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Service

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This Base Manual covers general information

Refer to individual Technical Sheet for information on specific models

This manual includes, but is not limited to the following:

Maytag
PCF1700ACW
PCF2700ACW
PCF4400ACW
PCF8200ACW

Compact Top Mount Refrigerators

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Important Information

Important Notices for Servicers and Consumers

Maytag will not be responsible for personal injury or property damage from improper service procedures. Pride and workmanship go into every product to provide our customers with quality products. It is possible, however, that during its lifetime a product may require service. Products should be serviced only by a qualified service technician who is familiar with the safety procedures required in the repair and who is equipped with the proper tools, parts, testing instruments and the appropriate service information. **IT IS THE TECHNICIANS RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIEW ALL APPROPRIATE SERVICE INFORMATION BEFORE BEGINNING REPAIRS.**

⚠ WARNING

To avoid risk of severe personal injury or death, disconnect power before working/servicing on appliance to avoid electrical shock.

To locate an authorized servicer, please consult your telephone book or the dealer from whom you purchased this product. For further assistance, please contact:

Customer Service Support Center

CAIR Center

Web Site	Telephone Number
WWW.AMANA.COM	1-800-843-0304
WWW.JENNAIR.COM	1-800-536-6247
WWW.MAYTAG.COM	1-800-688-9900
CAIR Center in Canada	1-800-688-2002
Amana Canada Product	1-866-587-2002

Recognize Safety Symbols, Words, and Labels

⚠ DANGER

DANGER—Immediate hazards which **WILL** result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

WARNING—Hazards or unsafe practices which **COULD** result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION—Hazards or unsafe practices which **COULD** result in minor personal injury, product or property damage.

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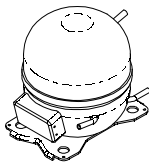
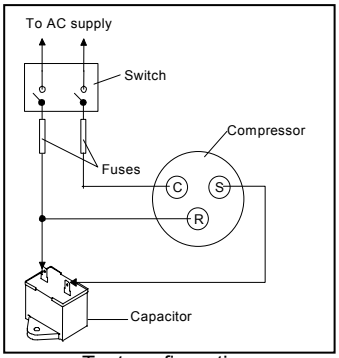
Component	Description	Test Procedures
Compressor 	When compressor electrical circuit is energized, the start winding current causes relay to heat. After an amount of starting time, the start winding circuit turns off. The relay will switch off the start winding circuit even though compressor has not started (for example, when attempting to restart after momentary power interruption). With "open" relay, compressor will not start because there is little or no current to start windings. Overload protection will open due to high locked rotor run winding current. With "shorted" relay or capacitor, compressor will start and overload protector will quickly open due to high current of combined run and start windings. With open or weak capacitor, compressor will start and run as normal but will consume more energy.	**Resistance test** 1. Disconnect power to unit. 2. Discharge capacitor by shorting across terminals with a resistor for 1 minute. **NOTE:** (Some compressors do not have a run capacitor.) 3. Remove leads from compressor terminals. 4. Set ohmmeter to lowest scale. 5. Check for resistance between Terminals "S" and "C", start winding Terminals "R" and "C", run winding If either compressor winding reads open (infinite or very high resistance) or dead short (0 ohms), replace compressor. **Ground test** 1. Disconnect power to refrigerator. 2. Discharge capacitor, if present, by shorting terminals through a resistor. 3. Remove compressor leads and use an ohmmeter set on highest scale. 4. Touch one lead to compressor body (clean point of contact) and other probe to each compressor terminal. • If reading is obtained, compressor is grounded and must be replaced. **Operation test** If voltage, capacitor, overload, and motor winding tests do not show cause for failure, perform the following test: 1. Disconnect power to refrigerator. 2. Discharge capacitor by shorting capacitor terminals through a resistor. 3. Remove leads from compressor terminals. 4. Wire a test cord to power switch. 5. Place time delayed fuse with UL rating equal to amp rating of motor in test cord socket. (Refer to Technical Data Sheet) 6. Remove overload and relay. 7. Connect start, common and run leads of test cord on appropriate terminals of compressor. 8. Attach capacitor leads of test cord together. If capacitor is used, attach capacitor lead to a known good capacitor of same capacity.  Test configuration 9. Plug test cord into multimeter to determine start and run wattage and to check for low voltage, which can also be a source of trouble indications. 10. With power to multimeter, press start cord switch and release. • If compressor motor starts and draws normal wattage, compressor is okay and trouble is in capacitor, relay/overload, freezer temperature control, or elsewhere in system. • If compressor does not start when direct wired, recover refrigerant at high side. After refrigerant is recovered, repeat compressor direct wire test. If compressor runs after recovery but would not run when direct wired before recover, a restriction in sealed system is indicated. • If compressor does not run when wired direct after recovery, replace faulty compressor.

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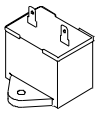
Capacitor 	Run capacitor connects to relay terminal 3 and L side of line. Some compressors do not require a run capacitor; refer to the Technical Data Sheet for the unit being serviced.	**WARNING** To avoid electrical shock which can cause severe personal injury or death, discharge capacitor through a resistor before handling. 1. Disconnect power to refrigerator. 2. Remove capacitor cover and disconnect capacitor wires. 3. Discharge capacitor by shorting across terminals with a resistor for 1 minute. 4. Check resistance across capacitor terminals with ohmmeter set on "X1K" scale. • **Good**—needle swings to 0 ohms and slowly moves back to infinity. • **Open**—needle does not move. Replace capacitor. • **Shorted**—needle moves to zero and stays. Replace capacitor. • **High resistance leak**—needle jumps toward 0 and then moves back to constant high resistance (not infinity).
Condenser	Condenser is a tube and wire construction located on back of unit. Condenser is on high pressure discharge side of compressor. Condenser function is to transfer heat absorbed by refrigerant to ambient. Higher pressure gas is routed to condenser where, as gas temperature is reduced, gas condenses into a high pressure liquid state. Heat transfer takes place because discharged gas is at a higher temperature than air that is passing over condenser. It is very important that adequate air flow over condenser is maintained. Condenser is air cooled. If efficiency of heat transfer from condenser to surrounding air is impaired, condensing temperature becomes higher. High liquid temperature means liquid will not remove as much heat during boiling in evaporator as under normal conditions. This would be indicated by high than normal head pressures, long run time, and high wattage. Remove any lint or other accumulation, that would restrict normal air movement through condenser. From condenser the refrigerant flows into a post condenser loop which helps control exterior condensation on flange, center mullion, and around freezer door. Refrigerant the flows through the drier to evaporator and into compressor through suction line.	Leaks in condenser can usually be detected by using an electronic leak detector or soap solution. Look for signs of compressor oil when checking for leaks. A certain amount of compressor oil is circulated with refrigerant. Leaks in post condenser loop are rare because loop is a one-piece copper tube. For minute leaks 1. Separate condenser from rest of refrigeration system and pressurize condenser up to a maximum of 235 PSI with a refrigerant and dry nitrogen combination. 2. Recheck for leaks. **WARNING** To avoid severe personal injury or death from sudden eruption of high pressures gases, observe the following: Protect against a sudden eruption if high pressures are required for leak checking. Do not use high pressure compressed gases in refrigeration systems without a reliable pressure regulator and pressure relief valve in the lines.

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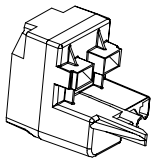
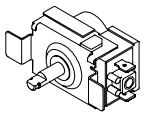
  </td><td>When voltage is connected and relay is cool, current passes through relay to start winding.

After a short time, current heats the resistor in relay and resistance will rise blocking current flow through relay.

Start winding remains in the circuit through run capacitor.

Solid state relay plugs directly on compressor start and run terminals. Relay terminals 2 and 3 are connected within relay. Run capacitor is connected to relay terminal 3. L2 side of 120 VAC power is connected to relay terminal 2.</td><td>1. Disconnect power to the refrigerator.
2. Remove relay cover and disconnect leads.
3. Check resistance across terminals 2 and 3 with an ohmmeter:
Normal = 3 to 12 ohms
Shorted = 0 ohms
Open = infinite ohms</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Fresh Food temperature control
  </td><td>Fresh Food temperature control is a capillary tube operating a single pole, single throw switch.

Fresh Food temperature control controls run cycle through defrost timer.</td><td>Check for proper calibration with thermocouple capillary in air supply well by recording cut-in and cut-out temperatures at middle setting. Refer to tech sheet for model being serviced for expected temperatures.

Check control contacts are opening by disconnecting electrical leads to control and turning control knob to coldest setting. Check for continuity across terminals.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Altitude Adjustment
When altitude adjustment is required on a G.E. control, turn altitude adjustment screw 1/7 turn counter clockwise for each 1,000 feet increase in altitude up to 10,000 feet. One full turn equals 10,000 feet maximum.

In most cases the need for altitude adjustments can be avoided by simply turning temperature control knob to colder setting.</td><td>
<table>
<tr><th colspan="2">Altitude Counter in Feet</th></tr>
<tr><th>Feet Above Sea Level</th><th>Turn Screw Clockwise (Angular Degrees)</th></tr>
<tr><td>2,000</td><td>30</td></tr>
<tr><td>4,000</td><td>81</td></tr>
<tr><td>6,000</td><td>129</td></tr>
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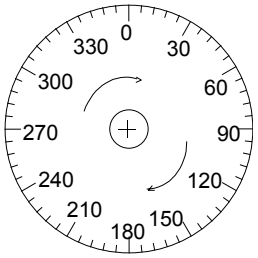

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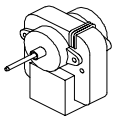
<tr><td>Evaporator fan motor
  </td><td>Evaporator fan moves air across evaporator coil and throughout refrigerator cabinet.</td><td>1. Disconnect power to unit.
2. Disconnect fan motor leads.
3. Check resistance from ground connection solder. Trace to motor frame must not exceed .05 ohms.
4. Check for voltage at connector to motor with unit in refrigeration mode and compressor operating.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Switch, refrigerator light,</td><td>Double pole, double throw switch completes circuit for light when door is open and completes a circuit for evaporator fan when door is closed.</td><td>Check resistant across terminals.
Switch button depressed
“NO” terminals Open

Switch button not depressed
“NC” terminals Closed</td></tr>
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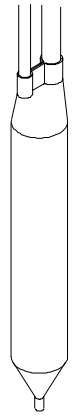
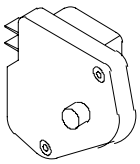
Drier 	Drier is placed at post condenser loop outlet and passes liquefied refrigerant to capillary. Desiccant (20) 8 x 12 4AXH - 7 M>S> - Grams	**Drier must be changed every time the system is opened for testing or compressor replacement.** **NOTE:** Drier used in R12 sealed system is not interchangeable with drier used in R134a sealed system. Always replace drier in R134a system with Amana part number B2150504. Before opening refrigeration system, recover HFC134a refrigerant for safe disposal. 1. Cut drier out of system using the following procedure. Do not unbraze drier. 2. Applying heat to remove drier will drive moisture into the system. 3. Score capillary tube close to drier and break. 4. Reform inlet tube to drier allowing enough space for large tube cutter. 5. Cut circumference of drier 1 ¼" below condenser inlet tube joint to drier. 6. Remove drier. 7. Apply heat trap paste on post condenser tubes to protect grommets from high heat. 8. Unbraze remaining part of drier. Remove drier from system. 9. Discard drier in safe place. Do not leave drier with customer. If refrigerator is under warranty, old drier must accompany warranty claim. **WARNING** To avoid death or severe personal injury, cut drier at correct location. Cutting drier at incorrect location will allow desiccant beads to scatter. If spilled, completely clean area of beads.
Defrost timer 	Timer motor operates only when freezer control is closed. After specified amount of actual operating time, inner cam in timer throws the contacts from terminal 4, compressor circuit, to terminal 2, defrost thermostat/defrost heater circuit. After specified defrost cycle time, timer cam resets the circuitry through terminal 4 to compressor.	1. To check timer motor winding, check for continuity between terminals 1 and 3 of timer. 2. Depending on rotating position of the cam, terminal 1 of timer is common to both terminal 2, the defrost mode, and terminal 4, the compressor mode. There should never be continuity between terminals 2 and 4. 3. With continuity between terminals 1 and 4, rotate timer knob clockwise until audible click is heard. When the click is heard, reading between terminals 1 and 4 should be infinite and there should be continuity between terminals 1 and 2. 4. Continuing to rotate time knob until a second click is heard should restore circuit between terminals 1 and 4.
Component	**Description**	**Test Procedures**
Evaporator	Inner volume of evaporator allows liquid refrigerant discharged from capillary to expand into refrigerant gas. Expansion cools evaporator tube and fin temperature to approximately -20°F transferring heat from freezer section to refrigerant. Passing through suction line to compressor, the refrigerant picks up superheat (a relationship between pressure and temperature that assures complete vaporization of liquid refrigerant) as the result of capillary tube soldered to suction line. Refrigerant gas is pulled through suction line by compressor, completing refrigeration cycle.	Test for leaks in evaporator with electronic leak detector or with soap solution. Compressor oil is circulated with refrigerant; check for oil when checking for leaks. For minute leaks 1. Separate evaporator from rest of refrigeration system and pressurize evaporator up to a maximum of 140 PSI with a refrigerant and dry nitrogen combination. 2. Recheck for leaks. **WARNING** To avoid severe personal injury or death from sudden eruption of high pressures gases, observe the following: Protect against a sudden eruption if high pressures are required for leak checking. Do not use high pressure compressed gases in refrigeration systems without a reliable pressure regulator and pressure relief valve in the lines.

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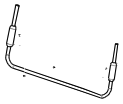
Evaporator heater (defrost) 	Activated when defrost thermostat, defrost timer, and freezer control complete circuit through heater.	Check resistance across heater. To check defrost system : 1. Thermocouple defrost thermostat and plug refrigerator into wattmeter. 2. Turn into defrost mode. Wattmeter should read specified watts (according to Technical Data Sheet). 3. When defrost thermostat reaches specified temperature ±5°F (see Technical Data Sheet), thermostat should interrupt power to heater.
Thermostat (defrost)	Thermostat is in a series circuit with terminal 2 of defrost timer, and defrost heater. Circuit is complete if evaporator fan motor operates when cold. Controls the circuit from freezer thermostat through defrost terminator to defrost heater. Opens and breaks circuit when thermostat senses preset high temperature.	Test continuity across terminals. With power off and evaporator coil below freezing, thermostat should show continuity when checked with ohmmeter. See “Heater, evaporator (defrost)” section for additional tests. After defrost thermostat opens, thermostat remains open until end of defrost cycle and refrigerator starts cooling again. Defrost thermostat senses a preset low temperature and resets (closes).

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Service Equipment

Listed below is equipment needed for proper servicing of HFC134a systems. Verify equipment is confirmed by manufacturer as being compatible with HFC134a and ester oil system.

Equipment must be exclusively used for HFC134a. Exclusive use of equipment only applies to italic items.

- **Evacuation pump**
  Check with vacuum pump supplier to verify equipment is compatible for HFC134a. Robinair, Model 15600 2 stage, 6 cubic feet per minute pump is recommended.
- ***Four-way manifold gauge set, with low loss hoses***
- **Leak detector**
- ***Charging cylinder***
- ***Line piercing saddle valve***
  (Schroeder valves). Seals must be HFC134a and ester oil compatible. Line piercing valves may be used for diagnosis but are not suitable for evacuation or charging, due to minute holes pierced in tubing. Do not leave mechanical access valves on system. Valves eventually will leak. Molecules of HFC134a are smaller than other refrigerants and will leak where other refrigerants would not.
- ***Swagging tools***
- ***Flaring tools***
- ***Tubing cutter***
- **Flux**
- **Sil-Fos**
- **Silver solder**
- ***Oil for swagging and flaring***
  Use only part # R0157532
- ***Copper tubing***
  Use only part # R0174075 and # R0174076
- **Dry nitrogen**
  99.5% minimum purity, with -40°F or lower dew point
- **Crimp tool**
- **Tube bender**
- **Micron vacuum gauge**
- ***Process tube adaptor kit***
- **Heat trap paste**
- ***ICI appliance grade HFC134a***

Drier Replacement

Before opening refrigeration system, recover HFC134a refrigerant for safe disposal.

Every time sealed HFC134a system is repaired, drier filter must be replaced with, part # B2150504.

Cut drier out of system by completing the following steps. Do not unbraze drier filter. Applying heat to remove drier will drive moisture into system.

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1. Score capillary tube close to drier and break.
2. Reform inlet tube to drier allowing enough space for large tube cutter.
3. Cut circumference of drier at 1-1/4", below condenser inlet tube joint to drier.
4. Remove drier.
5. Apply heat trap paste on post condenser tubes to protect grommets from high heat.
6. Unbraze remaining part of drier. Remove drier from system.
7. Discard drier in safe place. Do not leave drier with customer. If refrigerator is under warranty, old drier must accompany warranty claim.

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Refrigerant Precautions

WARNING

To avoid risk of personal injury, do not allow refrigerant to contact eyes or skin.

CAUTION

To avoid risk of property damage, do not use refrigerant other than that shown on unit serial number identification plate.

NOTE: All precautionary measures recommended by refrigerant manufacturers and suppliers apply and should be observed.

Line Piercing Valves

Line piercing valves can be used for diagnosis, but are not suitable for evacuating or charging due to holes pierced in tubing by valves.

NOTE: Do not leave line piercing valves on system. Connection between valve and tubing is not hermetically sealed. Leaks will occur.

Open Lines

During any processing of refrigeration system, never leave lines open to atmosphere. Open lines allow water vapor to enter system, making proper evacuation more difficult.

Compressor Operational Test

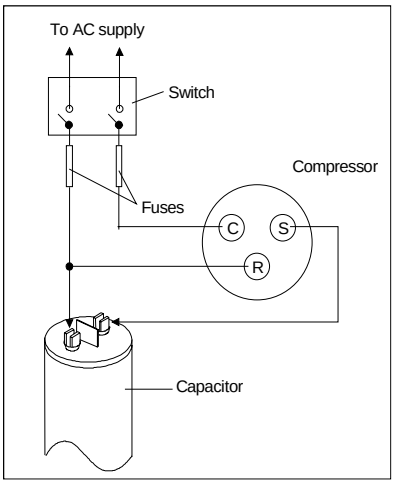
(short term testing only)

If compressor voltage, capacitor, overload, and motor winding tests are successful (do not indicate a fault), perform the following test:

1. Disconnect power to unit.
2. Discharge capacitor by shorting capacitor terminals through a resistor.

NOTE: Not all units have run capacitor.

3. Remove leads from compressor terminals.
4. Attach test cord to compressor windings.
   - Common lead on test cord attaches to C terminal on compressor.
   - Start lead on test cord attaches to S terminal on compressor.
   - Run lead on test cord attaches to M terminal on compressor.



Attaching Capacitor for Compressor Test

5. Connect a known good capacitor into circuit as shown above. For proper capacitor size and rating, see technical data sheet for unit under test.

NOTE: Ensure test cord cables and fuses meet specifications for unit under test (see Technical Sheet for unit under test).

6. Replace compressor protector cover securely.
7. Plug test cord into outlet, then press and release start cord switch.

CAUTION

To avoid risk of damage to compressor windings, immediately disconnect (unplug) test cord from power source if compressor does not start. Damage to compressor windings occurs if windings remain energized when compressor is not running.

If compressor runs when direct wired, it is working properly. Malfunction is elsewhere in system.

If compressor does not start when direct wired, recover system at high side. After the system is recovered, repeat compressor direct wire test.

If compressor runs after system is recovered (but would not operate when wired direct before recovery) a restriction in sealed system is indicated.

If motor does not run when wired direct after recovery, replace faulty compressor.

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Dehydrating Sealed Refrigeration System

Moisture in a refrigerator sealed system exposed to heat generated by the compressor and motor reacts chemically with refrigerant and oil in the system and forms corrosive hydrochloric and hydrofluoric acids. These acids contribute to breakdown of motor winding insulation and corrosion of compressor working parts, causing compressor failure.

In addition, sludge, a residue of the chemical reaction, coats all surfaces of sealed system, and will eventually restrict refrigerant flow through capillary tube.

To dehydrate sealed system, evacuate system (see paragraph *Evacuation*).

Leak Testing

⚠ DANGER

To avoid risk of serious injury or death from violent explosions, NEVER use oxygen or acetylene for pressure testing or clean out of refrigeration systems. Free oxygen will explode on contact with oil. Acetylene will explode spontaneously when put under pressure.

It is important to check sealed system for refrigerant leaks. Undetected leaks can lead to repeated service calls and eventually result in system contamination, restrictions, and premature compressor failure.

Refrigerant leaks are best detected with halide or electronic leak detectors.

Testing Systems Containing a Refrigerant Charge

1. Stop unit operation (turn refrigerator off).
2. Holding leak detector exploring tube as close to system tubing as possible, check all piping, joints, and fittings.

NOTE: Use soap suds on areas leak detector cannot reach or reliably test.

Testing Systems Containing No Refrigerant Charge

1. Connect cylinder of nitrogen, through gauge manifold, to process tube of compressor and liquid line strainer.
2. Open valves on nitrogen cylinder and gauge manifold. Allow pressure to build within sealed system.
3. Check for leaks using soap suds.

If a leak is detected in a joint, do not to attempt to repair by applying additional brazing material. Joint must be disassembled, cleaned and rebrazed. Capture refrigerant charge (if system is charged), unbraze joint, clean all parts, then rebraze.

If leak is detected in tubing, replace tubing. If leak is detected in either coil, replace faulty coil.

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Restrictions

Symptoms

Restrictions in sealed system most often occur at capillary tube or filter drier, but can exist anywhere on liquid side of system.

Restrictions reduce refrigerant flow rate and heat removal rate. Wattage drops because compressor is not circulating normal amount of refrigerants.

Common causes of total restrictions are moisture, poorly soldered joints, or solid contaminants. Moisture freezes at evaporator inlet end of capillary tube. Solid contaminants collect in filter drier.

If restriction is on low side, suction pressure will be in a vacuum and head pressure will be near normal.

If restriction is on high side, suction pressure will be in a vacuum and head pressure will be higher than normal during pump out cycle.

Refrigeration occurs on low pressure side of partial restriction. There will be a temperature difference at the point of restriction. Frost and/or condensation will be present in most case at the point of restriction. Also, system requires longer to equalize.

Slight or partial restriction can give the same symptoms as refrigerant shortage including lower than normal back pressure, head pressure, wattage, and warmer temperatures.

Total restriction on the discharge side of compressor, when restriction is between compressor and first half of condenser, results in higher than normal head pressure and wattage while low side is being pumped out.

Testing for Restrictions

To determine if a restriction exists:

1. Attach gauge and manifold between suction and discharge sides of sealed system.
2. Turn unit on and allow pressure on each side to stabilize. Inspect condenser side of system. Tubing on condenser should be warm and temperature should be equal throughout (no sudden drops at any point along tubing).
   - If temperature of condenser tubing is consistent throughout, go to step 4.
   - If temperature of condenser tubing drops suddenly at any point, tubing is restricted at point of temperature drop (if restriction is severe, frost may form at point of restriction and extend down in direction of refrigerant flow in system). Go to step 5.
3. Visually check system for kinks in refrigeration line which is causing restriction. Correct kink and repeat step 2.
4. Turn unit off and time how long it takes high and low pressure gauges to equalize:
   - If pressure equalization takes longer than 10 minutes, a restriction exists in the capillary tube or drier filter. Go to step 5.
   - If pressure equalization takes less than 10 minutes, system is not restricted. Check for other possible causes of malfunction.
5. Recover refrigerant in sealed system.

NOTE: Before opening any refrigeration system, capture refrigerant in system for safe disposal.

6. Remove power from unit.

⚠ CAUTION

To avoid risk of personal injury or property damage, take necessary precautions against high temperatures required for brazing.

7. Remove and replace restricted device.
8. Evacuate sealed system.
9. Charge system to specification.

NOTE: Do not use captured or recycled refrigerant in units. Captured or recycled refrigerant voids any compressor manufacturer's warranty.

NOTE: Charge system with exact amount of refrigerant. Refer to unit nameplate for correct refrigerant charge. Inaccurately charged system will cause future problems.

Service Procedures

WARNING

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Evacuation and Charging

CAUTION

To avoid risk of fire, sealed refrigeration system must be air free. To avoid risk of air contamination, follow evacuation procedures exactly.

NOTE: Before opening any refrigeration system, EPA regulations require refrigerant in system to be captured for safe disposal.

Proper evacuation of sealed refrigeration system is an important service procedure. Usable life and operational efficiency greatly depends upon how completely air, moisture and other non-condensables are evacuated from sealed system.

Air in sealed system causes high condensing temperature and pressure, resulting in increased power requirements and reduced performance.

Moisture in sealed system chemically reacts with refrigerant and oil to form corrosive hydrofluoric and hydrochloric acids. These acids attack motor windings and parts, causing premature breakdown.

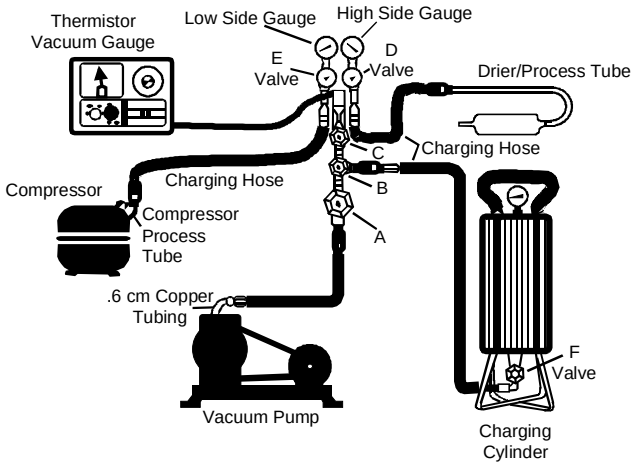
Before opening system, evaporator coil must be at ambient temperature to minimize moisture infiltration into system.

Evacuation

To evacuate sealed refrigeration system:

1. Connect vacuum pump, vacuum tight manifold set with high vacuum hoses, thermocouple vacuum gauge and charging cylinder as shown in illustration.

   Evacuation should be done through I.D. opening of tubes not through line piercing valve.
2. Connect low side line to compressor process tube.
3. Connect high side line to drier/process tube.
4. Evacuate both simultaneously. With valve “C” and “F” closed, open all other valves and start vacuum pump.



Equipment Setup For Evacuation And Charging

5. After compound gauge (low side) drops to approximately 29 inches gauge, open valve “C” to vacuum thermocouple gauge and take micron reading.

NOTE: A high vacuum pump can only produce a good vacuum if oil in pump is not contaminated.

6. Continue evacuating system until vacuum gauge registers 600 microns.
7. At 600 microns, close valve “A” to vacuum pump and allow micron reading in system to balance. Micron level will rise.
   - If in 2 minutes, micron level stabilizes at 1000 microns or below, system is ready to be charged.
   - If micron level rises above 1000 microns and stabilizes, open valve “A” and continue evacuating.
   - If micron reading rises rapidly and does not stabilize, a leak still exists in system.

     Close valve “A” to vacuum pump and valve “C” to vacuum gauge. Invert charging cylinder and open charging cylinder valve “F” to add partial charge for leak checking. With leak detector, check manifold connections and system for leaks. After locating leak, capture refrigerant, repair leak, and begin at step 1.

Service Procedures

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Charging

NOTE: Do not use captured or recycled refrigerant in units. Captured or recycled refrigerant voids any warranty.

NOTE: Charge system with exact amount of refrigerant. Refer to unit serial plate for correct refrigerant charge. Inaccurately charged system will cause future problems.

To charge system:

1. Close valves “A” to vacuum pump and “C” to vacuum gauge and “E” to low side manifold gauge.
2. Set scale on dial-a-charge cylinder for corresponding HFC134a pressure reading.
3. Open valve “F” to charging cylinder and let exact amount of refrigerant flow from cylinder into system. Close valve.

   Low side gauge pressure should rise shortly after opening charging cylinder valve as system pressure equalizes through capillary tube.

   If pressure does not equalize, a restriction typically exists at capillary/drier braze joint.
4. If pressure equalizes, open valve “E” to low side manifold gauge and pinch off high side drier process tube.
5. Start compressor and draw remaining refrigerant from charging hoses and manifold into compressor through compressor process tube.
6. To check high side pinch-off drier process tube. Close valve “D” to high side gauge. If high side pressure rises, repeat high side pinch-off and open valve “D”. Repeat until high side pinch-off does not leak.
7. Pinch-off compressor process tube and remove charging hose. Braze stub closed while compressor is operating.
8. Disconnect power. Remove charging hose and braze high side drier process tube closed.
9. Recheck for refrigerant leaks.

Refrigerant Charge

Refrigerant charge in all capillary tube systems is critical and exact amount is required for proper performance. Factory charges are shown on serial plate.

NOTE: Do not use refrigerant other than shown on serial plate.

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HFC134a Service Information

HFC134a is alternative refrigerant for CFC12. HFC134a has an ozone depletion potential (ODP) factor of 0.0 and a global warming potential (GWP) factor of 0.27. HFC134a is not flammable and has acceptable toxicity levels. HFC134a is not interchangeable with CFC12. There are significant differences between HFC134a and CFC12 which must be considered when handling and processing refrigeration system.

Health, Safety, and Handling

Health, safety and handling considerations for HFC134A are virtually no different than those for CFC12.

Health, Safety, and Handling	CFC12	HFC134a
Allowable overall exposure limit	1,000 ppm	Same
Vapor exposure to skin	No effect	Same
Liquid exposure to skin	Can cause frostbite	Same
Vapor exposure to eye	Very slight eye irritant	Same
Liquid exposure to eye	Can cause frostbite	Same
Above minimum exposure limit	Can cause Asphyxiation, Tachycardia, and Cardia Arrhythmias	Same
Safety and handling	Wear appropriate skin and eye protection. Use with adequate ventilation.	Same
Spill management	Remove or extinguish ignition or combustion sources. Evacuate or ventilate area.	Same
Fire explosion hazards	May decompose if contact with flames and heating elements. Container may explode if heated due to resulting pressure rise. Combustion products are toxic.	Same
Disposal procedures	Recycle or reclaim.	Same

Comparison of CFC12 and HFC134a Properties

Properties/Characteristics	CFC12	HFC134a
Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)	1.0*	0.0*
Global Warming Potential (GPW)	3.2*	0.27*
Molecular weight	121	102
Boiling point at 1 atmosphere	-22°F (-30°C)	-15°F (-126°C)
Vapor pressure at 77°F (25°C)	80 psig	82 psig
Liquid density at 77°F (25°C)	82 lb/ft^3	75 lb/ft^3
Flammability	No	No
High-side system operating Pressure at 65°F (18°C)	HFC134a approximately 3 psig higher than CFC12	
Low-side system operating Pressure at 65°F (18°C)	HFC134a approximately 2 psig lower than CFC12	

⚠ CAUTION

To minimize contamination, exercise extreme care when servicing HFC134A sealed systems.

- No trace of other refrigerants is allowed in HFC134a systems. Chlorinated molecules in other refrigerants such as CFC12, etc. will lead to capillary tube plugging.
- Ester oil is used in HFC134a systems. Do not use mineral oil. HFC134a and mineral oils cannot be mixed. If mineral oils were used in HFC134a systems, lubricant would not return to compressor and would cause early compressor failure. If significant amount of oil has been lost from compressor, replace oil rather than adding oil.
- Ester oils used in HFC134a systems are so hydroscopic that by the time an inadequate system performance is detected, oil will be saturated with moisture.
- CFC12 has much higher tolerance to system processing materials, such as drawing compounds, rust inhibitors, and cleaning compounds, than HFC134a. Such materials are not soluble in HFC134a systems. If materials were to be washed from system surfaces by ester oils, they could accumulate and eventually plug capillary tube.
- Care must be taken to minimize moisture entering HFC134a system. Do not leave compressor or system open to atmosphere for more than 10 minutes. Excessive moisture in HFC134a system will react with compressor oil and generate acid.
- Compressor must be replaced when performing low side leak repair.
- Drier filter must always be replaced with service drier filter, part #B2150504.

  Important: Unbrazing drier filter from tubing will drive moisture from desiccant and into system, causing acids to form. Do not unbraze filter drier from tubing. If CFC12 service drier was installed in HFC134A system, drier could overload due to excessive moisture.
- HFC134a compatible copper tubing, part #R0174075 (1/4" O.D. X 18" length) and part #R0174076 (5/16" O.D. X 24" length) must be used when replacing tubing.
- Avoid system contamination by using Towerdraw E610 evaporating oil, part # R0157532, when flaring, swagging, or cutting refrigeration tubing.

Service Procedures

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Replacement Service Compressor

HFC134a service compressors will be charged with ester oil and pressurized with dry nitrogen. Before replacement compressor is installed, pull out 1 rubber plug. A *pop* from pressure release should be heard. If a *pop* sound is not heard, do not use compressor. Positive pressure in compressor is vital to keep moisture out of ester oil. Do not leave compressor open to atmosphere for more than 10 minutes.

Compressor Testing Procedures

WARNING

To avoid death or severe personal injury, never use oxygen, air or acetylene for pressure testing or clean out of refrigeration system. Use of oxygen, air, or acetylene may result in violent explosion. Oxygen may explode on contact with oil and acetylene will spontaneously explode when under pressure.

Refer to Technical Data Sheet “Temperature Relationship Chart” for operating watts, test points, and temperature relationship test for unit being tested.

- Temperature testing is accomplished by using 3 lead thermocouple temperature tester in specific locations. Test point T-1 is outlet on evaporator coil and T-2 is inlet. Test point T-3 is suction tube temperature midway between where armaflex ends and suction port of compressor (approximately 12 inches from compressor).
- Thermocouple tips should be attached securely to specified locations.
- Do not test during initial *pull down*. Allow one off cycle or balanced temperature condition to occur before proceeding with testing.
- Refrigerator must operate minimum of 20 minutes after thermocouples are installed.
- Turn control to colder to obtain required on time.
- Wattage reading must be recorded in conjunction with temperature test to confirm proper operation.
- Suction and head pressures are listed on “Temperature and Relationship Chart”. Normally these are not required for diagnosis but used for confirmation on systems which have been opened.

Brazing

CAUTION

To avoid risk of personal injury or property damage, take necessary precautions against high temperatures required for brazing.

Satisfactory results require cleanliness, experience, and use of proper materials and equipment.

Connections to be brazed must be properly sized, free of rough edges, and clean.

Generally accepted brazing materials are:

- **Copper to copper joints**: SIL-FOS (alloy of 15 percent silver, 80 percent copper, and 5 percent phosphorous). Use without flux. Recommended brazing temperature is approximately 1400°F. **Do not use for copper to steel connection.**
- **Copper to steel joints**: SILVER SOLDER (alloy of 30 percent silver, 38 percent copper, 32 percent zinc). Use with fluoride based flux. Recommended brazing temperature is approximately 1200°F.
- **Steel to steel joints**: SILVER SOLDER (see copper to steel joints).
- **Brass to copper joints**: SILVER SOLDER (see copper to steel joints).
- **Brass to steel joints**: SILVER SOLDER (see copper to steel joints).

Troubleshooting Chart

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Troubleshooting chart on following pages contains symptoms that may be seen in malfunctioning units. Each symptom is accompanied by one or more possible causes and by a possible remedy or test to determine if components are working properly.

Symptom	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
Unit does not run	No power to unit	Check for power at outlet. Check fuse box/circuit breaker for blown fuse or tripped breaker. Replace or reset.
	Faulty power cord	Check with test light at unit; if no circuit and current is indicated at outlet, replace or repair.
	Low voltage	Check input voltage for proper voltage. Take appropriate action to correct voltage supply problem.
	Faulty motor or freezer temperature control	Check all connections are tight and secure. Jumper across terminals of control. If unit runs, replace control.
	Faulty timer	Check with test light. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty relay	Check relay. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty compressor	Check compressor motor windings for opens/shorts. Perform compressor direct wiring test. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty overload	Check overload for continuity. **NOTE:** Ensure compressor/overload are below trip temperature before testing. Replace if necessary.
Refrigerator section too warm	Excessive door opening	Consumer education
	Overloading of shelves	Consumer education
	Warm or hot foods placed in cabinet	Consumer education
	Cold control set too warm	Set control to colder setting.
	Poor door seal	Level cabinet. Adjust hinges. Replace gasket.
	Refrigerator airflow	Check damper is opening by removing grille. With door open, damper should open. Replace if faulty. Turn control knob to colder position.
	Interior light remains on	Check switch. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty condenser fan or evaporator fan	Check fan and wiring. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty compressor	Replace compressor.

Troubleshooting Chart

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Symptom	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
Refrigerator section too cold	Refrigerator temperature control set too cold	Adjust refrigerator temperature control.
	Refrigerator airflow not properly adjusted	Check air flow.
Freezer and refrigerator sections too warm	Temperature controls set too warm	Reset temperature controls.
	Poor door seal	Level cabinet. Adjust hinges. Replace gasket.
	Dirty condenser or obstructed grille	Check condenser and grille. Clean.
	Faulty control	Test control. Replace if failed.
	Refrigerant shortage or restriction	Check for leak or restriction. Repair, evacuate and recharge system.
Freezer section too cold	Freezer temp control set too cold	Adjust freezer temperature control.
	Faulty control	Test control. Replace if failed.
	Cold control capillary not properly clamped to evaporator	Reposition clamp and tighten.
Unit runs continuously	Temperature control set too cold	Adjust temperature control.
	Dirty condenser or obstructed grille	Check condenser and grille. Clean.
	Poor door seal	Level cabinet. Adjust hinges. Replace gasket.
	Interior light remains on	Check switch. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty condenser fan or evaporator fan	Check fan and wiring. Replace if necessary.
	Faulty control	Test control. Replace if failed.
	Refrigerant shortage or restriction	Check for leak or restriction. Repair, evacuate and recharge system.
	Refrigerant overcharge	Check for overcharge. Evacuate and recharge system.
	Air in system	Check for low side leak. Repair, evacuate and recharge system.
Unit runs continuously. Temperature normal.	Ice on evaporator	See “Ice on evaporator”.
Unit runs continuously. Temperature too cold.	Faulty defrost thermostat	Check thermostat. Replace if necessary.
Noisy operation	Loose flooring or floor not firm	Repair floor or brace floor.
	Cabinet not level	Level cabinet.
	Tubing in contact with cabinet, other tubing, or other metal	Adjust tubing.
	Drip pan vibrating	Adjust drain pan.
	Fan hitting another part	Ensure fan properly aligned and all attaching hardware and brackets are tight and not worn. Tighten or replace.
	Worn fan motor bearings	Check motor for loss of lubricant or worn bearings. Replace if necessary.
	Compressor mounting grommets worn or missing. Mounting hardware loose or missing	Tighten hardware. Replace grommets if necessary.
	Free or loose parts causing or allowing noise during operation	Inspect unit for parts that may have worked free or loose or missing screws. Repair as required.

Troubleshooting Chart

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Symptom	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
Frost or ice on evaporator	Defrost thermostat faulty	Check defrost thermostat. Replace if failed.
	Evaporator fan faulty	Check fan motor. Replace if failed.
	Defrost heater remains open	Check defrost heater continuity. Replace if failed.
	Defrost control faulty	Check control and replace if failed.
	Open wire or connector	Check wiring and connections. Repair as necessary.
	Refrigerant shortage or restriction	Check for leak or restriction. Repair, evacuate and recharge system.
Unit starts and stops frequently (cycles on and off)	Loose wire or thermostat connections	Check wiring and connections. Repair as necessary.
	Supply voltage out of specification	Check input voltage. Correct any supply problems.
	Overload protector open	Check overload protector for continuity. If open, replace overload. **NOTE:** Ensure overload/compressor are below trip temperature before testing.
	Faulty compressor motor capacitor (some compressors do not require motor capacitor)	Check capacitor for open/short. Replace if necessary. **NOTE:** Discharge capacitor before testing.
	Faulty fan motor	Check fan motor. Replace if failed.
	Restricted air flow	Check condenser and grille for dirt. Clean.
	Refrigerant shortage or restriction	Check for leak or restriction. Repair, evacuate and recharge system.

System Diagnosis

CONDITION	SUCTION PRESSURE VARIATION FROM NORMAL	HEAD PRESSURE VARIATION FROM NORMAL	T1 INLET TEMPERATURE VARIATION FROM NORMAL	T2 OUTLET TEMPERATURE VARIATION FROM NORMAL	T3 SUCTION TEMPERATURE VARIATION FROM NORMAL	WATTAGE VARIATION FROM NORMAL
Refrigerant Overcharge	Increase	Increase	Warmer	Warmer	Colder	Increase
Shortage of Refrigerant	Decrease	Decrease or Increase See Text	Colder	Warmer	Warmer	Decrease
Partial Restriction	Decrease	Decrease or Increase See Text Note 2	Colder	Warmer	Warmer	Decrease
Air in System	Near Normal	Increase	Warmer	Warmer	Warmer	Increase
Low Ambient Installations (High Ambients the Reverse)	Decrease	Decrease	Colder	Warmer	Warmer	Decrease
Additional Heat Load	Increase	Increase	Warmer	Warmer	Warmer	Increase
Inefficient Compressor	Increase	Normal or Decrease	Warmer or Colder	Warmer	Warmer	Decrease

Symptoms of an Overcharge

- Above normal freezer temperatures.
- Longer than normal or continuous run.
- Freezing in refrigerator.
- Higher than normal suction and head pressure.
- Higher than normal wattage.
- Evaporator inlet and outlet temperatures warmer than normal.
- Suction tube temperature below ambient. Always check for separated heat exchanger when suction temperature is colder than ambient.

Various conditons could indicate an overcharge. For example, if the cooling coil is not defrosted at regular intervals, due to a failure of the defrost system, the refrigerant will "flood out" and cause the suction line to frost or sweat. The cause of this problem should be corrected rather than to purge refrigerant from the sytem. Running the freezer section colder than necessary (-2 to -1 F. is considered normal package temperatures) or continuous running of the compressor for a variety of reasons, or the freezer fan motor not running, may give the indication of an overcharge.

Symptoms of Refrigeration Shortage

- Rise in food product temperature in both compartments. (See Note 1 below.)
- Long or continuous run time.
- Look for obvious traces of oil that would occur due to a leak or cracked refrigerant line.
- Lower than normal wattage.
- Compressor will be hot to touch because of the heat generated by the motor windings from long continuous running. It will not be as hot as it would be with a full charge and long run times for some other reason such as a dirty condenser.
- Depending on the amount of the shortage, the condenser will not be hot, but closer to room temperature. The capillary tube will be warmer than normal from a slight shortage.
- If the leak is on the high side of the system, both gauges will show lower than normal readings and will show progressively lower readings as this charge becomes less. The suction pressure guage will probably indicate a vacuum.
- If the leak is on the low side of the system the suction pressure guage will be lower than normal - probably in a vacuum - and the head pressure gauge will be higher than normal. It will probably continue to become higher because air drawn in through the leak is compressed by the compressor and accumulates in

the high side (condenser) of the system.

- Only partial frosting of evaporator instead of even frosting of entire coil.

NOTE 1**:** Usually the first thing that is noticed by the user is a rise in temperature foods. Although temperatures will rise in both the freezer section and the food compartment, the frozen meats and vegetables will not thaw immediately. The customer doesn't associate the problem with the freezer section and will first notice that milk and other food beverages are not cold enough.

Under some circumstances, such as in the case of forced air meatkeeper model with a slight shortage of refrigerant, freezing in the food compartment may be experienced due to the additional running time. With a refrigerant leak, however, it always gets worse and as the refrigerant charge decreases the temperature will continue to rise.

With a shortage of refrigerant the capillary line will not have a full column of liquid. As a result, there is a noticeable hissing sound in the evaporator. This should not be mistaken for the regular refrigerant boiling sounds that would be considered normal.

Symptoms of a Restriction

Always remember refrigeration (cooling) occurs on the low pressure side of a partial restriction (obviously a total restriction will completely stop the circulation of refrigerant and no cooling will take place).

Physically feel the refrigeration lines when a restriction is suspected. The most common place for a restriction is at the drier-filter or at the capillary tube inlet or outlet. If the restriction is not total there will be a temperature difference at the point of restriction, the area on the evaporator side will be cooler. In many cases frost and/or condensation will be present. A longer time is required for the system to equalize.

Any kinked line will cause a restriction so the entire system should be visually checked.

A slight restriction will give the same indications as a refrigerant shortage with lower than normal back pressure, head pressure, and wattage, warmer product temperatures.

NOTE 2: If a total restriction is on the discharge side of the compressor, higher than normal head pressures and wattages would result. This is true only while the low side is being pumped out and if the restriction was between the compressor and the first half of the condenser.

To diagnose for a restriction versus a refrigerant shortage, discharge the system, replace the drier-filter, evacuate and recharge with the specified refrigerant charge. If the unit performs normally three possibilities exist: 1) refrigerant loss, 2) partially restricted drier-filter, and 3) moisture in system.

If the unit performs as it previously did you may have a restricted capillary line or condenser or kinked line. Find the point of restriction and correct it.

A restriction reduces the flow rate of the refrigerant and consequently reduces the rate of heat removal. Complete restriction may be caused by moisture, solid contaminants in the system, or a poorly soldered joint. Moisture freezes at the evaporator inlet end of the capillary tube or solid contaminants collect in the drier-filter. The wattage drops because the compressor is not circulating the usual amount of refrigerant.

As far as pressure readings are concerned, if the restriction, such as a kinked line or a joint soldered shut is anywhere on the low side, the suction pressure would probably be in a vacuum while the head pressure will be near normal. If the restriction is on the high side, the suction pressure, again, will probably be in a vacuum while the head pressure will be higher than normal during the pump out period described earlier. In either case, it will take longer than the normal ten minutes or so for the head pressure to equalize with the low side after the compressor stops.

Symptoms of Air in System

This can result from a low side leak or improper servicing. If a leak should occur on the low side, the temperature control would not be satisfied; thus, continuous running of the compressor would result. The compressor would eventually pump the low side into a vacuum drawing air and moisture into the system. Air and R134A do not mix so the air pressure would be added to the normal head pressure, resulting in higher than normal head pressures.

One way to determine if air is in the system is to read the head pressure gauge with the product off and evaporator and condenser at the same temperature and then take the temperature on the condenser outlet tube. This temperature should be within 3° or 4° F. of what the Pressure-Temperature Relation chart shows for the given idle head pressure. If the temperature of the condenser outlet is considerably lower than the idle head pressure of the gauge this would indicate there is air in the system.

Thorough leak checking is necessary. Correct the source of the leak. Do not attempt to purge off the air because this could result in the system being undercharged. It is best to discharge, replace drier, evacuate and recharge with the specified refrigerant charge.

System Diagnosis

Symptoms of Low or High Ambient Temperature Installation

Lower ambient air temperature reduces the condensing temperature and therefore reduces the temperature of the liquid entering the evaporator. The increase in refrigeration effect due to operation in a lower ambient results in a decrease in power consumption and run time. At lower ambients there is a reduction in cabinet heat leak which is partially responsibile for lower power consumption and run time.

An increase in refrigeration effect cannot be expected below a certain minimum ambient temperature. This temperature varies with the type and design of the product.

Generally speaking, ambient temperatures cannot be lower than 60° F. without affecting operating efficiency. Conversely, the higher the ambient temperature the higher the head pressure must be to raise the high side refrigerant temperature above that of the condensing medium. Therefore, head pressure will be higher as the ambient temperature raises. Refrigerators installed in ambient temperatures lower than 60° F. will not perform as well because the pressures within the system are generally reduced and unbalanced. This means that the lower head pressure forces less liquid refrigerant through the capillary line. The result is the symptoms of a refrigerant shortage. The lower the ambient temperature the more pronounced this condition becomes.

When a point where the ambient temperature is below the cut-in of the Temperature Control is reached, the compressor won't run.

The drain traps will freeze in ambient temperatures of 32° F.

Heat Load

A greater heat load can result from the addition of more than normal supply of foods, such as after doing the weekly shopping. Other items contributing to an additional heat load would be excessive door openings, poor door sealing, interior light remaining on, etc.

An increase in heat being absorbed by the refrigerant in the evaporator will affect the temperature and pressure of the gas returning to the compressor. Compartment temperatures, power consumption, discharge, and suction pressures are all affected by heat load. Pressures will be higher than normal under heavy heat load.

Disassembly Procedures

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Door Removal

Fresh Food & Freezer Door

1. Open both compartment doors. Remove door buckets, all shelving and drawers from refrigerator and freezer compartments. Place components on a padded surface to avoid damage.
2. Close both doors and tape them shut so they won't fall off unexpectedly when hinges are removed.

NOTE: To minimize possibility of personal injury and/or property damage, make sure unit doors are taped shut before you undertake the next steps:

3. On top of unit, remove cap and retain plastic cap from door hinge.
4. Remove and retain screws from top door hinge.
5. Pull tape off of door and lift door off unit. Set door on a padded surface to prevent damage to finish.
6. Remove and retain center hinge pin.

Refrigerator Compartment

Light Bulb (some models)

1. Remove light cover by pushing in bottom tabs on cover and lifting off cover.
2. Unscrew light bulb.
3. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Light Bulb Socket (some models)

1. After following procedure on removing light bulb.
2. Disconnect wires to sockets.
3. Squeeze tab on back side of socket to release it from assembly.
4. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Light Switch (some models)

1. Use a taped putty knife to carefully pry front edge of light switch plastic housing.
2. Disconnect wires from light switch.
3. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Fresh Food Temperature Control (8.2 cubic models)

1. Remove screw from rear edge of light shield.
2. Squeeze lens to release lens cover and remove.
3. With flat blade screwdriver release tabs in front of cold control knob.
4. Cold control assembly will drop down when released.
5. Remove Knob by pulling off shaft.
6. Disconnect wires from cold control.
7. Release cold control capillary from retainers.
8. Remove screws fom control to remove.
9. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Freezer Compartment

Freezer Back Panel (some models)

NOTE: Freezer compartment should now be empty and walls should be clear of anything that will obstruct removal of back panel.

1. Remove freezer shelf and twist icemaker after removing stop on left side of cabinet by removing screw in stop.
2. Remove plug on top right side of freezer back to expose screw.
3. Remove screw and gently pull down from the top to release freezer back panel.
4. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Evaporator Fan, Evaporator Motor (some models)

1. Follow instructions in removing freezer back panel.
2. Remove screws that anchor evaporator fan bracket to back wall of compartment. Pull fan and bracket out of place as a unit
3. Free fan bracket from wiring harness by disconnecting wires to connector on cabinet.
4. Pull evaporator fan blade off motor shaft.
5. Separate bracket and motor by squeezing lower retainer bracket to release motor from bracket.
6. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Defrost Terminator (Thermostat)(some models)

1. Terminator is fastened to evaporator tubing with a clip.
2. Unclip terminator off tubing and cut wires to terminator.
3. Remove terminator from unit.

Defrost Heater (some models)

1. Follow instructions in removing freezer back panel.
2. Remove screws retaining evaporator to back cabinet wall.
3. Lift evaporator coil up and out to expose defrost heater.
4. Disconnect plugs from both sides of heater.
5. Remove defrost heater.
6. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Disassembly Procedures

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To avoid risk of electrical shock, personal injury, or death, disconnect electrical power source to unit, unless test procedures require power to be connected. Discharge capacitor through a resistor before attempting to service. Ensure all ground wires are connected before certifying unit as repaired and/or operational.

Evaporator Removal (8.2 cubic models)

NOTE: Reclaim refrigerant per instructions in “Service Procedures” before attempting evaporator removal. To avoid system contamination, do not leave system open for more than 10 minutes.

1. Follow instructions in removing freezer back panel.
2. Remove defrost thermostat. Refer to defrost thermostat removal.
3. Remove defrost heater. Refer to defrost heater removal.
4. Install protective cloth to prevent damage to cabinet liner
5. Unbraze suction copper fitting at evaporator.
6. Score and break copper capillary at evaporator.
7. Install new evaporator and reassemble taking care in not kinking tubing when reassembling.

Machine Compartment

Compressor

NOTE: Install new drier and compressor per instructions in “Service Procedures.” Evacuate and recharge sealed system per instructions in “Service Procedures.”

1. Remove machine compartment cover.
2. Remove drier.
3. Disconnect all compressor wiring and overload/relay assembly.
4. Unbraze low and high pressure lines at compressor.
5. Remove compressor mounting bolts.
6. Lift compressor out of unit.

Overload/Relay/Capacitor

1. Remove machine compartment cover.
2. Using fingers and standard screwdriver, press and pry bale strap off the overload/relay assembly
3. Disconnect wires from overload/relay assembly. Reference wire location.
4. Unplug overload/relay assembly from compressor.

Condenser Removal (8.2 cubic models)

NOTE: Install new drier per instructions in “Service Procedures.” Evacuate and recharge sealed system per instructions in “Service Procedures.”

1. Unbraze tubing going to PC loop and conpressor discharge.
2. Remove screws that attach condenser to back of cabinet.
3. Remove condenser from cabinet
4. Reverse procedure to reassemble.

Defrost Timer (some models)

1. Remove two screws holding housing containing the defrost timer.
2. Remove screw holding timer to housing.
3. Disconnect wires from timer noting location of wires.
4. Reverse procedure to reassemble.