

## Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning

Refrigeration - A process in which heat is rejected & low temperature is maintained.

Refrigerant :- A substance which absorbs the heat & maintain the low temp.

(A) Primary - Such refrigerant cooled by itself.

ex - R-12, R-22, R-134a, NH<sub>3</sub> etc.

(B) Secondary - Not cooled by itself.

they get coolness by another and then getting cooled & they cool the another thing.

ex. NaCl

Refrigeration Cycle:- Cycle in which refrigeration process is taken place, in which heat is rejected & low temp is maintained.

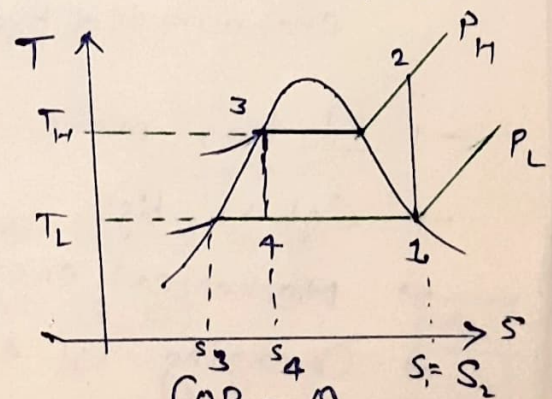
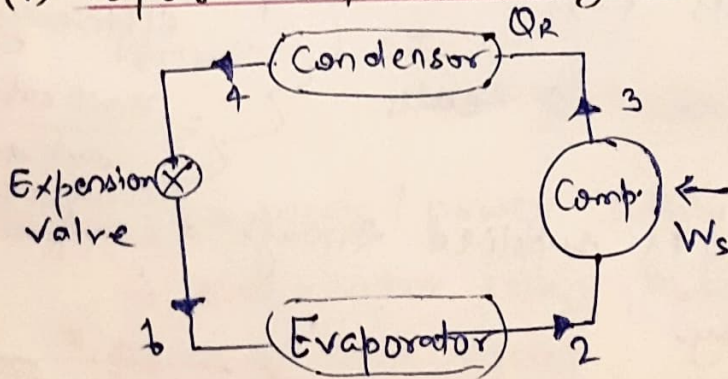
ex VCR → Vapor Compression cycle

VAR → Vapor Absorption Cycle

unit → Ton of Refrigeration (TR)

Cop ⇒ Coefficient of performance

(i) Vapor Compression cycle



(A) Compressor ⇒ Increase temp & pressure

(B) Condensor ⇒ Reject latent heat and convert high vapor into liquid form.



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Expansion valve : reduce pressure & temp of refrigerant.

Evaporator : Evaporates liquid refrigerant, no heat is absorbed or rejected.

Working

- Compression process  $\rightarrow$  get vapour form, increase temp & pressure.  $W = h_2 - h_1$
- Condensing process  $\rightarrow$  Reject the latent heat from high pressure & temp. vapour refrigerant. Condense into liquid form. (phase will change) (Low temp, High Press)
- Expansion valve  $\rightarrow$  through mm hole, particle will pass and pressure & temp will decrease in liquid form. (No latent heat absorbed.) (with some vapour)
- vapourizing process  $\rightarrow$  liquid + vapour is evaporated and change into vapour. at constant pressure & temp. (High)

Isentropic process  $\rightarrow$  1 to 2 & 3 to 4  
condensor process 2 to 3  
evaporated process 4 to 1

$$\text{COP} = \frac{1}{\text{Efficiency}} = \frac{\text{Heat extracted}}{\text{work done}}$$

$\rightarrow$  It has more wear & tear.

$\rightarrow$  COP is high

$\rightarrow$  Mechanical energy is supplied through a compressor

$\rightarrow$  Charging is easy.

\* 1 TR =  $1000 \times 335 \text{ kJ in 24 hour}$   $\times 335 \text{ kJ} \Rightarrow$  latent heat.

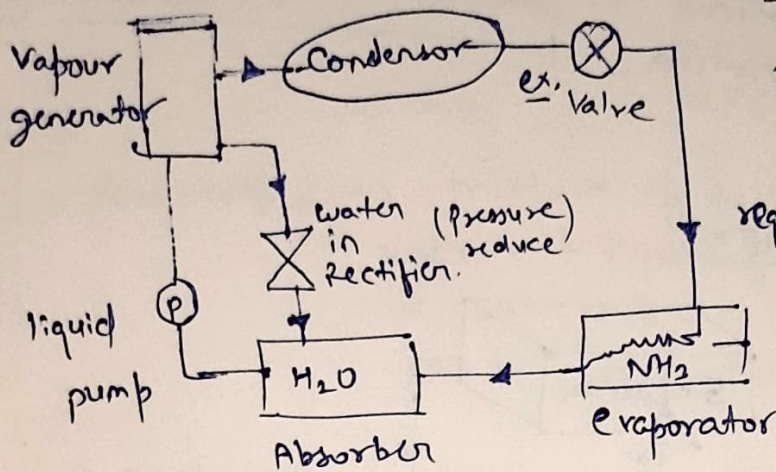
= cooling effect by melting of 1000 kg of ice at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  temp in 24 hr

1 TR = 210 kJ/min = 3.5 kW



## iii) Vapour Absorption Refrigeration cycle (VAR)

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→ Used in Ice making Plants, less wear & tear.

### Advantage

- liquid is compressed
- required input work is less
- expensive
- complex and space consuming.
- less efficient for large plant.

Absorber → Absorbs the refrigerant ( $H_2O$ )

Condensor → Convert vapour to liquid form.

Vapour generator → Used to generate the heat

liquid pump → transfer the fluid from one place to another part.

generator → generate

pressure reducing valve → which reduce pressure & convert in liquid.

expansion valve → reduce pressure & temp of refrigerant.

propent at low temp  $NH_3 + H_2O$  mix  
at high temp →  $NH_3$  &  $H_2O$  are separate.

\* Working → work / power supply to liquid pump.

→ evaporator ( $NH_3$ ), Absorber ( $H_2O$ )

\* (Aqua ammonia cycle)

→ Heat supply to generator  $H_2O + NH_3$  separate  
(liquid) (Vapor)

→ Pressure reducing valve consume hot water and ammonia will collect in Condensor (weak solution)  
(Rich)

→ Condensor convert it in liquid.

$NH_3$
$H_2O$



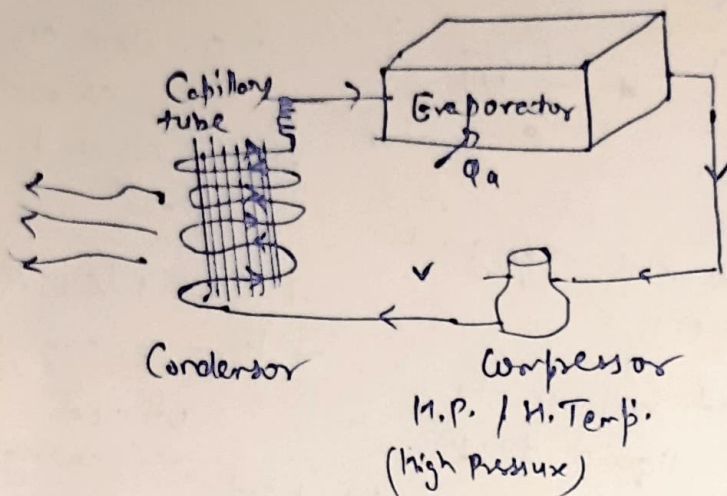
## • Nomenclature of Refrigerant

$\text{CaH}_b\text{F}_c\text{Cl}_d$  = chemical formula.

$$(b+c+d = 2a+2)$$

Name =  $\text{R}(a-1)(b+c)e$

## Domestic Refrigerator



## • Application of Refrigeration

- In water cooler to supply cold water.
- To produce ice.
- For preservation of food, veg., ice cream, medicines, blood, tissues.
- Industrial application.
- AC in Houses, offices, hospitals.

## Desirable Property of Refrigerant

- Low boiling point, freezing point high  $Q_a$
- Easy to liquify.
- Chemical stability.
- Odourless, no hazardous effect.
- Low cost
- Non flammable

## Types of Refrigerant

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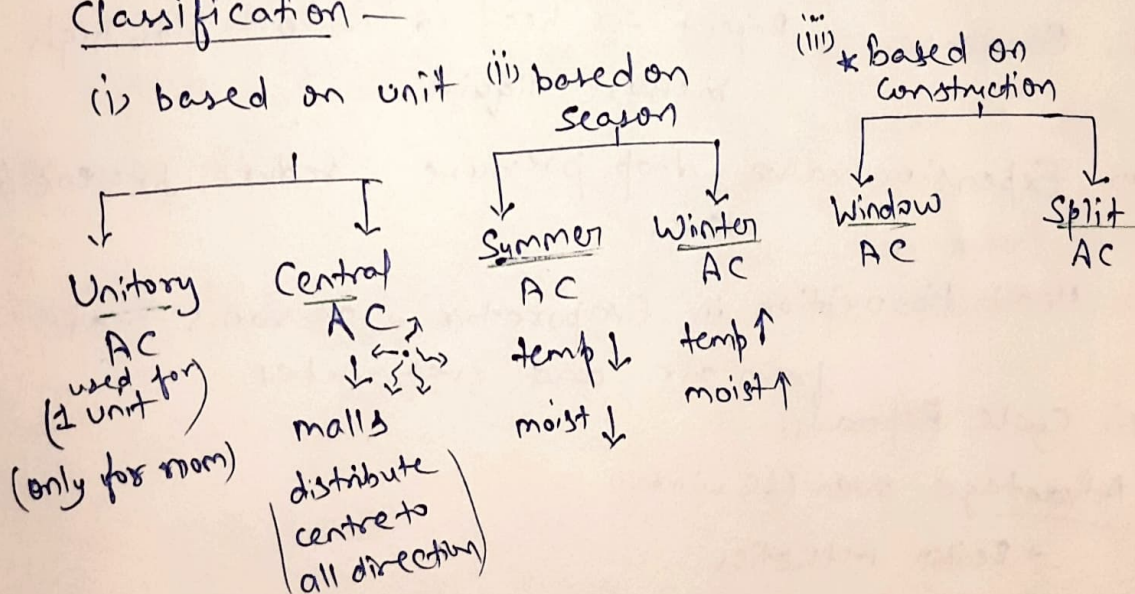
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- Halocarbons (Freons) → CFC → R11, R12, R113  
HCFC → R22, R123  
HFC → R134a
- Azeotropic → mixture of two or more refrigerants vapour + liquid form.  
R-502 ⇒ 8.8% R22 + 91.2% R115  
R-503 ⇒ 40.1% R23 + 59.9% R12
- zeotropic → mixture of composition in liquid phase is different.
- Inorganic → CO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O etc
- Hydrocarbon → R170, R290 etc. for industry & domestic.

## \* Air Conditioning System

- Temperature is maintained.
- Dust particle are removed
- Moisture & Humidity is maintained.

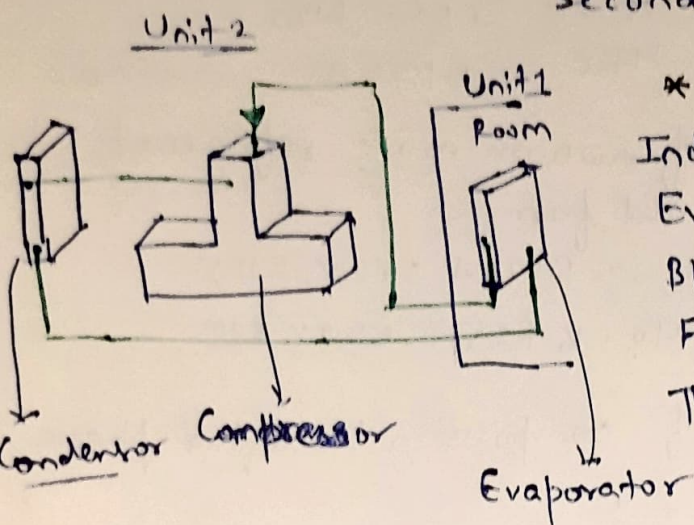
### Classification —





(A) Split AC → Consists two parts (Unit)

One indoor unit  
Second → outdoor unit. } Connected by pipe & wire.



### \* Components

Indoor  
Evaporator  
Blower fan  
Filters  
Thermostat

Outdoor  
Compressor  
Condenser coil  
Fan  
Expansion valve

Working based on VCR cycle. transfer heat from the indoor air to outside environment.

### Steps

- (i) Thermostat senses the temp.  
temp of room  $>$  then AC turns on.
- (ii) Compressor compresses low pressure gas into high high temp & high pressure gas.
- (iii) Condensor → Reject the heat & convert into high pressure liquid.
- (iv) Expansion valve drop pressure, reduce pressure & temp.
- (v) Heat Absorption in Evaporator → absorbs heat from air and evaporates.
- (vi) Cycle Repeats.

### Advantage over (AC window)

- Better Aesthetics
- efficient cooling of larger room.
- More installation flexibility.

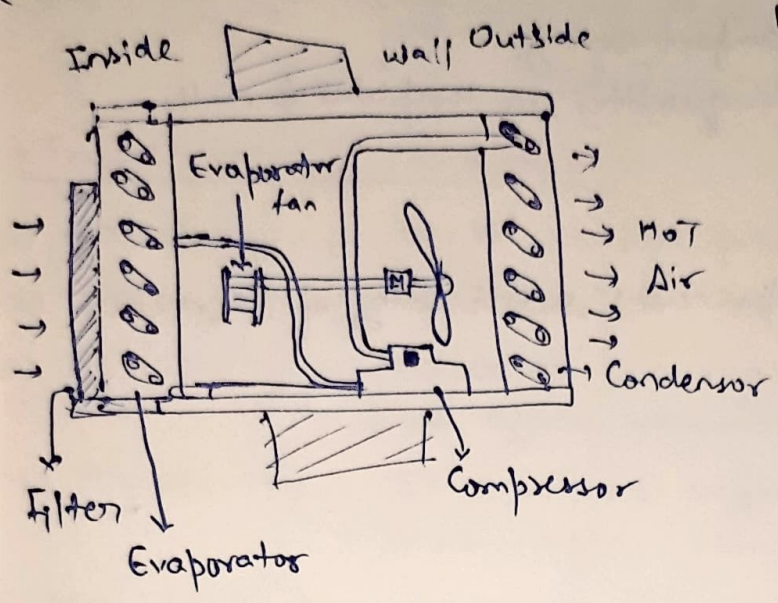


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# \* Window A/C

## \* Parts

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- Evaporator Fan
- Evaporator
- Expansion valve
- Filter
- Condenser
- Compressor

\* A window A/C is a compact, self-contained unit designed to cool a single room.

It is typically mounted in a window or a hole in an external wall.

## working

based on refrigeration cycle, which involves heat absorption & release using a refrigerant.

1. Thermostat detects temperature -
2. Compressor starts → compresses the low pressure gas into a high pressure, high temp gas.
3. Heat release at the condenser → A fan blow outside air over the coil & refrigerant loses heat to outside, becoming becoming high pressure liquid.
4. Expansion valve → reduce the pressure & temp. of liquid.
5. Heat absorption at evaporator → Refrigerant absorbs heat from the air & evaporates.
6. cycle repeats - - -

## Disadvantage

- (i) Noise
- (ii) Cooling effect.
- (iii) Installation Difficult.

## Application of AC

- Homes & offices → comfort cooling.
- Maintain indoor air quality in Hospital & malls.
- in Vehicles.
- Factories & labs.
- Data centers to prevent overheating of servers.