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- a) Clause 2 “Normative References” was updated;
- b) Clause 3 “Terms and definitions” was modified e.g. definition of heating capacity was added;
- c) Clause 4 has been renamed, restructured and revised to simplify it;
- d) the content of the old clause “Requirements” was integrated into the clause “Performance data”;
- e) Annex A “Calculation of dew point temperatures from given mean temperatures” was added;
- f) the document was revised editorially.

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Introduction

The performance data of a refrigerant compressor is commonly expressed as the refrigerating capacity and power consumption when applied in an ideal refrigeration cycle. An ideal cycle is one in which there is no pressure drop or heat transmission through the pipework between the major circuit components. Optionally, the heating capacity, i.e. heat delivered by the condenser or gas cooler, can be shown.

This document defines the conditions for presentation of performance data, so that different compressors can be compared.

1 Scope

This document specifies the rating conditions, tolerances and the method of presenting performance data of refrigerant compressors to enable comparison of different compressors.

This document is applicable to single-stage compressor and two-stage compressor data with or without an additional intermediate pressure inlet.

The performance data of compressors used with R-744 in transcritical operation are covered in this document.

The data relating to the refrigerating capacity, heating capacity and power absorbed include requirements for part-load operation where applicable.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13771-1, *Compressors and condensing units for refrigeration — Performance testing and test methods — Part 1: Refrigerant compressors*

EN 378-1:2016+A1:2020, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps — Safety and environmental requirements — Part 1: Basic requirements, definitions, classification and selection criteria*

ISO 817, *Refrigerants — Designation and safety classification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 378-1:2016+A1:2020:2021 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

compressor

device for mechanically increasing the pressure of a refrigerant vapour

[SOURCE: EN 378-1:2016+A1:2020, 3.4.3]

3.2

refrigerating capacity

product of the refrigerant low-pressure mass flow rate through the compressor and the specific refrigerant enthalpy difference between the compressor low pressure inlet and the state defined by subcooling, gas cooler outlet conditions or liquid temperature at inlet of the low-pressure evaporator

Note 1 to entry: For single-stage cycles the enthalpy difference is h_1-h_3 in the respective p-h diagram. For multi-stage expansion cycles it is h_1-h_4 in the respective p-h diagram.