
EXPANSION VALVE

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Purpose

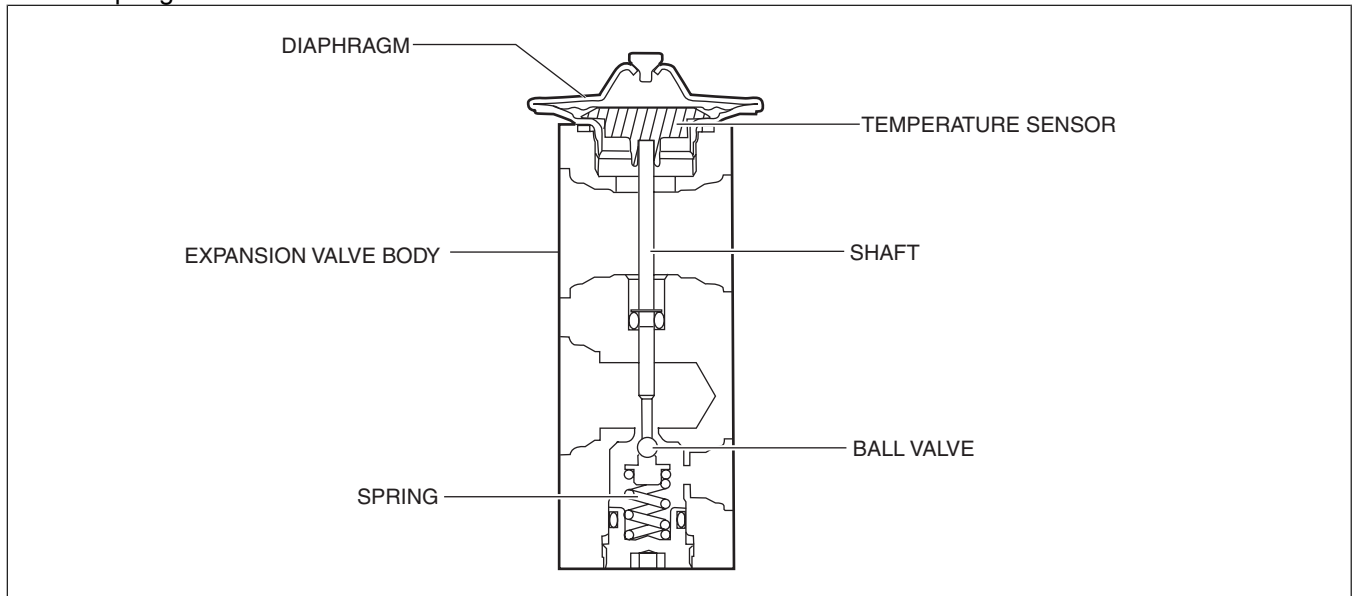
- The expansion valve atomizes liquid refrigerant to facilitate cooling of the evaporator.

Function

- The expansion valve reduces the pressure of liquid refrigerant rapidly to facilitate vaporization of the atomized refrigerant at the evaporator, and adjusts the refrigerant amount sent into the evaporator.

Construction

- The expansion valve consists of the following parts:
 - Diaphragm
 - Temperature sensor
 - Shaft
 - Expansion valve body
 - Ball valve
 - Spring

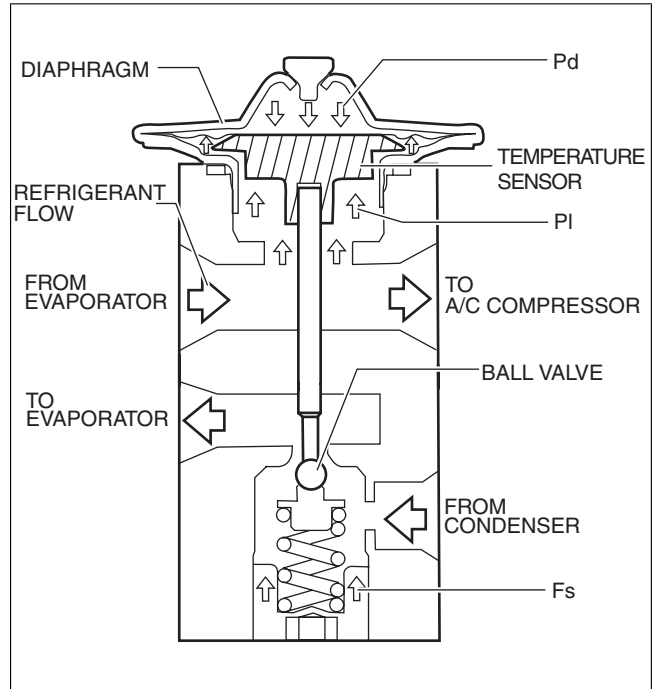


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Operation

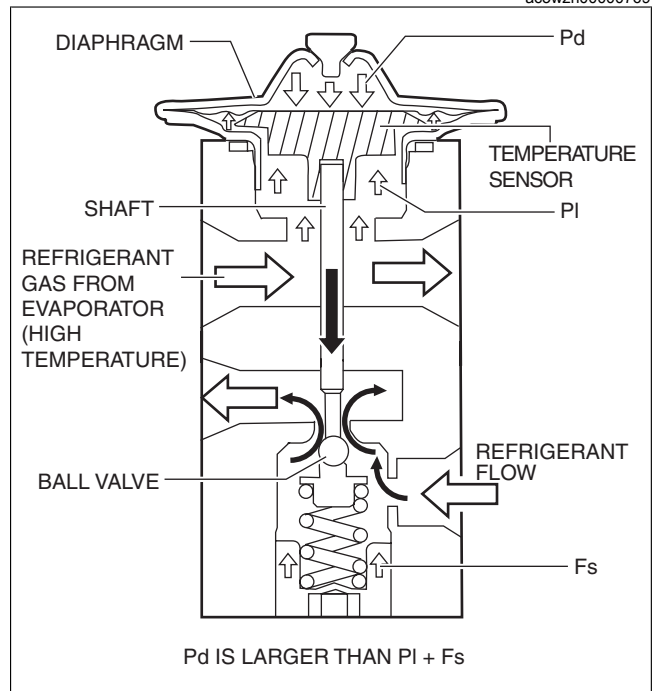
- Adjustment of the refrigerant amount supplied to the evaporator is performed by the ball valve opening angle in the expansion valve.

- The opening angle adjustment is performed according to the balance of the following forces:
 - Refrigerant pressure (P_d) in diaphragm
 - Refrigerant gas pressure (P_i) of evaporator under diaphragm
 - Spring force (F_s) pushing up ball valve



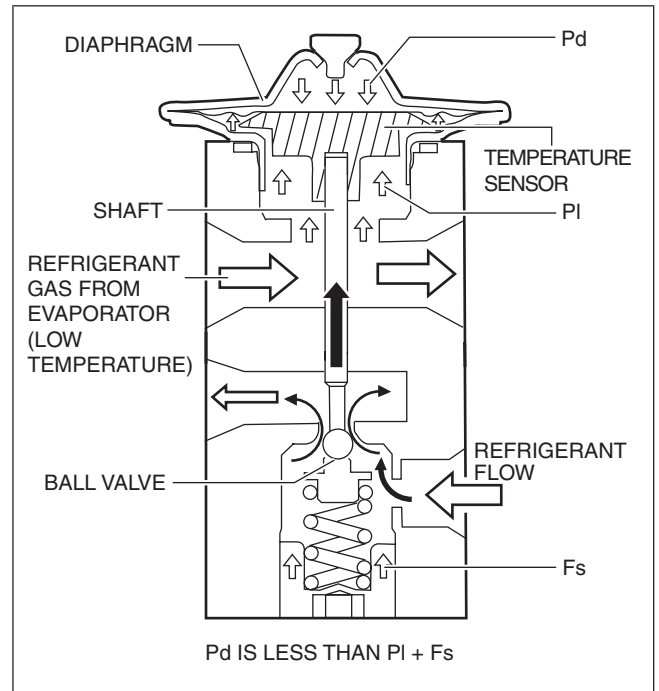
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- If the refrigerant gas temperature from the evaporator increases, the expansion valve increases the amount of refrigerant according to the following operations:
 1. The temperature of the temperature sensor tightly sealed against the diaphragm increases.
 2. The refrigerant in the diaphragm warms and the P_d increases.
 3. If this P_d increases more than $P_i + F_s$, the diaphragm is pressed down.
 4. The shaft installed to the temperature sensor end presses down the ball valve.
 5. The amount of refrigerant is increased.



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- If the refrigerant gas temperature from the evaporator decreases, the expansion valve decreases the amount of refrigerant flow according to the following operation:
 1. The temperature of the temperature sensor tightly sealed against the diaphragm decreases.
 2. The refrigerant temperature in the diaphragm decreases and the P_d decreases.
 3. The P_d decreases less than $P_i + F_s$.
 4. The ball valve installed to the temperature sensor end is pressed up.
 5. The amount of refrigerant is decreased.



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Fail-safe

- Function not equipped.