

application may be made on the basis of the magnitude of the load. Current general practice is outlined in Table 10.

Unit or *packaged* systems, consisting of a reciprocating compressor, condenser, evaporator and fans, are generally used in the smaller sized jobs where electric power is available, as they are manufactured complete, ready to install and are the most economical (see Chapter 22).

The reciprocating compressor in the built-up central system (see Chapter 20) covers the widest range of application since it is applicable to either the direct expansion or indirect systems and can be driven by steam or gas engines, or by electric motors. The quantity of condensing cooling medium required is also less than for any other system with the exception of the centrifugal compressor, which uses the same amount.

Centrifugal compressors are used for large installations, and usually where the indirect system is required. The driving mechanism can be

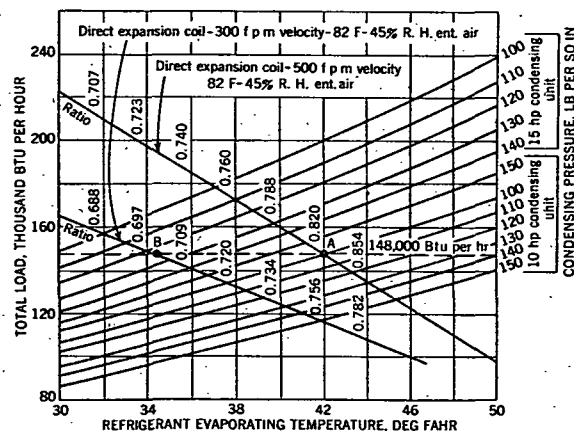


FIG. 10. COMPRESSOR AND COIL PERFORMANCE

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.

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.

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 condenser⁴. 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

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

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, and 3 to 5 times practically, as the work introduced. There are a number of limitations, however, the most serious of which is the lack of ready availability of a practical source of heat.

1. Well water is the most desirable since its temperature is higher than other sources even in the winter, and thus a large amount of heat may be removed in relation to the weight of water handled.

⁴Cooling Homes, A Field for Refrigeration, by A. R. Stevenson, presented at the symposium of the Refrigeration with Gas Committee of the American Gas Association, April 20, 1928. The Heat Pump, An Economical Method of Producing Low-grade Heat from Electricity, by T. G. N. Haldane (*Electric Review*, Vol. 105, p. 1161-1162, December 27, 1929, and *I. E. E. Journal*, Vol. 68, p. 666-675, June, 1930). Edison Building Heated and Cooled by Electricity, by H. L. Doolittle (*Power*, Vol. 74, p. 384, September 8, 1931). House Heated by Pump with 5 to 1 Pick-up Ratio, by Gilbert Wilkes and R. E. Marbury (*Electrical World*, Vol. 100, p. 828, December 17, 1932). An All Electric Heating, Cooling and Air Conditioning System, by Philip Sporn and D. W. McLennan (*A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS*, Vol. 41, 1935, p. 307). Using the Reversed Cycle Refrigerating Principle for a Self-Contained Heating and Cooling Unit, by Henry L. Galson (*A.S.H.V.E. JOURNAL SECTION, Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning*, October, 1935, p. 497). Heating by Reversed Refrigeration, by A. J. Lawless (*Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning*, August, p. 473, September, p. 519, 1940).