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and rating for performance —**

**Part 2:
Water-to-water and brine-to-water
heat pumps**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13256-2:1998), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Significant updates to the formatting, symbols, and terms and definitions, have been included to more closely align with other pertinent ISO standards and the latest ISO requirements.
- The original water loop heat pump (WLHP), ground water heat pump (GWHP) and ground loop heat pump (GLHP) application rating designations, specifying entering liquid source rating test conditions, have been replaced with High, Medium, and Low source temperature range conditions to represent a wider operating map at both standard and partially loaded application rating conditions. It is now possible, when all three (High, Medium and Low) temperature ranges are specified by the manufacturer for energy modelling programs to interpolate performance at other entering water temperatures than those used in the standard.
- Specific antifreeze solution composition requirements have been removed to eliminate prescriptive language and promote industry innovation of novel and improved antifreeze solutions.
- The standard has been expanded to allow multiple heating capacity ratings at differing load temperature conditions (Very High, High, Medium, and Low). Medium was retained as the original load condition.
- Testing tolerances and uncertainties have been harmonized with other pertinent ISO standards.
- Annexes have been significantly updated and harmonized with other pertinent ISO standards.

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