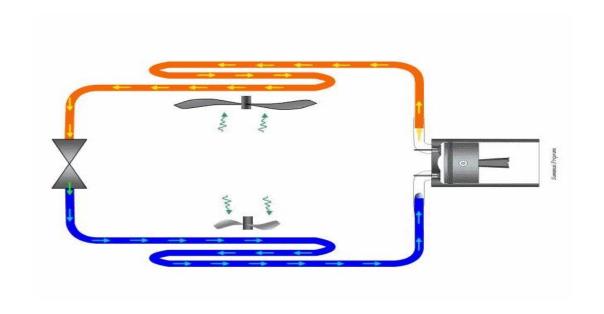
Unit-4 REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING



Refrigeration

- It is defined as the process of providing and maintaining a temperature well below that of surrounding atmosphere.
- In other words refrigeration is the process of cooling substance.

Applications of Refrigeration

- In chemical industries, for separating and liquefying the gases.
- In manufacturing and storing ice.
- For the preservation of perishable food items in cold storages.
- For cooling water.
- For controlling humidity of air manufacture and heat treatment of steels.
- For chilling the oil to remove wax in oil refineries.
- For the preservation of tablets and medicines in pharmaceutical industries.
- For the preservation of blood tissues etc.,
- For comfort air conditioning the hospitals, theatres, etc.,

Refrigerators and heat pumps

- If the main purpose of the machine is to cool some object, the machine is named as refrigerator.
- If the main purpose of machine is to heat a medium warmer than the surroundings, the machine is termed as heat pump.

Refrigerating Effect (N): It is defined as the quantity of heat extracted from a cold body or space to be cooled in a given time.

N= Heat extracted from the cold space

Time taken

Specific Heat of water and ice: It is the quantity of heat required to raise or lower the temperature of one kg of water (or ice), through one kelvin or (1^0

c) in one second.

Specific heat of water, $C_{pw} = 4.19 \text{ kJ/kg K}$ Specific heat

of ice, $C_{pice} = 2.1 \text{ kJ/kg K}.$

Capacity of a Refrigeration Unit:

- Capacity of a refrigerating machines are expressed by their cooling capacity.
- The standard unit used for expressing the capacity of
 refrigerating machine is ton of refrigeration.
- One ton of refrigeration is defined as, "the quantity of heat abstracted (refrigerating effect) to freeze one ton of water into one ton of ice in duration of 24 hours at 0° c".

Heat extracted from at 0° c = latent heat of ice Latent heat of ice = 336 kJ/kg

• i.e., 336 kJ of heat should be extracted from one kg of water at 0°C to convert it into ice.

One ton of refrigeration

=336x1000 kJ/24 hrs.

= 336x1000 kJ/min

24x60

One ton of refrigeration

 $= 233.333 \, kJ/min$

 $= 3.8889 \,\mathrm{kJ/sec}$

Co efficient of Performance: It is defined as the ratio of heat extracted in a given time (refrigerating effect) to the work input.

Co efficient of performance = Heat extracted in evaporator

Co efficient of performance =	Work Input Refrigerating Effect
	Work Input
Co efficient of performance =	<u>N</u>
	\mathbf{W}

The COP is always greater than 1 and known as theoretical coefficient of performance.

Refrigerants

• Any substance that absorbs heat through expansion and vaporization process and loses heat due to condensation is a refrigeration process is called refrigerant.

Some examples of refrigerants are,

- Air
- Ammonia (NH₃)
- Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- Sulphur dioxide (SO₂)
- Freon 12
- Methyl Chloride
- Methylene chloride.

Classification of Refrigerants

Refrigerants are classified as,

- (a) Primary Refrigerants: It is a working medium which is used for cooling the substance by absorption of latent heat.
- E.G Ammonia (NH₃), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Sulphur dioxide (SO₂), Freon 12, etc.,
- (b) Secondary Refrigerants: Secondary refrigerant is a substance already cooled by primary refrigerant and then employed for cooling purposes.
- E.g Ice, solid carbon dioxide.
- These refrigerants cool the substance by absorption of their sensible heat.

Properties of Refrigeration

- A good refrigerant should have high latent heat of vapourisation.
- It should have low boiling and low freezing point.
- It should be non toxic and should non corrosiveness
- It should be non flammable and non explosive.
- It should have high thermal conductivity
- It should be easy to handle
- It should have low specific volume of vapour.
- It should have high co efficient of performance

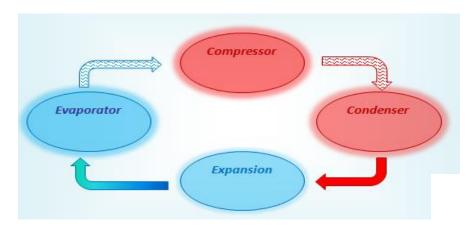
High COP, thermal conductivity, latent heat of vapourisation Low boiling, freezing point ,specific volume Non toxic, corrosiveness, flammabe, explosive

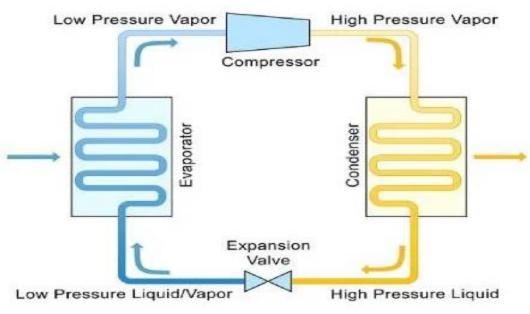
PROPERTIES OF AN IDEAL REFRIGERANT

- 1. The refrigerant should have low boiling point and low freezing point.
- It must have low specific heat and high latent heat. Because high specific heat decreases
 the refrigerating effect per kg of refrigerant and high latent heat at low temperature
 increases the refrigerating effect per kg of refrigerant.
- The <u>pressures</u> required to be maintained in the evaporator and condenser should be <u>low</u> enough to reduce the material cost and <u>must be positive</u> to avoid leakage of air into the system.
- 4. It must have high critical pressure and temperature to avoid large power requirements.
- 5. It should have low specific volume to reduce the size of the compressor.
- It must have high thermal conductivity to reduce the area of heat transfer in evaporator and condenser.
- 7. It should be non-flammable, non-explosive, non-toxic and non-corrosive.
- 8. It should not have any bad effects on the stored material or food, when any leak develops in the system.

- 9. It must have high miscibility with lubricating oil and it should not have reacting property with lubricating oil in the temperature range of the system.
- 10. It should give high COP in the working temperature range. This is necessary to reduce the running cost of the system.
- 11. It must be readily available and it must be cheap also.

Refrigeration Cycle and its components: (Air Refrigeration System)





Compressor

- Its work is to control the flow of the refrigerant by acting as a motor and a pump.
- This allows it to pressurize the refrigerant and reduce its volume.
- There are five types of compressors used in both commercial and domestic refrigerators.
- i.e. Reciprocating, rotary, screw, centrifugal and scroll.
- Of the five, the reciprocating compressor is the most commonly used in home and commercial kitchen refrigerators.





Condenser

- The condenser works by condensing the refrigerant.
- The refrigerant entering the condenser is hot and pressurized.
- The condenser then cools the refrigerant by converting it into a liquid state.

Air-cooled condenser:

- You will find this in small refrigerators such as the ones used at home.
- They are ideal when the refrigerant quantity is small.
- The air-cooled condenser is also called coil condenser because it comes with aluminum or copper coils at the back of the fridge.
- The coils increase the surface area for cooling the refrigerant.
- (i) The **natural convection** condenser which uses the natural flow of air to cool the refrigerant and
- (ii) the **forced convection** condenser which uses a fan to draw in cold air.





Expansion Valve

- The expansion valve helps reduce the pressure and temperature of the refrigerant.
- The sudden drop in pressure and temperature produces a cooling effect.
- The expansion valve also regulates the amount of refrigerant used in meeting the load requirements.
- The load, in this case, are the products that need cooling in the refrigerator.
- There are various types of expansion valves.
- Capillary Tube
- 2. Constant Pressure or Automatic Throttling Valve
- 3. Thermostatic Expansion Valve
- 4. Float Valve

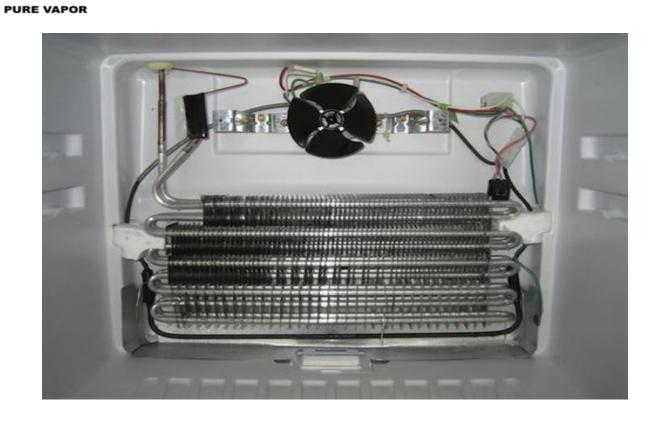


Evaporator

- The evaporator **absorbs heat** inside the refrigerator.
- It acts as a <u>medium of exchange</u> for heat from the stored products (load) to the refrigerant.
- In most cases, the evaporator is the coldest part of the fridge or the freezer.
- Here, the refrigerant is cold and moves at a slower pace in order to absorb as much heat as possible from the load.
- As it absorbs the heat, it gets hotter and turns into a gas.
- By vaporising the refrigerant more heat is absorbed from the load.
- The refrigerant, <u>now</u> hot and in gaseous form, is then pushed back into the compressor.

Vapor to compressor (pure vapor) 100% saturated vapor Mixture saturated liquid & vapor

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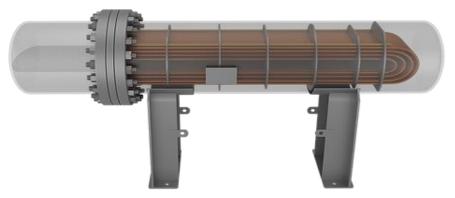
Bare tube evaporator



Finned tube evaporator



Plate surface evaporator



Shell and tube evaporator

Compressor

Reduces volume & creates high pressure gas causing the temperature to rise.



Condenser

(a.k.a heat exchanger)

Hot gas is cooled by air or water before being condensed to become a hot liquid.



Evaporator

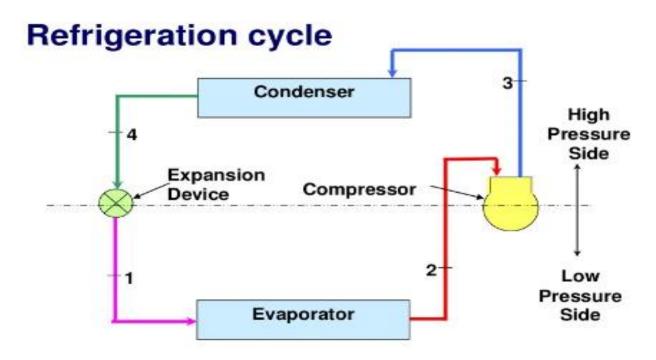
Cold refrigerant chills equipment as it vaporises, turning back into a gas as it draws heat away from the refrigerator's contents before exiting the evaporator.



Expansion Valve (a.k.a metering device / capillary tube)

Hot liquid cools due to pressure decrease resulting in cold refrigerant.

Vapour Compression Refrigeration System



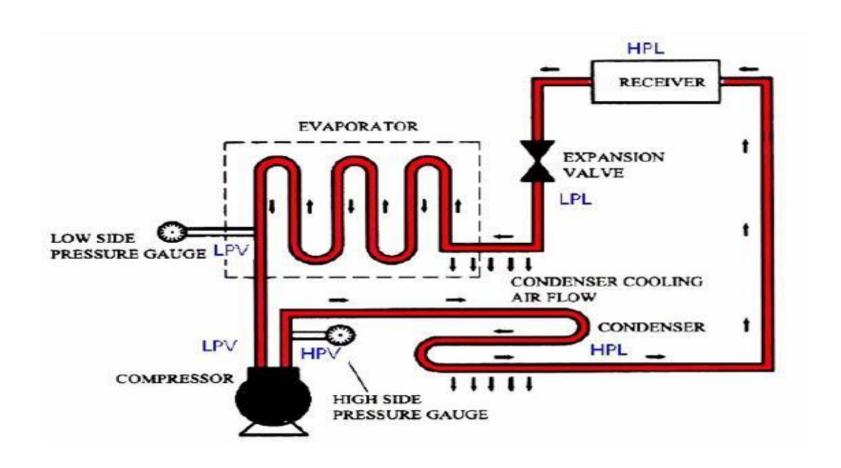
- Most common refrigeration cycle in use today.
- There are four principal control volumes involving these **components**:
- Evaporator ► Compressor ► Condenser ► Expansion valve liquid-vapor mixture
- All energy transfers by work and heat are taken as positive in the directions of the arrows on the schematic and energy balances are written accordingly.

Vapour Compression Refrigeration System

The processes of this cycle are:

- Process 1 -2: liquid-vapor mixture of refrigerant is evaporated through heat transfer from the refrigerated space.
- Process 2 -3: vapor refrigerant is compressed to a relatively high temperature and pressure requiring work input.
- Process 3 -4: vapor refrigerant liquid-vapor mixture condenses to liquid through heat transfer to the cooler surroundings.
- Process 4 -1: liquid refrigerant expands to the evaporator pressure

Vapour Compression Refrigeration System

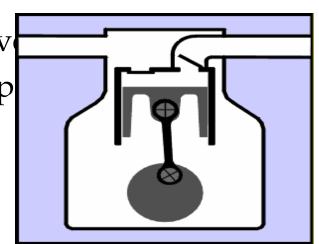


Vapour Compression Refrigeration System - Construction

 This system consists of a compressor, condenser, a receiver tank, an expansion valve and an evaporator.

Compressor:

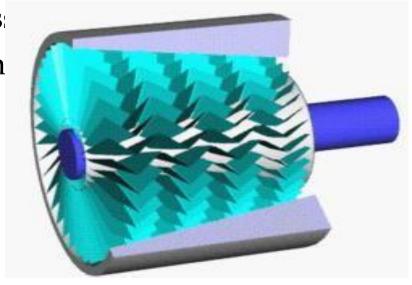
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Vapour Compression Refrigeration System - Construction

Compressor:

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Vapour Compression Refrigeration System - Construction

- Condenser: It is a coil of tubes made of copper.
- Receiver tank: It is the reservoir of liquid refrigerant.
- <u>Expansion Valve</u>: This is a throttle valve. High pressure refrigerant is made to flow at a controlled rate through this valve.
- <u>Evaporator</u>: It is the actual cooler and kept in the space to be cooled. The evaporator is a coil of tubes made of copper

Vapour Compression Refrigeration System - Working

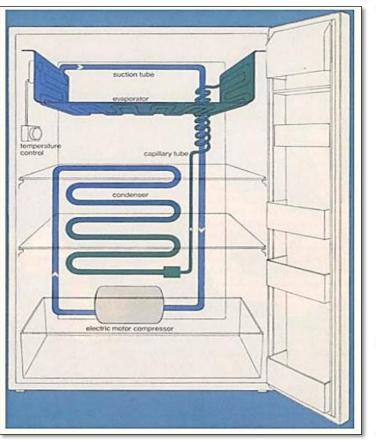
- 1. The low pressure refrigerant vapour coming out of the evaporator flows into the compressor.
- 2. The compressor is driven by a prime mover.
- 3. In the compressor the refrigerant vapour is compressed.
- 4. The high pressure refrigerant vapour from the compressor is then passed through the condenser.
- 5. The refrigerant gives out the heat it had taken in the evaporator (N)
- 6. The heat equivalent of work done on it (w) on the compressor.
- 7. This heat is carried by condenser medium which may be air or water.

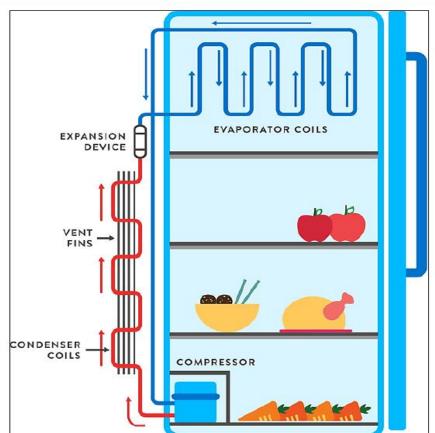
- 8. The high pressure liquid refrigerant then enters the expansion valve.
- 9. This valve allows the high pressure liquid refrigerant to flow at a controlled rate into the evaporator.
- 10. While passing though this valve the liquid partially evaporates.
- 11. Most of the refrigerant is vapourised only in the evaporator, at a low pressure.
- 12. In the evaporator the liquid refrigerant absorbs its latent heat of vaporization from the material which is to be cooled.
- 13. Thus the refrigerating effect (N) is obtained.
- 14. Then the low pressure refrigerant enters the compressor and the cycle is repeated.

Advantages and Disadvantages over Air Refrigeration System

- 1. COP is quite high. (Working cycle is very near to reverse Carnot cycle.)
- 2. Cost 1/5th of Air Ref System
- 3. Size of evaporator is smaller. (For same RE)
- 4. Required temperature of evaporator can be achieved easily just by adjusting throttle valve of same unit.
- 1. Initial cost is high.
- 2. Inflammability, leakage of vapour and toxicity. (Design improvement)

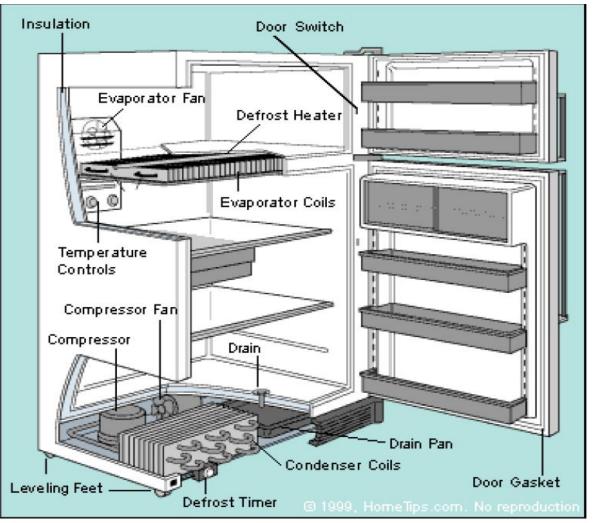
WORKING OF DOMESTIC REFRIGERATOR/ REFRIGERATOR COMPONENTS

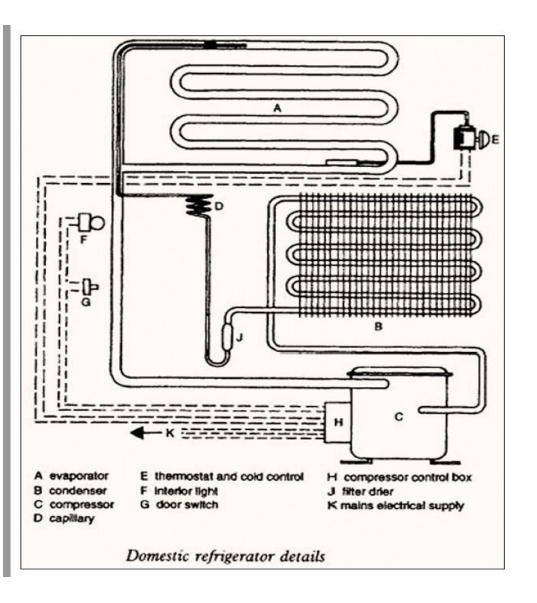


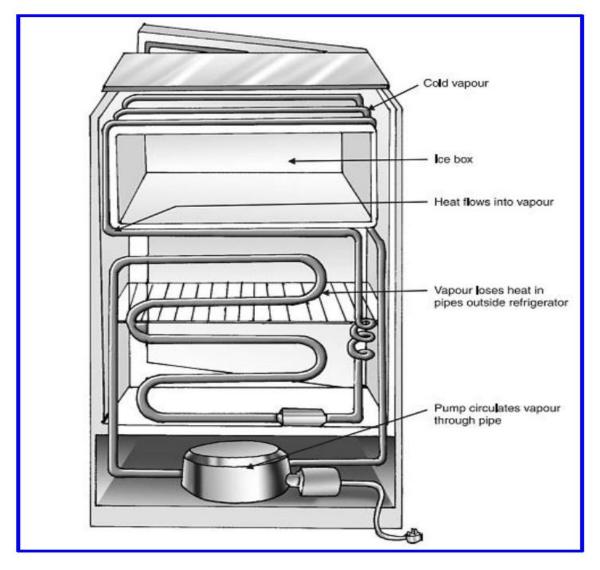




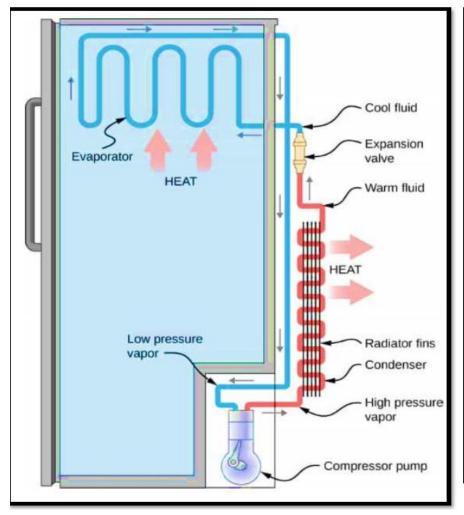


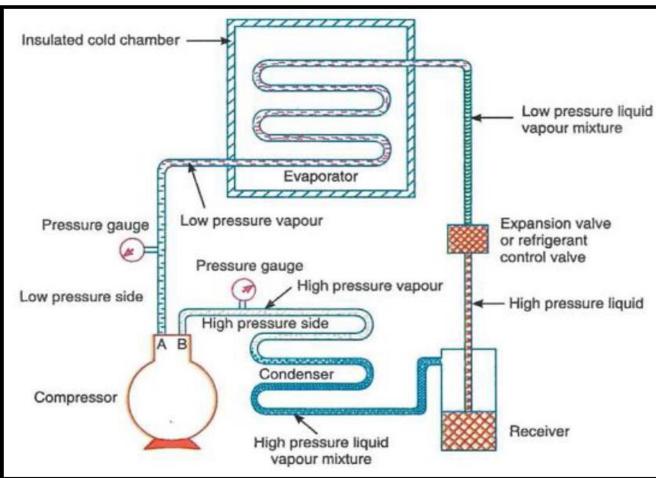




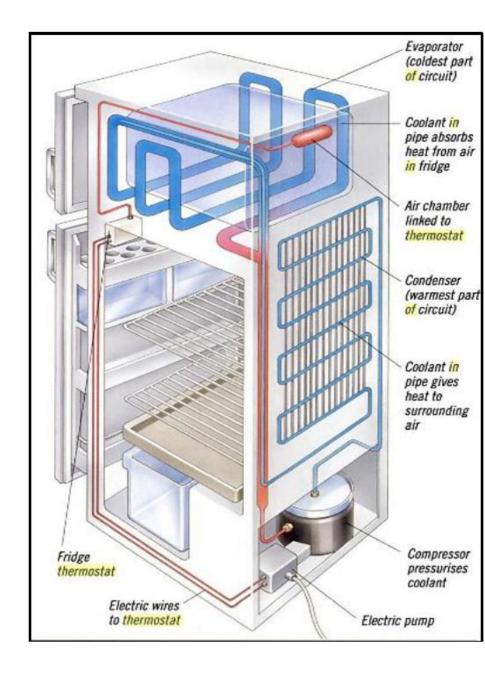


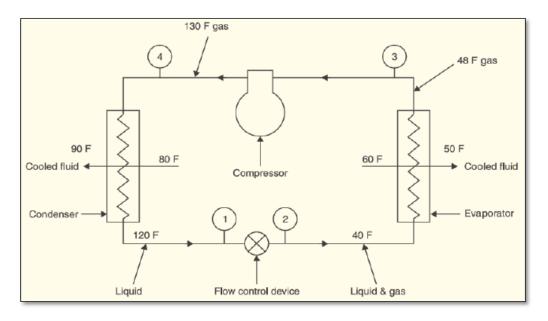
☐ The basic function of all the refrigerators is same. A refrigerator works by passing a refrigerant around the food items that are kept inside the refrigerator. The refrigerant absorbs heat from the articles kept inside the refrigerator and then loses that heat to the surroundings on the outside.





- □ Compressor: The low pressure and temperature vapour refrigerant from evaporator is drawn into the compressor through the inlet or suction valve A, where it is compressed to a high pressure and temperature. This high pressure and temperature vapour refrigerant is discharged into the condenser through the delivery or discharge valve B.
- □ Condenser: The condenser or cooler consists of coils of pipe in which the high pressure and temperature vapour refrigerant is cooled and condensed. The refrigerant, while passing through the condenser, gives up its latent heat to the surrounding condensing medium which is normally air or water.
- □ Receiver: The condensed liquid refrigerant from the condenser is stored in a vessel known as receiver from where it is supplied to the evaporator through the expansion valve or refrigerant control valve.
- Expansion Valve: Also called as refrigerant control valve. The function of the expansion valve is to allow the liquid refrigerant under high pressure and temperature to pass at a controlled rate after reducing its pressure and temperature. Some of the liquid refrigerant evaporates as it passes through the expansion valve, but the greater portion is vaporised in the evaporator at the low pressure and temperature.
- Evaporator: An evaporator consists of coils of pipe in which the liquid vapour refrigerant at low pressure and temperature is evaporated and changed into vapour refrigerant at low pressure and temperature. In evaporating, the liquid vapour refrigerant absorbs its latent heat of vaporisation from the medium (air or water) which is to be cooled

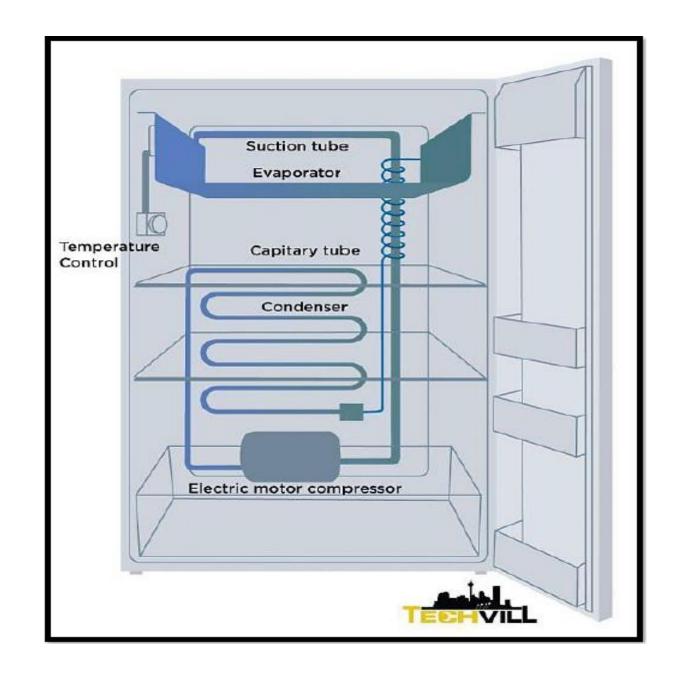




The refrigerant has returned to its initial state and is now ready to repeat the refrigeration cycle. Of course the processes are actually continuous as the refrigerant circulates through the system.

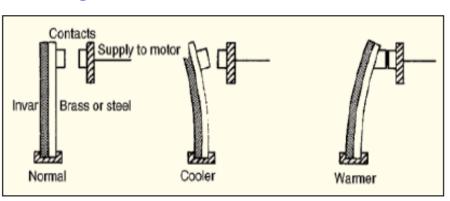
■ Process 4-1: The refrigerant leaves the compressor as a gas at high temperature and high pressure. In order to change it to a liquid, heat must be removed from it. This is accomplished in a heat exchanger called the condenser. The refrigerant flows through one circuit in the condenser. In the other circuit, a cooling fluid flows (air or water) at a temperature lower than that of the refrigerant. Heat therefore transfers from the refrigerant to the cooling fluid, and as a result, the refrigerant condenses to a liquid (1).

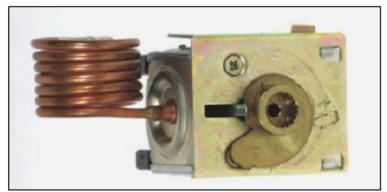
- □ Refrigerant fluid circulates through the piping and equipment in the direction shown. There are four processes (changes in the condition of the fluid) that occur as it flows through the system.
- Process 1-2: At point (1), the refrigerant is in the liquid state at a relatively high pressure and high temperature. It flows to (2) through a restriction, called the flow control device or expansion device. The refrigerant loses pressure going through the restriction. The pressure at (2) is so low that a small portion of the refrigerant flashes (vapourises) into a gas. But in order to vapourise, it must gain heat which it takes from the portion of the refrigerant that did not vapourise, thus cooling the mixture and resulting in low temperature at (2).
- Process 2-3: The refrigerant flows through a heat exchanger called the evaporator. This heat exchanger has two circuits. The refrigerant circulates in one, and in the other, the fluid to be cooled (usually air or water) flows. The fluid to be cooled is at a slightly higher temperature than the refrigerant, therefore heat is transferred from it to the refrigerant, producing the cooling effect desired. The refrigerant boils because of the heat it receives in the evaporator. By the time it leaves the evaporator, it is completely vapourised.
 - Process 3-4: Leaving the evaporator, the refrigerant is a gas at a low temperature and low pressure. In order to be able to use it again to achieve the refrigerating effect continuously, it must be brought back to the conditions at (1)-a liquid at a high pressure. The first step in this process is to increase the pressure of the refrigerant gas by using a compressor. Compressing the gas also results in increasing its temperature.



REFRIGERATOR COMPONENTS CONTROL

- ☐ The automatic control of a system is intended to maintain stable or constant conditions and also protect people and equipment. The system must regulate itself within its design boundaries. If the equipment is allowed to operate outside of its design boundaries, the system components may be damaged.
- Temperature control is used to maintain space or product temperature and to protect equipment from damaging itself. When used to control temperature, the control is called a thermostat; when used to protect equipment, it is known as a safety device.
- Without automatic temperature controls, the owner of the refrigerator would have to anticipate the temperature in the food compartment and get up in the middle of the night and turn it on or off to maintain the temperature. The thermostat stops and starts the refrigeration cycle thousands of times over the course of 20 years to maintain the proper conditions.
- Thermostat: The thermostat controls the cooling process by monitoring the temperature and then switching the compressor on and off. When the sensor senses that it's cold enough inside a refrigerator, it turns off the compressor. If it senses too much heat, it switches the compressor on and begins the cooling process again.







- □ When the inside of the refrigerator starts getting warm, a thermostat makes the pump switch on hear the pump as humming or whirring sound. The pump compresses the refrigerant so it condenses to a liquid.
- □ A motor winding thermal protector (thermostat) is provided in compressor. The thermostat is embedded in the motor windings which senses the winding temperature. It stops the compressor when the winding temperature exceeds the safety point. The winding insulation will progressively deteriorate if run at high winding temperatures, and the compressor motor will ultimately burnout. The winding temperature can also increase, if the compressor is run on overloaded conditions for long periods.
- ☐ The refrigerator compressor has a protective device that keeps it from overloading and damaging itself. **This automatic overload control is designed** to function on the rare occasion that an overload or power problem might damage the compressor. One such example would be when the power goes off and comes right back on while the refrigerator is running. The overload control will open its contacts and stop the compressor for a cool-down period until it is ready to go back to work again.

	Table R	efrigerants and their fields of applications
1.	R717 Ammonia (NH ₃) Boiling point -33.35°C	Used with open type reciprocating, rotary and screw compressors, in cold storages, ice plants, for food preservation, etc.
2.	R718 Water (H ₂ O) Boiling point 100°C	Used in the steam-ejector system only for air conditioning. Used as a secondary refrigerant.
3.	R11 (CCl ₃ F) Trichlorofluoromethane. Boiling point +23.8°C [R123 in place of R11]	Used with centrifugal compressors in large capacity central air conditioning plants. Used as a brine at temperatures as low as -100°C.
4.	R12 (CCl ₂ F ₂) Dichlorodifluoromethane Boiling point -29.8°C (R134a in place of R12)	Widely used in domestic appliances. It is also used in commercial and industrial cooling installations, for example, frozen food display cabinets, cooling fountains, refrigerated trucks, railway wagons or containers. Used with all types of compressors, hermetic and open, piston, rotary, centrifugal and screw.
5.	R13 (CCIF ₃) Chlorotrifluoromethane, Boiling point -81.4°C	For temperatures down to -80°C in cascade freezing installations using R22 or R502 in the high temperature stage.
6.	R22 Chlorodifluoromethane (CHClF ₂). Boiling point -40.8°C	Used as refrigerant in domestic, commercial and industrial air conditioning; commercial and industrial refrigeration including cold storages and food processing with reciprocating and often with screw compressors.
7.	R113 (CCl ₂ FCClF ₂) Trichlorotrifluoroethane Boiling point +47.6°C	Used with centrifugal compressor for cooling water or brine for commercial or industrial applications.
8.	R114 (CCIF ₂ CCIF ₂) Dichlorotetrafluoroethane Boiling point +3.6°C	Used with multistage centrifugal compressors for air conditioning at high temperatures and in aircraft.
9.	R502 Azeotropic mixture of 48.8% by mass of R22 and 51.2% by mass of R115 Boiling point -45.6°C	It is alternative to ammonia. It is most widely used for frozen food display cabinets, also in freezing chambers and cold stores at temperatures of the order of -35°C.

Maintenance of Domestic Refrigerator:

- Levelled properly.
- 2. 230 V, 50 Hz supply. Voltage fluctuations-Compressor motor burnout
- 3. Refrigerator unit-closed to supply-overload and lighting extension cords may reduce the line voltage to a dangerous level.
- 4. Should not exposed direct rays to sun –Add the load of operation
- 5. 25 cm gap condenser and wall
- 6. Without load operation 02 hrs before loading
- 7. Condenser No dust periodical cleaning no material covers the portion
- 8. Urgent need of ice Thermostat to 5 tray deflection to the out position. Afterwards change it to original position
- 9. Defrosting periodically frost is barrier hinders cooling load operation
- 10. Harsh cleaners- defrosting by striking or chipping off the ice Leakage of gas
- 11. Tray should be kept out when it's desired to collect the dripping water from freezer chest defrosting
- 12. Food closed container wrapped in polythene or aluminum foil
- 13. Properly earthed operated on three point plug improper earthing fatal accident

TROUBLE SHOOTING OF REFRIGERATOR

S No.	Symptoms	Causes				
1.	Motor fails to start on giving supply	 Thermostat contacts open Blown fuses in the main switch Overload release open Open circuit in the main winding Open circuit in the auxiliary winding Burnt or shorted winding Excessive overload Bent rotor shaft etc. 				
2.	Motor runs slower than normal speed	 Low voltage Overload Shorted main winding Defective electromagnetic relay Worn – out bearings 				
3.	Motor runs hot	 Low voltage Overload Shorted or grounding winding Worn – out bearings 				
4.	Motor does not start and gives humming noise	 Low voltage Overload Open circuit in the auxiliary winding 				
5.	Motor runs with noise	 Shorted winding Improperly connected poles Loose rotor bar Worn – out bearings Foreign material in the rotor. 				

S No.	Symptoms	Causes				
6.	Motor starts very frequently	Bad door seal Wrong setting of thermostat				
7.	Motor keeps on running even though it is very cold inside the refrigerator	Wrong setting of thermostat Defective thermostat				
8.	Motor operates normal with normal cooling in freezer but cooling in the rest portion is unsatisfactory	Bad door seal Opening of door too frequent				
9.	Too much frosting around the freezer	High atmospheric humidity or steaming hot liquids stored.				
10.	Noisy operation	Bearings faulty Loose mounting bolts				

1	Defect		Cause		Remedy
1.	Motor does not start on giving supply.	(i)	Power not reaching the motor due to (a) Blown fuse (b) Thermostat contacts open (c) Overload release open.	(i)	
		(ii)	Motor defective	(ii)	Main winding may be open or shorted or grounded
2.	Motor runs hot	(i)	Overload	(i)	Reduce load
		(ii)	Low voltage	(ii)	Install automatic voltage regulator
		(iii)	Insulation failure of motor winding developing short-circuit between turns or with ground	(iii)	Replace or repair the sealed unit
		(iv)	Bearings worn-out	(iv)	Replace or repair the sealed unit
3.	Motor does not start and gives humming noise	(i)	Either relay contacts being not closed or aux. winding being open	(i)	Replace relay or replace or repair sealed unit
		(ii)	Low voltage	(ii)	Install automatic voltage regulator
		(iii)	Motor overloaded accompanied with tripping of overlaod relay	(iii)	Choke in the refrigerant circuit which requires purging.
4.	Motor runs slow	(i)	Low voltage	(i)	Correct the voltage
		(ii)	Overload of motor	(ii)	Check for choke of the refrigerant piping.

	Defect		Cause		Remedy
5.	Motor keeps on running even though it is very cold inside the refrigerator	(i)	Defective thermostat due to short in its wiring or sticking contacts	(i)	Check and repair
		(ii)	Wrong setting of thermostat	(ii)	Set correctly
6.	Motor keeps on running but (i) Cooling is insufficient	(i)	Less refrigerant gas in the system due to (a) Leakage of gas or (b) Partial choking of capillary (Indicated by hot capillary up to point of choke and cold beyond it)	(i)	(a) Replenish the gas lost due to leakage (b) Purge the system and recharge it.
	(ii) Cooling is nil	(ii)	(a) No refrigerant in the system (indicated by the unit, tubing and condenser being at ambient temperature) (b) Complete choke of capillary	(ii)	(a) Recharge gas (b) Purge the system and recharge.
7.	Motor starts at short intervals otherwise cooling is good	(i)	Improper setting of thermostat	(i)	Readjust the switch
		(ii)	Bad door seal	(ii)	Replace the door seal
8.	Motor runs normal with normal cooling in freezer but cooling in the rest of com- partment is not satisfactory		Defective door seal or warped door or opening of refrigerator door too frequently	423	Replace or repair door seal or door and reduce the frequency of opening of the refrigerator door.
9.	Too much frosting around the freezer		High atmospheric humidity or steaming hot liquids stored		Avoid keeping hot liquids and defrost frequently.
10.	Motor works normal with good cooling but defrosting starts all of a sudden. Cooling again starts after sometime		Presence of moisture in the refrigerant cycle		Install drier on h.p. side or if already installed replace silica gel.
11.	Noisy operation	(i)	Bearings faulty	(i	Repair sealed unit
		(ii)	Loose mounting bolts	(ii) Tighten the bolts