

ON-VEHICLE INSPECTION

1. INSPECT REFRIGERANT VOLUME

Observe the sight glass on the liquid tube.

Test conditions:

- Running engine at 1,500 rpm
- Blower speed control switch at "HI" position
- A/C switch ON
- Temperature control dial at "COOL" position
- Fully open the doors

| Item | Symptom | Amount of refrigerant | Remedy |
|------|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Bubbles present in sight glass | Insufficient* | (1) Check for gas leakage with gas leak detector and repair if necessary (2) Add refrigerant until bubbles disappear |
| 2 | No bubbles present in sight glass | None, sufficient or too much | Refer item 3 and 4 |
| 3 | No temperature difference between compressor inlet and outlet | Empty or nearly empty | (1) Check for gas leakage with gas leak detector and repair if necessary (2) Add refrigerant until bubbles disappear |
| 4 | Temperature between compressor inlet and outlet is noticeably different | Correct or too much | Refer to items 5 and 6 |
| 5 | Immediately after air conditioning is turned off, refrigerant in sight glass stays clear | Too much | (1) Discharge refrigerant (2) Evacuate air and charge proper amount or purified refrigerant |
| 6 | When air conditioning is turned off, refrigerant foams and then stays clear | Correct | – |

*: Bubbles in the sight glass with ambient temperatures higher than usual can be considered normal if cooling is sufficient.

2. INSPECT REFRIGERANT PRESSURE WITH MANIFOLD GAUGE SET

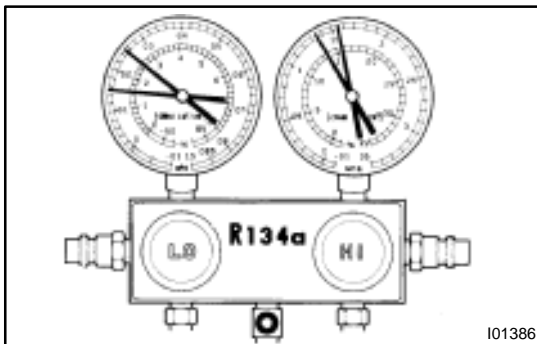
This is a method in which the trouble is located by using a manifold gauge set. Read the manifold gauge pressure when the these conditions are established.

Test conditions:

- Temperature at the air inlet with the switch set at RECURC is 30 – 35 °C (86 – 95 °F)
- Engine running at 1500 rpm
- Blower speed control switch at "HI" position
- Temperature control dial at "COOL" position

HINT:

It should be noted that the gauge indications may vary slightly due to ambient temperature conditions.



(1) Normally functioning refrigeration system.

Gauge reading:

Low pressure side:

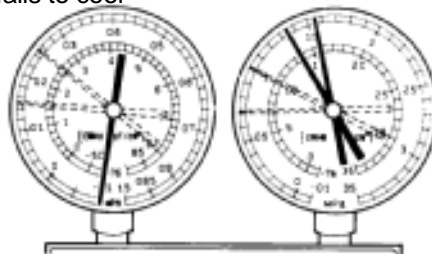
0.15 – 0.25 MPa (1.5 – 2.5 kgf/cm²)

High pressure side:

1.37 – 1.57 MPa (14 – 16 kgf/cm²)

(2) Moisture present in refrigeration system.

Condition : Periodically cools and then fails to cool

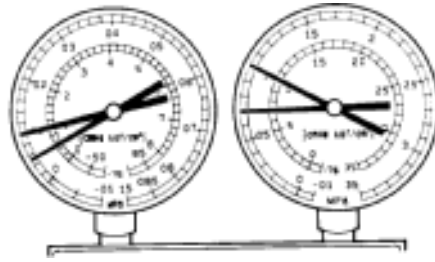


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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| During operation, pressure on low pressure side sometimes become a vacuum and sometime normal | Moisture entered in refrigeration system freezes at expansion valve orifice and temporarily stops cycle, but normal state is restored after a time when the ice melts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drier in oversaturated state • Moisture in refrigeration system freezes at expansion valve orifice and blocks circulation of refrigerant | (1) Replace receiver (2) Remove moisture in cycle through repeatedly evacuating air (3) Charge proper amount of new refrigerant |

(3) Insufficient cooling

Condition: Insufficient cooling

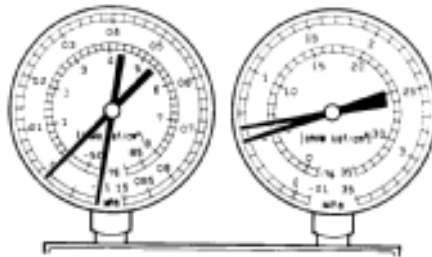


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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure low on both low and high pressure sides • Bubbles seen in sight glass continuously • Insufficient cooling performance | Gas leakage at some place in refrigeration system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient refrigerant in system • Refrigerant leaking | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Check for gas leakage with gas leak detector and repair if necessary (2) Charge proper amount of refrigerant (3) If indicated pressure value is near 0 when connected to gauge, create the vacuum after inspecting and repairing the location of the leak |

(4) Poor circulation of refrigerant

Condition: Insufficient cooling

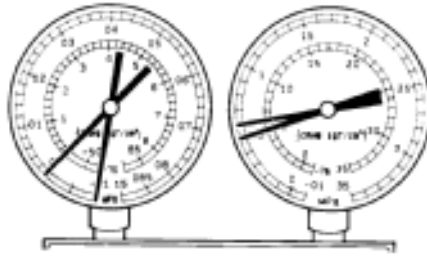


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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure low in both low and high pressure sides • Frost on tube from receiver to unit | Refrigerant flow obstructed by dirt in receiver | Receiver clogged | Replace receiver |

(5) Refrigerant does not circulate

Condition: Does not cool (Cools from time to time in some cases)

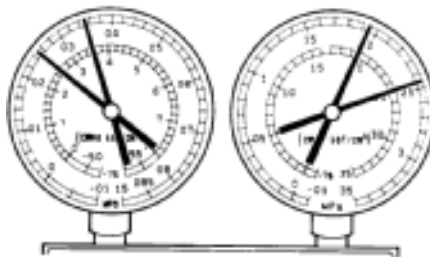


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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum indicated on low pressure side, very low pressure indicated on high pressure side • Frost or dew seen on piping before and after receiver/ drier or expansion valve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerant flow obstructed by moisture or dirt in refrigeration system • Refrigerant flow obstructed by gas leakage from expansion valve | Refrigerant does not circulate | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Check expansion valve (2) Clean out dirt in expansion valve by blowing with air (3) Replace receiver (4) Evacuate air and charge new refrigerant to proper amount (5) For gas leakage from expansion valve, replace expansion valve |

(6) Refrigerant overcharged or insufficient cooling of condenser

Condition: Insufficient cooling

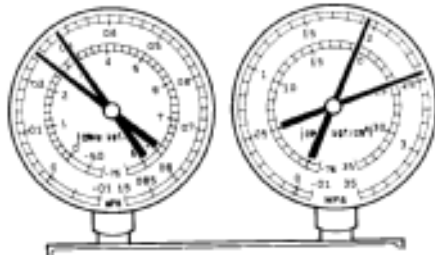


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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure too high on both low and high pressure sides • No air bubbles seen through the sight glass even when the engine rpm is lowered | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to develop sufficient performance due to excessive • Insufficient cooling of condenser | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive refrigerant in cycle → refrigerant overcharged • Condenser cooling insufficient → condenser fins clogged or cooling fan faulty | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Clean condenser (2) Check cooling fan with fluid coupling operation (3) If (1) and (2) are in normal state, check amount of refrigerant. Charge proper amount of refrigerant |

(7) Air present in refrigeration system

Condition: Insufficient cooling



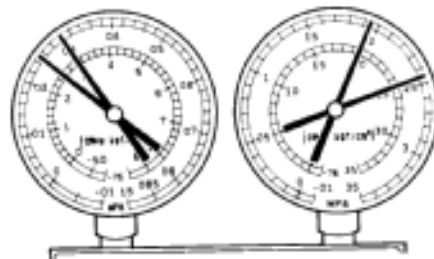
NOTE : These gauge indications are shown when the refrigeration system has been opened and the refrigerant charged without vacuum purging.

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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure too high on both low and high pressure sides • The low pressure piping hot to the touch • Bubbles seen in sight glass | Air entered in refrigeration system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air present in refrigeration system • Insufficient vacuum purging | (1) Check compressor oil to see if it is dirty or insufficient (2) Evacuate air and charge new refrigerant |

(8) Expansion valve improperly

Condition: Insufficient cooling

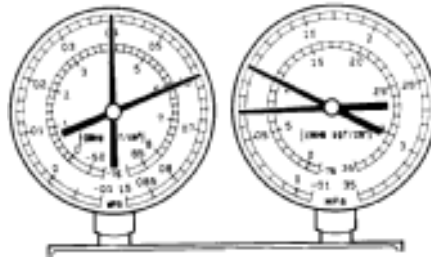


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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure too high on both low and high pressure sides • Frost or large amount of dew on piping on low pressure side | Trouble in expansion valve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive refrigerant in low pressure piping • Expansion valve opened too wide | Check expansion valve Replace if defective |

(9) Defective compression compressor

Condition : Does not cool



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| Symptom seen in refrigeration system | Probable cause | Diagnosis | Remedy |
|---|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure too high on low high pressure sides • Pressure too low to on high pressure side | Internal leak in compressor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression defective • Valve leaking or broken sliding parts | Repair or replace compressor |

3. INSPECT IDLE-UP SPEED

- (a) Warm up engine.
- (b) Inspect idle-up speed when the these conditions are established.
 - Warm up engine
 - Blower speed control switch at "HI" position
 - A/C switch ON
 - Temperature control dial at "COOL" position

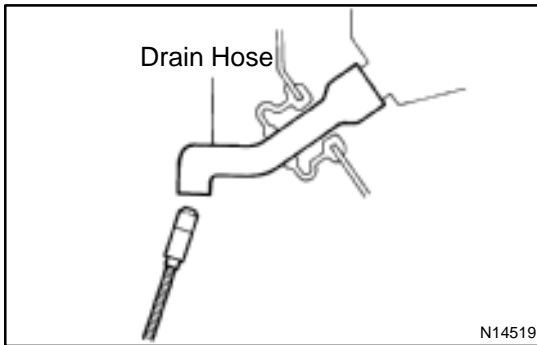
| Magnetic clutch condition | Idle-up speed |
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| Not engaged | 750 ± 50 rpm |
| Engaged | 850 ± 50 rpm |

If idle speed is not as specified, check Idle control system.

4. INSPECT FOR LEAKAGE OF REFRIGERANT

- (a) Perform in these conditions:
 - Stop engine.
 - Secure good ventilation (If not the gas leak detector may react to volatile gases which are not refrigerant, such as evaporated gasoline and exhaust gas.)
 - Repeat the test 2 or 3 times.
 - Make sure that there is some refrigerant remaining in the refrigeration system.

When compressor is OFF: approx. 392 – 588 kPa
(4 – 6 kgf/cm², 57 – 85 psi)

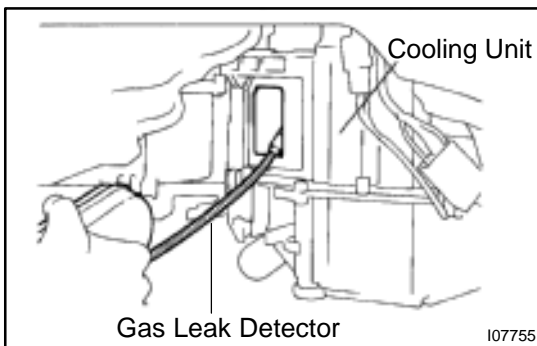


- (b) Bring the gas leak detector close to the drain hose before performing the test.

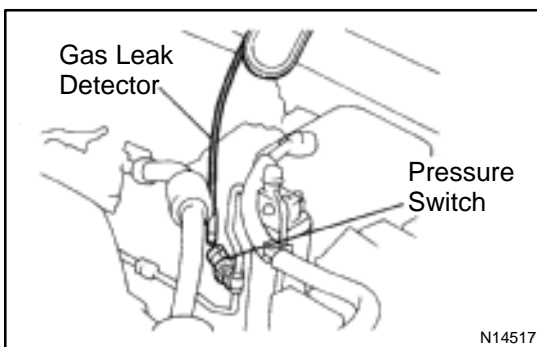
HINT:

- After the blower motor stopped, leave the cooling unit for more than 15 minutes.
- Expose the gas leak detector sensor the under the drain hose.
- When bring the gas leak detector close to the drain hose, make sure that the gas leak detector does not react to the volatile gases.

If such reaction is unavoidable, the vehicle must be lifted up.



- (c) If gas leak is not detected on the drain hose, remove the blower resistor from the cooling unit. Then insert the gas leak detector sensor into the unit and perform the test.



- (d) Disconnect the connector and leave the pressure switch for approx. 20 minutes. Then bring the gas leak detector close to the pressure switch and perform the test.
- (e) Bring the gas leak detector close to the refrigerant lines and perform the test.