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**Performance Rating of
Commercial and Industrial
Unitary Air-Conditioning
Condensing Units**



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PERFORMANCE RATING OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNITARY AIR-CONDITIONING CONDENSING UNITS

Section 1. Purpose

1.1 Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to establish for Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Units: definitions; classifications; test requirements; rating requirements; minimum data requirements for Published Ratings; operating requirements; marking and nameplate data; and conformance conditions.

1.1.1 Intent. This standard is intended for the guidance of the industry, including manufacturers, engineers, installers, contractors and users.

1.1.2 Review and Amendment. This standard is subject to review and amendment as technology advances.

Section 2. Scope

2.1 Scope. This standard applies to factory-made Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Units greater than or equal to 40.0 kW as defined in Section 3.

2.1.1 Energy Source. This standard applies only to electrically-driven, mechanical compression-type condensing units.

2.2 Exclusions. This standard does not apply to the testing and rating of condensing units for refrigeration purposes, as defined in AHRI Standard 520.

Section 3. Definitions

All terms in this document shall follow the standard industry definitions in the current edition of ASHRAE *Terminology of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration* unless otherwise defined in this section.

3.1 Bubble Point. Refrigerant liquid saturation temperature at a specified pressure.

3.2 Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Unit. A factory-made assembly of refrigeration components designed to compress and liquefy a specific refrigerant. It consists of one or more refrigerant compressors, refrigerant condensers (air-cooled, evaporatively – cooled, and/or water-cooled), condenser fans and motors (where used) and factory-supplied accessories.

3.3 Cooling Capacity. The capacity in watts obtained at specific conditions. It is equal to the increase in total enthalpy between the liquid refrigerant entering the expansion valve and superheated return gas multiplied by the mass flow rate of the refrigerant.

3.4 Coefficient of Performance (COP). A ratio of the Cooling Capacity in kilowatts to the power input in kilowatts at any given set of Rating Conditions.

3.5 Dew Point. Refrigerant vapor saturation temperature at a specified pressure.

3.6 Integrated Coefficient of Performance (ICOP). A single number part-load efficiency figure of merit calculated per the method described in this standard.

3.7 Integrated Part-Load Value (IPLV). A single number cooling part-load figure of merit calculated per the method described in Appendix C.

3.8 Published Rating. A statement of the assigned values of those performance characteristics, under stated Rating Conditions, by which a unit may be chosen to fit its application. These values apply to all units of like nominal size and type (identification) produced by the same manufacturer. As used herein, the term Published Rating includes the rating of all performance characteristics shown on the unit or published in specifications, advertising, or other literature controlled by the manufacturer, at stated Rating Conditions.

3.8.1 Application Rating. A rating based on tests performed at application Rating Conditions (other than Standard Rating Conditions).

3.8.2 Standard Rating. A rating based on tests performed at Standard Rating Conditions.

3.9 Rating Conditions. Any set of operating conditions under which a single level of performance results and which causes only that level of performance to occur.

3.9.1 Standard Rating Conditions. Rating Conditions used as the basis of comparison for performance characteristics.

3.10 "Shall" or "Should." "Shall" or "should" shall be interpreted as follows:

3.10.1 Shall. Where "shall" or "shall not" is used for a provision specified, that provision is mandatory if compliance with the standard is claimed.

3.10.2 Should. "Should" is used to indicate provisions which are not mandatory but which are desirable as good practice.

3.11 Single Number Rating. The Cooling Capacity and COP determined by the results of the tests at Rating Condition No. 1 for air-cooled and evaporatively-cooled condensing units and at Rating Condition No. 3 for water-cooled condensing units (Section 6).

Section 4. Classifications

Equipment covered within the scope of this standard shall be classified as shown in Table 1:

Table 1. Classifications of Commercial and Industrial Air-Conditioning Condensing Units			
Designation	AHRI Type	Condenser Type	Arrangement
Remote Condensing Unit (RCU)	RCU-A	Air	COMP
	RCU-E	Evaporatively	COND
	RCU-W	Water	

Section 5. Test Requirements

5.1 Test Requirements. All Standard Ratings shall be verified by tests conducted in accordance with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 23 and with the test methods and procedures as described in this standard.

5.1.1 An alternate method of verification may be by tests conducted in accordance with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 37 provided that the suction dew point temperature and the return gas temperature are determined from the procedures in this standard.

Section 6. Rating Requirements

6.1 Standard Ratings. Published Ratings shall be obtained at one or more of the Standard Rating Conditions as shown in Table 2. Power input shall be the total power input to the compressor(s), fan(s), controls, and any other components included as part of the condensing unit.

Table 2. Standard Rating Conditions				
Air- and Evaporatively-Cooled Condensing Units				
Rating Condition	Air Temperature Entering and Surrounding Unit		Refrigerant Temperature Entering Condensing Unit ¹	
	Dry-Bulb, °C	Wet-Bulb ² , °C	Suction Dew Point, °C	Return Gas, °C
1 ³	35.0	24.0	7.0	15.5
2	27.0	19.0	7.0	15.5
Water-Cooled Condensing Units				
Rating Condition	Water Temperature Entering, °C	Water Temperature Leaving, °C	Suction Dew Point, °C	Return Gas, °C
	3 ³	29.0	35.0	7.0
4	24.0	Same water flow rate as established above.	7.0	15.5
Notes:				
1) The liquid temperature and pressure leaving the condensing unit shall be reported by the manufacturer in its ratings.				
2) Required for evaporatively-cooled condensing units only.				
3) The Single Number Ratings are determined by the results of the tests at Rating Condition No. 1 or at Rating Condition No. 3.				

6.1.1 Values of Standard Cooling Capacity Ratings. These ratings shall be expressed only in terms of watts in multiples of 500 W for units with Standard Ratings of 117,000 W and under. For units with Standard Ratings of over 117,000 W, the ratings shall be expressed in multiples of 1,500 W.

6.1.2 Values of Standard Efficiency Ratings. COP and ICOP shall be expressed in multiples of 0.01.

6.1.3 Single Number Ratings. The reported values shall be determined by the results obtained at Rating Condition No. 1 or at Rating Condition No. 3.

6.1.4 Electrical Conditions. Standard Rating tests shall be performed at the nameplate rated voltage(s) and frequency.

For condensing units with dual nameplate voltage ratings, Standard Rating tests shall be performed at both voltages, or at the lower of the two voltages, if only a single Standard Rating is to be published.

6.1.5 Condenser Airflow Rate. All Standard Ratings for condensing units shall be determined at the condenser airflow rate specified by the manufacturer where the fan drive is adjustable. Where the fan drive is direct-connected, Standard Ratings shall be determined at the condenser airflow flow established when the condensing unit is operated with all of the associated inlet louvers and any duct work and attachments considered by the manufacturer as normal installation practice. Once established, the airflow circulation rate of the condensing unit shall remain unchanged throughout all tests prescribed herein, except as altered by automatic controls.

6.2 Part-Load Rating. Integrated Part-Load Value (IPLV) is in effect until January 1, 2010. See Appendix C for the method and calculation of IPLV. Effective January 1, 2010, all units rated in accordance with this standard shall include an Integrated Coefficient of Performance (ICOP), even if they only have one stage of capacity control.

6.2.1 General. The ICOP is intended to be a measure of merit for the part load performance of the unit. Each building may have different part load performance due to local occupancy schedules, building construction, building location and ventilation requirements. For specific building energy analysis an hour-by-hour analysis program should be used.

6.2.2 Integrated Coefficient of Performance (ICOP). For equipment covered by this standard, the ICOP shall be calculated using tests, derived data, and the following formula.

$$\text{ICOP} = 0.020 \cdot A + 0.617 \cdot B + 0.238 \cdot C + 0.125 \cdot D \quad 1$$

Where:

- A = COP at 100% capacity at design conditions
- B = COP at 75% capacity and reduced ambient (refer to Table 3)
- C = COP at 50% capacity and reduced ambient (refer to Table 3)
- D = COP at 25% capacity and reduced ambient (refer to Table 3)

The ICOP rating requires that the unit efficiency be determined at 100%, 75%, 50% and 25% load at the conditions specified in Table 3. If the unit, due to its capacity control logic cannot be operated at the 75%, 50%, or 25% load points, then the 75%, 50%, or 25% performance should be determined by plotting the efficiency vs. the percent load and using straight line segments to connect the actual performance points and interpolation to determine the rating performance at 75%, 50% and 25%. For the interpolation, an actual capacity point equal to or less than the required rating point must be used to plot the curves. Extrapolation of the data is not allowed.

If the unit cannot be unloaded to the 75%, 50%, or 25% load, then the unit should be run at the minimum step of unloading at the condensing unit conditions defined for each of the rating load points and then adjust the efficiency for cyclic performance using the following equation.

$$\text{COP} = \frac{\text{LF} \cdot \text{Capacity}}{\text{LF} \cdot (\text{C}_D \cdot (\text{P}_C + \text{P}_{CF})) + \text{P}_{CT}} \quad 2$$

Where:

- Capacity = Measured capacity (watts) at the lowest machine unloading point operating at the desired part load rating condition.
- P_C = Compressor power (watts) at the lowest machine unloading point operating at the desired part load rating condition.
- P_{CD} = Condenser fan power (watts), if applicable at the minimum step of unloading at the desired part load rating condition
- P_{CT} = Control circuit power and any auxiliary loads (watts).
- C_D = is the degradation coefficient to account for cycling of the compressor for capacity less than the minimum step of capacity. C_D should be determined using the following equation.

$$\text{C}_D = (-0.13 \cdot \text{LF}) + 1.13 \quad 3$$

Where:

LF = Fractional “on” time for last stage at the desired load point

$$LF = \frac{\left(\frac{\% \text{Load}}{100}\right) \cdot (\text{Full Load Unit Net Capacity})}{\text{Part Load Unit Net Capacity}}$$

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%Load = Standard rating point, i.e. 75%, 50%, 25%.

Table 3. ICOP Part-Load Rating Conditions

CONDITIONS		°C
Refrigerant Entering Condensing Unit (For All Units)		
Suction Mid-Point Temperature ²		7.0
Return Gas Temperature		15.5
Condenser (Air-Cooled)		
Entering Dry-Bulb Temperature and Dry-Bulb Temperature Surrounding Unit		For %Load > 44.4%, Outdoor Air Temperature (OAT) = 0.30 · %Load + 5.0 For %Load ≤ 44.4 %, OAT = 18.3 Note 1
Condenser Airflow rate (m ³ /s)		
Condenser (Water-Cooled)		
Condenser Entering Water Temperature (EWT)		For %Load > 34.8%, EWT = 0.256 · %Load + 3.8 For %Load ≤ 34.8%, EWT = 12.8
Condenser Water Flow Rate (L/s)		Full Load Flow
Condenser (Evaporatively-Cooled)		
Entering Wet-Bulb (EWB) Temperature		For % Load > 36.6%, EWB = 0.19 · %Load + 4.4 For % Load ≤ 36.6%, EWB = 11.6
NOTES:		
1 Adjust condenser airflow as required by the unit controls for head pressure control.		
2 For refrigerants with a glide, the mid-point saturated suction temperature is the average of the bubble point and dew point.		

6.2.3 Example calculations.

Example 1 – Condensing unit has proportional capacity control and capable of being run at the 75%, 50%, and 25% rating points.

The following data was obtained from actual unit measurements.

Stage	Ambient	Actual % Load	Saturated Suction	Capacity	Compr. (P _C)	Cond. Fan (P _{CF})	Control (P _{CT})	COP
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	°C	Capacity	°C	W	W	W	W	W/W
4	35.0	100	7	141,187	43,535	2,100	100	3.09
3	27.5	75	7	105,889	28,731	2,100	100	3.42
2	20.0	50	7	70,593	17,791	2,100	100	3.53
1	18.3	25	7	35,296	9,491	2,100	100	3.02

$$ICOP = (0.02 \cdot 3.09) + (0.617 \cdot 3.42) + (0.238 \cdot 3.53) + (0.125 \cdot 3.02) = 3.39$$

Example 2 – Condensing unit has a single stage of capacity.

The following data was obtained from the actual unit measurements.

Stage	Ambient	Actual % Load	Saturated Suction	Capacity	Compr. (P _C)	Cond. Fan (P _{CF})	Control (P _{CT})	COP
	°C	Capacity	°C	W	W	W	W	W/W
1	35.0	100	7	141,187	43,535	2,100	100	3.09
1	27.5	98.8	7	139,540	38,877	2,100	100	3.40
1	20.0	100.3	7	141,666	35,261	2,100	100	3.78
1	18.3	98.7	7	139,413	35,475	2,100	100	3.70

The unit cannot unload to the 75%, 50%, or 25% points so tests were run with the compressor on at the ambients specified for 75%, 50%, and 25%

Using this data you then can calculate the Load Factor (LF) and the C_D factors, then calculate the adjusted performance for the 75%, 50%, and 25% points, and calculate the ICOP as shown in the following.

Stage	Ambient	Actual % Load	Capacity	Compr. (P _C)	Cond. Fan (P _{CF})	Control (P _{CT})	COP	C _D	LF
	°C	Capacity	W	W	W	W	W/W		
1	35.0	100.0	141,187	43,535	2,100	100	3.09		
1	27.5	98.8	139,540	38,877	2,100	100	3.40		
		75.0					3.29	1.032	0.759
1	20.0	100.3	141,666	35,261	2,100	100	3.78		
		50.0					3.54	1.065	0.498
1	18.3	98.7	139,413	35,475	2,100	100	3.70		
		25.0					3.35	1.097	0.253

The following is an example of the CD calculation for the 50% point.

$$LF = \frac{\left(\frac{50}{100}\right) \cdot 141,187}{141,666} = .498$$

$$C_D = (-0.13 \cdot 0.498) + 1.13 = 1.065$$

$$COP_{50\%} = \frac{0.498 \cdot 141,666}{0.498 \cdot [1.065 \cdot (35,261 + 2,100)] + 100}$$

Using these types of calculations for the 75%, 50%, and 25% points you can then calculate the ICOP.

$$\text{ICOP} = (0.02 \cdot 3.09) + (0.617 \cdot 3.29) + (0.238 \cdot 3.54) + (0.125 \cdot 3.35) = 3.35$$

Example 3 – Condensing unit has 2 stages of capacity.

The following data was obtained from actual unit measurements.

Stage	Ambient	Actual % Load	Saturated Suction	Capacity	Compr. (P _C)	Cond. Fan (P _{CF})	Control (P _{CT})	COP
	°C	Capacity	°C	W	W	W	W	W/W
2	35.0	100	7	141,187	43,535	2,100	100	3.09
1	20.9	52.9	7	74,656	15,682	2,100	100	4.17
1	20.0	53.2	7	75,125	17,125	2,100	100	3.89
1	18.3	53.5	7	75,477	16,250	2,100	100	4.09

We can use the 52.9% point and 100% point to interpolate for the 75% point, but will have to calculate the C_D factor for the 50% and 25% points as shown in the following table.

Stage	Ambient	Actual % Load	Capacity	Compr. (P _C)	Cond. Fan (P _{CF})	Control (P _{CT})	COP	C _D	LF
	°C	Capacity	W	W	W	W	W/W		
2	35.0	100.0	141,187	43,535	2,100	100	3.09		
1	20.9	52.9	74,656	15,682	2,100	100	4.17		
		75.0					3.66		
1	20.0	53.2	75,125	17,125	2,100	100	3.89		
		50.0					3.85	1.008	0.940
1	18.3	53.5	75,477	16,250	2,100	100	4.09		
		25.0					3.81	1.069	0.468

Using the above calculations we can then calculate the ICOP

$$\text{ICOP} = (0.02 \cdot 3.09) + (0.617 \cdot 3.66) + (0.238 \cdot 3.85) + (0.125 \cdot 3.81) = 3.71$$

6.3 Tolerances. To comply with this standard, measured test results shall not be less than 95% of Published Ratings for Cooling Capacity and Coefficient of Performance (COP). Results shall not be less than 90% of Published Ratings for ICOP or IPLV.

Section 7. Minimum Data Requirements for Published Ratings

7.1 Minimum Data Requirements for Published Ratings. As a minimum, Published Ratings shall consist of the following information:

- a. Single Number Rating Cooling Capacity, kW
- b. Single Number Rating Coefficient of Performance, COP
- c. Integrated Coefficient of Performance, ICOP (effective 1 January 2010) or Integrated Part-Load Value (IPLV) (effective through December 31, 2009)

All claims to ratings within the scope of this standard shall include the statement “Rated in accordance with AHRI Standard 366 (SI)”. All claims to ratings outside the scope of this standard shall include the statement “Outside the scope of AHRI Standard 366 (SI)”. Wherever Application Ratings are published or printed, they shall include a statement of the conditions at which the ratings apply.

Section 8. Operating Requirements

8.1 Operating Requirements. To comply with this standard, any production Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Unit shall meet the requirements detailed herein.

8.2 Maximum Operating Conditions Test. Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Units shall be designed and produced to pass the following maximum operating conditions tests. For multi-capacity units, this test shall be conducted with the unit’s controls set for maximum capacity.

8.2.1 Temperature Conditions.

For all units:

Air temperature surrounding unit46.0 °C dry-bulb (For units or portions thereof intended to be installed only indoors, this temperature may be reduced to 35.0 °C dry-bulb.)

Refrigerant Entering Condensing Unit

Suction Dew Point temperature10.0 °C

Return gas temperature18.0 °C

For water-cooled units:

Water temperature entering condenser32.0 °C

Water temperature leaving condenser38.0 °C

For air-cooled units:

Outside air temperature.46.0 °C dry-bulb (and 24.0 °C wet-bulb when condensate is rejected to the condenser air stream) at the standard condenser air flow rate specified and stated by the manufacturer.

For evaporatively-cooled units:

Outside air temperature38.0 °C dry-bulb
27.0 °C wet-bulb

Make-up water temperature32.0 °C

8.2.2 Voltages. Tests shall be conducted at the Range B minimum and maximum utilization voltages from AHRI Standard 110, Table 1, based on the unit’s nameplate rated voltage(s). These voltages shall be supplied at the unit’s service connection and at rated frequency. A lower minimum or a higher maximum voltage shall be used, if listed, on the nameplate.

8.2.3 Procedure.

8.2.3.1 The condensing unit shall be operated continuously for two hours at the temperature conditions and voltage(s) specified.

8.2.3.2 All power to the condensing unit shall be interrupted for a period sufficient to cause the compressor to stop (not to exceed five seconds) and then be restored.

8.2.4 Requirements.

8.2.4.1 During both tests, the condensing unit shall operate without failure of any of its parts.

8.2.4.2 The unit shall resume continuous operation within one hour of restoration of power and shall then operate continuously for one hour. Operation and resetting of safety devices prior to establishment of continuous operation is permitted.

8.2.4.3 Units with water-cooled condensers shall operate at maximum conditions with a water-pressure drop not to exceed 100 kPa, measured across the unit.

8.3 Tolerances. The conditions for the tests outlined in Section 8.2 are average values subject to tolerances of ± 0.6 °C for air wet-bulb and dry-bulb temperatures, ± 0.3 °C for water temperatures, and $\pm 1.0\%$ of the readings for specified voltages.

Section 9. Marking and Nameplate Data

9.1 Marking and Nameplate Data. As a minimum, the nameplate shall include the manufacturer's name, model designation, and electrical characteristics.

Nameplate voltages for 60 Hertz systems shall include one or more of the equipment nameplate voltage ratings shown in Table 1 of AHRI Standard 110. Nameplate voltages for 50 Hertz systems shall include one or more of the utilization voltages shown in Table 1 of IEC Standard 60038.

Section 10. Conformance Conditions

10.1 Conformance. While conformance with this standard is voluntary, conformance shall not be claimed or implied for products or equipment within the standard's *Purpose* (Section 1) and *Scope* (Section 2) unless such product claims meet all of the requirements of the standard and all of the testing and rating requirements are measured and reported in complete compliance with the standard. Any product that has not met all of the requirements of the standard shall not reference, state, or acknowledge the standard in any written, oral, or electronic communication.

APPENDIX A. REFERENCES – NORMATIVE

A1 Listed here are all standards, handbooks, and other publications essential to the formation and implementation of the standard. All references in this appendix are considered as part of the standard.

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APPENDIX B. REFERENCES – INFORMATIVE

None.