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## Foreword

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# Ducted air-conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps — Testing and rating for performance

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the standard conditions for capacity and efficiency ratings of ducted, air-cooled air-conditioners and ducted air-to-air heat pumps. This International Standard is applicable to the test methods for determining the capacity and efficiency ratings. Residential, commercial, and industrial single-package and split-system air-conditioners and heat pumps are included. The equipment (taken to mean ducted air-conditioners and/or ducted heat pumps) shall be factory-made and electrically driven, and shall use mechanical compression.

This International Standard is applicable to equipment utilizing one or more refrigeration systems, one outdoor unit and one or more indoor units controlled by a single thermostat/controller. This International Standard is applicable to equipment utilizing single-, multiple- and variable-capacity components.

This International Standard is not applicable to the rating and testing of the following:

- a) water-source heat pumps or water-cooled air-conditioners;
- b) multi-split-system air-conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps (see ISO 15042 for testing of such equipment);
- c) mobile (windowless) units having a condenser exhaust duct;
- d) individual assemblies not constituting a complete refrigeration system;
- e) equipment using the absorption refrigeration cycle;
- f) non-ducted equipment (see ISO 5151 for testing of such equipment).

This International Standard does not cover the determination of seasonal efficiencies that can be required in some countries because they provide a better indication of efficiency under actual operating conditions.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO 817, *Refrigerants — Designation and safety classification*

ISO 5151, *Non-ducted air conditioners and heat pumps — Testing and rating for performance*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1 ducted air-conditioner**  
encased assembly or assemblies designed primarily to provide ducted delivery of conditioned air to an enclosed space, room or zone (conditioned space)

NOTE It can be either single-package or split-system and comprises a primary source of refrigeration for cooling and dehumidification. It can also include means for heating other than a heat pump, as well as means for circulating, cleaning, humidifying, ventilating or exhausting air. Such equipment can be provided in more than one assembly; the separated assemblies (split-systems) of which are intended to be used together.

**3.2 ducted heat pump**  
encased assembly or assemblies designed primarily to provide ducted delivery of conditioned air to an enclosed space, room or zone (conditioned space), including a prime source of refrigeration for heating

NOTE It can be constructed to remove heat from the conditioned space and discharge it to a heat sink if cooling and dehumidification are desired from the same equipment. It can also include means for circulating, cleaning, humidifying, ventilating or exhausting air. Such equipment can be provided in more than one assembly; the separated assemblies (split-systems) of which are intended to be used together.

**3.3 standard air**  
dry air at 20,0 °C and at a standard barometric pressure of 101,325 kPa, having a mass density of 1 204 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**3.4 total cooling capacity**  
amount of sensible and latent heat that the equipment can remove from the conditioned space in a defined interval of time

NOTE Total cooling capacity is expressed in units of watts.

**3.5 heating capacity**  
amount of heat that the equipment can add to the conditioned space (but not including supplementary heat) in a defined interval of time

NOTE Heating capacity is expressed in units of watts.

**3.6 latent cooling capacity  
room dehumidifying capacity**  
amount of latent heat that the equipment can remove from the conditioned space in a defined interval of time

NOTE Latent cooling capacity and room dehumidifying capacity are expressed in units of watts.

**3.7 sensible cooling capacity**  
amount of sensible heat that the equipment can remove from the conditioned space in a defined interval of time

NOTE Sensible cooling capacity is expressed in units of watts.



**3.8****sensible heat ratio****SHR**

ratio of the sensible cooling capacity to the total cooling capacity

**3.9****rated voltage**

voltage shown on the nameplate of the equipment

**3.10****rated frequency**

frequency shown on the nameplate of the equipment

**3.11****energy efficiency ratio****EER**

ratio of the total cooling capacity to the effective power input to the device at any given set of rating conditions

NOTE Where the EER is stated without an indication of units, it is understood that it is derived from watts/watts.

**3.12****coefficient of performance****COP**

ratio of the heating capacity to the effective power input to the device at any given set of rating conditions

NOTE Where the COP is stated without an indication of units, it is understood that it is derived from watts/watts.

**3.13****total power input** $P_t$ 

average electrical power input to the equipment as measured during the test

NOTE Total power input is expressed in units of watts.

**3.14****effective power input** $P_E$ 

average electrical power input to the equipment, obtained from

- the power input for operation of the compressor(s),
- the power input to electric heating devices used only for defrosting,
- the power input to all control and safety devices of the equipment, and
- the power input for operation of all fans, whether provided with the equipment or not

NOTE Effective power input is expressed in units of watts.

**3.15****full-load operation**

operation with the equipment and controls configured for the maximum continuous duty refrigeration capacity specified by the manufacturer and allowed by the unit controls

NOTE Unless otherwise regulated by the automatic controls of the equipment, all indoor units and compressors are functioning during full-load operations.

## 4 Symbols

Symbol	Description	Unit
$A_l$	coefficient, heat leakage	J/s·°C
$A_n$	nozzle area	m <sup>2</sup>
$\alpha$	pressure ratio	—
$C_d$	nozzle discharge coefficient	—
$c_o$	concentration of oil	—
$c_{pa}$	specific heat of moist air	J/kg·°C
$c_{pa1}$	specific heat of moist air entering the indoor side	J/kg·°C
$c_{pa2}$	specific heat of moist air leaving the indoor side	J/kg·°C
$c_{pw}$	specific heat of water	J/kg·°C
$D_e$	equivalent diameter	mm
$D_n$	nozzle throat diameter	mm
$D_i$	diameter of circular ducts, inlet	mm
$D_o$	diameter of circular ducts, outlet	mm
$D_t$	outside diameter of refrigerant tube	mm
$h_{a1}$	specific enthalpy of air entering the indoor side	J/kg of dry air
$h_{a2}$	specific enthalpy of air leaving the indoor side	J/kg of dry air
$h_{a3}$	specific enthalpy of air entering the outdoor side	J/kg of dry air
$h_{a4}$	specific enthalpy of air leaving the outdoor side	J/kg of dry air
$h_{f1}$	specific enthalpy of refrigerant liquid entering the expansion device	J/kg
$h_{f2}$	specific enthalpy of refrigerant liquid leaving the condenser	J/kg
$h_{g1}$	specific enthalpy of refrigerant vapour entering the compressor	J/kg
$h_{g2}$	specific enthalpy of refrigerant vapour leaving the condenser	J/kg
$h_{k2}$	specific enthalpy of fluid leaving the calorimeter evaporator	J/kg
$h_{r1}$	specific enthalpy of refrigerant entering the indoor side	J/kg
$h_{r2}$	specific enthalpy of refrigerant leaving the indoor side	J/kg
$h_{w1}$	specific enthalpy of water or steam supplied to the indoor-side compartment	J/kg
$h_{w2}$	specific enthalpy of condensed moisture leaving the indoor-side compartment	J/kg
$h_{w3}$	specific enthalpy of condensate removed by the air-treating coil in the outdoor-side compartment of the reconditioning equipment	J/kg
$h_{w4}$	specific enthalpy of the water supplied to the outdoor-side compartment	J/kg
$h_{w5}$	specific enthalpy of the condensed water (in the case of test condition high) and the frost, respectively (in the case of test conditions low or extra-low) in the test unit	J/kg
$K_1$	latent heat of vaporization of water (2 500,4 J/g at 0 °C)	J/g
$L_d$	length of duct	m
$L_m$	length to external static pressure measuring point	m

Symbol	Description	Unit
$\ln$	natural logarithm	—
$m_1$	mass of cylinder and bleeder assembly, empty	g
$m_3$	mass of cylinder and bleeder assembly, with sample	g
$m_5$	mass of cylinder and bleeder assembly, with oil from sample	g
$\eta_{fan,i}$	estimated indoor fan static efficiency	—
$\eta_{mot,i}$	estimated indoor motor efficiency	—
$p_a$	barometric pressure	kPa
$p_c$	compartment equalization pressure	kPa
$p_e$	external static pressure (ESP)	kPa
$p_{isc}$	internal static pressure drop of the indoor coil cabinet assembly measured from the cooling capacity test	Pa
$p_m$	measured external static pressure	kPa
$p_n$	pressure at the nozzle throat	kPa abs
$p_v$	velocity pressure at nozzle throat or static pressure difference across the nozzle	Pa
$Re$	Reynolds number	—
$\phi_{ci}$	heat removed from the indoor-side compartment	W
$\phi_c$	heat removed by the cooling coil in the outdoor-side compartment	W
$\phi_p$	heat leakage into the indoor-side compartment through the partition separating the indoor side from the outdoor side	W
$\phi_i$	heat leakage into the indoor-side compartment through walls, floor and ceiling	W
$\phi_o$	heat leakage out of the outdoor-side compartment through walls, floor and ceiling	W
$\phi_L$	line heat loss in interconnecting tubing	W
$\phi_e$	heat input to the calorimeter evaporator	W
$\phi_{sc}$	sensible cooling capacity	W
$\phi_{sci}$	sensible cooling capacity (indoor-side data)	W
$\phi_d$	latent cooling capacity (dehumidifying)	W
$\phi_{hi}$	heating capacity (indoor-side compartment)	W
$\phi_{ho}$	heating capacity (outdoor-side compartment)	W
$\phi_{ci}$	latent cooling capacity (indoor-side data)	W
$\phi_{ci}$	total cooling capacity (indoor-side data)	W
$\phi_{co}$	total cooling capacity (outdoor-side data)	W
$\phi_{hi}$	total heating capacity (indoor-side data)	W
$\phi_{ho}$	total heating capacity (outdoor-side data)	W
$P_{fan}$	estimated fan power to circulate indoor air	W
$P_i$	power input, indoor-side data	W
$\Sigma P_{ic}$	other power input to the indoor-side compartment (e.g. illumination, electrical and thermal power input to the compensating device, heat balance of the humidification device)	W

Symbol	Description	Unit
$\Sigma P_{oc}$	sum of all total power input to the outdoor-side compartment, not including power to the equipment under test	W
$P_E$	effective power input to the equipment	W
$P_K$	power input to the compressor	W
$P_t$	total power input to the equipment	W
$q_m$	air mass flow rate	kg/s
$q_r$	refrigerant flow rate	kg/s
$q_{ro}$	refrigerant and oil mixture flow rate	kg/s
$q_V$	air volume flow rate	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$q_{V,i}$	indoor air volume flow rate	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$q_{V,o}$	measured outdoor air volume flow rate	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$q_w$	condenser water flow rate	kg/s
$q_{wc}$	rate at which water vapour is condensed by the equipment	g/s
$q_{m,w}$	water mass flow supplied to the outside compartment for maintaining the test conditions	kg/s
$t_a$	temperature, ambient	°C
$t_{a1}$	temperature of air entering the indoor side, dry bulb	°C
$t_{a2}$	temperature of air leaving the indoor side, dry bulb	°C
$t_{a3}$	temperature of air entering the outdoor side, dry bulb	°C
$t_{a4}$	temperature of air leaving the outdoor side, dry bulb	°C
$t_c$	temperature of the surface of the calorimeter condenser	°C
$t_{w1}$	temperature of water entering the calorimeter	°C
$t_{w2}$	temperature of water leaving the calorimeter	°C
$\nu$	kinematic viscosity of air	m <sup>2</sup> /s
$\nu_n$	velocity of air, at nozzle	m/s
$V_n$	specific volume of dry air portion of mixture at nozzle	m <sup>3</sup> /kg
$V'_n$	specific volume of air at nozzle	m <sup>3</sup> /kg of air-water vapour mixture
$W_{i1}$	specific humidity of air entering the indoor side	kg/kg of dry air
$W_{i2}$	specific humidity of air leaving the indoor side	kg/kg of dry air
$W_n$	specific humidity at nozzle inlet	kg/kg of dry air
$W_r$	water vapour (rate) condensed by the equipment	g/s
$X_r$	mass ratio, refrigerant to refrigerant-oil mixture	—
$Y$	expansion factor	—

## 5 Airflow

### 5.1 General

The airflow rate shall be specified by the manufacturer. This flow rate shall be for full-load cooling and be expressed in terms of standard air conditions with the compressor or compressors not operating.

$P_{\text{fan}}$  is the estimated fan power required to circulate indoor air, in watts.

### 5.2 Indoor airflow setting

The airflow rate setting shall be made when only the fan is operating, at an ambient temperature between 20 °C to 30 °C and relative humidity between 30 % and 70 %. The airflow settings of the units shall be in accordance with Annex A.

The rated airflow rate given by the manufacturer shall be set and the resulting external static pressure (ESP),  $p_e$  measured. The measured ESP shall be not less than the ESP for rating, defined in Table 1. If the unit has an adjustable speed, it shall be adjusted to the lowest speed that provides the ESP for rating or greater.

### 5.3 ESP for rating

**5.3.1** If the rated ESP specified by the manufacturer is greater than or equal to the minimum value given in Table 1, the specified rated ESP is used as the ESP for rating.

**5.3.2** If the rated ESP specified by the manufacturer is less than the minimum value given in Table 1, and greater than or equal to 80 % of the maximum ESP, the specified rated ESP is used as the ESP for rating. The maximum ESP may either be specified by the manufacturer or be identified from fan curves provided by the manufacturer.

**5.3.3** If the rated ESP specified by the manufacturer is less than the minimum value given in Table 1, and less than 80 % of the maximum ESP, the value of Table 1 or 80 % of the maximum ESP, whichever is less, is used as the ESP for rating.

**5.3.4** If the rated ESP is not specified by the manufacturer, the value of Table 1 or 80 % of the maximum ESP, whichever is less, is used as the ESP for rating.

**5.3.5** The process of selecting the ESP for rating is shown in Figure 1.

**5.3.6** In the case that the determined ESP for rating is less than 25 Pa, the unit can be considered as a non-ducted unit and be tested in accordance with ISO 5151.

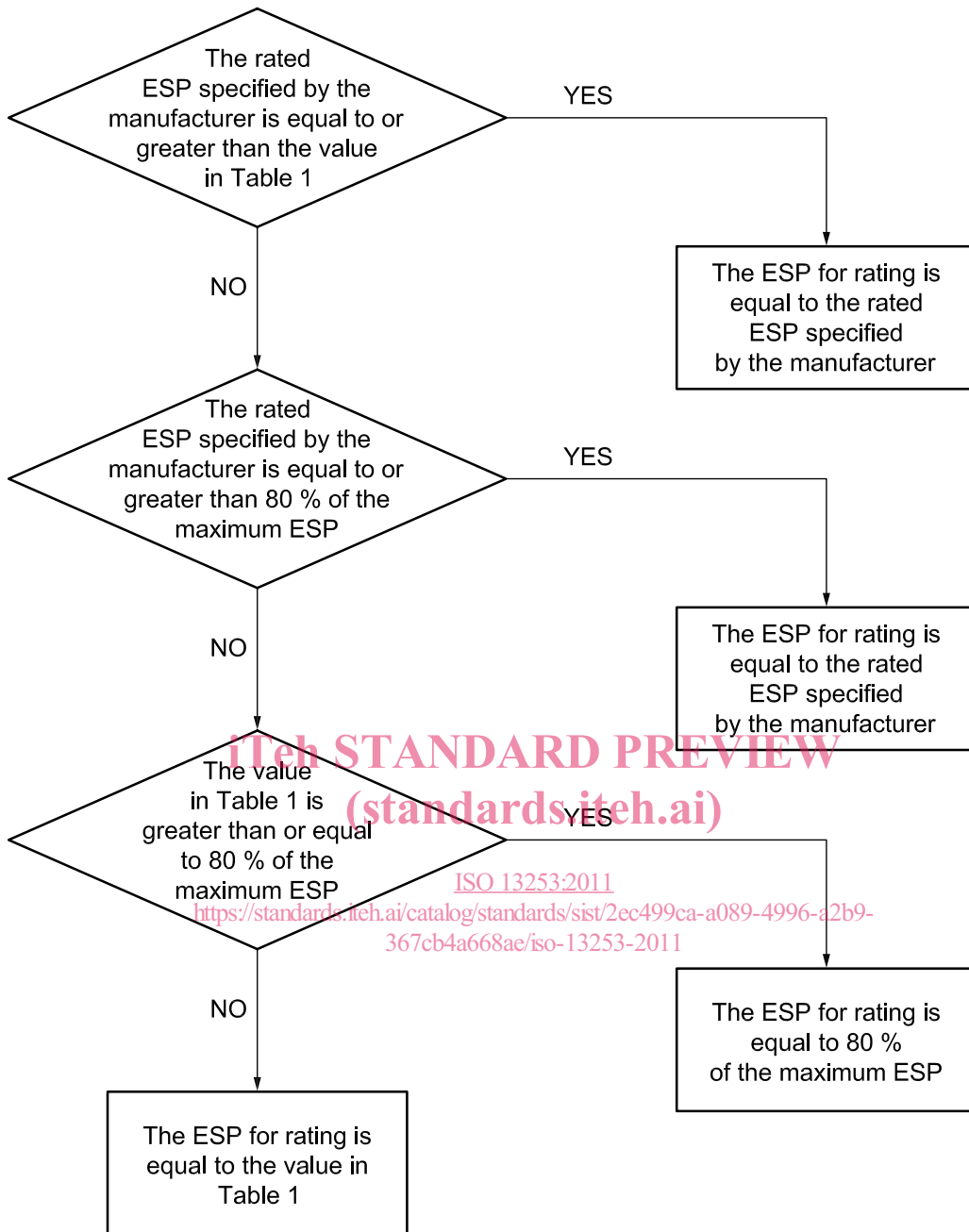


Figure 1 — Flowchart of selecting the ESP for rating

Table 1 — Pressure requirement for comfort air-conditioners

Standard capacity ratings kW	Minimum external static pressure <sup>a</sup> Pa
$0 < Q < 8$	25
$8 \leq Q < 12$	37
$12 \leq Q < 20$	50
$20 \leq Q < 30$	62
$30 \leq Q < 45$	75
$45 \leq Q < 82$	100
$82 \leq Q < 117$	125
$117 \leq Q < 147$	150
$Q > 147$	175

<sup>a</sup> For equipment tested without an air filter installed, the minimum ESP,  $p_e$ , shall be increased by 10 Pa.

#### 5.4 Outdoor airflow

If the outdoor airflow is adjustable, all tests shall be conducted at the outdoor-side air quantity or fan control setting that is specified by the manufacturer. Where the fan is non-adjustable, all tests shall be conducted at the outdoor-side air volume flow rate inherent in the equipment when operated with the following in place: all of the resistance elements associated with inlets, louvers, and any ductwork and attachments considered by the manufacturer as normal installation practice. Once established, the outdoor-side air circuit of the equipment shall remain unchanged throughout all tests prescribed in this International Standard, except to adjust for any change caused by the attachment of the airflow measuring device when using the outdoor air enthalpy test method (see H.2.1).

#### 5.5 Unit supplied without indoor fan

If no fan is supplied with the unit (i.e. coil only units), the requirements in Annex A and the supplemental requirements given in Annex M also apply.

### 6 Cooling tests

#### 6.1 Cooling capacity tests

##### 6.1.1 General conditions

**6.1.1.1** All equipment within the scope of this International Standard shall have the cooling capacities and energy efficiency ratios (EERs) determined in accordance with the provisions of this International Standard and rated at the cooling test conditions specified in Table 2. All tests shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Annex B and the test methods specified in Clause 8. All tests shall be conducted with the equipment functioning at full-load operation, as defined in 3.15. The electrical input values used for rating purposes shall be measured during the cooling capacity test.

**6.1.1.2** If the manufacturer of equipment having a variable-speed compressor does not provide information on the full-load frequency and how to achieve it during a cooling capacity test, the equipment shall be operated with its thermostat or controller set to its minimum allowable temperature setting.