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# Refrigeration Manual

## Part 3 - The Refrigeration Load

## **FOREWORD**

The practice of refrigeration undoubtedly goes back as far as the history of mankind, but for thousands of years the only cooling mediums were water and ice. Today refrigeration in the home, in the supermarket, and in commercial and industrial usage is so closely woven into our everyday existence it is difficult to imagine life without it. But because of this rapid growth, countless people who must use and work with refrigeration equipment do not fully understand the basic fundamentals of refrigeration system operation.

This manual is designed to fill a need which exists for a concise, elementary text to aid servicemen, salesman, students, and others interested in refrigeration. It is intended to cover only the fundamentals of refrigeration theory and practice. Detailed information as to specific products is available from manufacturers of complete units and accessories. Used to supplement such literature—and to improve general knowledge of refrigeration—this manual should prove to be very helpful.

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## Section 12 HEAT TRANSMISSION

The heat gain through walls, floors and ceilings will vary with the type of construction, the area exposed to a different temperature, the type of insulation, the thickness of insulation, and the temperature difference between the refrigerated space and the ambient air.

In catalog and technical literature pertaining to heat transfer, certain letter symbols are commonly used to denote the heat transfer factors, and a working knowledge of these symbols is frequently necessary to easily interpret catalog data.

### TRANSMISSION HEAT LOAD — Q

The basic formula for heat transfer through some heat transfer barrier is:

$$Q = U \times A \times TD$$

Q = Heat transfer, BTU/Hr  
 U = Overall heat transfer coefficient  
 BTU/(hour)(sq. ft.)(°F TD)  
 A = Area in square feet  
 TD = Temperature differential between sides of thermal barrier, for example, between outside design temperature and the refrigerated space temperature.

Q is the rate of heat flow, the quantity of heat flowing after all factors are considered.

### THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY — k

Thermal conductivity, k, is defined as the rate of heat transfer that occurs through a material in units of BTU/(hr)(square foot of area)(°F TD) per inch of thickness. Different materials offer varying resistances to the flow of heat.

For example, the heat transfer in 24 hours through two square feet of material three inches in thickness having a thermal conductivity factor of .25 with an average temperature difference across the material of 70°F would be calculated as follows:

$$Q = \frac{.25(k) \times 2 \text{ sq. ft.} \times 24 \text{ hours} \times 70^\circ \text{ TD}}{3 \text{ inches thickness}} = 280 \text{ BTU}$$

Since the total heat transferred by conduction varies directly with time, area, and temperature difference, and varies inversely with the thickness of the material, it is readily apparent that in order to reduce heat transfer,

the thermal conductivity factor should be as small as possible, and the material as thick as possible.

### THERMAL RESISTIVITY — r

Thermal resistivity is defined as the reciprocal of thermal conductivity of 1/k. "r" is of importance because resistance values can be added numerically.

$$R \text{ total} = r_1 + r_2 + r_3$$

Where  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ , and  $r_3$  are individual resistances. This makes the use of r convenient in calculating overall heat transfer coefficients.

### CONDUCTANCE — C

Thermal conductance is similar to thermal conductivity, except that it is an overall heat transfer factor for a given thickness of material, as opposed to thermal conductivity, k, which is a factor per inch of thickness. The definition is similar, BTU/(hour)(square foot of area)(°F TD).

### THERMAL RESISTANCE — R

Thermal resistance is the reciprocal of conductance, 1/C in the same way that thermal resistivity is the reciprocal of conductivity.

### SURFACE FILM RESISTANCE

Heat transfer through any material is affected by the surface resistance to heat flow, and this is determined by the type of surface, rough or smooth; its position, vertical or horizontal; its reflective properties; and the rate of airflow over the surface. Surface film conductance, normally denoted by  $f_i$  for inside surfaces and  $f_o$  for outside surfaces is similar to conductance.

However, in refrigeration work with insulated walls, the conductivity is so low that the surface film conductance has little effect, and therefore, can be omitted from the calculation.

### OVERALL COEFFICIENT OF HEAT TRANSFER — U

The overall coefficient of heat transfer, U, is defined as the rate of heat transfer through a material or compound structural member with parallel walls. The U factor, as it is commonly called, is the resulting heat transfer

coefficient after giving effect to thermal conductivity, conductance, and surface film conductance, and is expressed in terms of BTU/(hour) (square foot of area)(°F TD). It is usually applied to compound structures such as walls, ceilings, and roofs.

The formula for calculating the U factor is complicated by the fact that the total resistance to heat flow through a substance of several layers is the sum of the resistance of the various layers. The resistance of heat flow is the reciprocal of the conductivity. Therefore, in order to calculate the overall heat transfer factor, it is necessary to first find the overall resistance to heat flow, and then find the reciprocal of the overall resistance to calculate the U factor.

The basic relation between the U factor and the various conductivity factors is as follows:

$$R \text{ Total} = \frac{1}{C + \frac{X_1}{k_1} + \frac{X_2}{k_2}}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{R \text{ Total}}$$

In the above equation,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , etc. are the thermal conductivities of the various materials used, C is the conductance if it applies rather than  $k_1$ , and  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , etc. are the thicknesses of the material.

For example, to calculate the U factor of a wall composed of two inches of material having a  $k_1$  factor of .80, and two inches of insulation having a conductance of .16, the U value is found as follows:

$$R \text{ Total} = \frac{1}{C + \frac{X_1}{k_1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{.16 + \frac{2}{.80}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{.16 + 2.5} = 8.75$$

$$U = \frac{1}{R \text{ Total}} = \frac{1}{8.75}$$

$$= .114 \text{ BTU}/(\text{hour})(\text{sq. ft.})(\text{°F TD})$$

### TRANSMISSION HEAT LOAD

Once the U factor is known, the heat gain by transmission through a given wall can be calculated by the basic heat transfer equation.

Assume a wall with a U factor of .114 as calculated in the previous example. Given an area of 90 square feet with an inside temperature of 0°F, an outside temperature of 80°F, the heat transmission would be:

$$Q = U \times A \times TD$$

$$= .114 \times 90 \text{ sq. ft} \times 80\text{°TD}$$

$$= 812 \text{ BTU/hr}$$

The entire heat gain into a given refrigerated space can be found in a similar manner by determining the U factor for each part of the structure surrounding the refrigerated space, and calculating as above.

## VALUES OF THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY FOR BUILDING MATERIALS

Extensive testing has been done by many laboratories to determine accurate values for heat transfer through all common building and structural materials. Certain materials have a high resistance to the flow of heat (a low thermal conductivity) and are therefore used as insulation to decrease the heat transfer into the refrigerated space. There are many different types of insulation such as asbestos, glass fiber, cork, reflective metals, and the new foam materials. Most good insulating materials have a thermal conductivity (k) factor of approximately .25 or less, and rigid foam insulations have been developed with thermal conductivity (k) factors as low as .12 to .15.

Heat transmission coefficients for many commonly used building materials are shown in Table 4.

## OUTDOOR DESIGN DATA

Extensive studies have been made of weather bureau records for many years to arrive at suitable outdoor design temperatures. For air conditioning or refrigeration applications, the maximum load occurs during the hottest weather.

However, it is neither economical or practical to design equipment for the hottest temperature which might ever occur, since the peak temperature might occur for only a few hours over the span of several years. Therefore, the design temperature normally is selected as a temperature that will not be exceeded more than a given percentage of the hours during the four month summer season. Table 5 lists summer design temperatures, which will be equaled or exceeded only during 1% of the hours during the four summer months.

**Table 4**  
**TYPICAL HEAT TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENTS**  
(Extracted from ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals,  
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Material	Density lb/cu.ft.	Conduc- tivity k	Conduc- tance C	Resistance (R)	
				Per in.	Overall
<b>BUILDING BOARD</b>					
Asbestos-Cement Board	129	4.8		.25	
Gypsum or Plaster, 1/2"	50		2.32		.45
Plywood	34	.80		1.28	
Wood Fiber, Hardboard	50	.75		1.57	
<b>BUILDING PAPER</b>					
Felt, Vapor-permeable			16.70		.86
Plastic Film, Vapor-seal					Negligible
<b>FLOORING MATERIALS</b>					
Tile, Asphalt, Vinyl, Linoleum			20.0		.95
Wood Flooring, 3/4"			1.47		.88
<b>INSULATING MATERIALS</b>					
Fiber Glass Blanket	0.5	.32		3.12	
Expanded Urethane, R11	1.5	.16		6.25	
Expanded Polystyrene	1.8	.16		6.25	
Insulating Roof Deck, 2"			.10		5.58
Mineral Wool Loose Fill	2.0-5.0	.40		2.5	
Perlite, Expanded	5.0-8.0	.36		2.78	
Cellulose, Paper	3.0	.30		3.3	

Table 4 (Cont.)

TYPICAL HEAT TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENTS

Material	Density lb/cu.ft.	Conduc- tivity k	Conduc- tance C	Resistance (R)	
				Per in.	Overall
<b>MASONRY MATERIALS</b>					
Concrete, Sand & Gravel	140	9.0		.11	
Brick, Common	120	5.0		.20	
Brick, Face	130	9.0		.11	
Hollow Tile, 2 cell, 8"			.88		1.52
Concrete Block, Sand and Gravel, 8"			.80		1.11
Concrete Block, Cinder, 8"			.58		1.72
<b>ROOFING</b>					
Shingles, Asbestos-Cement	120		4.78		.21
Asphalt Roll Roofing	70		6.58		.15
Roofing, Built Up, 3/8"	70		3.0		.33
Shingles, Wood			1.68		.59
<b>SIDING</b>					
Plywood 3/8"			1.68		.59
<b>WOODS</b>					
Maple, Oak, Hardwood	45	1.10		.31	
Fir, Pine, Softwood	32	.80		1.25	
<b>CONCRETE SLAB, 6"</b>					
Uninsulated			.21		



Table 8

**SUMMER OUTDOOR DESIGN DATA**

(Design dry bulb and wet bulb temperature represents temperature equalled or exceeded during 1% of hours during the four summer months)

(Extracted from 1981 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals, Reprinted by Permission)

Location	Dry Bulb °F	Wet Bulb °F	Location	Dry Bulb °F	Wet Bulb °F
<b>ALABAMA</b>			<b>GEORGIA</b>		
Birmingham	88	78	Atlanta	84	74
Mobile	85	77	Savannah	80	71
<b>ALASKA</b>			<b>HAWAII</b>		
Fairbanks	63	63	Honolulu	87	73
Juneau	74	69			
<b>ARIZONA</b>			<b>IDaho</b>		
Phoenix	108	71	Boise	86	66
Tucson	104	68			
<b>ARKANSAS</b>			<b>ILLINOIS</b>		
Farm Smith	105	75	Chicago	84	74
Little Rock	88	74	Springfield	84	75
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			<b>INDIANA</b>		
Bakersfield	104	70	Fort Wayne	87	73
Blythe	113	71	Indianapolis	83	74
Los Angeles	89	70			
San Francisco	63	66	<b>IOWA</b>		
Sacramento	101	70	Des Moines	84	75
			Sioux City	84	74
<b>COLORADO</b>			<b>KANSAS</b>		
Denver	83	68	Dodge City	100	68
			Wichita	101	77
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>			<b>KENTUCKY</b>		
Hartford	81	74	Lexington	83	73
			Louisville	85	74
<b>DELAWARE</b>			<b>LOUISIANA</b>		
Wilmington	88	74	New Orleans	86	76
			Shreveport	88	77
<b>D.C.</b>			<b>MAINE</b>		
Washington	83	74	Portland	87	71
<b>FLORIDA</b>			<b>MARYLAND</b>		
Jacksonville	86	77	Baltimore	84	75
Miami	81	77			
Tampa	87	77			

Table 5 (cont.)

## SUMMER OUTDOOR DESIGN DATA

[Design dry bulb and wet bulb temperature represents temperature equalled or exceeded during 1% of hours during the four summer months.]

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Location	Dry Bulb °F.	Wet Bulb °F.	Location	Dry Bulb °F.	Wet Bulb °F.
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>			<b>NEW MEXICO</b>		
Boston	91	75	Albuquerque	96	61
Worcester	87	71	Santa Fe	90	61
<b>MICHIGAN</b>			<b>NEW YORK</b>		
Detroit	91	75	Albany	91	73
Grand Rapids	91	72	Buffalo	88	71
<b>MINNESOTA</b>			New York	92	74
Duluth	86	70	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>		
Minneapolis	92	75	Charlotte	95	74
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>			<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>		
Biloxi	94	78	Bismark	95	68
Jackson	97	76	<b>OHIO</b>		
<b>MISSOURI</b>			Cincinnati	92	73
Kansas City	99	75	Cleveland	91	73
St. Louis	97	75	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>		
<b>MONTANA</b>			Tulsa	101	74
Billings	94	64	<b>OREGON</b>		
Helena	91	80	Pendleton	97	65
<b>NEBRASKA</b>			Portland	90	68
Omaha	94	76	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>		
<b>NEVADA</b>			Philadelphia	93	75
Las Vegas	108	66	Pittsburgh	90	72
Reno	85	61	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>		
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>			Providence	89	73
Concord	90	72	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>		
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>			Charleston	94	78
Newark	94	74	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>		
Trenton	91	75	Sioux Falls	94	75

Table 5 [cont.]

**SUMMER OUTDOOR DESIGN DATA**

(Design dry bulb and wet bulb temperature represents temperature equalled or exceeded during 1% of hours during the four summer months.)

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Location	Dry Bulb °F.	Wet Bulb °F.	Location	Dry Bulb °F.	Wet Bulb °F.
<b>TENNESSEE</b>			<b>CANADA</b>		
Memphis	98	77	<b>ALBERTA</b>		
Nashville	97	75	Calgary	84	63
<b>TEXAS</b>			<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>		
Dallas	102	75	Vancouver	79	67
E. Paso	100	64	<b>MANITOBA</b>		
Galveston	90	79	Winnipeg	89	73
Houston	97	77	<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>		
<b>UTAH</b>			St. John	80	67
Salt Lake City	87	62	<b>NEWFOUNDLAND</b>		
<b>VERMONT</b>			St. John's	82	66
Burlington	58	72	<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>		
<b>VIRGINIA</b>			Halifax	79	66
Richmond	95	76	<b>ONTARIO</b>		
Roanoke	93	77	Toronto	90	73
<b>WASHINGTON</b>			<b>QUEBEC</b>		
Seattle	84	69	Montreal	86	71
Spokane	93	64	<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>		
Yakima	96	65	Regina	91	59
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>			<b>YUKON</b>		
Charleston	92	74	Whitehorse	80	59
<b>WISCONSIN</b>					
Milwaukee	90	74			
<b>WYOMING</b>					
Cheyenne	89	58			

### ALLOWANCE FOR RADIATION FROM THE SUN

The primary radiation factor involved in the refrigeration load is heat gain from the sun's rays. If the walls of the refrigerated space are exposed to the sun, additional heat will be added to the heat load. For ease in calculation, an allowance can be made for the sun load in refrigeration calculations by increasing the temperature differential by the factors listed in Table 6.

This table is usable for refrigeration loads only, and is not accurate for air conditioning estimates.

### RECOMMENDED INSULATION THICKNESS

As the desired storage temperature decreases, the refrigeration load increases, and as the evaporating temperature decreases, the compressor efficiency decreases. Therefore, from a practical and economic standpoint, the insulation thickness must be increased as the storage temperature decreases.

Table 7 lists recommended insulation thickness from the 1981 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals. The recommendations are based on expanded polyurethane which has a conductivity factor of .16. If other insulations are used, the recommended thickness should be adjusted base on relative k factors.

**TABLE 6**  
**ALLOWANCE FOR SUN EFFECT**

(Fahrenheit degrees to be added to the normal temperature difference for heat leakage calculations to compensate for sun effect — not to be used for air conditioning design)

Type of Surface	East wall	South wall	West wall	Flat roof
Dark colored surfaces, such as Slate roofing Tar roofing Black paints	8	5	8	20
Medium colored surfaces, such as Unpainted wood Brick Red tile Dark cement Red, gray or green paint	6	4	6	15
Light colored surfaces, such as White stone Light colored cement White paint	4	2	4	9

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**QUICK CALCULATION TABLE FOR WALK-IN COOLERS**

As an aid in the quick calculation of heat transmission through insulated walls, Table 7A lists the approximate heat gain in BTU per 1°F. temperature difference per square foot of surface per 24 hours for various thicknesses of commonly used insulations. The thickness of insulation referred to is the actual thickness of insulation, and not the overall wall thickness.

For example, to find the heat transfer for 24 hours through a 6' x 8' wall insulated with 4 inches of glass fiber when the outside is exposed to 95°F ambient temperature, and the box temperature is 0°F., calculate as follows:

$$1.9 \text{ factor} \times 48 \text{ sq. ft.} \times 95^\circ\text{TD} = 8664 \text{ BTU}$$

**Table 7**

**RECOMMENDED  
MINIMUM INSULATION THICKNESS**  
Based on k factor of .16

Storage Temperature	Insulation Thickness, Inches	
	Northern U.S.	Southern U.S.
50 to 60°F	1	2
40 to 50°F	2	2
25 to 40°F	2	3
15 to 25°F	3	3
0 to 15°F	3	4
-15 to 0°F	4	4
-40 to -15°F	5	5

**Table 7A**

**QUICK ESTIMATE FACTORS**  
For  
**HEAT TRANSMISSION THROUGH INSULATED WALLS**  
BTU per 1°F. TD per sq. ft. per 24 hours

Insulation	Inches of Insulation										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
k factor approx. .16 Expanded Polyurethane, Expanded Polystyrene	1.92	1.28	.96	.77	.64	.55	.48	.43	.38	.35	.32
k factor approx. .32 Glass fiber, Mineral Wool fill and board.	3.8	2.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	.96	.86	.76	.70	.64

## SECTION 13 AIR INFILTRATION

Any outside air entering the refrigerated space must be reduced to the storage temperature, thus increasing the refrigeration load. In addition, if the moisture content of the entering air is above that of the refrigerated space, the excess moisture will condense out of the air, and the latent heat of condensation will add to the refrigeration load.

Because of the many variables involved, it is difficult to calculate the additional heat gain due to air infiltration. Various means of estimating this portion of the refrigeration load have been developed based primarily on experience, but all of these estimating methods are subject to the possibility of sizable error, and specific applications may vary widely in the actual heat gain encountered.

### AIR CHANGE ESTIMATING METHOD

The traffic in and out of a refrigerator usually varies with its size or volume. Therefore the number of times doors are opened will be related to the volume rather than the number of doors.

Table 8 lists estimated average air changes per 24 hours for various sized refrigerators due to door openings and infiltration for a refrigerated storage room. Note that these values are subject to major modification if it is definitely determined that the usage of the storage room is either heavy or light.

### AIR VELOCITY ESTIMATING METHOD

Another means of computing infiltration into a refrigerated space is by means of the velocity of airflow through an open door. When the door of a refrigerated storage space is opened, the difference in density between cold and warm air will create a pressure differential causing cold air to flow out the bottom of the doorway and warm air to flow in the top. Velocities will vary from maximum at the top and bottom to zero in the center.

The estimated average velocity in either half of the door is 100 feet per minute for a doorway seven feet high at 60°F. TD. The velocity will vary as the square root of the height of the doorway and as the square root of the temperature difference.

For example the rate of infiltration through a door 8 feet high and 4 feet wide, with a 100°F. TD between the storage room and the ambient can be estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Velocity} &= 100 \text{ FPM} \times \frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{7}} \times \frac{\sqrt{100}}{\sqrt{60}} \\ &= 100 \times \frac{2.83}{2.65} \times \frac{10}{7.74} \\ &= 138 \text{ FPM} \end{aligned}$$

Estimated rate of Infiltration

$$138 \text{ FPM} \times \frac{8 \text{ ft.} \times 4 \text{ ft.}}{2} = 2210 \text{ cu. ft per min.}$$

Infiltration velocities for various door heights and TD's are plotted in Figure 67.

If the average time the door is opened each hour can be determined, the average hourly infiltration can be calculated, and the heat gain can be determined as before.

**Table 8**

### AVERAGE AIR CHANGES PER 24 HR. FOR STORAGE ROOMS DUE TO DOOR OPENINGS AND INFILTRATION

Volume cu. ft.	Air Changes per 24 hr.		Volume cu. ft.	Air Changes per 24 hr.	
	Above 32 F	Below 32 F		Above 32 F	Below 32 F
300	44.0	33.5	8,000	6.2	5.0
500	34.5	26.2	9,000	5.5	4.5
700	29.5	22.8	10,000	4.9	3.9
900	26.7	20.6	15,000	3.9	3.0
1,100	23.7	18.0	20,000	3.5	2.6
1,300	21.7	16.3	25,000	3.0	2.2
1,500	19.9	15.0	30,000	2.7	2.1
1,700	18.3	13.9	40,000	2.3	1.8
2,000	16.5	12.8	50,000	2.0	1.6
3,000	11.5	8.9	75,000	1.6	1.3
4,000	8.8	6.8	100,000	1.4	1.1
5,000	7.2	5.6			

Note: For heavy usage multiply the above values by 2.  
For light storage multiply the above values by 0.6.

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## VENTILATING AIR

If positive ventilation is provided for a space by means of supply or exhaust fans, the ventilation load will replace the infiltration load (if greater) and the heat gain may be calculated on the basis of the ventilating air volume.

## INFILTRATION HEAT LOAD

Once the rate of infiltration has been determined, the heat load can then be calculated from the heat gain per cubic foot of infiltration as given in Table 9. For accurate calculations at conditions not covered by Table 9, the heat load can be determined by the difference in enthalpy between entering air and the storage room air conditions. This is most easily accomplished by use of the psychrometric chart, which will be discussed in detail in a subsequent section.

### SECTION 14

Table 9

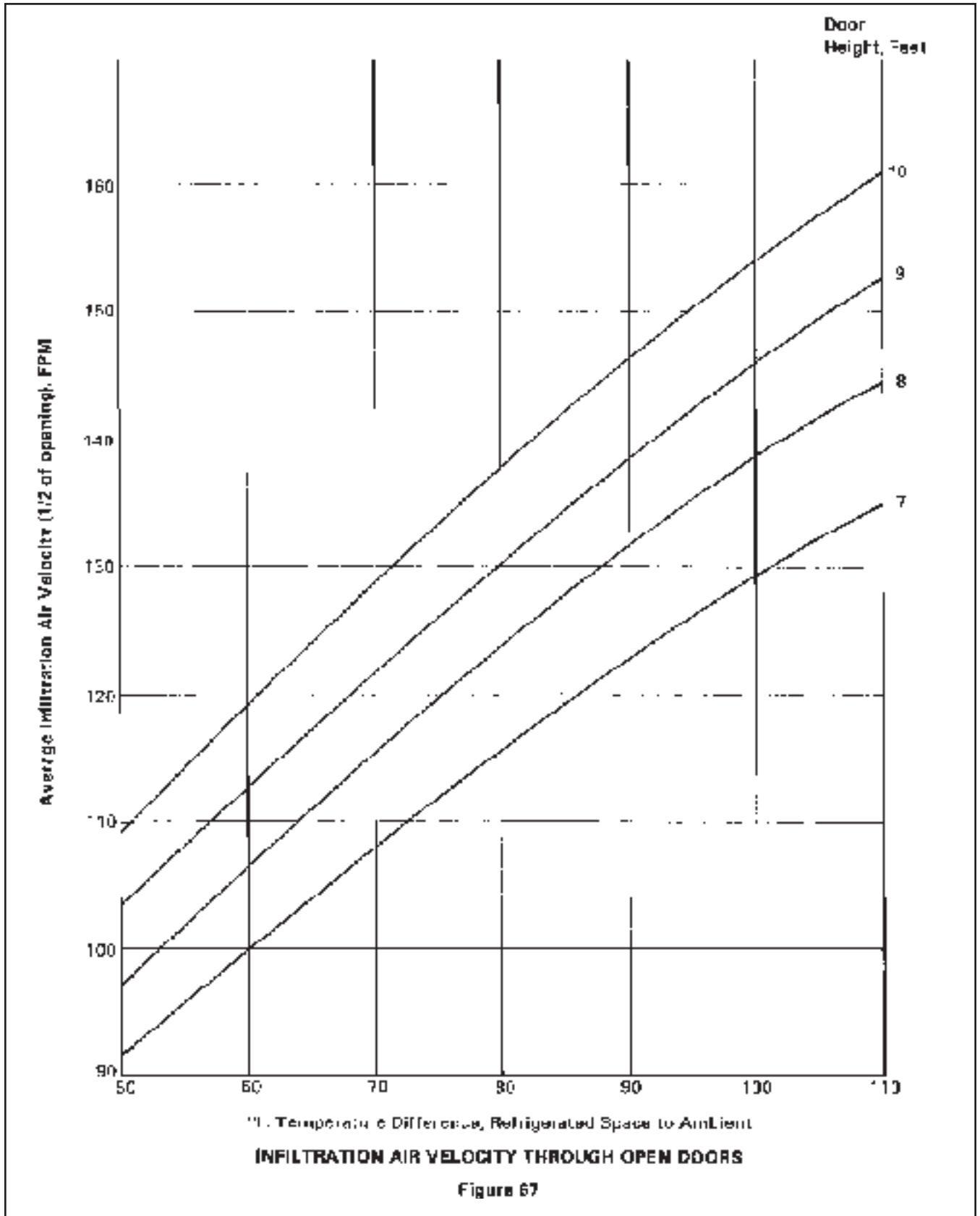
HEAT REMOVED IN COOLING AIR TO STORAGE ROOM CONDITIONS  
(BTU per cu ft)

Storage room temp F	Temperature of Outside Air F							
	85		90		95		100	
	Relative Humidity, Percent:							
	50	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
65	0.45	0.64	0.68	0.91	0.95	1.17	1.21	1.51
60	0.65	0.85	0.89	1.11	1.14	1.41	1.43	1.71
55	0.85	1.04	0.98	1.31	1.33	1.65	1.67	1.91
50	1.03	1.22	1.26	1.48	1.51	1.79	1.79	2.09
45	1.19	1.33	1.43	1.66	1.69	1.94	1.95	2.26
40	1.35	1.55	1.58	1.81	1.83	2.10	2.11	2.41
35	1.50	1.73	1.74	1.96	1.99	2.21	2.23	2.56
30	1.64	1.84	1.88	2.10	2.10	2.35	2.40	2.70

Storage room temp F	Temperature of Outside Air F							
	40		50		60		100	
	Relative Humidity, Percent:							
	70	80	70	80	90	80	90	80
25	1.37	0.83	0.80	0.75	0.72	0.74	1.54	2.84
20	1.32	0.75	0.87	0.69	0.65	0.67	1.60	2.97
15	1.26	0.65	0.95	1.01	0.98	0.90	1.60	3.10
10	0.75	0.82	1.08	1.14	1.10	1.05	2.93	3.22
5	0.96	0.91	1.20	1.24	1.22	1.18	3.05	3.34
0	1.01	1.05	1.31	1.34	1.34	1.30	3.16	3.46
-5	1.12	1.17	1.42	1.45	1.45	1.40	3.22	3.58
-10	1.24	1.25	1.55	1.57	1.57	1.50	3.40	3.70
-15	1.36	1.41	1.67	1.73	1.73	1.65	3.62	3.81
-20	1.46	1.52	1.78	1.85	1.85	1.74	3.64	3.93
-25	1.56	1.64	1.89	1.97	1.97	1.85	3.75	4.05
-30	1.75	1.77	2.03	2.09	2.09	1.95	3.88	4.17

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## PRODUCT LOAD

The product load is composed of any heat gain occurring due to the product in the refrigerated space. The load may arise from a product placed in the refrigerator at a temperature higher than the storage temperature, from a chilling or freezing process, or from the heat of respiration of perishable products. The total product load is the sum of the various types of product load which may apply to the particular application.

### TABLES OF SPECIFIC PRODUCT DATA

The following tables list data on specific products that is essential in calculating the refrigeration product load. Table 10 covers food products, Table 11 solids, and Table 12 liquids.

### HEAT OF RESPIRATION

Fruits and vegetables, even though they have been removed from the vine or tree on which they grew, are still living organisms. Their life processes continue for some time after being harvested, and as a result they give off heat. Certain other food products also undergo continuing chemical reactions which produce heat. Meats and fish have no further life processes and do not generate any heat.

The amount of heat given off is dependent on the specific product and its storage temperature. Table 10 lists various food products with pertinent storage data. Note that the heat of respiration varies with the storage temperature.

### SENSIBLE HEAT ABOVE FREEZING

**Table 10**  
**FOOD PRODUCTS DATA**

Product	Average Freezing Point °F	Percent Water	SP. HEAT (Btu/lb. °F)		Latent Heat of Fusion Btu/lb.	Heat of Respiration Btu per (24 hr) lb. of Temp. Indicated	
			Above Freezing	Below Freezing		°F	Btu
<b>VEGETABLES</b>							
Asparagus	29.1	83.7	0.87	0.45	120	40	12,140
Broccoli	29.8	93	0.94	0.48	124	40	11,700-13,100
Beans, string	29.7	81.6	0.91	0.47	28	40	4,400-11,000
Beans, lima	30.1	65.0	0.73	0.41	74	40	4,200-6,000
Beans, dried		12.5	0.30	0.14	18		
Peas	31.3	67.6	0.97	0.40	76	32	3,700
						40	4,100
Broccoli	29.2	87.9	0.92	0.47	130	40	11,000-17,000
Brussels sprouts	31	84.0	0.82	0.42	122	40	6,500-10,000
Cabbage	31.2	92.4	0.94	0.47	122	40	1,900
Carrots	29.8	89.7	0.97	0.47	126	32	2,800
						40	3,500
Cauliflower	30.1	91.7	0.93	0.47	132	40	4,500
Celery	29.7	93.7	0.92	0.42	125	32	1,600
						40	2,400
Corn (green)	29.6	76.6	0.79	0.45	166	32	7,900-11,400
						40	10,600-13,200
Corn (dried)		13.5	0.28	0.22	15		
Cucumbers	33.6	96.1	0.97	0.49	127		
Eggplant	30.4	92.7	0.94	0.48	122		
Enzyme (tomato)	30.0	93.0	0.94	0.48	127		
Hot pepper	25.4	77.2	0.77	0.47	104		
Kale	30.7	82.5	0.89	0.46	124		
Kohlrabi	33	92	0.92	0.47	128		
Leek	31.2	94.6	0.96	0.48	129	32	2,000
						40	2,700
Mushrooms	27.5	91.1	0.90	0.47	126	32	3,000
						40	3,500
Onions	28.5	78.2	0.80	0.42	108	32	2,000
Peas	31.1	87.6	0.99	0.46	124	32	2,400-1,900
						40	1,100

Table 10 (cont.)

FOOD PRODUCTS DATA

Product	Average Freezing Rate F	Freeze Water	SP. HL. INFL. (°F/11 deg)		Latent Heat of Fusion Btu/lb	Heat of Refrigeration Btu. per 24 lbs (ton) at Temp. Indicated	
			Above Freezing	Below Freezing		F	F/U
Apples	26.0	18.6	0.87	0.44	113		
Peas (green)	30	24.3	0.79	0.45	106	40	13,200-16,000
Peas (dried)		3.5	0.58	0.22	14		
Peppers (green)	30.1	22.4	0.82	0.47	103	40	4,000
Potatoes (white)	26.0	22.8	0.82	0.42	111	40	1300-1300
Potatoes (sweet)	28.5	22.5	0.75	0.40	97	40	1710
Prunes	30.1	20.3	0.87	0.47	107		
Raspberries	30.1	20.6	0.85	0.48	104		
Rhubarb	28.4	24.9	0.56	0.48	154		
Sauerkraut	26	25	0.52	0.17	129		
Spirits	30.0	22.7	0.84	0.44	100	40	2000
Strawberries	30.1	21.5	0.92	0.47	100		
Tomatoes (green)	30.4	24.7	0.93	0.46	104	40	2200
Tomatoes (ripe/soft)	30.4	24.1	0.95	0.48	104	40	1700
Turnips	30.0	20.9	0.83	0.17	100	40	1900
Vegetables (mixed)	30	20	0.90	0.45	100	40	2900
<b>FATS &amp; OILS</b>							
Butter		37	0.56	0.20	20		
Beef (dried)		5-15	0.55-0.34	0.17-0.25	7-22		
Beef (fresh-cook)	29	56	0.77	0.49	100		
Beef (fresh-fat)	28		0.60	0.38	79		
Trinidad suet			0.75				
Cod fish (fresh)	29		0.90	0.49	119		
Cod mackerel	29	60	0.72	0.40	95		
Fish (mixed)	28	70	0.71	0.41	101		
Fish (mixed)		70	0.72	0.41	101		
Fish (dried)			0.50	0.34	65		
Ham and turkey		40	0.65	0.42	14.5		
Lean	29	51	0.67	0.30	13.5		
Loose	29	45.5	0.75	0.40	93.0		
Oysters (shell)	27	20.4	0.87	0.44	114		
Oysters (tab)	27	17	0.90	0.46	125		
Pork (fresh)	28	60	0.66	0.38	86.5		
Pork (smoked)		67	0.60	0.22			
Poultry (fresh)	27	74	0.79	0.37	105		
Poultry (frozen)	27	74	0.79	0.37	106		
Sausage - red wine			0.60				
Sausage - dry wine	26	65.0	0.69	0.41	93		
Sausage (hot)	27	60	0.60	0.32	80		
Sausage (fresh)	26	55	0.60	0.35	93		
Sausage (smoked)	25	60	0.66	0.32	86		
Skullion	24	24.0	0.36	0.43	114		
Shrimp	28	20.8	0.83	0.45	119		
Veal	26	61	0.7	0.37	97		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>							
Beer	28	93	1.0				
Bread		10-37	0.70	0.34	46-50		
Bread (dough)		31	0.75				
Butter	30-40	16	0.64	0.36	82		
Candy			0.93				
Cheese (fat)	20	55				40	3870
Cheese (American)	17	50	0.54	0.36	79	40	4060
Cheese (Commanche)	18	50	0.70	0.47	85	40	4920
Cheese (Cottage)	19	54	0.76	0.40	88	40	4920
Cheese (Bouquet)	3	55	0.55	0.32	79	40	4000
Cheese (Swiss)	15	55	0.54	0.36	77	40	4400
Chocolate (coating)	25-25	53	0.30	0.55	40		
Cream (45% fat)	38	73	0.85	0.40	90		
Eggs (fresh)	27		0.74	0.30	100		
Eggs (frozen)	27			0.41	30		
Flour		11.5	0.53	0.28			
Freeze (oil)	37			0.40			
Fur - Woolens							400 sq. ft. Floor Area

Table 10 (cont.)  
FOOD PRODUCTS DATA

Product	Average Heating Factor	Percent Water	SE for Dry Basis of Fuel		Lowest Heat of Fuel, Btu/lb.	Heat of Combustion Sugar (384 kcal/lb.) of Years Incubated	
			Above Freezing	Below Freezing		Yr.	SEU
Peanut		0	0.15	0.76	76	40	1420
Peas						34	1850
Peas (dried)	27.0	50.66	0.71	0.45	90		
Peas (fresh)			0.57				
Pears						50	1400
Pears (dried)		5	0.14	0.21	7	45	1450
Pears (fresh)		36	0.49	0.31	52	45	1400
Pears (juice)	11	87.5	0.03	0.40	124		
Peanut (dried)		37.3	0.21-0.29	0.10-0.14	43-114	35	1900
Peanut (fresh)		15.1	0.32	0.25	22		
Peanut (oil)	94						
Peanut (oil)		70.9	0.77	0.41	132		
Pears							
Pears	20.4	64.1	0.61	0.43	121	42	800
Pears (dried)						43	1435
Pears (fresh)	20.1	15.5	0.35	0.46	122		
Pears (juice)	27.2	24	0.51	0.42	131	60	10,000-16,700
Peanut (oil)	28	74.5	0.31	0.42	122	69	3400-5200
Peanut (oil)	28.0	36.2	0.35	0.45	122		
Peanut (oil)	28.0	32.3	0.35	0.43	112	32	1300-2200
Peanut (oil)	29	93.7	0.04	0.48	132	43	2000
Peanut (oil)						50	1500
Pears	26	30	0.37	0.45	122		
Pears (dried)	27.0	87.4	0.20	0.45	124		
Pears (fresh)	10.2	84.7	0.37	0.45	29		
Pears (juice)	14.1	20	0.15	0.35	77		
Pears (juice)	27.1	73	0.37	0.40	112		
Pears (juice)	27.1	73	0.32	0.43	112		
Pears (juice)		24	0.39	0.27	34		
Pears (juice)	23.0	83.3	0.20	0.45	125		
Pears (juice)	23.0	83.3	0.21	0.45	125	35	460
Pears (juice)						40	1370
Pears	24.0	21.7	0.35	0.44	116	15	330
Pears (dried)	20	57.5	0.24	0.48	132	40	1000
Pears (fresh)	20.1	52.3	0.22	0.45	127	40	310
Pears (juice)						60	2270
Pears	25	35	0.39	0.40	122	40	310
Pears (juice)						40	2270
Pears (juice)	12	51	0.20	0.40	134		
Pears (juice)	20	42.9	0.20	0.49	119		
Pears (juice)	18	47.2	0.20	0.46	124	12	725
Pears (juice)						40	1440
Pears (juice)	20.4	36.9	0.20	0.46	124	12	1110
Pears (juice)						40	1235
Pears (juice)	23.5	30.5	0.34	0.45	118	32	770
Pears (juice)	21.0	28.7	0.34	0.43	117		
Pears (juice)	25.4	33.3	0.38	0.45	123		
Pears (juice)	26	33.7	0.35	0.45	122		
Pears (juice)	26	27	0.37	0.41	112		
Pears (juice)	26	35.7	0.38	0.45	123		
Pears (juice)	26.1	35.3	0.38	0.45	123		
Pears (juice)	30.1	42	0.35	0.45	122	40	4600-5300
Pears (juice)						60	18,300-22,300
Pears (juice)	20.7	40	0.33	0.47	122		
Pears (juice)	20.0	37.3	0.33	0.51	126	15	3525
Pears (juice)						40	5855
Pears (juice)	25.2	43.1	0.32	0.48	121		

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**Table 11**  
**PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS**

Name or description	Specific Heat		Specific Gravity	Thermal Conductivity <sup>1</sup>	
	Btu per (lb) (°F deg)	Kcal F		Ftemp °C	k
Aluminum	0.216	100	2.69-2.80	32	123.0
Aluminum bronze			7.7		
Alundum	0.185	21.2			
Abrasive	0.25	0.47-0.50	2.1-2.6	32	0.09
Asphalt	0.06-0.1				
Asbestos	0.20		0.64-0.72	32	0.041
Bakelite	0.3-0.4				
Black wax	0.2		1.85-2.00	70	0.23-0.52
Brass, red	0.09991	35	8.4-8.7	32	29.4
Brass, yellow	0.09893	35	8.4-8.7	32	29.4
Bronze, tin	0.043			54	37.5
Butyl rubber	0.225	59-70 <sup>2</sup>			
Casein	0.304		7.4-8.6		
Cadmium	0.0348		3.25	54	21.7
Carbon (gas ratio)	0.204				
Cardboard					0.1-0.2
Cellulose	0.32				
Cement, Portland (fisher)	0.166		1.5-2.4		0.017
Charcoal (wood)	0.242		0.52-0.57	172	3.05
Chromite brick	0.37				
Clay	0.224		1.28		
Coal	0.26-0.32		0.65-1.1		
Coal tar	0.35	104			
Coolants oils	0.24	59-74 <sup>2</sup>			
Cork	0.269	47.6-73.2	1.0-1.2	32	0.16
Concrete (stone)	0.166	79-113	0.5-2.7		0.5-0.75
Copper (gas ratio)			8.6-8.9	32	224.0
Cyanide	0.262	60.1-101			
Diesel	0.215		1.8-2.6		0.48
Dink (granulated lead)	0.485		0.72-0.56	24	0.024
Distill. (heavy, heavy)			1.47-1.50	32	0.034
Distill. (wood)					0.01
Distilled	0.247				
Durite (dry and packed)			1.5-100.0	32	0.037
Ethyl				100	0.039
Flint				36	0.027
Flinty brick	0.193	23.2			
Fluorine	0.21	94			
Glass (crown)	0.16-0.2		2.4-2.7		0.83-0.5
(lead)	0.17		3.2-4.7		
(Pyrex)	0.20				
(silicon)	0.183-0.2	52-119			
(soda)	0.157				
(Johnson)			2.40-2.80		
Graphite (powder)	0.155	75.8-105.5		104	0.106
Gypsum	0.23	60-112	1.4-2.7		1.1-2.12
Iron ore	0.259	62.8-114.6	2.3-2.8	54	0.25
Silver (silver)	0.0746	32-112	3.56		
Jet	0.1752	60.7-119			
Lead	0.0328		19.25-19.4	24	169.0
Lead	0.037	110	0.91-0.99	32	1.38 (100.0)
Oil	0.414	11-25		14	1.06
Ice	0.465	11-2		14	1.41
Ice	0.497	10		22	1.471
Ice				-60	0.05
High rubber (bars)	0.443	105			
Iron (gray cast)	0.121		7.03-7.13	32	27.6

**Table II (cont.)  
PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS**

Name or Description	Specific Heat		Specific Gravity	Thermal Conductivity <sup>A</sup>	
	Btu per lb (°F deg) <sup>1</sup>	Temp =		Temp F	k
Iron (cast pig)			7.0		
Iron (wrought)			7.6-7.9	64	34.9
Lead	0.030		11.34	64	22.1
Limestone	0.217	59-515	2.7-2.9		0.5-0.75
Litharge	0.055				
Leather			0.86-1.02		0.092
Linen					0.05
Marble	0.21	24-4	2.4-2.9		1.2-1.7
Magnesia	0.334	212	7.42		
Magnesite brick	0.222	212			0.04
Metal metal	0.127	68-2372	8.97		
Mica	0.2	68			0.44
Nickel	0.103		8.9	64	34.4
Nickel steel	0.126				
Paper	0.324		0.70-1.15		0.073
Paraffin	0.6939	22-68	0.87-0.91	86	0.145
Platinum (cast)			21.5	54	40.2
Portland	0.22			129	0.945
Pyrites (copper)	0.2	66.2-22			
Pyrites (iron)	0.26	59-200.4			
Rubber (rough lime)					0.26-0.05
Sawdust			0.21	64	0.062
Soft soap	0.249	45.4-113			
Sulphur (grades)	0.48		1.0-2.0	100	0.02
Sulphur			1.37		
Sand	0.191		1.4-1.9	68	0.14
Silica	0.316				
Steel (cold drawn)	0.12		7.02	22	28.0
Stone	0.2				
Silver (cast)			10.4-10.6	64	244.0
Snow (fresh fallen)			0.175		
Tin (cast)	0.053		7.2-7.5	64	37.6
Tungsten	0.204		14.22		
Tur (bituminous)			1.58		
Wood (soft)	0.570		0.75-1.24		0.045-0.175
most woods - dry between	0.45-0.65				
Ash			3.55-0.74		
Fir	0.55		0.40	15	0.074
Elm			0.55		
Hickory			0.74-0.82		
Musogony			0.56-0.33		
oak			1.63-0.48	44	0.059
Pine	0.67		0.43-0.67	36	0.063-0.034
Spruce			0.45		
Walnut			0.57		
Wood			1.32	36	0.026
Zinc (cast)			7.1	32	0.22

<sup>A</sup>Note: 1 = BTU per (hr.) (sq. ft.) (°F deg per ft.).

Specific Gravity = Ratio of density (pounds per cubic foot) to that of water (62.4 pounds per cubic foot)

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Table 12  
PROPERTIES OF LIQUIDS

Name or Description	Boiling Point °F	E-Heater Capacity in Btu/gal	Specific Heat		Viscosity		Freezing Point °F	Expansion of 1 gal at 60°F	Specific Gravity or Density		Electrical Conductivity*	
			150°F (lb/ft³)	Temp. °F	Cent. poise	Temp. °F			Temp. °F	150°F (lb/ft³)	Temp. °F	Temp. °F
Acetic acid	320.4	244.8	0.21	44.0-200	270	31	130.0	7.7				
Acetic acid	244.8	172.0	0.21	44.0-200	100	31	130.0	42.7				
Acetic acid	133.94	221.0	0.505	37			203		66	49.4 (d)	0.022	20-100
Acetyl alcohol	209.5	291.0	0.565	97.8-704.0	1.60	85	200.2				0.174	20-100
Acetyl alcohol	209.5	291.0					104.0				0.027	20
Acetone		1.399	30				74.5				0.22	5-36
Acetone (ethyl)	142.84	305.9	0.545	5	1.2	83	174.23				0.754	
Acetone (ethyl)	142.84	178.0	0.501	61	0.350	83	143.0				0.745	
Alfene	63.2	191.0	0.514	60	4.407	83	20.77		33	64.2 (d)		
Benzene		0.340	50		1.507	86						
Benzene	146.10	167.0					25.0		38	66.1 (d)	0.027	30
Benzene	146.10	85.4	0.107	18-45	0.011	86	20.75		33			
Benzene	243.87	251.0	0.587	20-15			54.0				0.027	30
Benzene	243.87	305.0	0.515	20-30	1.304	86	134.01					
Benzene			0.76	5								
Benzene			0.787	58					63	1.14	0.02	30
Benzene			0.607	14					64	1.00	14%	30
Benzene			0.731	68					68	1.00		
Benzene			0.551	4					-4	1.00		
Benzene			0.672	68					68	1.00		
Benzene			0.501	57.3-75.8					69	1.00 (d)		
Carbon dioxide	115.27	151.0	0.240	58	0.312	86	-149.57		32	80.8 (d)	0.021	80
Carbon tetrachloride	160.16	83.3	0.207	58	0.348	86	-22.34				0.127	32
Chloroform	142.16	135.0	0.230	19	0.517	86	-37.3				0.023	80
Copper acetate			0.346	18								
Copper acetate			0.291	27								
Copper acetate			0.270	29								
Diphenylamine	575.5		0.464	153			127.78					
Diethylene glycol	345.2	133.3	0.500	0-30	0.77	72.14	-77				0.025	80
Diethylene glycol	211.1											
Diethylene glycol	305.5											
Diethylene glycol	377.5											
Diethylene glycol	446											
Ethyl ether	94.28	120.0	0.350	32	0.250	86	-116.1				0.03	86
Ethyl acetate	175.78	133.5	0.475	28			-118.54				0.101	86
Ethyl acetate		124.75										
Ethyl alcohol	172.74	327.0	0.545	12					68.8		0.107	86
Ethyl alcohol	101.12	133.0	0.715	50-65	0.348	86	132.5					
Ethyl alcohol	59.76	194.5	0.507	18			-217.00					
Ethylamine	151.78	81.0	0.181	48	0.570	30	-163.1				0.024	100
Ethylene bromide	250.26	83.0	0.170	48	1.470	50	30.108					
Ethylene chloride	198.54	120.0	0.310	48	1.214	34	37					
Ethylene glycol	285.0	244.0									0.153	55
Ethylene glycol	212.44	246.0	0.523	68-212	1.47	30	47.11		104.4			
Ethylene glycol	554	1.575	60-150	100.0	20.24	58	61.51		25.6			
Glycerol	150.08				20.0	58	64.4		35.5		0.164	80
Glycerol	158-194			30-247						0.71		
Hexane	102.12	137.1	0.449	28	1.375	34	-131.78				0.021	86
Hexane	752.6	141.5	0.600	28	0.245	30	180				0.050	86
Hexyl alcohol	224.42	248.0										
Hexyl alcohol		0.5	30-117							0.76 (d)	0.024	70
Hexyl alcohol					28.1	86				0.76 (d)		
Hexyl alcohol	134.78	176.5	0.458	49			-134.40					
Hexyl alcohol	102.4	177			0.450	86	-85.98					
Hexyl alcohol	424.4	136.0	0.360	105			176.250				0.02	
Hexyl alcohol		0.350	30									
Hexyl alcohol	185.3						-40.6		17.14			
Hexyl alcohol	41.62	117.0	0.170	37.2			42.23		40.5		0.023	80
Hexane	80.3	0.328	32-122	0.62	72.14		-54.60				0.086	80
Oil		0.404		45.0	36				33	30.3 (d)	0.134	80
Oil		0.408	43									
Oil		0.471	44	24.0	36				38	2.700	0.027	80
Oil		0.557										
Oil				42.5	100.24				33	37.3 (d)		
Oil				40.5	30				34	2.25		
Oil				70.7	60.24				37	30.3 (d)		

Table 12 (cont.)

PROPERTIES OF LIQUIDS

Name or Description	Boiling Point °F	Enthalpy of Vaporization Btu/lb	Specific Heat		Viscosity		Freezing Point °F	Enthalpy of Fusion Btu/lb	Specific Gravity at 60°F		Thermal Conductivity	
			Btu per lb °F	Temp. °F	Centipoise	Temp. °F			Temp. °F	Temp. °F	Temp. °F	
Oleum	250.74	171.5	0.557	58-251.4	2.462	85	70.42				0.045	60
Petroleum	500		0.511	70-195		85	-201.7	12	0.87			
Phenol	300.7		0.560	28-273	0.510	85	-5.44		40.4 (c)			
Propyl alcohol	207.5	203.2	0.57	54	2.270	85	-196.98		0.81			
Molasses hydrocarbons - 50 parts H <sub>2</sub> O - 100 parts H <sub>2</sub> O Syrup			0.772 0.970 0.985	54					1.200 1.274 1.246			
Sulfuric acid 100% Sulfuric acid solution - 70 parts H <sub>2</sub> O - 500 parts H <sub>2</sub> O Sulfuric hydrocarbons - 100 parts H <sub>2</sub> O Toluol	320	110.5	0.374 0.791 0.778 0.752 0.782 0.764 0.734	58			53.882	41.7	67% - 1.80 21% - 0.33 22% - 0.34		0.51	65
Toluene	390.74	54.7	0.427	55-251.4	0.437	85	-109					
T. Sponging	320	22.4	0.173	32	1.272	85			0.504		0.074	40
Water	212	970.7	1.000	50-6	0.0027	85	32	40.05	0.92 0.997 0.999		0.030 0.037 0.037	32 40 50
Syrup 70% sulfate - 20 parts H <sub>2</sub> O 200 parts H <sub>2</sub> O	320	140.7	0.771 0.342 0.722	36 58-125 120			-14.78				0.002	50

1 Btu = 252 cal (1 cal = 4.184 J) (1 J = 0.239 cal) (1 cal = 4.184 J)  
 1 lb = 453.592 g (1 g = 0.00220462 lb)  
 Specific Gravity = Ratio of density of liquid to water (62.4 pounds per cubic foot)  
 \* See Table 12 for Molecular Weights of Compounds. Derived by Calculation

Most products are at a higher temperature than the storage temperature when placed in a refrigerator. Since many foods have a high percentage of water content, their reaction to a loss of heat is quite different above and below the freezing point. Above the freezing point, the water exists in liquid form, while below the freezing point, the water has changed its state to ice.

As mentioned previously, the specific heat of a product is defined as the BTU's required to raise the temperature of one pound of the substance 1°F. The specific heats of various commodities are listed in Tables 10, 11, and 12. Note that in Table 10 the specific heat of the product above freezing is different than the specific heat below freezing, and the freezing point (listed in the first column) varies, but in practically all cases is below 32°F.

The heat to be removed from a product to reduce its temperature above freezing may be calculated as follows:

$$Q = W \times c \times (T_1 - T_2)$$

- Q = BTU to be removed
- W = Weight of the product in pounds
- c = Specific heat above freezing
- T<sub>1</sub> = Initial temperature, °F.
- T<sub>2</sub> = Initial temperature, °F. (freezing or above)

For example, the heat to be removed in order to cool 1,000 pounds of veal (whose freezing point is 29°F.) from 42°F. to 29°F. can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= W \times c \times (T_1 - T_2) \\
 &= 1000 \text{ pounds} \times .71 \text{ specific heat} \times (42-29) \\
 &= 1000 \times .71 \times 13 \\
 &= 9,230 \text{ BTU}
 \end{aligned}$$

**LATENT HEAT OF FREEZING**

The latent heat of fusion or freezing for liquids other

than water is given in Table 12. Substances such as metals which contain no water do not have a freezing point, and no latent heat of fusion is involved in lowering their temperature.

Most food products, however, have a high percentage of water content. In order to calculate the heat removal required to freeze the product, only the water need be considered. The water content percentage for various food products is given in Table 10, Column 2.

Since the latent heat of fusion or freezing of water is 144 BTU/lb., the latent heat of fusion for the product can be calculated by multiplying 144 BTU/lb. by the percentage of water content, and for ease in calculations this figure is given in Column 5 of Table 10. To illustrate, veal has a water percentage of 63%, and the latent heat of fusion listed in Column 5 for veal is 91 BTU/lb.

$$63\% \times 144 \text{ BTU/lb.} = 91 \text{ BTU/lb.}$$

The heat to be removed from a product for the latent heat of freezing may be calculated as follows:

$$Q = W \times h_{if}$$

- Q = BTU to be removed
- W = Weight of product in pounds
- $h_{if}$  = latent heat of fusion, BTU/lb.

The latent heat of freezing of 1000 pounds of veal at 29°F. is:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= W \times h_{if} \\ &= 1000 \text{ lbs.} \times 91 \text{ BTU/lb.} \\ &= 91,000 \text{ BTU} \end{aligned}$$

### SENSIBLE HEAT BELOW FREEZING

Once the water content of a product has been frozen, sensible cooling again can occur in the same manner as that above freezing, with the exception that the ice in the product causes the specific heat to change. Note in Table 10 the specific heat of veal above freezing is .71, while the specific heat below freezing is .39,

The heat to be removed from a product to reduce its temperature below freezing may be calculated as follow:

$$Q = W \times c_i \times (T_f - T_3)$$

- Q = BTU to be removed
- W = Weight of product in pounds
- $c_i$  = Specific heat below freezing
- $T_f$  = Freezing temperature
- $T_3$  = Final temperature

For example, the heat to be removed in order to cool 1,000 pounds of veal from 29°F. to 0°F. can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= W \times c_i \times (T_f - T_3) \\ &= 1,000 \text{ lbs.} \times .39 \text{ specific heat} \times (29-0) \\ &= 1,000 \times .39 \times 29 \\ &= 11,310 \text{ BTU} \end{aligned}$$

### TOTAL PRODUCT LOAD

The total product load is the sum of the individual calculations for the sensible heat above freezing, the latent heat of freezing, and the sensible heat below freezing.

From the foregoing example, if 1,000 pounds of veal is to be cooled from 42°F. to 0°F., the total would be:

Sensible Heat above Freezing	9,230 BTU
Latent Heat of Freezing	91,000 BTU
Sensible Heat Below Freezing	<u>11,310 BTU</u>
Total Product Load	111,540 BTU

If several different commodities or crates, baskets, etc. are to be considered, then a separate calculation must be made for each item for an accurate estimate of the product load.

### STORAGE DATA

Most commodities have conditions of temperature and relative humidity at which their quality is best preserved and their storage life is a maximum. Recommended storage conditions for various perishable products are listed in Table 13 and recommended storage conditions for cut flowers and nursery stock are listed in Table 14.

Data on various types of storage containers is listed in Table 15.

## SECTION 15 SUPPLEMENTARY LOAD

In addition to the heat transmitted into the refrigerated







**Table 14**  
**STORAGE CONDITIONS FOR CUT FLOWERS AND NURSERY STOCK**

Cultivar	Storage Temperature, °F	Relative Humidity, %	Approximate Storage Life	Method of Holding	High % Freezing Point, °F
<b>CUT FLOWERS</b>					
Camellia	45	80-85	1 week	Dry pack	—
Camellia	45	80-85	3-6 days	Dry pack	30.6
Calla	31	80-85	1 month	Dry pack	30.0
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	2-6 weeks	Dry pack	30.6
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	1-2 weeks	Dry pack	—
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	2-3 weeks	Dry pack	31.0
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	1 week	Dry pack	31.4
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	2 weeks	Dry pack	30.6
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	2 weeks	Dry pack	31.1
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	2-3 weeks	Dry pack	—
Chrysanthemum	45-55	80-85	2-3 days	Wet	31.4
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	6 weeks	Dry pack	30.3
Chrysanthemum	31	80-85	2 weeks	Dry pack	31.5
Sweet peas	31	80-85	2 weeks	Dry pack	30.4
Tulips	31	80-85	6-8 weeks	Dry pack	—
<b>CUT TREES</b>					
Amelanchier and others	31	85-90	4-5 months	Dry pack	23.5
Billy	31	85-90	1-4 weeks	Dry pack	27.0
Blackberry	31	85-90	1-4 weeks	Dry pack	26.7
Blueberry	31	85-90	1-4 weeks	Dry pack	27.6
Magnolia	31	85-90	1-4 weeks	Dry pack	27.0
Rhododendron	31	85-90	1-4 weeks	Dry pack	27.9
Salts	31	85-90	1-4 weeks	Dry pack	26.8
<b>NURSERY</b>					
Amelanchier	20-25	75-80	5 months	Dry	28.8
Billy	40-45	75-80	5 months	Dry	28.7
Blackberry	40-45	75-80	5 months	Dry	28.2
Blueberry	25-30	75-80	5 months	Dry	—
Blackberry	31	75-80	5 months	Poly liner & pack	—
Blackberry	31	75-80	5 months	Poly liner & pack	—
Blackberry	31	75-80	5 months	Poly liner & pack	28.9
Blackberry	31	75-80	5 months	Poly liner & pack	—
Blackberry	40-45	75-80	5 months	Dry	—
Blackberry	40-45	75-80	4 months	Dry	—
Blackberry	40-45	75-80	1-3 months	Dry	27.6
<b>NURSERY STOCK</b>					
Trees and shrubs	20-25	80-85	4-5 months	—	—
Scam bushes	20-25	80-85	4-5 months	Base sealed with tape liner	—
Raspberry plants	20-25	80-85	4-5 months	Base sealed with poly liner	29.5
Planted cuttings	30-40	85-90	—	Poly wrap	—
Miscellaneous materials	20-25 or 30-35	80-85	—	—	—

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space through the walls, air infiltration, and product load, any heat gain from other sources must be included in the total cooling load estimate.

### ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND HEATERS

Any electric energy directly dissipated in the refrigerated space such as lights, heaters, etc. is converted to heat and must be included in the heat load. One watt hour equals 3.41 BTU, and this conversion ratio is accurate for any amount of electric power.

### ELECTRIC MOTORS

Since energy cannot be destroyed, and can only be changed to a different form, any electrical energy transmitted to motors inside a refrigerated space must undergo a transformation. Any motor losses due to friction and inefficiency are immediately changed to heat energy. That portion of the electrical energy converted into useful work, for example in driving a fan or pump, exists only briefly as mechanical energy, is transferred to the fluid medium in the form of increased velocity, and as the fluid loses its velocity due to friction, eventually becomes entirely converted into heat energy.

A common misunderstanding is the belief that no heat is transmitted into the refrigerated space if an electric motor is located outside the space, and a fan inside the space is driven by means of a shaft. All of the electrical energy converted to mechanical energy actually becomes a part of the load in the refrigerated space.

Because the motor efficiency varies with size, the heat load per horsepower as shown in Table 16 has different values for varying size motors. While the values in the table represent useful approximations, the actual electric power input in watts is the only accurate measure of the energy input.

### HUMAN HEAT LOAD

People give off heat and moisture, and the resulting refrigeration load will vary depending on the duration of occupancy of the refrigerated space, temperature, type of work, and other factors. Table 17 lists the average head load due to occupancy, but stays of short duration, the heat gain will be somewhat higher.

### TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY LOAD

The total supplementary load is the sum of the individual factors contributing to it. For example, the total supplementary load in a refrigerated storeroom maintained at 0°F. in which there are 300 watts of electric lights, a 3 HP motor driving a fan, and 2 people working continu-

ously would be as follows:

300 Watts x 3.41 BTU/hr.	1,023 BTU/hr.
3 HP motor x 2,950 BTU/hr.	8,850 BTU/hr.
2 people x 1300 BTU/hr.	<u>2,600 BTU/hr.</u>
Total Supplementary Load	12,473 BTU/hr.

## SECTION 16 EQUIPMENT SELECTION

Once the refrigeration load is determined, together with the required evaporating temperature and the expected condensing temperature, a compressor can be intel-

**Table 16  
HEAT EQUIVALENT OF ELECTRIC MOTORS**

Motor hp	Btu per (hp) (hr)		
	Connected load in refr space <sup>1</sup>	Motor losses outside refr space <sup>2</sup>	Connected load outside refr space <sup>3</sup>
1/8 to 1/2	4,250	2,54E	1,700
1/2 to 3	3,700	2,54E	1,150
3 to 20	2,950	2,54E	400

<sup>1</sup> For use when both useful airflow and motor losses are dissipated within refrigerated space; motors driving fans for local circulation unit cooling.

<sup>2</sup> For use when motor losses are dissipated outside refrigerated space and useful work of motor is expended within refrigerated space; pumps and circulation fans in chilled water systems, fans in air and fluid circulating spaces, fans circulating air within refrigerated space.

<sup>3</sup> For use when motor and shaft are located within refrigerated space and useful work expended outside of refrigerated space; motor in remote and space driving pump or fan located outside of space.

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**Table 17  
HEAT EQUIVALENT OF OCCUPANCY**

Cooler Temperature F	Heat Equivalent/Person Btu/hr.
50	720
40	840
30	950
20	1,050
10	1,200
0	1,300
-10	1,400

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lightly selected for a given application.

For refrigerated fixtures or prefabricated coolers and cold storage boxes to be produced in quantity, the load is normally determined by test. If the load must be estimated, the expected load should be calculated by determining the heat gain due to each of the factors contributing to the total load. Many short methods of estimating are commonly used for small refrigerated walk-in storage boxes with varying degrees of accuracy. A great deal of judgment must be used in the application of any method.

### HOURLY LOAD

Refrigeration equipment is designed to function continuously, and normally the compressor operating time is determined by the requirements of the defrost system. The load is calculated on a 24 hour basis, and the required hourly compressor capacity is determined by dividing the 24 hour load by the desired hours of compressor operation during the 24 hour period. A reasonable safety factor must be provided to enable the unit to recover rapidly after a temperature rise, and to allow for loading heavier than the original estimate.

When the refrigerant evaporating temperature will not be below 30°F., frost will not accumulate on the evaporator, and no defrost period is necessary. It is general practice to choose the compressor for such applications on the basis of 18 to 20 hour operation.

For applications with storage temperatures of 35°F. or higher, and refrigerant temperatures low enough to cause frosting, it is common practice to defrost by stopping the compressor and allowing the return air to melt the ice from the coil. Compressors for such applications should be selected for 16 to 18 hour operation.

On low temperature applications, some positive means of defrost must be provided. With normal defrost periods, 18 hour compressor operation is usually acceptable, although some systems are designed for continuous operation except during the defrost period.

An additional 5% to 10% safety factor is often added to load calculations as a conservative measure to be sure the equipment will not be undersized. If data concerning the refrigeration load is very uncertain, this may be desirable, but in general the fact that the compressor is sized on the basis of 16 to 18 hour operation in itself provides a sizable safety factor. The load should be calculated on the basis of the peak demand at design conditions, and normally the design conditions are selected on the basis that they will occur no more than 1% of the hours during the summer months. If the load calculations are made reasonably accurately, and the equipment sized properly, an additional safety factor may actually result in the equipment being oversized during light load condi-

### SAMPLE LOAD CALCULATION

The most accurate means of estimating a refrigeration load is by considering each factor separately. The following example will illustrate a typical selection procedure, although the load has been chosen to demonstrate the calculations required and does not represent a normal loading.

Walk-in cooler with 4 inches of glass fiber insulation, located in the shade.

Outside Dimensions, Height 8 ft., Width 10 ft., Length 40 ft., inside volume 3,000 cu. ft.

Floor area (outside dimensions) 400 sq. ft. on insulated slab in contact with ground.

Ambient temperature 100°F., 50% relative humidity

Ground temperature 55°F.

Refrigerator temperature 40°F.

1/2 HP fan motor running continuously

Two 100 watt lights, in use 12 hours per day.

Occupancy, 2 men for 2 hours per day.

In storage: 500 pounds of bacon at 50°F.  
1000 pounds of string beans

Entering product:  
500 pounds of bacon at 50°F.  
15,000 pounds of beer at 80°F.  
To be reduced to storage temperature in 24 hours.

Heavy door usage.

### (A) HEAT TRANSMISSION LOAD

Sidewalls:  
 $40' \times 8' \times 2 = 640 \text{ Ft}^2 \times 60^\circ\text{TD} \times 1.9 \text{ (Table 7A)} = 72,960 \text{ BTU}$

$10' \times 8' \times 2 = 160 \text{ Ft}^2 \times 60^\circ\text{TD} \times 1.9 = 18,240$

Ceiling:  
 $40' \times 10' = 400 \text{ Ft}^2 \times 60^\circ\text{TD}$



$$\times 1.9 = 45,600$$

Floor:

$$40' \times 10' = 400 \text{ Ft}^2 \times 15^\circ\text{TD} \\ \times 1.9 = \underline{11,400}$$

$$\text{Total 24 hour transmission load} = 148,200$$

### (B) AIR INFILTRATION

$$3000 \text{ Ft}^3 \times 9.5 \text{ air changes} \\ (\text{Table 8}) \times 2 \text{ usage factor} \times \\ 2.11 \text{ factor (Table 9)} = 120,270 \text{ BTU}$$

### (C) PRODUCT LOAD

$$500 \text{ lbs. bacon} \times .50 \text{ sp. ht.} \\ (\text{Table 10}) \times 10^\circ\text{TD} = 2,500 \text{ BTU}$$

$$15,000 \text{ lbs. beer} \times 1.0 \text{ sp. ht.} \\ (\text{Table 10}) \times 40^\circ\text{TD} = 600,000 \text{ BTU}$$

$$500 \text{ lbs. lettuce} \times 2700 \\ \text{BTU/24 Hr/Ton (Table 10)} = 675 \text{ BTU}$$

$$1,000 \text{ lbs. beans} \times 9700 \\ \text{BTU/24 Hr/Ton (Table 10)} = 4,850 \text{ BTU} \\ \text{Total 24 hour Product Load} = 608,025 \text{ BTU}$$

### (D) SUPPLEMENTARY LOAD

$$200 \text{ Watts} \times 12 \text{ hours} \times 3.41 \\ \text{BTU/Hr} = 8,184 \text{ BTU}$$

$$1/2 \text{ H.P.} \times 4250 \text{ BTU/Hr-Hr} \\ (\text{Table 16}) \times 24 = 51,000 \text{ BTU}$$

$$2 \text{ People} \times 2 \text{ Hrs/Day} \times 840 \\ \text{BTU/Hr (Table 17)} = \underline{3,360 \text{ BTU}}$$

$$\text{Total 24 hour Supplementary} \\ \text{Load} = 62,544 \text{ BTU}$$

### (E) REQUIRED COMPRESSOR CAPACITY

24 Hour Load:

Heat Transmission	148,200 BTU
Air Infiltration	120,270
Product	608,025
Supplementary	<u>62,544</u>
Total 24 Hour Load	939,039 BTU

Required compressor capacity:

$$\text{Based on 16 hour operation} = 58,690 \text{ BTU/Hr.}$$

### RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND EVAPORATOR TD

Relative humidity in a storage space is affected by many variables, such as system running time, moisture infiltration, condition and amount of product surface exposed, air motion, outside air conditions, type of system control, etc. Perishable products differ in their requirements for an optimum relative humidity for storage, and recommended storage conditions for various products are shown in Tables 13 and 14. Normally satisfactory control of relative humidity in a given application can be achieved by selecting the compressor and evaporator for the proper operating temperature difference or TD between the desired room temperature and the refrigerant evaporating temperature.

The following general recommendations have proven to be satisfactory in most normal applications:

Temperature Range	Desired Relative Humidity	TD (Refrigerant to Air)
25°F. to 45°F.	90%	8°F. to 12°F.
25°F. to 45°F.	85%	10°F. to 14°F.
25°F. to 45°F.	80%	12°F. to 16°F.
25°F. to 45°F.	75%	16°F. to 22°F.
10°F. and below	—	15°F. or less

### COMPRESSOR SELECTION

In order to select a suitable compressor for a given application, not only the required compressor capacity must be known, but also the desired evaporating and condensing temperatures.

Assuming a desired relative humidity of 80%, a 14° TD might be used, which in a 40°F. storage room result in evaporating temperature of 26°F. To provide some safety factor for line losses, the compressor should be selected for the desired capacity at 2°F. to 3°F. below the desired evaporating temperature.

The condensing temperature depends on the type of condensing medium to be used, air or water, the design ambient temperature or water temperature, and the capacity of the condenser selected. Air cooled condensers are commonly selected to operate on temperature differences (TD) from 10°F. to 30°F. the lower TD normally being used for low temperature applications, and higher TD's for high temperature applications where the compression ratio is less critical. For the purposes of this example, a design TD of 20°F. has been selected, and in 100°F. ambient temperatures, this would result in a condensing temperature of 120°F.



## COMPONENT BALANCING

Commercially available components seldom will exactly match the design requirements of a given system, and since system design is normally based on estimated peak loads, the system may often have to operate at conditions other than design conditions. More than one combination of components may meet the performance requirements, the efficiency of the system normally being dependent on the point at which the system reaches stabilized conditions or balances under operating conditions.

The capacities of each of the three major system components, the compressor, the condenser, and the evaporator, are each variable but interrelated. The compressor capacity varies with the evaporating and condensing temperatures. For illustration purposes an air cooled condenser will be considered, and for a given condenser with constant air flow, its capacity will vary with the temperature difference between the condensing temperature and the ambient temperature.

The factors involved in the variation in evaporator capacity are quite complex when both sensible heat transfer and condensation are involved. For component balancing purposes, the capacity of an evaporator where both latent and sensible heat transfer are involved (a wet coil) may be calculated as being proportional to the total heat content of the entering air, and this in turn is proportional to the wet bulb temperature. For wet coil conditions, evaporator capacities are normally available from coil manufacturers with ratings based on the wet bulb temperature of the air entering the coil. For conditions in which no condensation occurs (a dry coil) the evaporator capacity can be accurately estimated on the basis of the dry bulb temperature of the air entering the coil.

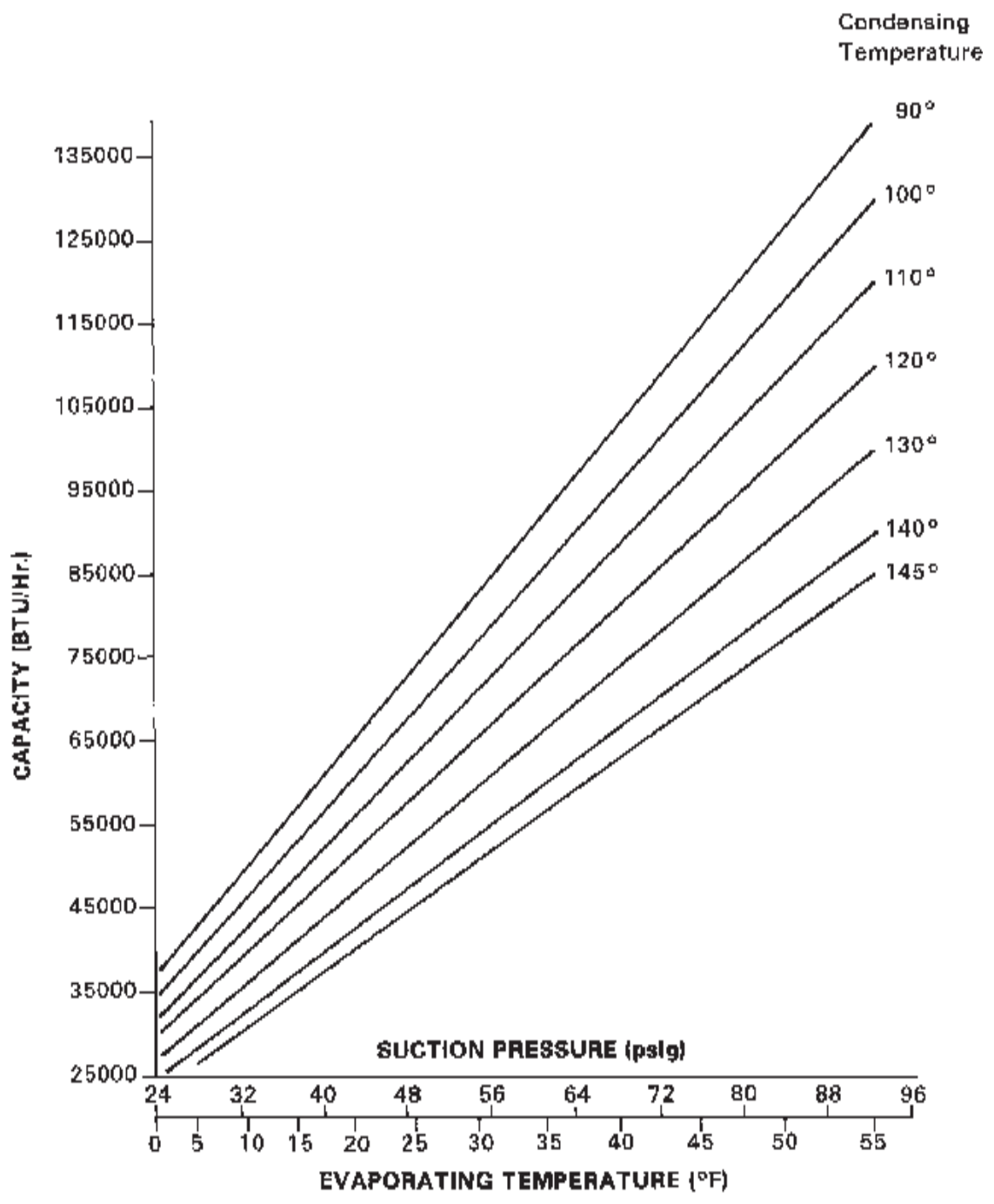
Some manufacturers of commercial and low temperature coils publish only ratings based on the temperature difference between entering dry bulb temperature and the evaporating refrigerant temperature. Although frost accumulation involving latent heat will occur, unless the latent load is unusually large, the dry bulb ratings may be used without appreciable error.

Because of the many variables involved, the calculation of system balance points is extremely complicated. A simple, accurate, and convenient method of forecasting system performance from readily available manufacturer's catalog data is the graphical construction of a component balancing chart. The following example illustrates the use of such a chart in checking the possible balance points of a system when selecting equipment. To illustrate the procedure, tentative selections of a compressor, condenser, and evaporator have been made for the sample load previously calculated.

Figure 69 shows the compressor capacity curves as published by Emerson Climate Technologies, Inc. on the compressor specification sheet. It should be noted that Copeland® brand compressor capacity curves for Copelametic compressors are based on 65°F. return suction gas. In order to realize the full compressor capacity, the suction gas must be raised to this temperature in a heat exchanger. If the suction gas returns to the compressor at a lower temperature, or if the increase in suction gas temperature occurs due to heat transfer into the suction line outside the refrigerated space, the effective compressor capacity will be somewhat lower. In the example, the desired capacity was 58,690 BTU/hr. at 24°F. evaporating temperature and 120°F. condensing temperature, and this compressor was the closest choice available, having a capacity of 57,000 BTU/hr. at the design conditions.

Figure 70 shows the same compressor curves, with the condenser capacity curves for the tentative condenser selection superimposed. From the condenser manufacturer's data, condenser capacity in terms of compressor capacity at varying evaporating temperatures are plotted, and the condenser capacity curves can then be drawn. Note that the net condensing capacity decreases at lower evaporating temperatures due to the increased heat of compression.

It is now possible to construct balance lines for the compressor and condenser at various ambient temperatures as shown in Figure 71. For an ambient temperature of 100°F., point A would represent the balance point if the compressor were operating at a suction pressure equivalent to a 28°F. evaporating temperature and 120°F. condensing temperature. At this point the capacity of the condenser would exactly match that of the compressor at a 20° TD (condensing temperature minus ambient temperature). The balance point is determined by the intersection of the 20°F. TD condenser capacity curve with the compressor capacity curve for a condensing temperature 20°F above the specified ambient temperature of 100°F., or 120°F. In a similar manner balance point B can be located by the intersection of the 25°F. TD condenser capacity curve and the compressor capacity curve (estimated) for 125°F. condensing, and balance point C can be located by the intersection of the 15°F. TD condenser capacity curve with the compressor capacity curve (estimated) for 115°F. condensing. The line connecting points A, B, and C represents all the possible balance points when the system is operating with air entering the condenser at a temperature of 100°F. In a similar fashion, condenser-compressor balance lines can be determined for other ambient temperatures, and plotted as shown in Figure 72. (To simplify the illustration, condenser capacity



**COMPRESSOR CAPACITY CURVES  
AT VARIOUS CONDENSING TEMPERATURES**

**Figure 68**

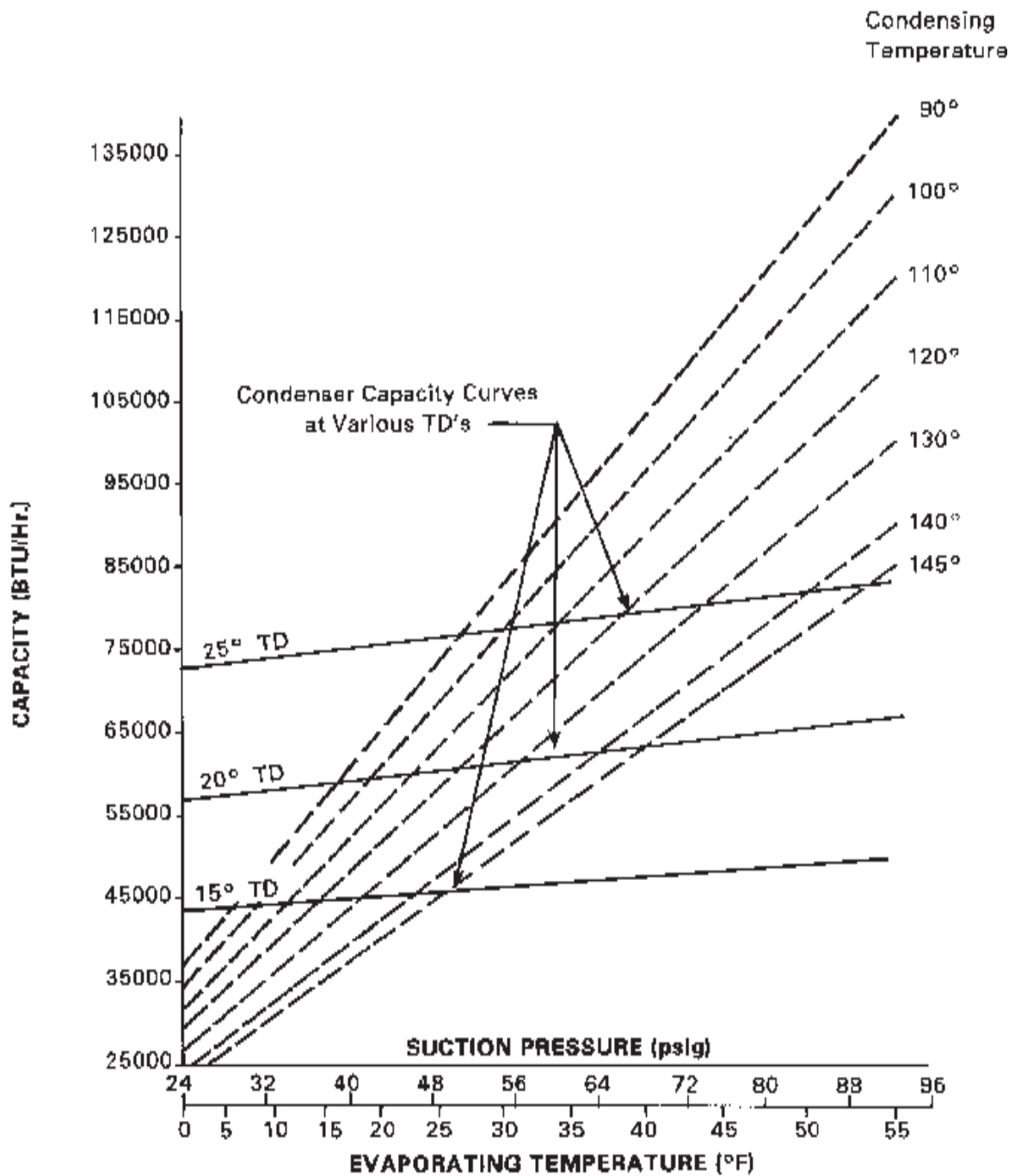
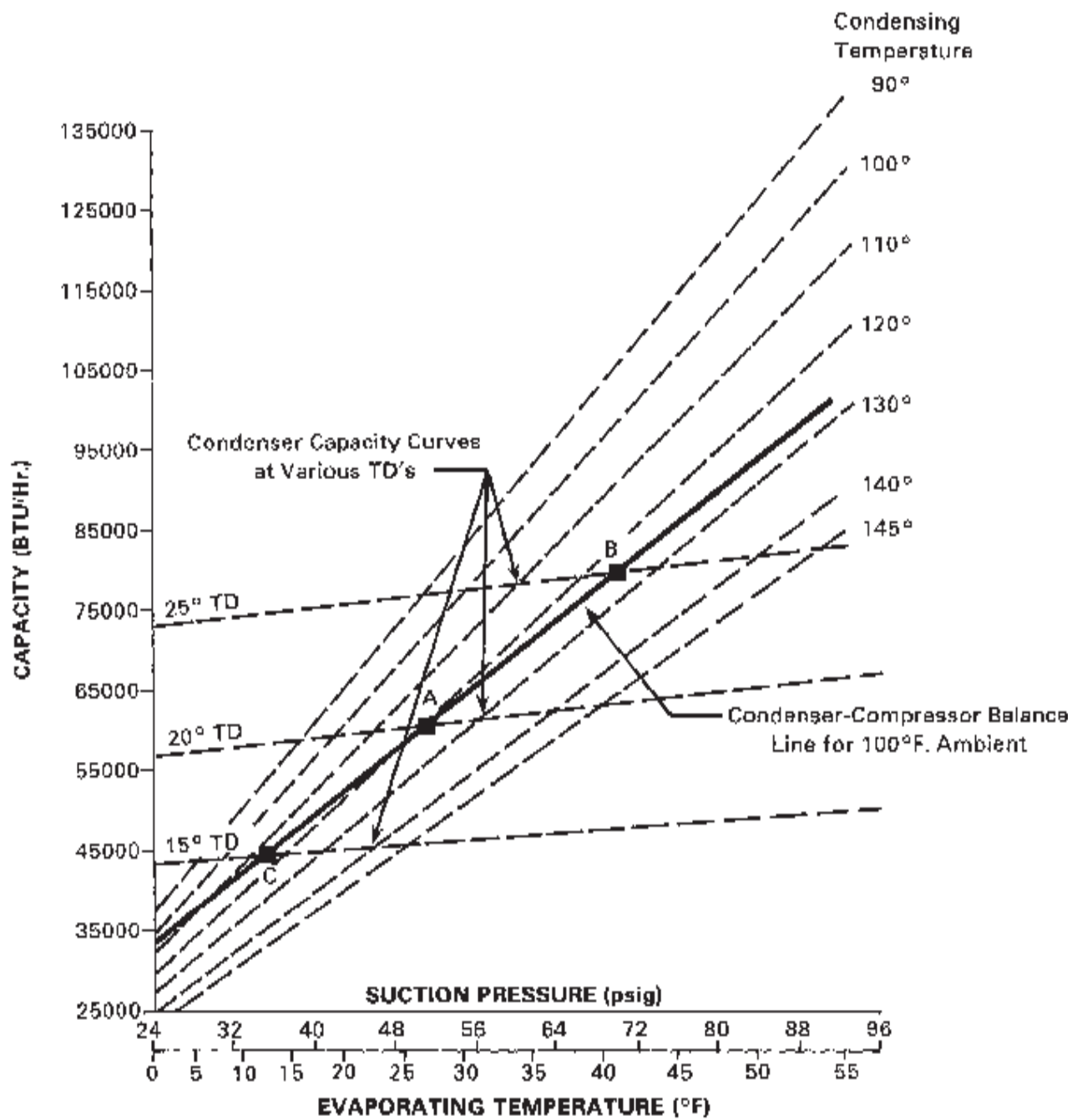
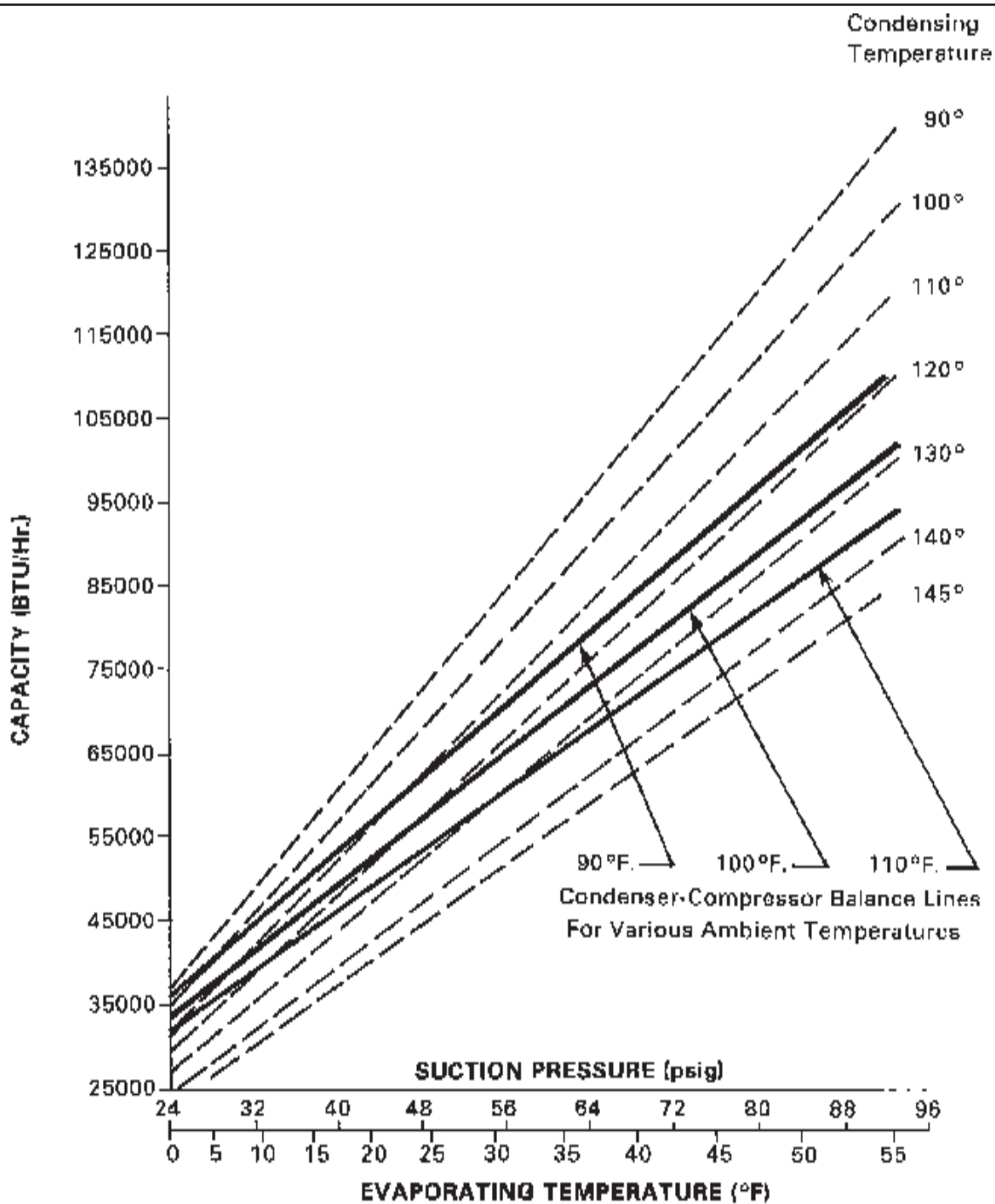


Figure 70



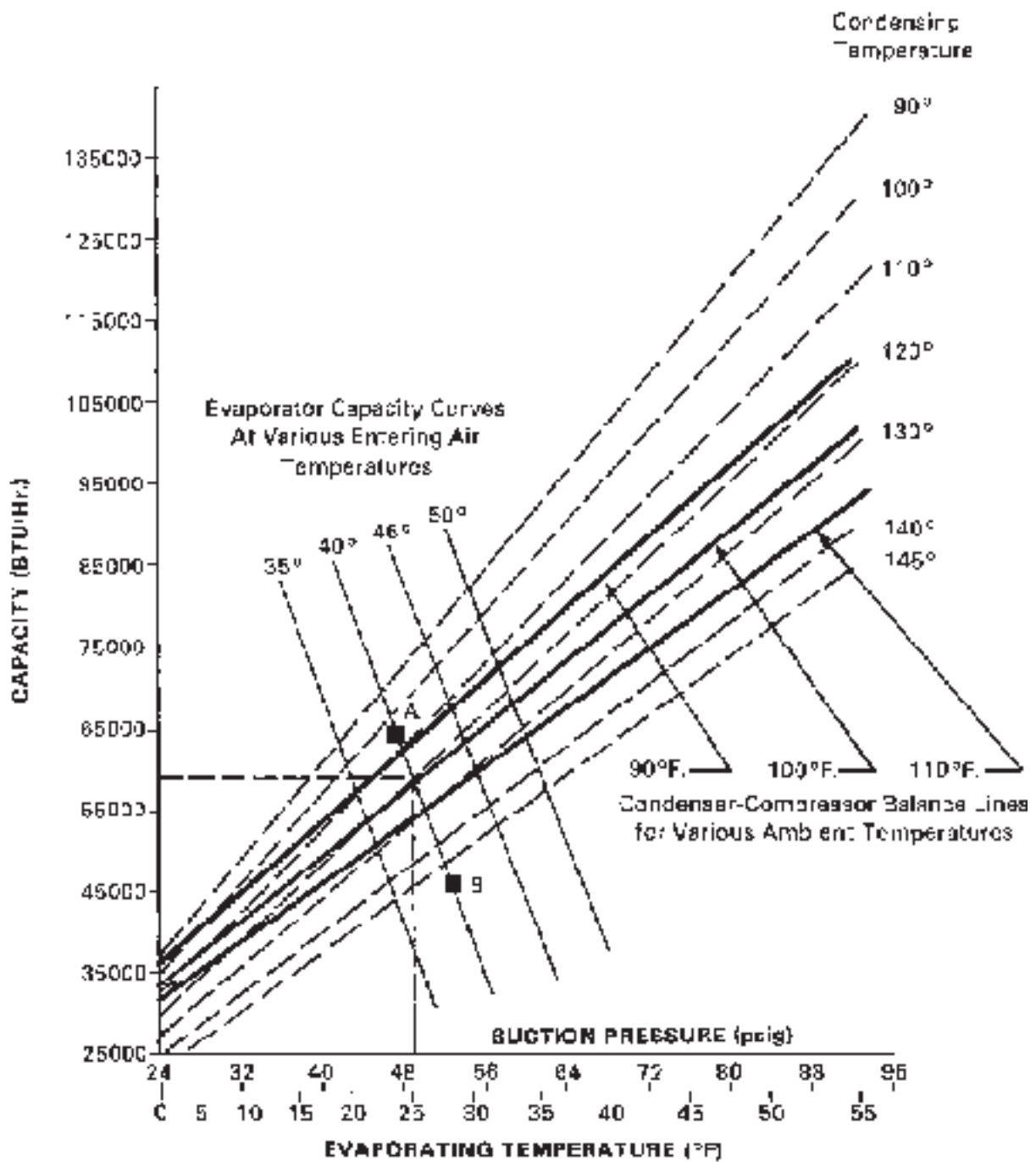
**CONDENSER- COMPRESSOR BALANCE LINE  
PLOTTED FOR 100°F. AMBIENT**

**Figure 71**



**CONDENSER-COMPRESSOR BALANCE LINES  
FOR VARIOUS AMBIENT TEMPERATURES**

Figure 72



**SYSTEM BALANCE CHART WITH EVAPORATOR CAPACITY CURVES  
SUPERIMPOSED ON CONDENSER-COMPRESSOR BALANCE LINES**

Figure 73

curves have not been shown)

The tentative evaporator coil selected was rated by the manufacturer only in terms of BTU/hr per degree temperature difference between the entering dry bulb temperature and the refrigerant evaporating temperature, and have a capacity of 4,590 BTU/hr/°TD. In Figure 73 evaporator capacity curves have been plotted and superimposed on the compressor capacity curves and the condenser-compressor balance lines. An evaporator capacity curve for each entering air temperature can be constructed by plotting any two points.

Point A represents the evaporator capacity at 14°TD which for an entering air temperature of 40°F. would require a refrigerant evaporating temperature of 26°F. However, an allowance must be made for line friction losses since the pressure in the evaporator will always be higher than the suction pressure at the compressor because of pressure drop in the suction line. Allowing 2°F. as an estimated allowance for line pressure drop, an evaporating temperature of 26°F. would result in a pressure at the compressor equivalent to a saturated evaporating temperature of 24°F. Therefore the capacity of the evaporator for a 14° TD and 40°F. entering air would be plotted at the corresponding compressor capacity at 24°F.

Point B represents the evaporator capacity at 10° TD, which for 40°F. entering air temperature requires a refrigerant evaporating temperature of 30°F., and after allowing for suction line losses, a corresponding compressor capacity at 28°F. A line can then be drawn through these two points, representing all possible capacities of the evaporator with 40°F. entering air and varying refrigerant evaporating temperatures. In a similar fashion, capacity curves can be constructed for other entering air temperatures.

The system performance can now be forecast for any condition of evaporator entering air temperature and ambient temperature. With 100°F. ambient temperature and an evaporator entering air temperature of 40°F., the original design conditions, the system would have a capacity of 59,000 BTU/hr, a compressor suction pressure equivalent to an evaporating temperature of 26°F., and a condensing temperature of 120°F. Even under extreme load conditions of 50°F. entering air and 110°F. ambient, the condensing temperature would not exceed 133°F. These conditions are close enough to the original design requirement to insure satisfactory performance.

This type of graphical analysis can be quickly and easily made by using the compressor specification sheet as the basic chart, and superimposing condenser and

evaporator capacity curves.

### THE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN COMPRESSOR ONLY ON SYSTEM BALANCE

Occasionally the exact replacement compressor may not be available, and the question arises as to whether an alternate compressor with either more or less capacity might provide satisfactory performance. The graphical balance chart provides a convenient means of forecasting system performance.

Figure 74 is a revised balance chart for a system utilizing the same evaporator and condenser as in the previous example, but with a compressor having only 5/6 of the previous capacity. New compressor capacity curves for the smaller compressor have been plotted on the same capacity chart used previously. Since there is no change in the basic capacity of the condenser or evaporator, the condenser capacity and evaporator capacity curves are unchanged.

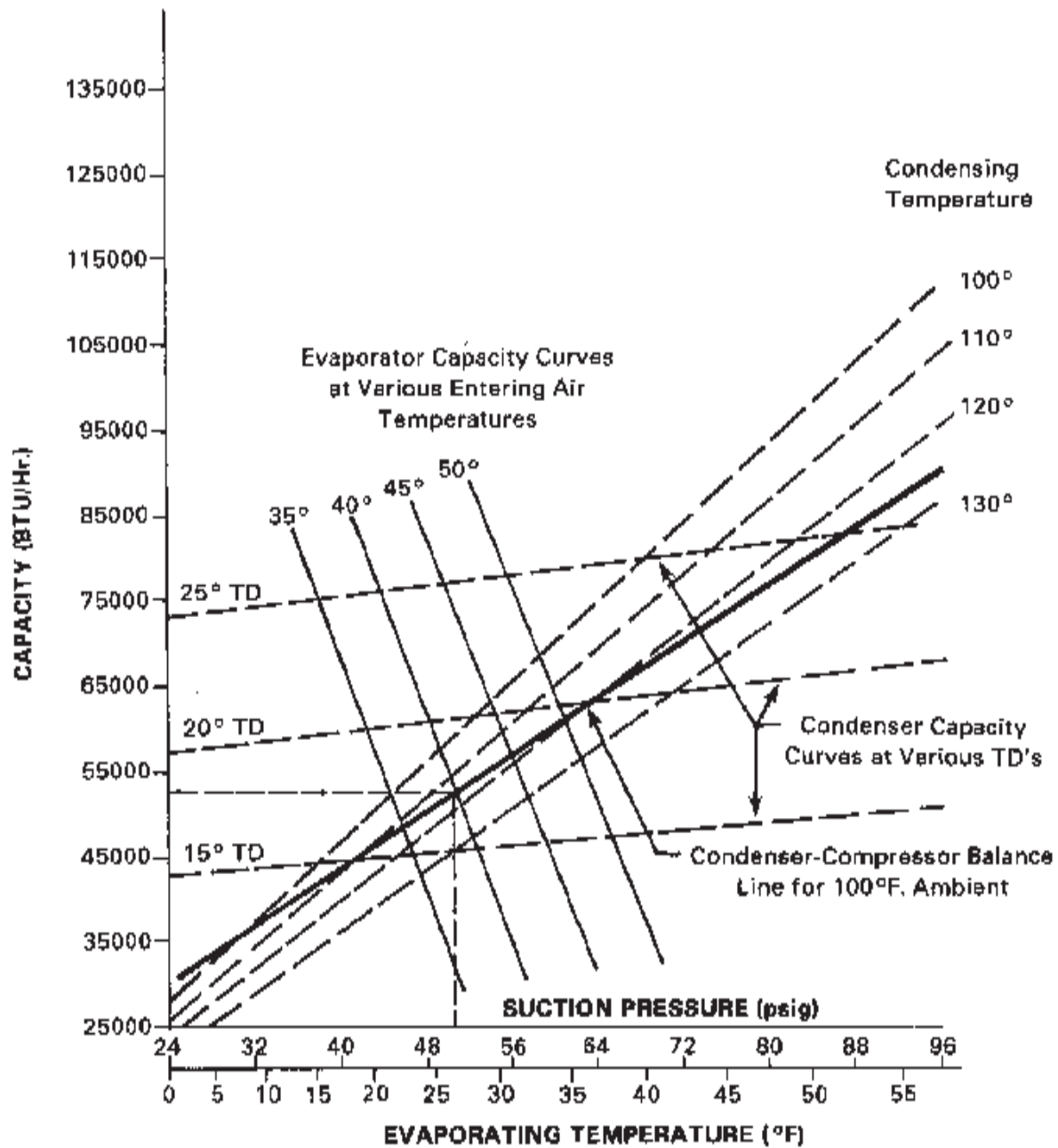
However, a new compressor-condenser balance line must be plotted, and to avoid excessive detail in the illustration, a balance line for 100° ambient temperature only has been shown.

A comparison can now be made between the system with the original compressor, Figure 73, and the system with the smaller compressor, Figure 74.

	Original System	Revised System
Ambient Temperature	100°F.	100°F.
Air Entering Evaporator	40°F.	40°F.
Refrigerant Evaporating Temp.	26°F.	27°F.
Condensing Temperature	120°F.	115°F.
Capacity at 100°F. Ambient and 40°F. Entering Air, BTU/hr.	59,000	53,000

Note that although the compressor capacity was decreased by 1/6 or 16 2/3%, the net system capacity decreased only about 10%. Since the condenser and evaporator were unchanged, the compressor could operate at more efficient conditions, with decreased condensing pressure and increased suction pressure.

The same type of analysis can be applied to determine the effect on system capacity if the compressor on a unit designed for 60 cycle operation is operated on 50 cycle power. However for the evaporator and condenser capacity to remain constant, the air flow across both evaporator and condenser must be unchanged. If the original balance chart was made on the basis of fans



**SYSTEM BALANCE CHART WITH COMPRESSOR CHANGED AND ALL OTHER COMPONENTS UNCHANGED**

Figure 74



operating on 60 cycle power, and the fan air delivery is decreased by operation of the fan motors on 50 cycle power, then both the evaporator and condenser capacity curves must be changed to reflect the decrease in capacity.

Another type of application where this type of analysis may be valuable is on systems with fluctuating loads and compressors with capacity control features. Since the evaporator and condenser remain unchanged, the reduced compressor capacity can be plotted as demonstrated, and new balance points determined, taking into effect any changes in the temperature of the air entering the evaporator.

### **QUICK SELECTION TABLES FOR WALK-IN COOLERS**

The most accurate means of determining the refrigeration load is by calculating each of the factors contributing to the load as was done in the previous example. However, for small walk-in coolers, various types of short cut estimating methods are frequently used.

The transmission load will always be dependent on the

external surface, and an actual calculation should be made where possible.

As an aid in rapid selection of a condensing unit for the normal walk-in cooler application, Tables 19 and 20 give recommended refrigeration capacities for various sized coolers. The condensing unit capacity must be equal to or greater than the capacity shown at the required refrigerant evaporating temperature after allowance for the desired evaporating and condensing TD.

The capacities given are for average applications. If the load is unusual, these tables should not be used. The low temperature tables do not include any allowance for a freezing load, and if a product is to be frozen, additional capacity will be required.

Table 19

**RECOMMENDED CONDENSING UNIT CAPACITY FOR WALK-IN COOLERS  
35° F. TEMPERATURE**

9 feet height, 95° F. ambient temperature, 4" insulation

Outside Dimensions ft.	BTU/hr for 8-hr operation		Outside dimension ft.	BTU/hr for 16-hr operation	
	Average service	Heavy service		Average service	Heavy service
6x6	2,480	3,840	14x12	8,540	12,000
6x8	2,960	4,320	14x12	8,720	12,300
7x8	3,320	4,800	14x14	10,800	15,200
7x8	3,380	4,700	16x8	8,130	10,700
7x7	3,160	4,450	16x10	8,540	11,000
8x5	3,740	5,150	16x12	10,700	14,400
8x8	5,280	6,720	16x14	12,870	16,700
8x7	4,370	5,170	16x16	13,100	16,800
8x8	4,520	5,400	18x10	13,350	18,000
9x8	4,230	5,260	18x12	11,700	14,800
9x7	4,600	5,440	18x14	13,100	16,400
9x6	5,020	6,260	18x16	14,200	17,500
9x8	5,350	6,640	18x18	16,800	19,800
10x8	4,930	6,400	20x10	13,200	16,900
10x7	5,180	6,500	20x12	12,800	16,700
10x8	5,540	6,880	20x14	14,300	17,900
10x9	6,020	7,260	20x16	15,600	19,400
10x10	6,330	8,150	20x18	17,000	21,100
11x8	4,930	6,400	22x10	16,700	22,200
11x7	5,330	6,550	22x12	13,700	17,100
11x8	5,670	7,550	22x14	15,000	18,500
11x9	6,150	7,930	22x16	16,400	20,200
11x10	7,100	8,900	22x18	18,200	22,000
12x8	6,150	6,820	24x12	14,700	18,200
12x8	6,400	7,000	24x14	16,200	20,200
12x10	7,450	9,180	24x16	17,000	21,100
12x12	8,600	10,600	24x18	19,000	24,000
12x8	7,000	9,050			

Note: Heat gain based on insulation with "K" factor of .25. Required capacity must be corrected for different "K" factor, or different thickness of insulation.

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Table 20

**RECOMMENDED CONDENSING UNIT CAPACITY FOR WALK-IN COOLERS  
LOW TEMPERATURE**

9 feet height, 90° F. ambient temperature

Outside Dimensions in Feet		BTU/hr FOR 18 HOUR OPERATION		
Length	Width	-20° F. Storage 8" Insulation	-10° F. Storage 6" Insulation	0° F. Storage 6" Insulation
6	6	4,000	4,500	3,750
6	10	5,700	5,800	5,050
7	7	5,000	5,300	4,650
7	10	6,400	6,450	5,800
8	8	5,900	6,200	5,500
8	12	7,200	7,650	7,000
9	9	6,700	7,000	6,300
10	10	7,600	7,900	7,100
10	14	9,200	9,500	8,700
12	12	9,400	9,900	9,600
12	16	11,300	11,800	10,900
14	14	11,400	12,000	11,200
14	18	13,300	13,900	12,700
16	16	13,400	14,000	12,900
16	20	15,100	16,000	14,900
18	18	15,200	16,100	15,000
18	20	16,100	17,200	15,600
20	20	16,800	18,400	16,600

Note: Heat gain based on insulation with "K" factor of .25. Required capacity must be corrected for different "K" factor, or different thickness of insulation.

## FAHRENHEIT - CENTIGRADE TEMPERATURE CONVERSION CHART

The numbers in bold-face type in the outer columns refer to the temperature, either in Centigrade or Fahrenheit, which is to be converted to the other scale. If necessary, Fahrenheit or Centigrade, and equivalent temperature will be found in the left column of ascending Centigrade or Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature will be listed in the column of the right.

Fahrenheit			Fahrenheit			Fahrenheit			Temperature		
Cent.	Cent. F.	Fahr.	Cent.	Cent. F.	Fahr.	Cent.	Cent. F.	Fahr.	Cent.	Cent. F.	Fahr.
-60.0	-40	-30.0	-5.0	+23	-65.0	+26.7	+80	+176.0	-60.0	+140	+284.0
-50.0	-30	-20.0	0.0	+32	-55.0	+27.2	+81	+177.8	-50.0	+141	+285.8
-40.0	-20	-10.0	5.0	+41	-45.0	+27.8	+82	+179.6	-40.0	+142	+287.6
-30.0	-10	0.0	10.0	+50	-35.0	+28.3	+83	+181.4	-30.0	+143	+289.4
-20.0	0	10.0	15.0	+59	-25.0	+28.9	+84	+183.2	-20.0	+144	+291.2
-10.0	10	20.0	20.0	+68	-15.0	+29.4	+85	+185.0	-10.0	+145	+293.0
0.0	20	30.0	25.0	+77	-5.0	+30.0	+86	+186.8	0.0	+146	+294.8
10.0	30	40.0	30.0	+86	5.0	+30.6	+87	+188.6	10.0	+147	+296.6
20.0	40	50.0	35.0	+95	15.0	+31.1	+88	+190.4	20.0	+148	+298.4
30.0	50	60.0	40.0	+104	25.0	+31.7	+89	+192.2	30.0	+149	+300.2
40.0	60	70.0	45.0	+113	35.0	+32.2	+90	+194.0	40.0	+150	+302.0
50.0	70	80.0	50.0	+122	45.0	+32.8	+91	+195.8	50.0	+151	+303.8
60.0	80	90.0	55.0	+131	55.0	+33.3	+92	+197.6	60.0	+152	+305.6
70.0	90	100.0	60.0	+140	65.0	+33.9	+93	+199.4	70.0	+153	+307.4
80.0	100	110.0	65.0	+149	75.0	+34.4	+94	+201.2	80.0	+154	+309.2
90.0	110	120.0	70.0	+158	85.0	+35.0	+95	+203.0	90.0	+155	+311.0
100.0	120	130.0	75.0	+167	95.0	+35.6	+96	+204.8	100.0	+156	+312.8
110.0	130	140.0	80.0	+176	105.0	+36.1	+97	+206.6	110.0	+157	+314.6
120.0	140	150.0	85.0	+185	115.0	+36.7	+98	+208.4	120.0	+158	+316.4
130.0	150	160.0	90.0	+194	125.0	+37.2	+99	+210.2	130.0	+159	+318.2
140.0	160	170.0	95.0	+203	135.0	+37.8	+100	+212.0	140.0	+160	+320.0
150.0	170	180.0	100.0	+212	145.0	+38.3	+101	+213.8	150.0	+161	+321.8
160.0	180	190.0	105.0	+221	155.0	+38.9	+102	+215.6	160.0	+162	+323.6
170.0	190	200.0	110.0	+230	165.0	+39.4	+103	+217.4	170.0	+163	+325.4
180.0	200	210.0	115.0	+239	175.0	+40.0	+104	+219.2	180.0	+164	+327.2
190.0	210	220.0	120.0	+248	185.0	+40.6	+105	+221.0	190.0	+165	+329.0
200.0	220	230.0	125.0	+257	195.0	+41.1	+106	+222.8	200.0	+166	+330.8
210.0	230	240.0	130.0	+266	205.0	+41.7	+107	+224.6	210.0	+167	+332.6
220.0	240	250.0	135.0	+275	215.0	+42.2	+108	+226.4	220.0	+168	+334.4
230.0	250	260.0	140.0	+284	225.0	+42.8	+109	+228.2	230.0	+169	+336.2
240.0	260	270.0	145.0	+293	235.0	+43.3	+110	+230.0	240.0	+170	+338.0
250.0	270	280.0	150.0	+302	245.0	+43.9	+111	+231.8	250.0	+171	+339.8
260.0	280	290.0	155.0	+311	255.0	+44.4	+112	+233.6	260.0	+172	+341.6
270.0	290	300.0	160.0	+320	265.0	+45.0	+113	+235.4	270.0	+173	+343.4
280.0	300	310.0	165.0	+329	275.0	+45.6	+114	+237.2	280.0	+174	+345.2
290.0	310	320.0	170.0	+338	285.0	+46.1	+115	+239.0	290.0	+175	+347.0
300.0	320	330.0	175.0	+347	295.0	+46.7	+116	+240.8	300.0	+176	+348.8
310.0	330	340.0	180.0	+356	305.0	+47.2	+117	+242.6	310.0	+177	+350.6
320.0	340	350.0	185.0	+365	315.0	+47.8	+118	+244.4	320.0	+178	+352.4
330.0	350	360.0	190.0	+374	325.0	+48.3	+119	+246.2	330.0	+179	+354.2
340.0	360	370.0	195.0	+383	335.0	+48.9	+120	+248.0	340.0	+180	+356.0
350.0	370	380.0	200.0	+392	345.0	+49.4	+121	+249.8	350.0	+181	+357.8
360.0	380	390.0	205.0	+401	355.0	+50.0	+122	+251.6	360.0	+182	+359.6
370.0	390	400.0	210.0	+410	365.0	+50.6	+123	+253.4	370.0	+183	+361.4
380.0	400	410.0	215.0	+419	375.0	+51.1	+124	+255.2	380.0	+184	+363.2
390.0	410	420.0	220.0	+428	385.0	+51.7	+125	+257.0	390.0	+185	+365.0
400.0	420	430.0	225.0	+437	395.0	+52.2	+126	+258.8	400.0	+186	+366.8
410.0	430	440.0	230.0	+446	405.0	+52.8	+127	+260.6	410.0	+187	+368.6
420.0	440	450.0	235.0	+455	415.0	+53.3	+128	+262.4	420.0	+188	+370.4
430.0	450	460.0	240.0	+464	425.0	+53.9	+129	+264.2	430.0	+189	+372.2
440.0	460	470.0	245.0	+473	435.0	+54.4	+130	+266.0	440.0	+190	+374.0
450.0	470	480.0	250.0	+482	445.0	+55.0	+131	+267.8	450.0	+191	+375.8
460.0	480	490.0	255.0	+491	455.0	+55.6	+132	+269.6	460.0	+192	+377.6
470.0	490	500.0	260.0	+500	465.0	+56.1	+133	+271.4	470.0	+193	+379.4
480.0	500	510.0	265.0	+509	475.0	+56.7	+134	+273.2	480.0	+194	+381.2
490.0	510	520.0	270.0	+518	485.0	+57.2	+135	+275.0	490.0	+195	+383.0
500.0	520	530.0	275.0	+527	495.0	+57.8	+136	+276.8	500.0	+196	+384.8
510.0	530	540.0	280.0	+536	505.0	+58.3	+137	+278.6	510.0	+197	+386.6
520.0	540	550.0	285.0	+545	515.0	+58.9	+138	+280.4	520.0	+198	+388.4
530.0	550	560.0	290.0	+554	525.0	+59.4	+139	+282.2	530.0	+199	+390.2

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