1.79	1.72	1.46	1.32	1.19	1.08

**Figure 25 - R-22 Discharge Gas Velocity**

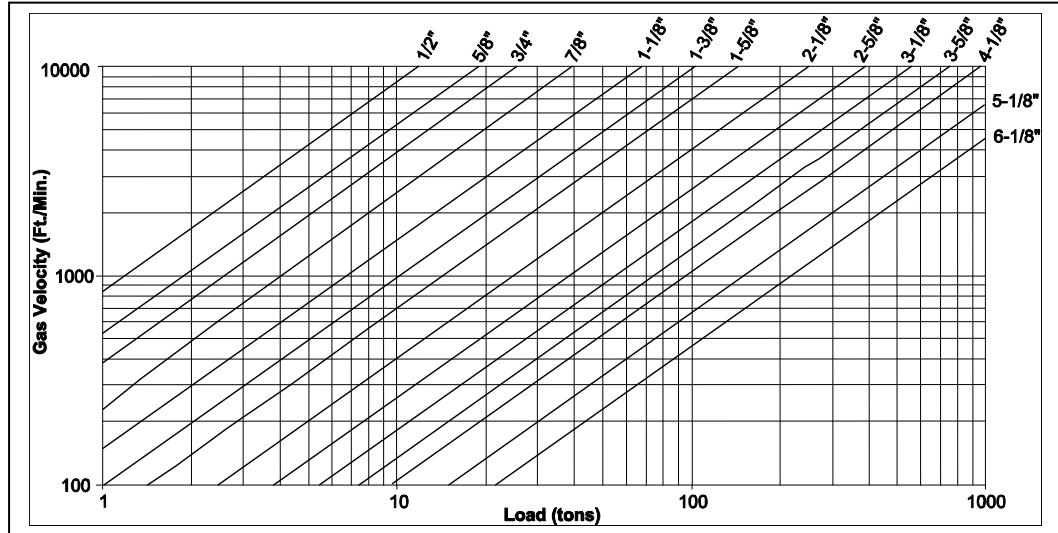


Figure 25 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 26.

**Table 26 R-22 Discharge Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230
85	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.28	1.31	1.34	1.37	1.39	1.42
90	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.28	1.31	1.33
95	1.05	1.08	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.18	1.21	1.23	1.26
100	0.98	1.01	1.04	1.06	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
105	0.92	0.95	0.97	1.00	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.10	1.12
110	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.06
115	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.89	0.91	0.93	0.96	0.98	1.01
120	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.93	0.96
125	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.91
130	0.67	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.82	0.84	0.87
135	0.63	0.65	0.68	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.78	0.80	0.82
140	0.59	0.62	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.72	0.74	0.77	0.79
145	0.55	0.58	0.60	0.63	0.66	0.68	0.71	0.73	0.76

**Figure 26 - R-134a Discharge Gas Velocity**

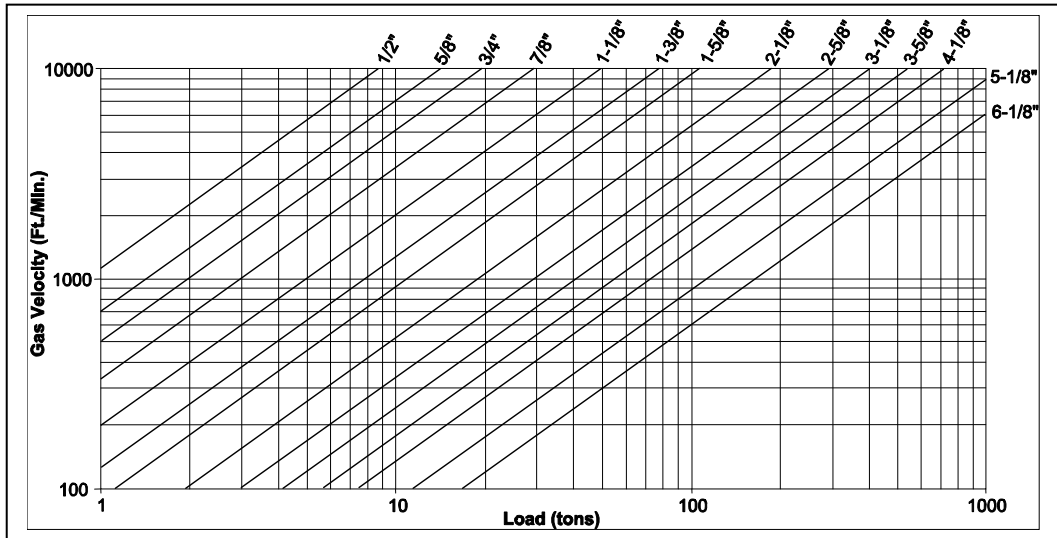


Figure 26 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 27.

**Table 27 - R-134a Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230
85	1.23	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.40	1.43	1.46
90	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.28	1.31	1.34	1.36
95	1.07	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.19	1.22	1.25	1.27
100	0.99	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.19
105	0.92	0.95	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.09	1.12
110	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.02	1.05
115	0.80	0.83	0.85	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.96	0.99
120	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.82	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.93
125	0.70	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.81	0.83	0.86	0.88
130	0.65	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.83
135	0.61	0.63	0.65	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.79
140	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.64	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.75
145	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.69	0.71

**Figure 27 - R-410A Discharge Gas Velocity**

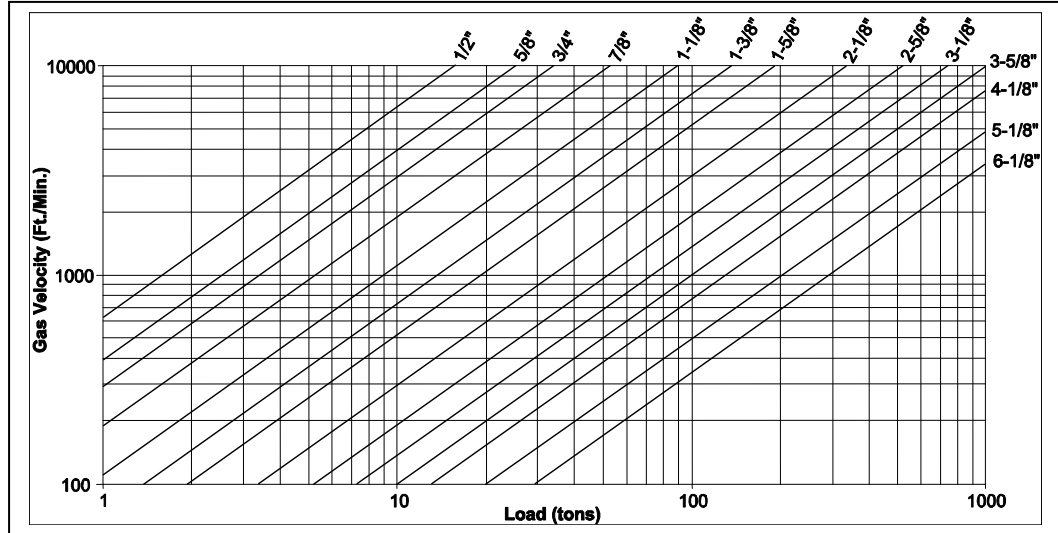


Figure 27 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 28.

**Table 28 - R-410A Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230
85	1.13	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.39
90	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.25	1.29	1.32
95	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.25
100	0.95	0.98	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.17	1.20
105	0.90	0.93	0.96	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.15
110	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.95	0.98	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.10
115	0.81	0.84	0.87	0.91	0.94	0.97	1.00	1.03	1.06
120	0.77	0.80	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.97	1.00	1.03
125	0.73	0.77	0.80	0.84	0.87	0.91	0.94	0.97	1.01
130	0.70	0.74	0.77	0.81	0.85	0.88	0.92	0.96	0.99
135	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.83	0.87	0.91	0.95	0.99
140	0.64	0.69	0.73	0.78	0.82	0.86	0.91	0.95	1.00
145	0.61	0.67	0.72	0.77	0.82	0.87	0.93	0.98	1.03

**Figure 28 - R-407C Discharge Gas Velocity**

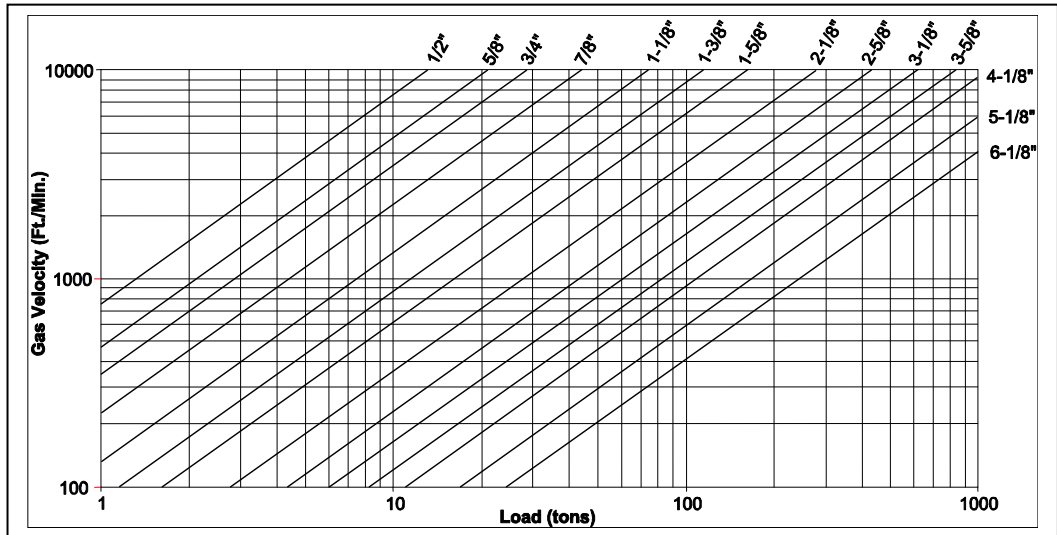


Figure 28 is based on 40°F Suction temperature and 105°F condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 29

**Table 29 - R-407C Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°F)	Suction Temperature (°F)								
	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230
85	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.38	1.41
90	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.24	1.27	1.30	1.33
95	1.03	1.06	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26
100	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.14	1.17	1.20
105	0.91	0.94	0.96	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.14
110	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.97	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.08
115	0.80	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.95	0.97	1.00	1.03
120	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.96	0.99
125	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.80	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.95
130	0.67	0.70	0.73	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.88	0.91
135	0.63	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.88
140	0.59	0.62	0.66	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.86
145	0.55	0.58	0.62	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.77	0.80	0.84

## Appendix 3 – Refrigerant Piping Tables (SI)

Table 30 - Copper Tube Data<sup>17</sup>

Nominal Dia.	Type	Wall Dia. (mm)	Diameter		Surface Area		Cross Section		Weight Tube (kg/m)	Working Pressure ASTM B88 To 120°C	
			Outside D, (mm)	Inside d (mm)	Outside (m <sup>2</sup> /m)	Inside (m <sup>2</sup> /m)	Metal Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Flow Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )		Annealed (MPa)	Drawn (MPa)
12	K	1.24	12.70	10.21	0.040	0.0320	45	82	0.400	6.164	11.556
	L	0.89	12.70	10.92	0.040	0.0344	33	94	0.295	4.399	8.253
15	K	1.24	15.88	13.39	0.050	0.0421	57	141	0.512	4.930	9.246
	L	1.02	15.88	13.84	0.050	0.0436	48	151	0.424	4.027	7.543
18	K	1.24	19.05	16.56	0.060	0.0521	70	215	0.622	4.109	7.702
	L	1.07	19.05	16.92	0.060	0.0530	60	225	0.539	3.523	6.605
22	K	1.65	22.23	18.92	0.070	0.0594	106	281	0.954	4.668	8.757
	L	1.14	22.23	19.94	0.070	0.0628	75	312	0.677	3.234	6.061
28	K	1.65	28.58	25.27	0.090	0.0792	139	502	1.249	3.634	6.812
	L	1.27	28.58	26.04	0.090	0.0817	109	532	0.973	2.792	5.240
35	K	1.65	34.93	31.62	0.110	0.0994	173	785	1.543	2.972	5.571
	L	1.40	34.93	32.13	0.110	0.1009	147	811	1.316	2.517	4.716
42	K	1.83	41.28	37.62	0.130	0.1183	226	1111	2.025	2.786	5.226
	L	1.52	41.28	38.23	0.130	0.1201	190	1148	1.701	2.324	4.351
54	K	2.11	53.98	49.76	0.170	0.1564	343	1945	3.070	2.455	4.606
	L	1.78	53.98	50.42	0.170	0.1585	292	1997	2.606	2.069	3.951
67	K	2.41	66.68	61.85	0.209	0.1942	487	3004	4.35	2.275	4.268
	L	2.03	66.68	62.61	0.209	0.1966	413	3079	3.69	1.917	3.592
79	K	2.77	79.38	73.84	0.249	0.2320	666	4282	5.96	2.193	4.109
	L	2.29	79.38	74.80	0.249	0.2350	554	4395	4.95	1.813	3.392
92	K	3.05	92.08	85.98	0.289	0.2701	852	5806	7.62	2.082	3.903
	L	2.54	92.08	87.00	0.289	0.2733	714	5944	6.39	1.738	3.254
105	K	3.40	104.78	97.97	0.329	0.3078	1084	7538	9.69	2.041	3.827
	L	2.79	107.78	99.19	0.329	0.3115	895	7727	8.00	1.675	3.144
130	K	4.06	130.18	122.05	0.409	0.3834	1610	11699	14.39	1.965	3.682
	L	3.18	130.18	123.83	0.409	0.3889	1266	12042	11.32	1.531	2.875
156	K	4.88	155.58	145.82	0.489	0.4581	2309	16701	20.64	1.972	3.696
	L	3.56	155.58	148.46	0.489	0.4663	1698	17311	15.18	1.434	2.696
206	K	6.88	206.38	192.61	0.648	0.6050	4314	29137	38.56	2.096	3.930
	L	5.08	206.38	196.22	0.648	0.6163	3212	30238	28.71	1.544	2.903

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**Table 31 - Equivalent Length For Fittings (meters)<sup>18</sup>**

Nominal Dia.	Smooth Elbows						Smooth Bend Tee Connections			
	90° Std	90° Long Radius	90° Street	45° Std	45° Street	180° Std	Tee Branch Flow	Straight Through Flow		
								No Reduction	Reduced 25%	Reduced 50%
12	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.4
15	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.5
22	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.6
28	0.8	0.5	1.2	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.5	0.5	0.7	0.8
35	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.5	0.9	1.7	2.1	0.7	0.9	1.0
42	1.2	0.8	1.9	0.6	1.0	1.9	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.2
54	1.5	1.0	2.5	0.8	1.4	2.5	3.0	1.0	1.4	1.5
67	1.8	1.2	3.0	1.0	1.6	3.0	3.7	1.2	1.7	1.8
79	2.3	1.5	3.7	1.2	2.0	3.7	4.6	1.5	2.1	2.3
90	2.7	1.8	4.6	1.4	2.2	4.6	5.5	1.8	2.4	2.7
105	3.0	2.0	5.2	1.6	2.6	5.2	6.4	2.0	2.7	3.0
130	4.0	2.5	6.4	2.0	3.4	6.4	7.6	2.5	3.7	4.0
156	4.9	3.0	7.6	2.4	4.0	7.6	9	3.0	4.3	4.9
206	6.1	4.0	-	3.0	-	10	12	4.0	5.5	6.1
257	7.6	4.9	-	4.0	-	13	15	4.9	7.0	7.6
300	9.1	5.8	-	4.9	-	15	18	5.8	7.9	9.1

**Table 32 - Equivalent Length For Valves And Refrigeration Devices (meters)<sup>19</sup>**

Nominal Dia.	Globe Or Solenoid	60° Wye Valve	45° Wye Valve	Angle Valve	Gate Valve	Swing Check	Sight Glass	Filter Drier	Suction Filter
12	5.2	2.4	1.8	1.8	0.2	1.5			
15	5.5	2.7	2.1	2.1	0.2	1.8			
22	6.7	3.4	2.1	2.1	0.3	2.2			
28	8.8	4.6	3.7	3.7	0.3	3.0			
35	12	6.1	4.6	4.6	0.5	4.3			
42	13	7.3	5.5	5.5	0.5	4.9			
54	17	9.1	7.3	7.3	0.73	6.1			
67	21	11	8.8	8.8	0.9	7.6			
79	26	13	11	11	1.0	9.1			
90	30	15	13	13	1.2	10			
105	37	18	14	14	1.4	12			
130	43	22	18	18	1.8	15			
156	52	27	21	21	2.1	18			
206	62	35	26	26	2.7	24			
257	85	44	32	32	3.7	30			
300	98	50	40	40	4.0	37			

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**Table 33 - R-22 Refrigerant Line Sizing Table (kW)<sup>20</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid	
	-20°C			-5°C			5°C			-40°C	-20°C	5°C	vel = 0.5 m/s	0.02  749
ΔT (K/m)	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02		
Δp (Pa/m)	378	189	94.6	572	286	143	366	189	183	74.90	74.90	74.90		
OD (mm)														
12	0.75	0.51	0.34	1.25	0.87	0.59	1.76	1.20	0.82	2.30	2.44	2.60	7.08	11.24
15	1.43	0.97	0.66	2.45	1.67	1.14	3.37	2.30	1.56	4.37	4.65	4.95	11.49	21.54
18	2.49	1.70	1.15	4.26	2.91	1.98	5.85	4.00	2.73	7.59	8.06	8.59	17.41	37.49
22	4.39	3.00	2.04	7.51	5.14	3.50	10.31	7.07	4.82	13.32	15.15	15.07	26.66	66.18
28	8.71	5.95	4.06	14.83	10.16	6.95	20.34	13.98	9.56	26.24	27.89	29.7	44.57	131.0
35	15.99	10.96	7.48	27.22	18.69	12.8	37.31	25.66	17.59	48.03	51.05	54.37	70.52	240.7
42	26.56	18.20	12.46	45.17	31.03	21.27	61.84	42.59	29.21	79.50	84.52	90.00	103.4	399.3
54	52.81	36.26	24.88	89.69	61.79	42.43	122.7	84.60	58.23	157.3	167.2	178.1	174.1	794.2
67	94.08	64.79	44.48	159.5	110.05	75.68	218.3	150.08	103.80	279.4	297.0	316.3	269.9	1415.0
79	145.9	100.51	69.04	247.2	170.64	117.39	337.9	233.56	161.10	431.3	458.5	488.2	376.5	2190.9
105	312.2	215.39	148.34	527.8	365.08	251.92	721.9	499.16	344.89	919.7	977.6	1041.0	672.0	4697.0

Values in Table 33 are based on 40°C condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°C)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
20	1.18	0.80
30	1.10	0.88
40	1.00	1.00
50	0.91	1.11

**Notes for Table 33:**

1. Table Capacities are in kilowatts of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop per unit equivalent length of line, Pa/m
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, K/m
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures ΔT for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 34 - R-134a Refrigerant Line Size Table (kW)<sup>21</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid	
	0°C			5°C			10°C			-10°C	0°C	10°C	vel = 0.5 m/s	0.02  538
ΔT (K/m)	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02		
Δp (Pa/m)	425	212	106	487	243	121	555	278	136	538	538	538		
OD (mm)														
12	0.92	0.63	0.43	1.11	0.76	0.51	1.33	0.91	0.62	1.69	1.77	1.84	6.51	8.50
15	1.76	1.20	0.82	2.12	1.45	0.99	2.54	1.74	1.19	3.23	3.37	3.51	10.6	16.30
18	3.60	2.09	1.43	3.69	2.53	1.72	4.42	3.03	2.07	5.61	5.85	6.09	16.0	28.40
22	5.40	3.69	2.52	6.50	4.46	3.04	7.77	5.34	3.66	9.87	10.3	10.7	24.5	50.1
28	10.7	7.31	5.01	12.8	8.81	6.02	15.3	10.6	7.24	19.5	20.3	21.1	41.0	99.5
35	19.5	13.4	9.21	23.5	16.2	11.1	28.1	19.4	13.3	35.6	37.2	38.7	64.9	183.0
42	32.4	22.3	15.3	39.0	26.9	18.4	46.5	32.1	22.1	59.0	61.6	64.1	95.2	304.0
54	64.4	44.4	30.5	77.3	53.4	36.7	92.2	63.8	44.0	117.0	122.0	127.0	160.0	605.0
67	115.0	79.0	54.4	138.0	95.0	65.4	164.0	113.0	78.3	208.0	217.0	226.0	248.0	1080.0
79	177.0	122.0	84.3	213.0	147.0	101.0	253.0	176.0	122.0	321.0	335.0	349.0	346.0	1670.0
105	379.0	262.0	181.0	454.0	315.0	217.0	541.0	375.0	260.0	686.0	715.0	744.0	618.0	3580.0

Values in Table 34 are based on 40°C condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°C)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
20	1.239	0.682
30	1.120	0.856
40	1.0	1.0
50	0.888	1.110

**Notes for Table 34:**

1. Table Capacities are in kilowatts of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop per unit equivalent length of line, Pa/m
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, K/m
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures ΔT for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 35 - R-410A Refrigerant Line Size Table<sup>22</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid	
	-20°C			-5°C			5°C			-20°C	-5°C	5°C	vel = 0.5 m/s	2
ΔT (K/m)	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02		
Δp (Pa/m)	599.1	299.6	149.8	894.2	447.1	223.6	1137.6	568.8	284.4	1172.1	1172.1	1172.1		1179
OD (mm)														
12	1.20	0.82	0.56	2.05	1.40	0.96	2.83	1.94	1.32	3.84	4.00	4.07	6.2	14.3
15	2.29	1.57	1.07	3.90	2.68	1.83	5.37	3.69	2.53	7.31	7.60	7.75	10.1	27.2
18	3.98	2.73	1.86	6.76	4.65	3.19	9.30	6.41	4.39	12.67	13.16	13.42	15.4	47.3
22	7.00	4.81	3.28	11.89	8.19	5.61	16.32	11.26	7.74	22.20	23.08	23.53	23.5	83.0
28	13.82	9.51	6.51	23.43	16.15	11.09	32.11	22.19	15.28	43.70	45.42	46.31	39.3	163.7
35	25.33	17.44	11.95	42.82	29.56	20.38	58.75	40.66	27.99	79.84	82.98	84.62	62.2	299.6
42	42.00	28.92	19.88	70.89	49.03	33.75	97.02	67.28	46.41	131.87	137.06	139.76	91.3	495.7
54	83.26	57.48	39.55	140.29	97.22	67.10	191.84	133.10	92.11	260.80	271.06	276.39	153.7	982.0
67	147.94	102.34	70.53	249.16	172.78	119.50	340.33	236.73	163.91	462.73	480.93	490.40	238.2	1746.4
79	229.02	158.27	109.33	384.65	267.04	184.82	525.59	365.38	253.23	713.37	741.44	756.03	332.2	2695.2
105	488.64	338.41	234.20	820.20	569.83	395.31	1119.32	778.82	541.15	1519.45	1579.22	1610.30	592.9	5744.4

Values in Table 35 are based on 40°C condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°C)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
20	1.238	0.657
30	1.122	0.866
40	1.000	1.000
50	0.867	1.117

**Notes for Table 35:**

1. Table Capacities are in kilowatts of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop per unit equivalent length of line, Pa/m
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, K/m
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures ΔT for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 36 - R-407C Refrigerant Line Size Table (kW)<sup>23</sup>**

SST	Suction									Discharge			Liquid	
	-20°C			-5°C			5°C			-20°C	-5°C	5°C	vel = 0.5 m/s	2
ΔT (K/m)	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02		
Δp (Pa/m)	358.5	179.3	89.6	561.9	281	140.5	734.3	367.1	183.6	799.8	799.8	799.8		854.9
OD (mm)														
12	0.65	0.44	0.30	1.19	0.81	0.55	1.72	1.17	0.80	2.47	2.61	2.70	6.5	11.7
15	1.24	0.85	0.58	2.28	1.56	1.06	3.27	2.24	1.53	4.71	4.98	5.15	10.5	22.3
18	2.17	1.48	1.00	3.96	2.71	1.85	5.67	3.89	2.66	8.16	8.63	8.91	16.0	38.8
22	3.82	2.61	1.78	6.97	4.78	3.26	9.98	6.86	4.70	14.34	15.16	15.67	24.5	68.2
28	7.56	5.17	3.53	13.76	9.45	6.47	19.66	13.54	9.29	28.24	29.85	30.84	40.9	134.8
35	13.90	9.52	6.51	25.18	17.36	11.9	35.97	24.8	17.06	51.69	54.65	56.47	64.7	247.2
42	23.04	15.82	10.84	41.76	28.75	19.76	59.52	41.12	28.32	85.46	90.34	93.35	94.9	409.8
54	45.84	31.50	21.63	82.78	57.14	39.32	117.94	81.62	56.27	169.13	178.79	184.76	159.7	813.2
67	81.59	56.25	38.59	147.33	101.74	70.12	209.38	145.23	100.33	300.43	317.59	328.18	247.6	1446.8
79	126.37	87.17	59.91	227.71	157.62	108.68	323.76	224.39	155.40	463.81	490.30	506.66	345.2	2239.0
105	270.09	186.59	128.63	485.80	337.06	232.78	690.10	479.50	332.20	987.20	1043.58	1078.40	616.2	4783.9

Values in Table 36 are based on 40°C condensing temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other condensing temperatures.

Condensing Temperature (°C)	Suction Line	Discharge Line
20	1.202	0.605
30	1.103	0.845
40	1.000	1.000
50	0.891	1.133

**Notes for Table 36:**

1. Table Capacities are in kilowatts of refrigeration.
2. Δp = pressure drop per unit equivalent length of line, Pa/m
3. Δt = corresponding change in saturation temperature, K/m
4. Line capacity for other saturation temperatures Δt and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>.

$$Line\ Capacity = Table\ Capacity \left( \frac{Table\ L_e}{Actual\ L_e} \times \frac{Actual\ \Delta t}{Table\ \Delta t} \right)^{0.55}$$

5. Saturation temperatures ΔT for other capacities and equivalent lengths L<sub>e</sub>.

$$\Delta t = Table\ \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual\ L_e}{Table\ L_e} \right) \left( \frac{Actual\ Capacity}{Table\ Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

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**Table 37 - R-22 Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (kW)<sup>24</sup>**

Saturated Suction Temp (°C)	Suction Gas Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	105	130
-40	-35	0.182	0.334	0.561	0.956	1.817	3.223	5.203	9.977	14.258	26.155	53.963	93.419
	-25	0.173	0.317	0.532	0.907	1.723	3.057	4.936	9.464	16.371	24.811	51.189	88.617
	-15	0.168	0.307	0.516	0.880	1.672	2.967	4.791	9.185	15.888	24.080	49.681	86.006
-20	-15	0.287	0.527	0.885	1.508	2.867	5.087	8.213	15.748	27.239	41.283	85.173	147.449
	-5	0.273	0.501	0.841	1.433	2.724	4.834	7.804	14.963	25.882	39.226	80.929	140.102
	5	0.264	0.485	0.815	1.388	2.638	4.680	7.555	14.487	25.058	37.977	78.353	135.642
-5	0	0.389	0.713	1.198	2.041	3.879	6.883	11.112	21.306	36.854	55.856	115.240	199.499
	10	0.369	0.676	1.136	1.935	3.678	6.526	10.535	20.200	34.940	52.954	109.254	189.136
	20	0.354	0.650	1.092	1.861	3.537	6.275	10.131	19.425	33.600	50.924	105.065	181.884
5	10	0.470	0.862	1.449	2.468	4.692	8.325	13.441	25.771	44.577	67.560	139.387	241.302
	20	0.440	0.807	1.356	2.311	4.393	7.794	12.582	24.126	41.731	63.246	130.488	225.896
	30	0.422	0.774	1.301	2.217	4.213	7.476	12.069	23.141	40.027	60.665	125.161	216.675

Refrigeration capacity in kilowatts is based on saturated evaporator as shown in table and condensing temperature of 40°C. For other liquid line temperatures, use correction factors in the following table.

Liquid Temperature (°C)		
20	30	50
1.17	1.08	0.91

**Table 38 - R-134a Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (kW)<sup>25</sup>**

Saturated Suction Temp (°C)	Suction Gas Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	105	130
-10	-35	0.274	0.502	0.844	1.437	2.732	4.848	7.826	15.006	25.957	39.340	81.164	140.509
	-25	0.245	0.450	0.756	1.287	2.447	4.342	7.010	13.440	23.248	35.235	72.695	125.847
	-15	0.238	0.436	0.732	1.247	2.370	4.206	6.790	13.019	22.519	31.129	70.414	121.898
-5	-15	0.296	0.543	0.913	1.555	2.956	5.244	8.467	16.234	28.081	42.559	87.806	152.006
	-5	0.273	0.500	0.840	1.431	2.720	4.827	7.792	14.941	25.843	39.168	80.809	139.894
	5	0.264	0.484	0.813	1.386	2.634	4.674	7.546	14.468	25.026	37.929	78.254	135.471
5	0	0.357	0.655	1.100	1.874	3.562	6.321	10.204	19.565	33.843	51.292	105.823	183.197
	10	0.335	0.615	1.033	1.761	3.347	5.938	9.856	18.380	31.792	48.184	99.412	172.098
	20	0.317	0.582	0.978	1.667	3.168	5.621	9.075	17.401	30.099	45.617	94.115	162.929
10	10	0.393	0.721	1.211	20.63	3.921	6.957	11.232	21.535	37.250	56.456	116.479	201.643
	20	0.370	0.679	1.141	1.944	3.695	6.555	10.583	20.291	35.098	53.195	109.749	189.993
	30	0.358	0.657	1.104	1.881	3.576	6.345	10.243	19.640	33.971	51.486	106.224	183.891

Refrigeration capacity in kilowatts is based on saturated evaporator as shown in table and condensing temperature of 40°C. For other liquid line temperatures, use correction factors in the following table.

Liquid Temperature (°C)		
20	30	50
1.20	1.10	0.89

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**Table 39 - R-410A Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (kW)**

Saturated Suction Temp (°C)	Suction Gas Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	92	105
-17	-12	0.586	1.113	1.905	2.93	5.86	10.26	16.1	33.70	60.36	93.8	140.6	196.3
-7	-12	0.674	1.275	2.344	3.37	6.89	12.0	18.8	38.97	68.86	108.4	161.2	225.6
5	-12	0.747	1.406	2.403	3.75	7.62	13.19	21.1	43.66	76.18	123.1	181.7	252.0

Refrigeration capacity in tons is based on 32°C liquid temperature and superheat as indicated by the listed temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other liquid line temperatures. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Liquid Temperature (°C)						
27	32	38	43	49	54	60
1.05	1.00	0.94	0.90	0.83	0.77	0.72

**Table 40 - R-407C Minimum Capacity For Suction Riser (kW)**

Saturated Suction Temp (°C)	Suction Gas Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	92	105
-17	-12	0.447	0.850	1.450	2.26	4.60	8.06	12.6	26.07	46.00	73.25	108.4	152.4
-7	-12	0.527	0.996	1.699	2.67	5.42	9.38	14.94	30.77	54.21	86.44	128.9	178.7
5	-12	0.601	1.143	1.934	3.05	6.15	10.8	16.99	35.16	61.53	97.86	146.5	205.1

Refrigeration capacity in tons is based on 32°C liquid temperature and superheat as indicated by the listed temperature. Multiply table capacities by the following factors for other liquid line temperatures. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Liquid Temperature (°C)						
27	32	38	43	49	54	60
1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.74

**Table 41 - R-22 Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (kW)<sup>26</sup>**

Saturated Discharge Temp (°C)	Discharge Gas Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	105	130
20	60	0.563	0.032	0.735	2.956	5.619	9.969	16.094	30.859	43.377	80.897	116.904	288.938
	70	0.5494	1.006	1.691	2.881	5.477	9.717	15.687	30.078	52.027	48.851	162.682	281.630
	80	0.535	.0982	1.650	2.811	5.343	9.480	15.305	29.346	50.761	76.933	158.726	173.780
30	70	0.596	1.092	1.836	3.127	5.945	10.547	17.028	32.649	56.474	85.591	176.588	305.702
	80	0.579	1.062	1.785	3.040	5.779	10.254	16.554	31.740	54.901	83.208	171.671	297.019
	90	0.565	0.035	1.740	2.964	5.635	9.998	16.140	30.948	53.531	81.131	167.386	289.773
40	80	0.618	1.132	1.903	3.242	6.163	10.934	17.563	33.847	58.546	88.732	183.069	316.922
	90	0.601	1.103	1.853	3.157	6.001	10.647	17.189	32.959	47.009	86.403	178.263	308.603
	100	0.584	1.071	1.800	3.067	5.830	10.343	16.698	32.018	55.382	83.936	173.173	299.791
50	90	0.630	1.156	1.943	3.310	6.291	11.162	18.020	34.552	59.766	90.580	186.882	323.523
	100	0.611	1.121	1.884	3.209	6.100	10.823	17.473	33.503	57.951	87.831	181.209	313.702
	110	0.595	1.092	1.834	3.125	5.941	10.540	17.016	32.627	46.435	85.532	176.467	305.493

Refrigeration capacity in kilowatts is based on saturated evaporator at -5°C, and condensing temperature as shown in table. For other liquid line temperatures, use correction factors in the following table.

Saturated Suction Temperature (°C)						
-50	-40	-30	-20	0	5	10
0.87	0.90	0.93	0.96	-	1.02	-

**Table 42 - R-134a Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (kW)<sup>27</sup>**

Saturated Discharge Temp (°C)	Discharge Gas Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	105	130
20	60	0.469	0.860	1.445	2.462	4.681	8.305	13.408	25.709	44.469	67.396	139.050	240.718
	70	0.441	0.808	1.358	2.314	4.399	7.805	12.600	24.159	41.788	63.334	130.668	226.207
	80	0.431	0.790	1.327	2.261	4.298	7.626	12.311	23.605	40.830	61.881	127.671	221.020
30	70	0.493	0.904	1.519	2.587	4.918	8.726	14.087	27.011	46.722	70.812	145.096	252.916
	80	0.463	0.849	1.426	2.430	4.260	8.196	13.232	25.371	43.885	66.512	137.225	237.560
	90	0.452	0.829	1.393	2.374	4.513	8.007	19.926	24.785	42.870	64.974	134.052	232.066
40	80	0.507	0.930	1.563	2.662	5.061	8.979	14.496	27.794	48.075	72.863	150.328	260.242
	90	0.477	0.874	1.469	2.502	4.756	8.439	13.624	26.122	45.184	68.480	141.285	244.588
	100	0.465	0.852	1.432	2.439	4.637	8.227	13.281	25.466	44.048	66.759	137.735	238.443
50	90	0.510	0.936	1.573	2.679	5.093	9.037	14.589	27.973	48.385	73.332	151.296	261.918
	100	0.479	0.878	1.476	2.514	4.779	8.480	13.690	26.248	45.402	68.811	141.696	2485.77 2
	110	0.467	0.857	1.441	2.454	4.665	8.278	13.364	25.624	44.322	67.173	138.590	239.921

Refrigeration capacity in kilowatts is based on saturated evaporator at -5°C, and condensing temperature as shown in table. For other liquid line temperatures, use correction factors in the following table.

Saturated Suction Temperature (°C)						
-50	-40	-30	-20	0	5	10
-	-	-	-	1.02	1.04	1.06

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**Table 43 – R-410A minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (kW)**

Saturated Suction Temp (°C)	Discharge Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	92	105
27	60	1.160	2.15	3.727	5.590	11.2	19.5	30.8	48.5	85.79	136.8	203.2	287.3
38	71	1.195	2.21	3.839	5.758	11.6	20.1	31.7	49.9	88.36	140.9	209.3	295.9
49	82	1.231	2.28	3.954	5.931	11.9	20.7	32.6	51.4	91.02	145.1	215.6	304.8

Refrigeration capacity in tons based on saturated suction temperature of 4°C with -10°C superheat at indicated saturated condensing temperature with -10°C sub-cooling. For other saturated suction temperatures with -10°C superheat, use correction factors in the following table. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Saturated Suction Temperature (°C)			
-18	-7	4	16
0.90	0.94	1.00	1.06

**Table 44 - R-407C Minimum Capacity For Discharge Riser (kW)**

Saturated Suction Temp (°C)	Discharge Temp (°C)	Pipe O.D. (mm)											
		12	15	18	22	28	35	42	54	67	79	92	105
27	60	1.020	1.87	3.210	4.887	9.81	17.1	26.9	42.54	74.89	119.6	178.3	251.0
38	71	1.050	1.92	3.306	5.034	10.1	17.6	27.8	43.82	77.14	123.1	183.7	258.6
49	82	1.082	1.98	3.406	5.185	10.4	18.1	28.6	45.14	79.45	126.8	189.1	266.3

Refrigeration capacity in tons based on saturated suction temperature of 4°C with -10°C superheat at indicated saturated condensing temperature with -10°C sub-cooling. For other saturated suction temperatures with -10°C superheat, use correction factors in the following table. (Table data based on line size pressure drop formula shown on page 2.17 of ASHRAE Handbook Refrigeration 2006.)

Saturated Suction Temperature (°C)			
-18	-7	4	16
0.96	0.98	1.00	1.02

**Table 45 - R-22 Refrigerant Charge (kg Per 30.5 meters of Pipe)**

Line Size	Flow	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		4.44°C	40.56°C	60°C
OD	Area			
mm	mm <sup>2</sup>	24.35 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1100.79 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	111.65 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
12	94	0.07	3.15	0.32
15	151	0.11	5.07	0.51
22	312	0.23	10.47	1.06
28	532	0.39	17.85	1.81
35	811	0.60	27.21	2.76
42	1148	0.85	38.52	3.91
54	2519	1.87	84.52	8.57
67	3079	2.29	103.31	10.48
79	4935	3.66	165.58	16.79
92	5944	4.41	199.43	20.23
105	7727	5.73	259.26	26.30
130	12042	8.94	404.03	40.98
156	17311	12.85	580.82	58.91
206	30238	22.44	1014.55	102.90

Refrigerant weight per 30.5 meters of pipe is based on 40.56°C condensing temperature, 60°C discharge temperature, and 4.44°C saturated suction temperature.

**Table 46 - R-134a Refrigerant Charge (kg Per 30.5 meters of Pipe)**

Line Size	Flow	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		4.44°C	40.56°C	60°C
OD	Area			
mm	mm <sup>2</sup>	16.82 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1120.17 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	87.46 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
12	94	0.05	3.21	0.25
15	151	0.08	5.16	0.40
22	312	0.16	10.65	0.83
28	532	0.27	18.16	1.42
35	811	0.42	27.69	2.16
42	1148	0.59	39.20	3.06
54	2519	1.29	86.01	6.72
67	3079	1.58	105.13	8.21
79	4935	2.53	168.49	13.16
92	5944	3.05	202.94	15.85
105	7727	3.96	263.82	20.60
130	12042	6.17	411.15	32.10
156	17311	8.87	591.05	46.15
206	30238	15.50	1032.41	80.61

Refrigerant weight per 30.5 meters of pipe is based on 40.56°C condensing temperature, 60°C discharge temperature, and 4.44°C saturated suction temperature.



**Table 47 - R-410A Refrigerant Charge (kg Per 30.5 meters of Pipe)**

Line Size OD	Flow Area	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		4.44°C	40.56°C	60°C
mm	mm <sup>2</sup>	35.40 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	934.80 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	201.35 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
12	94	0.10	2.68	0.58
15	151	0.16	4.30	0.93
22	312	0.34	8.89	1.91
28	532	0.57	15.16	3.26
35	811	0.88	23.11	4.98
42	1148	1.24	32.71	7.05
54	2519	2.72	71.77	15.46
67	3079	3.32	87.73	18.90
79	4935	5.32	140.61	30.29
92	5944	6.41	169.36	36.48
105	7727	8.34	220.16	47.42
130	12042	12.99	343.11	73.90
156	17311	18.68	493.24	106.24
206	30238	32.63	861.56	185.58

Refrigerant weight per 30.5 meters of pipe is based on 40.56°C condensing temperature, 60°C discharge temperature, and 4.44°C saturated suction temperature.

**Table 48 - R-407C Refrigerant Charge (kg Per 30.5 meters of Pipe)**

Line Size OD	Flow Area	Suction Line	Liquid Line	Discharge Line
		4.44°C	40.56°C	60°C
mm	mm <sup>2</sup>	27.07 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1035.59 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	138.40 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
12	94	0.08	2.97	0.40
15	151	0.12	4.77	0.64
22	312	0.26	9.85	1.32
28	532	0.44	16.79	2.24
35	811	0.67	25.60	3.42
42	1148	0.95	36.24	4.84
54	2519	2.08	79.51	10.63
67	3079	2.54	97.19	12.99
79	4935	4.07	155.77	20.82
92	5944	4.90	187.62	25.07
105	7727	6.38	243.90	32.60
130	12042	9.94	380.10	50.80
156	17311	14.28	546.42	73.03
206	30238	24.95	954.46	127.56

Refrigerant weight per 30.5 meters of pipe is based on 40.56°C condensing temperature, 60°C discharge temperature, and 4.44°C saturated suction temperature.

**Figure 29 - R-22 Suction Gas Velocity**

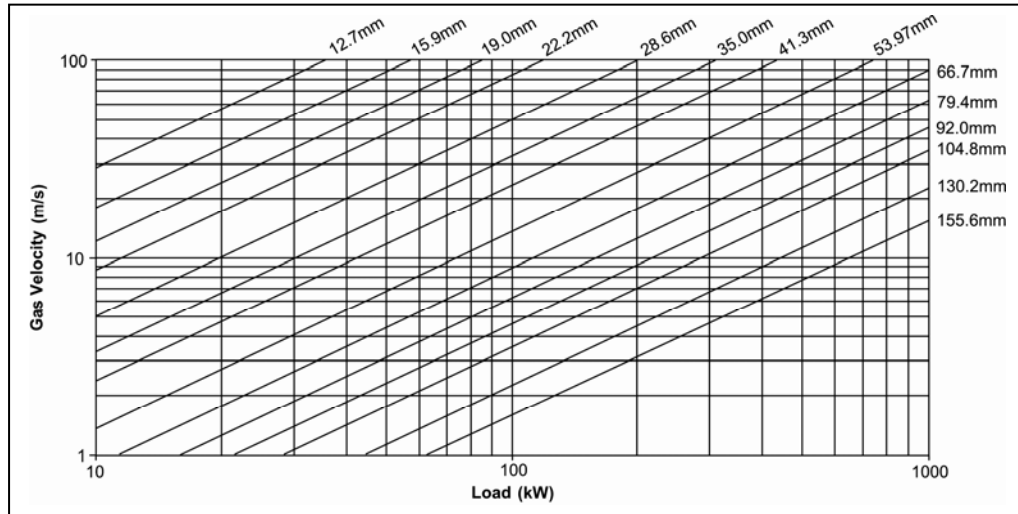


Figure 29 is based on 4.4°C Suction temperature and 41°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 49.

**Table 49 - R-22 Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	-12.2	-9.4	-6.7	-3.9	-1.1	1.7	4.5	7.2	10.0
29.5	1.63	1.48	1.34	1.21	1.10	1.00	0.92	0.84	0.76
32.2	1.67	1.51	1.37	1.24	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.85	0.78
35.0	1.71	1.54	1.40	1.27	1.15	1.05	0.95	0.87	0.80
37.8	1.75	1.58	1.43	1.30	1.18	1.07	0.98	0.89	0.82
40.6	1.79	1.62	1.46	1.33	1.20	1.10	1.00	0.91	0.83
43.4	1.84	1.66	1.50	1.36	1.24	1.12	1.02	0.94	0.86
46.1	1.89	1.70	1.54	1.39	1.27	1.15	1.05	0.96	0.88
48.9	1.94	1.75	1.58	1.43	1.30	1.18	1.08	0.98	0.90
51.7	1.99	1.80	1.63	1.47	1.34	1.22	1.11	1.01	0.92
54.5	2.05	1.85	1.67	1.52	1.38	1.25	1.14	1.04	0.95
57.3	2.12	1.91	1.73	1.56	1.42	1.29	1.17	1.07	0.98
60.0	2.19	1.97	1.78	1.61	1.46	1.33	1.21	1.10	1.01
62.8	2.27	2.04	1.84	1.67	1.51	1.37	1.25	1.14	1.04

**Figure 30 - R-134a Suction Gas Velocity**

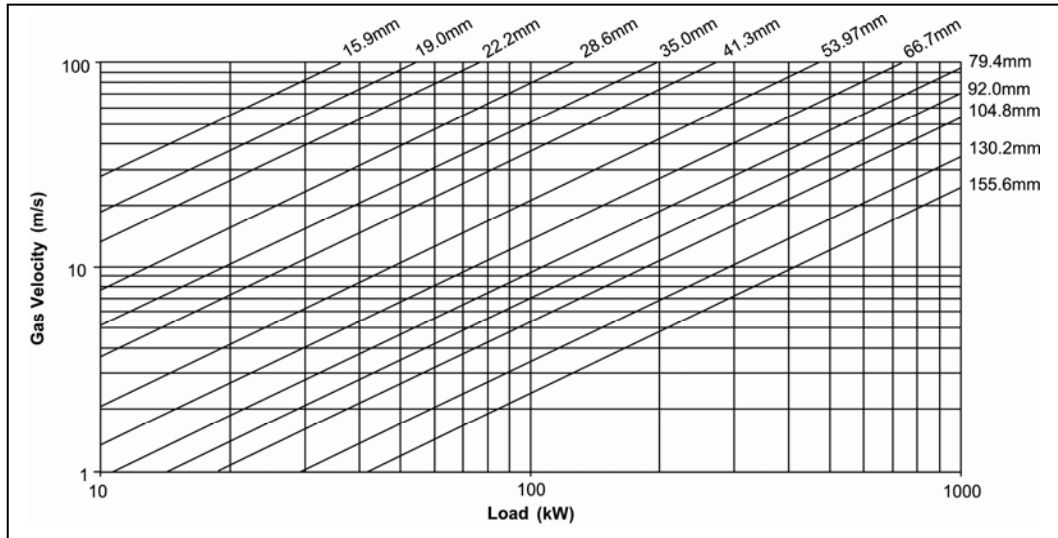


Figure 30 is based on 4.4°C Suction temperature and 41°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 50.

**Table 50 - R-134a Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	-12.2	-9.4	-6.7	-3.9	-1.1	1.7	4.5	7.2	10.0
29.5	1.76	1.56	1.40	1.25	1.12	1.00	0.90	0.82	0.74
32.2	1.81	1.61	1.43	1.28	1.15	1.03	0.93	0.84	0.76
35.0	1.86	1.65	1.47	1.32	1.18	1.06	0.95	0.86	0.77
37.8	1.91	1.70	1.52	1.35	1.21	1.09	0.98	0.88	0.80
40.6	1.97	1.75	1.56	1.39	1.25	1.12	1.00	0.91	0.82
43.4	2.04	1.81	1.61	1.44	1.29	1.15	1.04	0.93	0.84
46.1	2.10	1.87	1.66	1.48	1.33	1.19	1.07	0.96	0.87
48.9	2.18	1.93	1.72	1.53	1.37	1.23	1.10	0.99	0.90
51.7	2.26	2.00	1.78	1.59	1.42	1.27	1.14	1.03	0.92
54.5	2.35	2.08	1.85	1.65	1.47	1.32	1.18	1.06	0.96
57.3	2.44	2.16	1.92	1.71	1.53	1.37	1.23	1.10	0.99
60.0	2.55	2.26	2.00	1.78	1.59	1.42	1.27	1.14	1.03
62.8	2.66	2.36	2.09	1.86	1.66	1.48	1.33	1.19	1.07

**Figure 31 - R-410A Suction Gas Velocity**

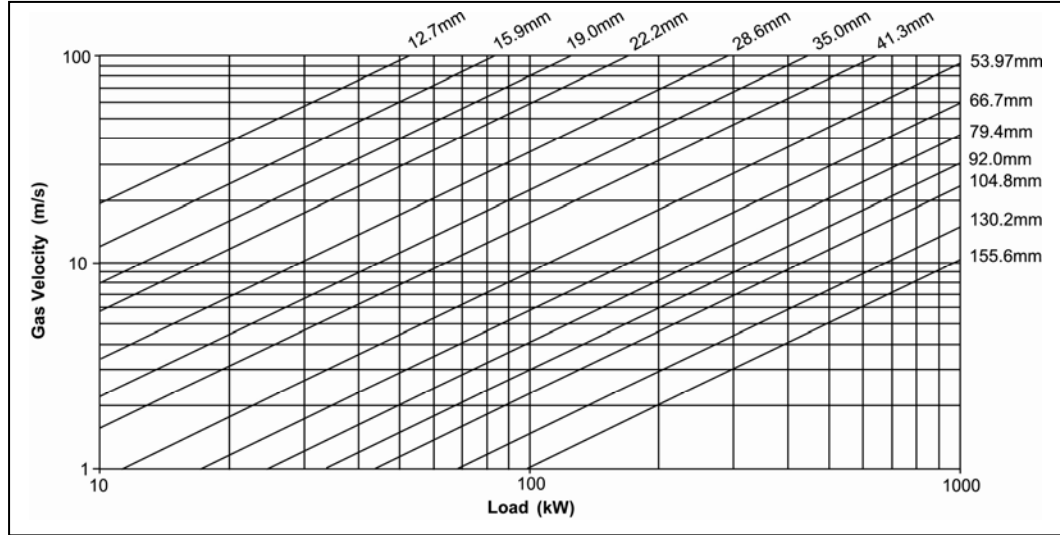


Figure 31 is based on 4.4°C Suction temperature and 41°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 51.

**Table 51 - R-410A Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	-12.2	-9.4	-6.7	-3.9	-1.1	1.7	4.5	7.2	10.0
29.5	1.60	1.45	1.31	1.19	1.08	0.98	0.90	0.82	0.75
32.2	1.64	1.48	1.34	1.22	1.11	1.01	0.92	0.84	0.77
35.0	1.69	1.53	1.38	1.25	1.14	1.04	0.95	0.86	0.79
37.8	1.74	1.57	1.42	1.29	1.17	1.07	0.97	0.89	0.81
40.6	1.79	1.62	1.46	1.33	1.21	1.10	1.00	0.91	0.83
43.4	1.85	1.67	1.51	1.37	1.24	1.13	1.03	0.94	0.86
46.1	1.91	1.73	1.56	1.42	1.29	1.17	1.07	0.97	0.89
48.9	1.98	1.79	1.62	1.47	1.33	1.21	1.10	1.01	0.92
51.7	2.06	1.86	1.68	1.52	1.38	1.26	1.14	1.04	0.95
54.5	2.14	1.93	1.75	1.58	1.44	1.31	1.19	1.08	0.99
57.3	2.24	2.02	1.82	1.65	1.50	1.36	1.24	1.13	1.03
60.0	2.35	2.12	1.91	1.73	1.57	1.43	1.30	1.18	1.08
62.8	2.48	2.23	2.01	1.82	1.65	1.50	1.36	1.24	1.13

**Figure 32 - R-407C Suction Gas Velocity**

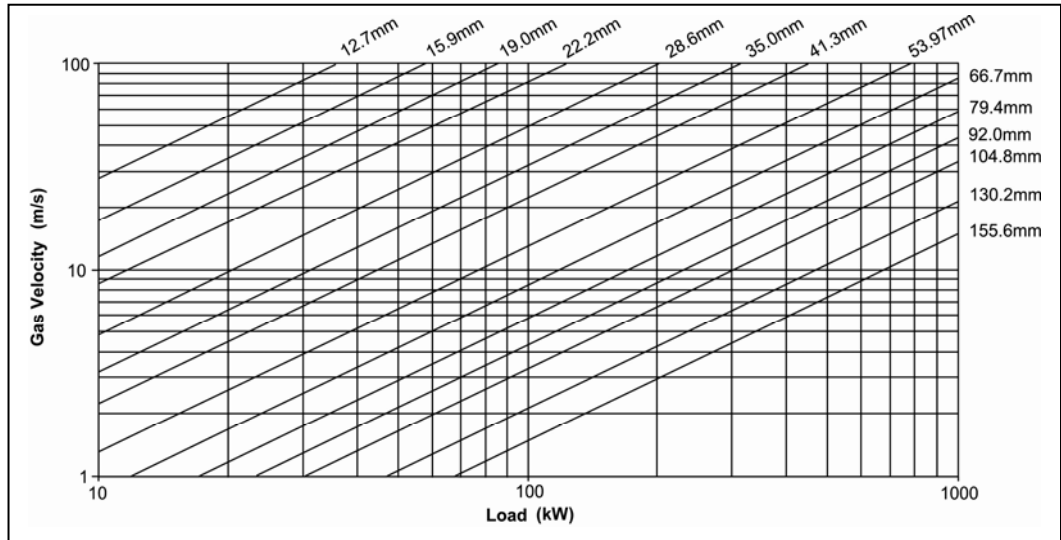


Figure 32 is based on 4.4°C Suction temperature and 41°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 52.

**Table 52 - R-407C Suction Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	-12.2	-9.4	-6.7	-3.9	-1.1	1.7	4.5	7.2	10.0
29.5	1.78	1.49	1.35	1.21	1.10	0.99	0.90	0.82	0.75
32.2	1.82	1.53	1.38	1.24	1.12	1.02	0.92	0.84	0.76
35.0	1.75	1.57	1.42	1.28	1.15	1.04	0.95	0.86	0.78
37.8	1.80	1.62	1.46	1.31	1.19	1.07	0.97	0.88	0.80
40.6	1.86	1.78	1.50	1.35	1.22	1.10	1.00	0.91	0.83
43.4	1.91	1.72	1.54	1.39	1.26	1.14	1.03	0.93	0.85
46.1	1.98	1.77	1.59	1.43	1.29	1.17	1.06	0.96	0.87
48.9	2.04	1.83	1.75	1.48	1.34	1.21	1.09	0.99	0.90
51.7	2.12	1.90	1.81	1.53	1.38	1.25	1.13	1.03	0.93
54.5	2.20	1.97	1.77	1.59	1.43	1.29	1.17	1.06	0.96
57.3	2.29	2.05	1.84	1.76	1.49	1.34	1.22	1.10	1.00
60.0	2.38	2.13	1.91	1.72	1.55	1.40	1.26	1.15	1.04
62.8	2.49	2.23	2.00	1.79	1.72	1.46	1.32	1.19	1.08

**Figure 33 - R-22 Discharge Gas Velocity**

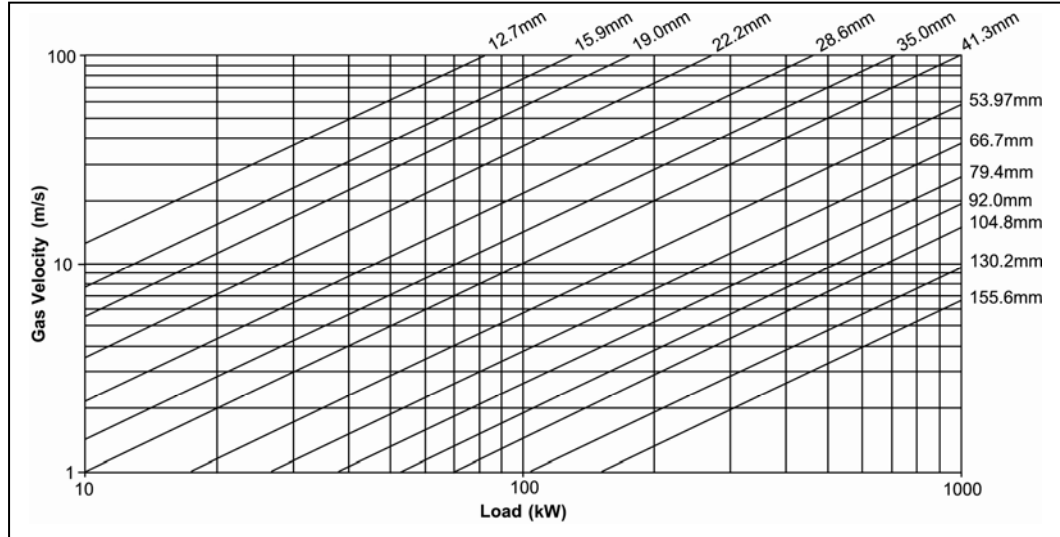


Figure 33 is based on 28°C discharge temperature and 5°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 53.

**Table 53 R-22 Discharge Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	65.6	71.2	76.7	82.3	87.8	93.4	99.0	104.5	110.1
29.5	1.20	1.22	1.25	1.28	1.31	1.34	1.37	1.39	1.42
32.2	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.25	1.28	1.31	1.33
35.0	1.05	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.15	1.18	1.21	1.23	1.26
37.8	0.98	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.08	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
40.6	0.92	0.95	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.05	1.07	1.10	1.12
43.4	0.86	0.89	0.91	0.94	0.96	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.06
46.1	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.89	0.91	0.93	0.96	0.98	1.01
48.9	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.93	0.96
51.7	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.91
54.5	0.67	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.82	0.84	0.87
57.3	0.63	0.65	0.68	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.78	0.80	0.82
60.0	0.59	0.62	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.72	0.74	0.77	0.79
62.8	0.55	0.58	0.60	0.63	0.66	0.68	0.71	0.73	0.76

**Figure 34 - R-134a Discharge Gas Velocity**

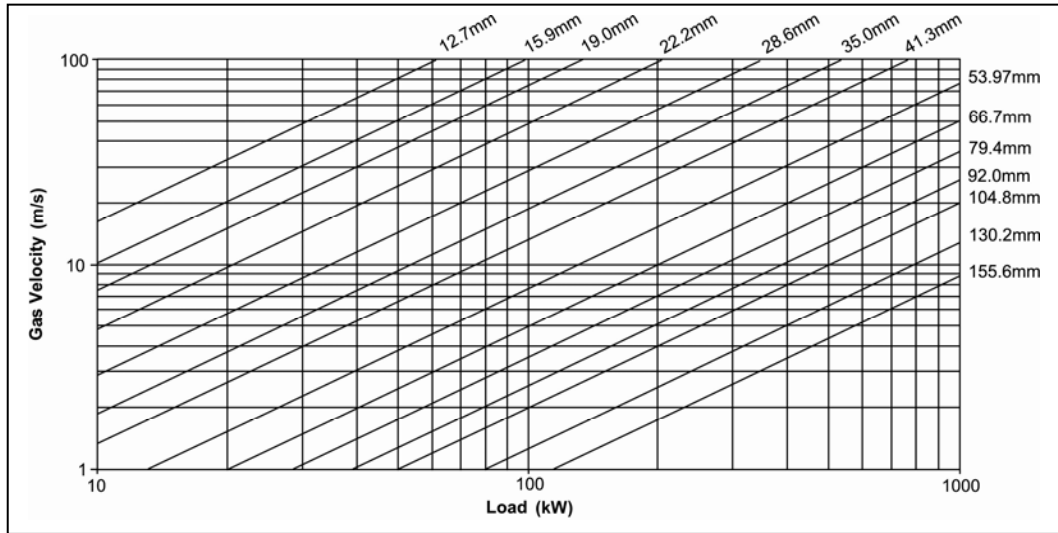


Figure 34 is based on 28°C discharge temperature and 5°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 54.

**Table 54 - R-134a Discharge Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	65.6	71.2	76.7	82.3	87.8	93.4	99.0	104.5	110.1
29.5	1.23	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.40	1.43	1.46
32.2	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.28	1.31	1.34	1.36
35.0	1.07	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.19	1.22	1.25	1.27
37.8	0.99	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.19
40.6	0.92	0.95	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.09	1.12
43.4	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.02	1.05
46.1	0.80	0.83	0.85	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.96	0.99
48.9	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.82	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.93
51.7	0.70	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.81	0.83	0.86	0.88
54.5	0.65	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.83
57.3	0.61	0.63	0.65	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.79
60.0	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.64	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.75
62.8	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.69	0.71

**Figure 35 - R-410A Discharge Gas Velocity**

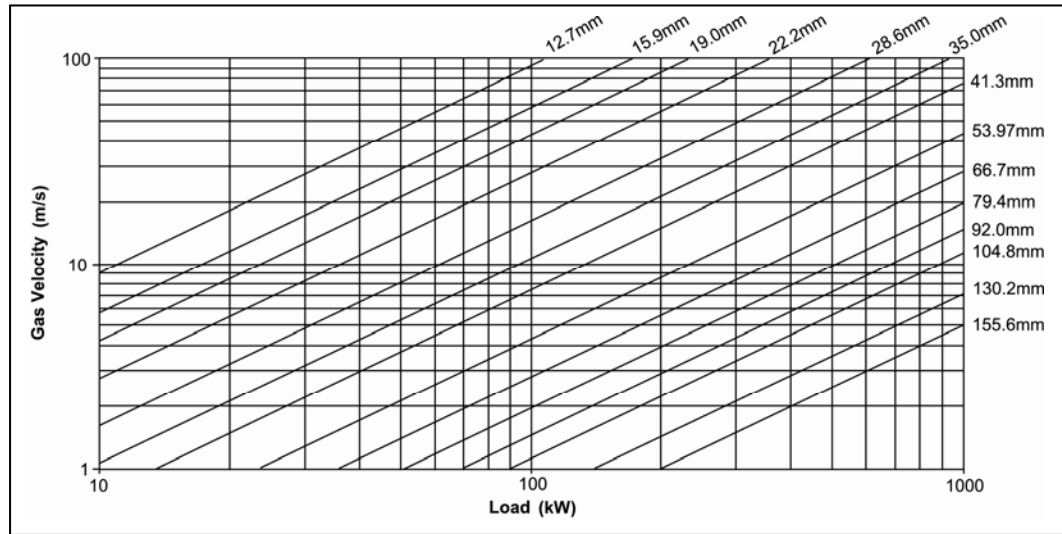


Figure 35 is based on 28°C discharge temperature and 5°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 55.

**Table 55 - R-410A Discharge Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	65.6	71.2	76.7	82.3	87.8	93.4	99.0	104.5	110.1
29.5	1.13	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.39
32.2	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.25	1.29	1.32
35.0	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.25
37.8	0.95	0.98	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.13	1.17	1.20
40.6	0.90	0.93	0.96	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.15
43.4	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.95	0.98	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.10
46.1	0.81	0.84	0.87	0.91	0.94	0.97	1.00	1.03	1.06
48.9	0.77	0.80	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.97	1.00	1.03
51.7	0.73	0.77	0.80	0.84	0.87	0.91	0.94	0.97	1.01
54.5	0.70	0.74	0.77	0.81	0.85	0.88	0.92	0.96	0.99
57.3	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.83	0.87	0.91	0.95	0.99
60.0	0.64	0.69	0.73	0.78	0.82	0.86	0.91	0.95	1.00
62.8	0.61	0.67	0.72	0.77	0.82	0.87	0.93	0.98	1.03



**Figure 36 - R-407C Discharge Gas Velocity**

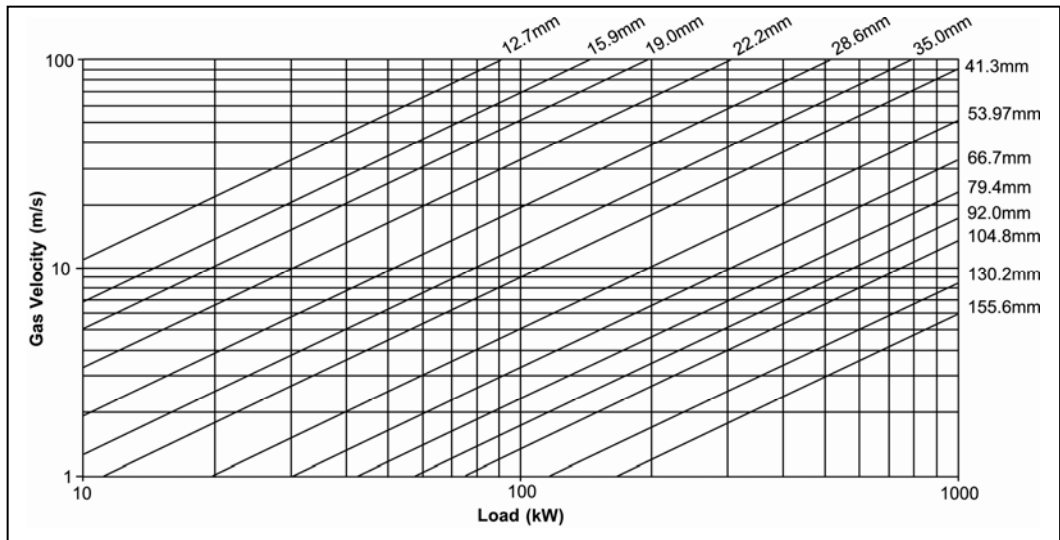


Figure 36 is based on 28°C discharge temperature and 5°C condensing temperature. For other conditions, apply correction factors from Table 56.

**Table 56 - R-407C Discharge Gas Velocity Correction Factors**

Cond Temp (°C)	Suction Temperature (°C)								
	65.6	71.2	76.7	82.3	87.8	93.4	99.0	104.5	110.1
29.5	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.38	1.41
32.2	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.24	1.27	1.30	1.33
35.0	1.03	1.06	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.26
37.8	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.14	1.17	1.20
40.6	0.91	0.94	0.96	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.14
43.4	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.97	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.08
46.1	0.80	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.95	0.97	1.00	1.03
48.9	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.96	0.99
51.7	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.80	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.95
54.5	0.67	0.70	0.73	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.88	0.91
57.3	0.63	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.88
60.0	0.59	0.62	0.66	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.86
62.8	0.55	0.58	0.62	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.77	0.80	0.84

## Notes

