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## European foreword

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## **Introduction**

This document was developed in order to provide a suitable method of performance testing of packaged refrigerating unit for stationary cold room applications.

This is the first edition of this document. It includes testing only in so-called “dry conditions”. That means, the evaporator does not show any ice formation during the test. Although it is well-known, that such conditions do not represent the typical situation in the practical use of the packaged refrigerating units, this edition of the document focusses on the description of a test procedure providing reliable test results, which can be used to compare the performance of different models/types of packaged refrigerating unit.

In order to keep the test procedure in this document practically oriented, tests under so-called “wet conditions” as well as taking defrost periods into account will be a future Work Item of the responsible working group. The aim is to integrate such tests in a later revision of this document.

This document reflects the current market situation which shows that only refrigerating units without integrated pump for the heat transfer medium on the exterior heat exchanger are offered.

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## 1 Scope

This document defines classification criteria, test conditions and test procedures for performance testing of packaged refrigerating units for stationary cold room applications. This includes ductless units for cold storage applications at medium temperatures (MT) and low temperatures (LT) in either compact or split designs, fitted with electrically driven compressors, which work according to the vapour compression cycle.

## 2 Normative references

Not applicable.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **packaged refrigerating unit**

functional unit incorporating a complete factory-made refrigerating system, as defined in EN 378-1, mounted in a suitable frame and/or enclosure, that is fabricated and transported complete, or in two or more sections and in which no refrigerant-containing parts are connected on site other than by isolation valves, such as companion valves, and by interconnecting piping as defined by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: A packaged refrigerating unit incorporates at least one refrigerant circuit, and can incorporate one or more heat transfer circuits.

### 3.2

#### **compact unit**

packaged refrigerating unit, that has been assembled, filled ready for use, and is installed without the need for connecting any refrigerant-containing parts

### 3.3

#### **split unit**

packaged refrigerating unit, comprising one unit providing cooling to the cold room and one unit used for condensing the refrigerant

### 3.4

#### **factory made**

manufactured at a dedicated production location under control of a recognized quality system

Note 1 to entry: Assembling is manufacturing.

[SOURCE: EN 378-1:2016, 3.8.5, modified — The present Note 1 to entry was added.]

### 3.5

#### **interior heat exchanger**

heat exchanger in which liquid refrigerant is vaporized by absorbing heat from the interior heat transfer medium, for the applications regarded here, the interior heat exchanger is usually called 'evaporator'

**prEN 17432:2019 (E)****3.6****exterior heat exchanger**

heat exchanger in which the refrigerant is cooled down due to heat dissipation by the exterior heat transfer medium, for the applications regarded here, the exterior heat exchanger is usually called 'condenser'

**3.7****heat transfer medium**

medium (water, air, etc.) which transfers heat without undergoing phase changes

**3.8****dry bulb temperature**

temperature of air measured by a thermometer exposed to the air but shielded from radiation and moisture

**3.9****calorimeter room**

insulated test chamber which houses a heating device and the interior heat exchanger

**3.10****test chamber**

room in which the ambient air can be conditioned and kept in a steady state condition and in which the exterior heat exchanger as well as the calorimeter are located

Note 1 to entry: See 7.2 for further explanation.

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**3.11****total cooling capacity**

heat per unit of time transferred to the unit via heat transfer medium minus introduced heat of the fans installed at the interior heat exchanger

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**3.12****latent cooling capacity**

heat flow extracted from surrounding air by condensation of water vapour as well as icing, including sub-cooling, of the evaporator surface

**3.13****sensible cooling capacity**

heat flow extracted from surrounding air by lowering the dry bulb temperature

**3.14****total power consumption**

average electrical power consumption of a system over time defined by:

- a) power consumption of installed compressor and any power consumption during de-frosting periods;
- b) power consumption of any installed control or safety devices;
- c) power consumption of any integrated device, like fans or pumps, for ensuring heat transfer medium transport within the unit.



**3.15****energy efficiency ratio**

ratio of total cooling capacity to total power consumption of the unit

**3.16****energy efficiency ratio including heat recovery**

ratio of total cooling capacity to total power consumption of the unit including recovered heat from the exterior heat exchanger of water-to-air units

**3.17****operating limits**

limitations in terms of maximum and minimum operating conditions (range of pressure, temperature, voltage, humidity, etc.)

Note 1 to entry: The unit shall work as intended within the operating limits specified by the manufacturer.

**3.18****nominal conditions**

conditions that define a standard which reveals if a packaged refrigerating unit is working within those defined limits

**3.19****standard air conditions**

condition of dry air at 20 °C with an air pressure of 101.325 kPa and with a density of 1.204 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**3.20****support cold**

independently working refrigerating unit to compensate heat losses through the calorimeter room envelope

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**3.21****low temperature****LT**

application, at which the packaged refrigerating unit is capable of delivering its nominal cooling capacity at the interior heat exchanger inlet temperature of -20 °C

**3.22****medium temperature****MT**

application, at which the packaged refrigerating unit is capable of delivering its nominal cooling capacity at the interior heat exchanger inlet temperature of 0 °C

## 4 Symbols

Table 1 — Quantities

Symbol	Quantity	Unit	Unit Symbol
$Q_o$	Total cooling capacity	Watt	W
$Q_{oL}$	Latent cooling capacity	Watt	W
$Q_{oS}$	Sensible cooling capacity	Watt	W
$P_E$	Total power consumption	Watt	W
EER	Energy efficiency ratio	—	—
EER <sub>x</sub>	Energy efficiency ratio including waste heat	—	—
A	Length of the air inlet of the interior heat exchanger	millimetres	mm
B	Width/Height of the air inlet of the interior heat exchanger	millimetres	mm
$q_{Heat\ loss}$	Heat loss during calibration of the calorimeter room	Watt per Kelvin	W/K
$P_{Heater}$	Total electric power consumption of the heating	Watt	W
$T_{int}$	Internal temperature of the calorimeter room	Kelvin	K
$T_{out}$	Ambient temperature of the test chamber	Kelvin	K
$\Delta T$	Temperature spread (calibration)	Kelvin	K
$T_{out,w}$	Temperature of the heat transfer medium (water) at heat exchanger outlet	Degree Celsius	°C
$T_{int,w}$	Temperature of the heat transfer medium (water) at heat exchanger inlet	Degree Celsius	°C
m	mass flow	kilogram per second	kg/s
V	Volume	Cubic metre	m <sup>3</sup>
$\rho$	Density	kilogram per cubic metre	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$Q_{Heat}$	heating capacity of the heat exchanger	kilowatt	kW
$\dot{V}_F$	nominal volume flow	Cubic meters per second	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$\Delta p_i$	maximum measured external static pressure difference between water inlet and outlet	Pascal	P
$\eta$	pump efficiency	Percent	%
$Q_{Heat,i}$	total heating capacity of the heating device	Watt	W
$Q_{support\ cold}$	cooling capacity of the support cold	Watt	W
$\Delta T_i$	Temperature spread between interior and exterior heat exchanger (measurement)	Kelvin	K

Table 2 — Constants

Symbol	Description	Value
$c_p$	Specific heat capacity of water	4,19 kJ/(kg · K)

## 5 Classification

Refrigerating units are labelled by listing their heat transfer mediums. The heat transfer medium of the exterior heat exchanger (condenser) is listed in the first column, the heat transfer medium of the interior heat exchanger (evaporator) is listed in the second column (see Table 3).

Table 3 — Labelling of refrigerating units

Heat transfer medium		Term
Exterior heat exchanger	Interior heat exchanger	
Air	Air	Air cooled refrigerating unit
Water	Air	Water cooled refrigerating unit
Liquid	Air	Liquid cooled refrigerating unit

## 6 Test conditions

### 6.1 General

The test procedures defined in this document provide methods for determining cooling capacities and electrical power consumption of packaged refrigerating units as well as for determining heat recovery capacities of water-cooled packaged refrigerating units. The tests can be performed under dry conditions inside a calorimeter room, which is placed in a test chamber.

### 6.2 Testing conditions

The following test procedures are to be conducted under the nominal conditions given in Tables 4, 5 and 6), unless stated otherwise.

Table 4 — Air-to-Air Refrigerating unit – Nominal Dry Conditions

		Exterior Heat Exchanger		Interior Heat Exchanger		
		Dry Bulb Temperature at Inlet		Dry Bulb Temperature at Inlet		Rel. Humidity at inlet
Nominal Conditions for:	LT	32 °C		-20 °C		a
	MT	32 °C		0 °C		a
a As low, as to prevent icing on the heat exchanger surface.						

The manufacturer may choose the following additional testing conditions for air-to-air refrigerating units:

- for cold climate: 15 °C for dry bulb temperature at inlet of exterior heat exchanger;