

Selection

Two methods of selection are presented in this section, the *heat rejection method* shown on these two pages, and the *evaporator ton method* shown on Pages 14 and 15. Selections may be made from the heat rejection method for any type of positive displacement compressor: open reciprocating, hermetic reciprocating, or rotary screw. The evaporator ton method is based on evaporator heat input only, and is limited to systems utilizing open reciprocating compressors.

Heat Rejection Method

In a mechanical refrigeration system, the function of an evaporative condenser is to reject heat to the environment. The heat to be rejected is the sum of the heat input at the evaporator and the energy input at the compressor. For a given set of operating conditions, the energy input through the compression process can vary for the several types of compressors—centrifugal, rotary screw, open reciprocating, and hermetic reciprocating. Therefore, in order to accurately determine the proper evaporative condenser required, it is necessary to establish the compressor energy input as well as the heat absorbed in the evaporator.

Frequently the total heat rejection of a system is specified. When it is not specified, it can be readily calculated. Total heat rejection is the sum of the compressor evaporator capacity in BTUH at the specified operating conditions, and the energy corresponding to the compressor brake horsepower in BTUH.

For open compressors:

$$\text{Total heat rejection} = \text{Compressor evaporator capacity (BTUH)} + \text{Compressor BHP} \times 2545$$

TABLE 1 – Base Heat Rejection – Model VXC
(MBH — THOUSANDS OF BTU'S PER HOUR)

MODEL NO. VXC	HEAT REJECTION MBH	MODEL NO. VXC	HEAT REJECTION MBH	MODEL NO. VXC	HEAT REJECTION MBH
10	147.0	185	2,719.5	590	8,673.0
15	220.5	N205	3,013.5	N600	8,820.0
20	294.0	N230	3,381.0	620	9,114.0
25	367.5	N250	3,675.0	650/N650	9,555.0
30	441.0	N275	4,042.5	680	9,996.0
38	558.6	N300	4,410.0	720/N720	10,584.0
46	676.2	320	4,704.0	760/N760	11,172.0
52	764.4	N325	4,777.5	N800	11,760.0
58	852.6	340	4,998.0	840	12,348.0
65	955.5	360/N360	5,292.0	900	13,230.0
72	1,058.4	380/N380	5,586.0	980	14,406.0
80	1,176.0	N400	5,880.0	1060	15,582.0
90	1,323.0	420	6,174.0	1100	16,170.0
100	1,470.0	450	6,615.0	1180	17,346.0
110	1,617.0	N460	6,762.0	1240	18,228.0
125	1,837.5	490	7,203.0	1300	19,110.0
135	1,984.5	N500	7,350.0	1360	20,000.0
150	2,205.0	530	7,791.0		
165	2,425.5	550/N550	8,085.0		

For multi-stage open compressor systems, total heat rejection is calculated from the *high stage* compressor capacity and brake horsepower, expressed in BTUH.

In the case of hermetic compressors, compressor input is commonly expressed in KW and must be converted to BTUH:

$$\text{Total heat rejection} = \text{Compressor evaporator capacity (BTUH)} + \text{Compressor KW} \times 3415$$

The base heat rejection of each Baltimore Aircoil evaporative condenser is shown in Tables 1 and 2. This represents the total heat rejection of each unit when operating at 105°F condensing temperature and 78°F wet bulb temperature, using refrigerants R-12, R-22, R-500, or R-502. Tables 3 and 4 present correction factors to be applied to the system heat rejection for other operating conditions of condensing temperature, wet bulb temperature, and refrigerant.

VXC and VXMC units which have the letter "N" preceding the model number have a maximum width of eight (8) feet at the base. Units which do not have the letter "N", and have model numbers greater than 185, are ten (10) feet wide at the base.

Selection Procedure

1. Establish total heat rejection required by the system (See above).
2. Determine the refrigerant and design conditions for condensing temperature and wet bulb temperature.
3. Using the appropriate factor (Tables 3 and 4) for the proper refrigerant, determine the correction factor to be applied to the system heat rejection.
4. Multiply the correction factor by the total system heat rejection.

TABLE 2 – Base Heat Rejection – Model VXMC
(MBH — THOUSANDS OF BTU'S PER HOUR)

MODEL NO. VXMC	HEAT REJECTION MBH	MODEL NO. VXMC	HEAT REJECTION MBH	MODEL NO. VXMC	HEAT REJECTION MBH
10	147.0	150	2,205.0	N530	7,791.0
15	220.5	170	2,499.0	560	8,232.0
20	294.0	N195	2,866.5	N570	8,379.0
25	367.5	N215	3,160.5	585	8,599.5
30	441.0	N235	3,454.5	600	8,820.0
38	558.6	N265	3,895.5	620	9,114.0
46	676.2	N285	4,189.5	N630	9,261.0
51	749.7	300	4,410.0	680	9,996.0
57	837.9	N315	4,630.5	N690	10,143.0
65	955.5	340	4,998.0	760	11,172.0
71	1,043.7	N345	5,071.5	860	12,642.0
80	1,176.0	380	5,586.0	920	13,524.0
90	1,323.0	N390	5,733.0	1020	14,994.0
100	1,470.0	430/N430	6,321.0	1120	16,464.0
110	1,617.0	460	6,762.0	1170	17,199.0
125	1,837.5	N470	6,909.0	1240	18,228.0
138	2,028.6	510	7,497.0		

5. Using Table 1 or 2, select the evaporative condenser whose base total heat rejection equals or exceeds the corrected heat rejection calculated in Step 4.

Desuperheaters

Because of space limitations, it is occasionally necessary to specify a desuperheater coil on an ammonia evaporative condenser to obtain the required capacity. (See Page 24 for details.) A desuperheater will remove most of the superheat from the refrigerant prior to its entry into the condensing coil, thus permitting additional condensing capacity in the unit.

Table 5 provides additional capacity factors that must be used when selecting an ammonia evaporative condenser with a desuperheater. To determine the selection of an ammonia evaporative condenser with desuperheater, follow Steps 1 through 4 as outlined above, but in addition, multiply by the appropriate desuperheater selection factor from Table 5. Then from Table 1 or 2, select the evaporative condenser whose base heat rejection equals or exceeds the corrected heat rejection. Add the suffix "D" to the condenser model number to indicate a unit with a desuperheater (Example: VXC-450D).

Notes:

- Consult your B.A.C. representative for evaporative condenser selections for systems utilizing:
 - Hydrocarbon refrigerants such as propane, butane, or propylene.
 - Centrifugal compressors.
 - Rotary screw compressors with water-cooled oil coolers.
- Desuperheaters provide no capacity benefit when used on systems with rotary screw compressors, due to the low discharge gas temperatures that are characteristic of this type of compressor.

TABLE 3 - Heat Rejection Capacity Factors /Refrigerants 12, 22, 500, and 502

Condensing Pressure (PSIG)	Cond. Temp. (°F)	Entering Air Wet Bulb Temperature (°F)												
		50	55	60	65	68	70	72	75	78	80	85	90	
R-12	R-22	85	1.10	1.22	1.39	1.67	1.94	2.13	2.45	2.94	—	—	—	—
91.8	155.7	85	1.10	1.22	1.39	1.67	1.94	2.13	2.45	2.94	—	—	—	
99.8	168.4	90	.93	1.02	1.14	1.32	1.47	1.59	1.75	2.00	2.38	2.78	—	
108.3	181.8	95	.80	.87	.95	1.08	1.16	1.22	1.32	1.45	1.61	1.79	2.56	
117.2	195.9	100	.71	.76	.82	.89	.93	.98	1.03	1.12	1.23	1.33	1.72	
126.6	210.8	105	.63	.66	.70	.76	.79	.83	.86	.93	1.00	1.05	1.27	
136.4	226.4	110	.56	.59	.62	.66	.70	.71	.75	.79	.84	.88	1.01	
146.8	242.7	115	—	.52	.55	.58	.60	.62	.64	.67	.70	.73	.81	
157.7	259.9	120	—	—	—	.51	.53	.54	.55	.57	.60	.62	.68	

TABLE 4 - Heat Rejection Capacity Factors /Refrigerant 717 (Ammonia)

Cond. Press. (PSIG)	Cond. Temp. (°F)	Entering Air Wet Bulb Temperature (°F)											
		50	55	60	65	68	70	72	75	78	80	85	90
151.7	85	1.00	1.11	1.26	1.52	1.76	1.93	2.23	2.68	—	—	—	—
165.9	90	.85	.93	1.03	1.19	1.33	1.45	1.59	1.82	2.17	2.50	—	—
181.1	95	.73	.79	.87	.98	1.06	1.11	1.19	1.32	1.47	1.61	2.33	—
185.1	96.3	.71	.76	.83	.91	.98	1.04	1.11	1.23	1.36	1.49	2.13	—
197.2	100	.64	.69	.75	.81	.85	.89	.93	1.02	1.12	1.20	1.57	2.27
214.2	105	.57	.60	.64	.69	.73	.76	.79	.84	.91	.96	1.15	1.47
232.3	110	.51	.53	.56	.60	.63	.65	.68	.71	.76	.80	.92	1.08
251.5	115	—	.47	.50	.53	.55	.56	.58	.61	.64	.66	.74	.84
271.7	120	—	—	—	.46	.48	.49	.50	.52	.54	.56	.62	.68

TABLE 5 - Ammonia Desuperheater Heat Rejection Capacity Factors

Suction Pressure (PSIG)	Suction Temp. (°F)	Capacity Factor
3.5	-20	0.86
9.0	-10	0.88
15.7	0	0.89
23.8	+10	0.90
33.5	+20	0.91
45.0	+30	0.92
58.6	+40	0.93

Selection Examples

1. Given:

R-22 refrigerant, hermetic reciprocating compressor
 Compressor evaporator capacity = 80 tons
 Compressor KW input = 58
 Condensing temperature = 95°F
 Wet bulb temperature = 75°F

Solution:

- Determine the total heat rejection of the system
 Compressor evaporator capacity = $80 \times 12,000 = 960,000$ BTUH
 Compressor KW input = $58 \times 3415 = 198,000$ BTUH
 Total heat rejection = $1,158,000$ BTUH
- Determine the heat rejection capacity factor for R-22 at 95°F condensing temperature and 75°F wet bulb temperature from Table 3, which is 1.45.
- Multiply: $1,158,000 \times 1.45 = 1,679,000$ BTUH (1,679 MBH)
- From Table 1 or 2, select a unit with a base total heat rejection equal to or greater than 1,679 MBH. In this case, select a VXC-125 or a VXMC-125, with a heat rejection rating of 1,837.5 MBH.

2. Given:

R-717 refrigerant, rotary screw compressor (refrigerant-cooled)
 Compressor evaporator capacity = 480 tons
 Compressor BHP = 600
 Condensing temperature = 90°F
 Wet bulb temperature = 72°F

Solution:

- Determine the total heat rejection of the system
 Compressor evaporator capacity = $480 \times 12,000 = 5,760,000$ BTUH
 Compressor BHP input = $600 \times 2545 = 1,527,000$ BTUH
 Total heat rejection = $7,287,000$ BTUH
- Determine the heat rejection capacity factor for R-717 at 90°F condensing temperature and 72°F wet bulb temperature from Table 4, which is 1.59.
- Multiply: $7,287,000 \times 1.59 = 11,586,000$ BTUH (11,586 MBH)
- From Table 1 or 2, select a unit with a base total heat rejection equal to or greater than 11,586 MBH. In this case, select a VXC-800 (or VXMC-860), with a heat rejection rating of 11,760 MBH (12,642 MBH).