

TABLE 10. BASIS OF EQUIPMENT SELECTION

CAPACITY TONS	MAJORITY USED	SOME USED	FEW USED
0 to 5	Unit systems in conditioned space.	Unit central systems using duct distribution.	Built up central systems.
5 to 25	Built up central systems using reciprocating compressors.	Unit central systems using duct distribution.	Unit systems in conditioned space. Built up systems using absorption and adsorption systems.
25 to 50	Built up central systems using reciprocating compressors.	Built up central systems using centrifugal compressors.	Central systems using adsorption systems.
50 to 400	Built up central systems using reciprocating compressors.	Built up central systems using steam jet and centrifugal compressors.	
400 and Over	Built up central systems using centrifugal compressors.	Built up central systems using steam jet.	

steam turbine or electric motor. The steam jet system is used where steam is available and cooling water can be had in large quantities.

It will be noted by referring to Fig. 4 that all systems using compressors have a common characteristic and that is, that the capacity varies with the evaporating temperature. Not only can the equipment be selected to produce a given result but the performance can be predicted under varying load conditions by the simple expedient of using the variable of evaporating temperature as the abscissa and the load or capacity as the ordinate in a series of curves.

Manufacturers of compressors and cooling coils furnish performance data for apparatus that can be plotted in the form of curves similar to those shown in Fig. 10. The performance of a compressor is plotted as a series of curves, each curve being drawn for a given condensing pressure. The performance of a direct expansion coil at two different air velocities is plotted on the same graph. The operating point will be, of course, where the two curves cross.

TABLE 11. TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR TWO TYPES OF LOAD

TYPE OF ENCLOSURE	LOAD, BTU PER HOUR			RATIO SENSIBLE TO TOTAL	AIR ENTERING COIL		OPERATING BALANCE POINT		
	Sensible	Latent	Total		Deg F	Per Cent R.H.	Evaporator Temp Deg F	Condenser Pressure Lb per Sq. In.	Per Cent Sensible Heat
Restaurant	103,000	45,000	148,000	0.695	82	45	34.4	123	69.9
Office	121,000	27,000	148,000	0.820	82	45	42.2	100	82.1

Data given in Table 11 illustrate two types of conditioned enclosures having the same total load of 148,000 Btu per hour, but with two different ratios of sensible to total heat. In the case of the office with a ratio of 82 per cent sensible to total heat, the operating point *A* in Fig. 10 is found to be 42.2 F evaporating temperature with a face velocity of 500 fpm. In the case of the restaurant, with a ratio of 69.5 per cent sensible to total heat, the air velocity is lowered to 300 fpm and the evaporating temperature is lowered to 34.4 F as shown in point *B* of Fig. 10. In order to obtain the same capacity, a larger condensing unit is used. This illustration assumes zero pressure drop through the suction line. The pressure drop can be taken into account by shifting the compressor performance curves by the amount of pressure drop expressed in degrees Fahrenheit.

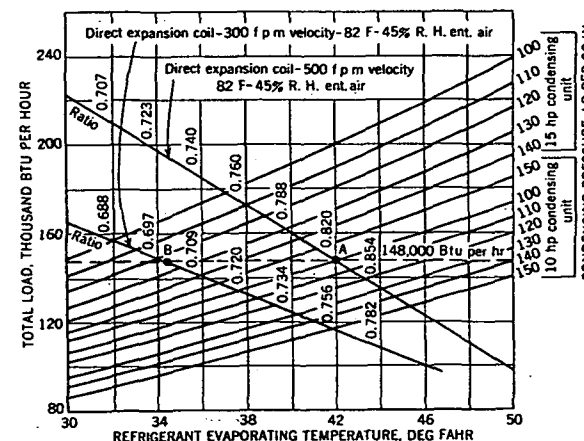


FIG. 10. COMPRESSOR AND COIL PERFORMANCE

THE REVERSE CYCLE

In heating by the reverse refrigeration cycle energy is absorbed in an evaporator from some available source of heat, pumped to a higher temperature and delivered to a condenser. The heat from the condenser is used for heating purposes. The compressor acts as a heat pump whose fundamental function is to raise the potential of the heat. The theoretical ratio of the heat delivered to the work of compression is given in Equation 1.

$$\frac{T_2}{T_2 - T_1} \quad (1)$$

where

T_1 = absolute temperature of evaporator.

T_2 = absolute temperature of condenser.

Thus, with a small spread of temperature between the evaporator and the condenser, 6 or 8 times as much heat may be obtained theoretically,