

of refrigerant which is present in vapor form. Consider, for example, F-12 with a quality (the percent in vapor form) of 30 percent; the enthalpy of this material would be equal to

$$h_m = h_l + 0.30 (h_v - h_l) \quad (4)$$

where

h_m = specific enthalpy of the mixture.

h_l = specific enthalpy of the liquid.

h_v = specific enthalpy of the saturated vapor.

Values of h_l and h_v are obtained from Table 1 for the actual pressure of the mixture.

By a reversal of this same procedure the tabular data can be used to determine the state of a mixture leaving an expansion valve. Consider a valve to which saturated liquid at pressure p_a is admitted, and a mixture of saturated liquid and vapor at pressure p_d is discharged. The quality of the material at discharge is then determined by making use of the fact that the expansion process is completely irreversible, is a throttling process, and hence, occurs without change in enthalpy. Thus, the enthalpy of the mixture, h_m , is equal to the enthalpy of the saturated liquid at the entrance state, h_{ls} , and can therefore be read from the table.

Thus,

$$h_{ls} = h_m = h_{vd} - (1 - x) (h_{vd} - h_{ld}) \quad (5)$$

or,

$$x = (h_m - h_{ld}) / (h_{vd} - h_{ld}) \quad (6)$$

where

h_{ls} = enthalpy of saturated liquid at entrance to expansion valve.

h_m = enthalpy of mixture.

h_{vd} = enthalpy of saturated vapor at discharge.

h_{ld} = enthalpy of liquid at discharge.

x = proportion of liquid in the mixture, decimal.

Vapor Compression Refrigeration Cycle

Simple Cycle. The refrigerant cycle is the series of state changes (which occur in the conditioning processes) needed to restore the refrigerant to a condition in which it will possess the ability to extract heat from the space to be cooled. For all compression-type systems the cycle consists of four processes: heat gain in the evaporator; pressure rise in the compressor; heat loss in the condenser; pressure loss in the expansion valve. The compression process is accomplished at the expense of energy added to the compressor in the form of shaft work, and the expansion process could be carried out, if the economics of the system would permit, in an expanding engine with consequent release of energy as shaft work. In ordinary systems, however, the additional first cost and maintenance costs of an expanding engine so greatly exceed the advantage resulting from the work realized, that such engines are not used, and the pressure reduction is allowed to occur irreversibly in an expansion valve. Basically, then, a refrigeration cycle consists of two heat transfer processes and two pressure change processes, no work entering into the heat transfer processes and—in the simple cycle—no heat transfer occurring during the pressure-change processes.

TABLE 2. PROPERTIES OF MONOCHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE (F-22)

SAT. TEMP F	ABS. PRESS. LB PER SQ IN.	VOLUME		ENTHALPY AND ENTROPY TAKEN FROM -40 F							
				ENTHALPY		ENTROPY		50 DEG SUPERHEAT		100 DEG SUPERHEAT	
		Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Vapor	Enthalpy	En- tropy	Enthalpy	En- tropy
0	38.79	0.01192	1.373	10.63	105.02	0.0240	0.2293	112.35	0.2446	120.00	0.2590
2	40.43	0.01195	1.320	11.17	105.24	0.0251	0.2289	112.59	0.2442	120.26	0.2586
4	42.14	0.01198	1.270	11.70	105.45	0.0262	0.2285	112.83	0.2438	120.52	0.2581
5	43.02	0.01200	1.246	11.97	105.56	0.0268	0.2283	112.95	0.2436	120.65	0.2579
6	43.91	0.01201	1.221	12.23	105.66	0.0274	0.2280	113.07	0.2434	120.78	0.2577
8	45.74	0.01205	1.175	12.76	105.87	0.0285	0.2276	113.31	0.2430	121.04	0.2572
10	47.63	0.01208	1.130	13.29	106.08	0.0296	0.2272	113.55	0.2426	121.30	0.2568
12	49.58	0.01211	1.088	13.82	106.29	0.0307	0.2268	113.79	0.2422	121.56	0.2564
14	51.59	0.01215	1.048	14.36	106.50	0.0319	0.2264	114.02	0.2418	121.82	0.2560
16	53.66	0.01218	1.009	14.90	106.71	0.0330	0.2260	114.25	0.2414	122.08	0.2556
18	55.79	0.01222	0.9721	15.44	106.92	0.0341	0.2257	114.48	0.2410	122.33	0.2552
20	57.98	0.01225	0.9369	15.98	107.13	0.0352	0.2253	114.71	0.2406	122.59	0.2548
22	60.23	0.01229	0.9032	16.52	107.33	0.0364	0.2249	114.94	0.2402	122.84	0.2544
24	62.55	0.01232	0.8707	17.06	107.53	0.0375	0.2246	115.17	0.2398	123.10	0.2540
26	64.94	0.01236	0.8398	17.61	107.73	0.0379	0.2242	115.40	0.2395	123.35	0.2537
28	67.40	0.01239	0.8100	18.17	107.93	0.0398	0.2239	115.62	0.2391	123.60	0.2533
30	69.93	0.01243	0.7816	18.74	108.13	0.0409	0.2235	115.84	0.2387	123.85	0.2529
32	72.53	0.01247	0.7543	19.32	108.33	0.0421	0.2232	116.07	0.2383	124.10	0.2525
34	75.21	0.01250	0.7283	19.90	108.52	0.0433	0.2228	116.29	0.2380	124.35	0.2522
36	77.97	0.01254	0.7032	20.48	108.71	0.0445	0.2225	116.52	0.2376	124.59	0.2518
38	80.81	0.01258	0.6791	21.09	108.90	0.0457	0.2222	116.74	0.2373	124.84	0.2515
40	83.72	0.01262	0.6559	21.70	109.09	0.0469	0.2218	116.96	0.2369	125.08	0.2511
42	86.69	0.01266	0.6339	22.29	109.27	0.0481	0.2215	117.18	0.2366	125.32	0.2508
44	89.74	0.01270	0.6126	22.90	109.45	0.0493	0.2211	117.40	0.2363	125.56	0.2504
46	92.88	0.01274	0.5922	23.50	109.63	0.0505	0.2208	117.61	0.2359	125.80	0.2501
48	96.10	0.01278	0.5726	24.11	109.80	0.0516	0.2205	117.82	0.2356	126.04	0.2497
50	99.40	0.01282	0.5537	24.73	109.98	0.0528	0.2201	118.02	0.2353	126.27	0.2494
52	102.8	0.01286	0.5355	25.34	110.14	0.0540	0.2198	118.22	0.2350	126.50	0.2491
54	106.2	0.01290	0.5184	25.95	110.30	0.0552	0.2194	118.42	0.2347	126.73	0.2488
56	109.8	0.01294	0.5014	26.58	110.47	0.0564	0.2191	118.62	0.2343	126.96	0.2484
58	113.5	0.01299	0.4849	27.22	110.63	0.0576	0.2188	118.82	0.2340	127.19	0.2481
60	117.2	0.01303	0.4695	27.83	110.78	0.0588	0.2185	119.01	0.2337	127.42	0.2478
62	121.0	0.01307	0.4546	28.46	110.93	0.0600	0.2181	119.21	0.2334	127.65	0.2475
64	124.9	0.01312	0.4403	29.09	111.08	0.0612	0.2178	119.40	0.2331	127.87	0.2472
66	128.9	0.01316	0.4264	29.72	111.22	0.0624	0.2175	119.59	0.2327	128.10	0.2469
68	133.0	0.01320	0.4129	30.35	111.35	0.0636	0.2172	119.77	0.2324	128.32	0.2466
70	137.2	0.01325	0.4000	30.99	111.49	0.0648	0.2168	119.96	0.2321	128.54	0.2463
72	141.5	0.01330	0.3875	31.65	111.63	0.0661	0.2165	120.15	0.2318	128.76	0.2460
74	145.9	0.01334	0.3754	32.29	111.75	0.0673	0.2162	120.32	0.2315	128.97	0.2457
76	150.4	0.01339	0.3638	32.94	111.88	0.0684	0.2158	120.50	0.2312	129.19	0.2455
78	155.0	0.01344	0.3526	33.61	112.01	0.0696	0.2155	120.67	0.2309	129.40	0.2452
80	159.7	0.01349	0.3417	34.27	112.13	0.0708	0.2151	120.85	0.2306	129.61	0.2449
82	164.5	0.01353	0.3313	34.92	112.24	0.0720	0.2148	121.02	0.2303	129.82	0.2446
84	169.4	0.01358	0.3212	35.60	112.36	0.0732	0.2144	121.18	0.2300	130.02	0.2443
86	174.5	0.01363	0.3113	36.28	112.47	0.0744	0.2140	121.34	0.2297	130.23	0.2441
88	179.6	0.01368	0.3019	36.94	112.57	0.0756	0.2137	121.50	0.2294	130.43	0.2438
90	184.8	0.01374	0.2928	37.61	112.67	0.0768	0.2133	121.66	0.2291	130.63	0.2435
92	190.1	0.01379	0.2841	38.28	112.76	0.0780	0.2130	121.82	0.2288	130.83	0.2432
94	195.6	0.01384	0.2755	38.97	112.85	0.0792	0.2126	121.97	0.2285	131.03	0.2429
96	201.2	0.01390	0.2672	39.65	112.93	0.0803	0.2122	122.12	0.2282	131.23	0.2427
98	206.8	0.01396	0.2594	40.32	113.00	0.0815	0.2119	122.26	0.2279	131.42	0.2424
100	212.6	0.01402	0.2517	40.98	113.06	0.0827	0.2115	122.40	0.2276	131.61	0.2421
102	218.5	0.01408	0.2443	41.65	113.12	0.0839	0.2111	122.53	0.2273	131.80	0.2418
104	224.6	0.01414	0.2370	42.32	113.16	0.0851	0.2107	122.66	0.2270	131.99	0.2416
106	230.7	0.01420	0.2301	42.98	113.20	0.0862	0.2104	122.79	0.2267	132.17	0.2413
108	237.0	0.01426	0.2233	43.66	113.24	0.0874	0.2100	122.92	0.2264	132.35	0.2411
110	243.4	0.01433	0.2167	44.35	113.29	0.0886	0.2096	123.04	0.2261	132.53	0.2408
112	249.9	0.01440	0.2104	45.04	113.34	0.0898	0.2093	123.16	0.2258	132.71	0.2405
114	256.6	0.01447	0.2043	45.74	113.38	0.0909	0.2089	123.28	0.2255	132.88	0.2403
116	263.4	0.01454	0.1983	46.44	113.42	0.0921	0.2085	123.40	0.2253	133.05	0.2400
118	270.3	0.01461	0.1926	47.14	113.46	0.0933	0.2081	123.51	0.2250	133.22	0.2398
120	277.3	0.01469	0.1871	47.85	113.52	0.0945	0.2078	123.62	0.2247	133.39	0.2395

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