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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21978:2021), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— values of uncertainties have been corrected;

— descriptive terms or names have been revised following ISO/IEC Directives;

— errors in Annex A have been corrected;

— typos have been corrected.

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Introduction

Air to water heat pumps are, at present, selected and compared at a rated condition. This condition does not represent the usual operating conditions of the equipment over a season. This operating condition can be better assessed by comparing equipment at representative reduced capacities and determining the seasonal coefficient of performance.

This document provides part load conditions and calculation methods for calculating the seasonal coefficient of performance ($S_{COP,on}$ and $S_{COP,net}$) of such units when they are used to fulfil the heating demands.

Other energy consumptions can occur when the unit is not used to fulfil the heating demands such as those from a crankcase heater or when the unit is on standby. These consumptions are considered in the calculation methods for reference S_{COP}.

Reference S_{COP}/$S_{COP,on}$/$S_{COP,net}$ calculations may be based on calculated or tested values. For the purpose of S_{COP}/$S_{COP,on}$/$S_{COP,net}$, three design conditions average (A), colder (C) and warmer (W) are considered, as well as three temperature applications. In case of tested values, this document gives the methods for testing air to water heat pumps at part load conditions.

Air to water heat pumps — Testing and rating at part load conditions and calculation of seasonal coefficient of performance for space heating

1 Scope

This document specifies test conditions for determining the seasonal performance characteristics of air to water heat pumps for space heating with electrically driven compressors with or without supplementary heater. In the case of air to water heat pumps for space heating consisting of several parts with refrigerant or water connections, this document applies only to those designed and supplied as a complete package.

The seasonal coefficient of performance depends, inter alia, on the climate conditions and temperature regime of the space heating distribution network.

This document specifies:

— three design conditions, each of them being characterized by a design temperature which represents the lowest temperature that can occur in that design condition;

— three water temperature distribution regimes, namely “temperature application” in the text.

This document also provides a full description of three heating seasons that can be used with the associated design conditions.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
35 °C application
temperature application where an indoor heat exchanger water(brine) outlet temperature of 35 °C is met at design temperature

3.2
45 °C application
temperature application where an indoor heat exchanger water(brine) outlet temperature of 45 °C is met at design temperature

3.3
55 °C application
temperature application where an indoor heat exchanger water(brine) outlet temperature of 55 °C is met at design temperature

3.4
active mode
mode corresponding to the hours with a heating load of the building and whereby the heating function of the unit is activated

Note 1 to entry: This condition can involve on/off-cycling of the unit in order to reach or maintain a required indoor air temperature.

3.5
active mode seasonal coefficient of performance
$S_{COP,on}$
average coefficient of performance of the unit in *active mode* (3.4) for the designated design condition, determined from the part load, supplementary heating capacity (where required) and *bin-specific coefficients of performance* (3.12) and weighted by the *bin hours* (3.11) where the bin condition occurs

Note 1 to entry: For calculation of $S_{COP,on}$, the energy consumption during *thermostat-off mode* (3.47), *standby mode* (3.44), *off mode* (3.36) and *crankcase heater mode* (3.22) are excluded. The energy consumption of a supplementary heater is added for the part load conditions where the declared capacity of the unit is lower than the heating load, regardless whether this supplementary heater is included in the unit or not included in the unit.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in kWh/kWh.

3.6
air to water heat pump
heat pump which consists of one or more factory-made assemblies which includes at space side refrigerant to water heat exchanger (load side), electrically driven compressor(s), and outdoor-side air-to refrigerant heat exchanger(s) (source side), including means to provide space heating and/or space cooling functions.

Note 1 to entry: It can include supplementary heater for space heating.

Note 2 to entry: This is also referred to as heat pump in this document.

3.7
annual energy consumption for heating

Q_{HE}
energy consumption required to meet the reference annual heating demand for a designated design condition and set of bin hours and calculated as the reference annual heating demand divided by the *active mode seasonal coefficient of performance* (3.5) and the energy consumption of the unit for thermostat-off-, standby-, off- and crankcase heater-mode during the heating season

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kWh.

3.8
annual heating demand
Q_H
heating demand for a designated design condition and set of bin hours, to be used as basis for calculation of *seasonal coefficient of performance* (3.43) and calculated as the product of the *design load* (3.26) for heating and the *equivalent active mode hours for heating* (3.32)

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kWh.

3.9
available external static pressure difference
Δp_e
positive pressure difference measured between the air (or water) outlet section and the air (or water) inlet section of the unit, which is available for overcoming the pressure drop of any additional ducted air (or water) circuit

3.10
bin
outdoor temperature interval of 1 K

3.11
bin hours
h_j
hours per heating season for which an outdoor temperature occurs for each *bin* (3.10) *j*

3.12
bin-specific coefficient of performance
$C_{Pb,}$(T,j)
coefficient of performance specific for every *bin* (3.10) *j* with outdoor temperature T_j in a heating season

3.13
bin temperature
T_j
outdoor air dry bulb temperature

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in °C.

Note 2 to entry: The relative humidity can be indicated by a corresponding wet bulb temperature.

3.14
bivalent temperature
T_{biv}
lowest outdoor temperature point at which the unit is declared to have a capacity able to meet 100 % of the heating load without supplementary heater, whether it is integrated in the unit or not

Note 1 to entry: Below this point, the unit can still provide capacity, but additional supplementary heating is necessary to fulfil the heating load.

3.15
capacity control
ability of the unit to change its capacity by changing the volumetric flow rate of the refrigerant

Note 1 to entry: Units are indicated as '*fixed*' if the unit cannot change its volumetric flow rate, '*two-staged*' if the volumetric flow rate is changed or varied in series of not more than two steps, '*multi-stage*' if the volumetric flow rate is changed or varied in series of three or four steps or '*variable*' if the volumetric flow rate is changed or varied in series of five or more steps to represent continuously variable capacity.

Note 2 to entry: Multi-stage capacity units are considered as variable capacity units in this document.

3.16
capacity ratio
C_R
heating part load or full load divided by the declared heating capacity of the unit at the same temperature conditions

3.17
coefficient of performance at the declared capacity
C_{Pd}
declared heating capacity of the unit divided by the effective power input of the unit at specific temperature conditions, A, B, C, D, E, F and G, where applicable

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kW/kW.

3.18
coefficient of performance at part load
C_{Pb}
coefficient of performance at the declared capacity (3.17), corrected with the degradation coefficient, where applicable

Note 1 to entry: When the declared capacity of the unit is higher than the heating load, the coefficient of performance- includes degradation losses. When the declared capacity of the unit is lower than the heating load (i.e. below the *bivalent temperature* (3.14) condition), the coefficient of performance of the declared capacity is used.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in kW/kW.

3.19
compressor-off state
condition where the compressor is not running while the unit is operating in *active mode* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: This is the "off" phase in on/off cycling.

3.20
crankcase heater mode operating hours
H_{CK}
annual number of hours the unit is considered to be in crankcase heater mode, the value of which depends on the designated design condition and set of bin hours

Note 1 to entry: Three examples of crankcase heater mode hours are given in Annex C.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in h.

3.21
crankcase heater mode power input
P_{CK}
power input of the unit due to crankcase heater operation mode

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W.

3.22
crankcase heater mode
condition where the unit has activated a heating device to avoid the refrigerant migrating to the compressor in order to limit the refrigerant concentration in oil at compressor start

3.23
declared capacity in heating
Φ_{dh}
heating capacity a unit can provide at any temperature condition A, B, C, D, E, F or G, as declared by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: This is the capacity provided by the refrigerant cycle of the unit without supplementary heaters, even if those are integrated in the unit.

3.24
degradation coefficient
C_d
measure of efficiency loss due to the cycling

Note 1 to entry: If the *Cd* is not determined by measurement, the default degradation coefficient is 0,9.

3.25
design condition
condition characterized by a design temperature condition and that is to be associated with a set of bin hours

Note 1 to entry: Three design conditions are defined in this document.

3.26
design load
Φ_{dlh}
space heating load declared by the manufacturer at *design temperature* (3.27)

Note 1 to entry: It is possible to calculate the $S_{COP}/S_{COP,on}/S_{COP,net}$ of a unit for more than one Φ_{dlh} value.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in kW.

3.27
design temperature
T_d
lowest outdoor air temperature considered for each design condition

3.28
effective power input during compressor-off state
P_{Coff}
total power input of the unit when the compressor is switched off in *active mode* (3.4), used for the determination of the *degradation coefficient* (3.24) including corrections for fans and pumps where applicable.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kW.

3.29
effective power input with declared capacity
P_{Con}
total power input when the unit is operating at part load condition, used for the determination of the *degradation coefficient* (3.24) including corrections for fans and pumps where applicable.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kW.

3.30
electric supplementary heater
real or assumed electric supplementary heater, with a coefficient of performance of 1, considered in the calculation of S_{COP} (3.43) and $S_{COP,on}$ (3.5)

3.31
electric supplementary heater capacity
$\Phi_{esh,}(T,j)$
heating capacity of a real or assumed electric supplementary heater supplementing the declared capacity for heating when the capacity of the unit is lower than the heat load for a specific *bin temperature* (3.13) T_j

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kW.

3.32
equivalent active mode hours for heating
H_{HE}
assumed annual number of hours while the unit is assumed to operate at the design load for heating (Φ_{dlh}) in order to satisfy the reference annual heating demand

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in h.

3.33
fixed outlet
water(brine) outlet temperature that is used when the control of the unit has no means to automatically vary the water(brine) outlet temperature with the outdoor temperature

3.34
internal static pressure difference
Δp_i
negative pressure difference measured between the air (or water) outlet section and the air (or water) inlet section of the unit, which corresponds to the total pressure drop of all components on the air (or water) side of the unit"

3.35
net seasonal coefficient of performance
$S_{COP,net}$
seasonal efficiency of a unit in active heating mode without supplementary heaters which is determined from selected conditions

Note 1 to entry: For calculation of $S_{COP,net}$, the energy consumption during *active mode* (3.4) is used. This excludes the energy consumption during *thermostat-off mode* (3.47), *standby mode* (3.44), *off mode* (3.36) or that of the crankcase heater. For the part load conditions where the declared capacity of the unit is lower than the heating load, the energy consumption of a supplementary heater is not included.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in kWh/kWh.

3.36
off mode
mode wherein the unit is completely switched off and cannot be reactivated by control device, external signal or by a timer

Note 1 to entry: Off mode means a condition in which the equipment is connected to the mains and is not providing any function. The following will also be considered as off mode: conditions providing only an indication of off mode condition; conditions providing only functionalities intended to ensure electromagnetic compatibility.

3.37
off mode operating hours
H_{OFF}
annual number of hours the unit is considered to be in *off mode* (3.36), the value of which depends on the designated design condition and set of bin hours

Note 1 to entry: Three examples of off mode operating hours are given in Annex C.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in h.

3.38
off mode power input
P_{OFF}
power input of the unit while in *off mode* (3.36)

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W.

3.39
operation limit temperature
T_{OL}
outdoor temperature below which the declared capacity is equal to zero

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in °C.

3.40
part load for heating
$\Phi_{h,}(T,j)$
heating load at a specific *bin temperature* (3.13) T_j, calculated as the design load multiplied by the part load ratio

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in kW.

3.41
part load ratio
p_l
bin temperature (3.13) minus 16 °C divided by the design temperature minus 16 °C

Note 1 to entry: $\left(T_j - 16\right) / \left(T_d - 16\right)$

3.42
reactivation function
function facilitating the activation of other modes, including *active mode* (3.4), by remote switch including remote control, internal sensor, timer to a condition providing additional functions, including the main function, but excluding thermostats

3.43
seasonal coefficient of performance
S_{COP}
overall coefficient of performance of the unit, representative for the designated design condition and set of bin hours

Note 1 to entry: S_{COP} is calculated as the *annual heating demand* (3.8) divided by the *annual energy consumption for heating* (3.7).

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in kWh/kWh.

3.44
standby mode
mode wherein the unit is switched off partially and can be reactivated by a control device (such as a remote control), an external signal or a timer

Note 1 to entry: The unit is connected to the mains, depends on signal input to work as intended and provides only the following functions, which may persist for an indefinite time: *reactivation function* (3.42), or reactivation function and only an indication of enabled reactivation function, and/or information or status display.

3.45
standby mode operating hours
H_{SB}
annual number of hours the unit is considered to be in *standby mode* (3.44), the value of which depends on the designated design condition and set of bin hours

Note 1 to entry: Three examples of standby hours are given in Annex C.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in h.

3.46
standby mode power input
P_{SB}
power input of the unit due to *standby mode* (3.44) operation

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W.

3.47
thermostat-off mode
mode corresponding to the hours with no heating demand of the building, whereby the heating function of the unit is switched on, but is not operational, as there is no heating demand

Note 1 to entry: Cycling on/off in *active mode* (3.4) is not considered as thermostat-off.

3.48
thermostat-off mode operating hours
H_{TO}
annual number of hours the unit is considered to be in *thermostat-off mode* (3.47), the value of which depends on the designated design condition and set of bin hours

Note 1 to entry: Three examples of thermostat-off mode operating hours are given in Annex C.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in h.

3.49
thermostat-off mode power input
P_{TO}
power input of the unit due to *thermostat-off mode* (3.47) operation

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W.

3.50
variable outlet
water(brine) outlet temperature that is used when the control of the unit has means to automatically vary the water(brine) outlet temperature with the outdoor temperature

4 Symbols

Symbol	Definition	Units
C_d	Degradation coefficient	—
C_P	Coefficient of performance	kW/kW
c_p	Specific heat	kJ/(kg·K)
C_{Pb}	Coefficient of performance at part load	kW/kW
$C_{Pb,}(T_j)$	Bin-specific coefficient of performance	kW/kW
C_{Pd}	Coefficient of performance at the declared capacity	kW/kW
C_R	Capacity ratio	kW/kW
E_{EI}	Energy efficiency index of liquid pump	—
H_{CK}	Crankcase heater mode operating hours	h
H_{HE}	Equivalent active mode hours for heating	h
H_{OFF}	Off mode operating hours	h
H_{SB}	Standby mode operating hours	h
H_{TO}	Thermostat-off mode operating hours	h
h_j	Bin hours	h
j	Bin number	—
n	Total number of bin	—
P_{ASH}	Annual power input with supplementary heat	kW
P_{CK}	Crankcase heater mode power input	W
P_{Coff}	Effective power input during compressor-off state	kW
P_{Con}	Effective power input with declared capacity	kW
P_{OFF}	Off mode power input	W