

### **Basic Troubleshooting Procedures**

- 1. Is there any noise from a loose drive belt?
  - Loose or worn drive belt, various squeaking and slapping noises. If such noises are heard, check and adjust the drive belt tension.
- 2. Is there any noise from the compressor area?
  - Check the compressor and bracket for loose bolts and tighten them if necessary.
- 3. Is there any noise from the compressor?
  - Suction/Discharge valve damage and internal wear are possible sources of noise from within the compressor.
- 4. Has mud or dirt adhered to the condenser?
  - Remove any mud and dirt since this drastically reduces heat radiation, which in turn adversely affects the cooling performance. Do not scratch or bend the condenser fins.
  - 4.5 Are the condenser fans operating properly?
    - Check power to the fan motors, wire harness, relays (systems must have minimum of 30 PSI to close lower pressure switch)
- 5. Is there any oil contamination on the pipe unions or the compressor?
  - Oil contamination at such places indicates that refrigerant from the systems is leaking together with compressor oil. If oil contamination is discovered check for leaks using a leak detector and replace as necessary.
  - Carefully check the compressor, manifold, seal washers, shaft seal and pressure switches.
- 6. Is there any noise from the blower motor?
  - If the fan motor is noisy or does not operate correctly, disassemble the fan motor and repair or replace parts as necessary.



# **Troubleshooting Chart**

A. Blower motor does not operate (Main Unit)

Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution
Blown circuit breaker	Inspect the circuit breaker	Reset circuit breaker/repair wiring
Broken wiring or bad connection	Check the fan motor ground and connectors	Repair the wiring or connectors
3. Fan motor malfunction	Check the lead wires from the motor with the circuit tester	Replace
4. Broken resistor wiring	Check resistor using a circuit tester	Replace
5. Fan motor switch malfunction	Operate the fan switches in sequence and check whether or not the fan operates	Replace

B. Blower motor operates normally, but air flow is insufficient

Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution
Evaporator inlet obstruction	Check the blower inlet	Remove any obstructions and clean
2. Air leak	Check the cooling unit case joints	Repair and adjust
3. Defective thermostat switch. (frozen evap)	Check the switch using a circuit tester	Replace
Duct hose off, crushed or torn	Inspect Hose	Repair, Replace

C. Insufficient cooling although air flow and compressor operations are normal

Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution
Insufficient refrigerant	There will be little temperature difference between the low and high pressure sides	Repair any leaks and recharge the refrigerant to the correct level
2. Excessive refrigerant	Verify by gauge reading	Utilize your refrigerant recovery equipment to capture excess refrigerant. Charge to the correct refrigerant level.
3. Bad water valve	With the A/C on heater hose from water valve to main unit should be ambient under hood temp	Check power of actuator and actuator motion replace valve
4. Water valve cable	Verify cable and completely shut off water valve	Adjust cable



# **Troubleshooting Chart (Continued)**

D. Condenser fans do not operate (System must have 30 PSI min.)

Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution
Loose drive belt	The belt oscillates considerably	•
2. Internal compressor malfunction	The drive belt slips	Replace the compressor
	Magnetic Clutch related	
Low battery voltage	Clutch slips	Recharge the battery
4. Faulty coil	Clutch slips	Replace the magnetic clutch
5. Oil on the clutch surface	The magnetic clutch face is dirty, causing it to slip	Replace or clean the clutch surface
6. Excessive clearance between the clutch disk. The clutch plate clings when pushed	Check clutch gap according to specification	Adjust the clearance or replace the clutch
7. Open coil	Clutch does not engage and there is no reading when a circuit tester is connected between the coil terminals	Replace
8. Broken wiring or poor grounds	Clutch will not engage at all. Inspect the ground connections	Repair
9. Wiring harness components	Test the conductance of the pressure switch and thermostat	Check operations, referring to the wiring diagram and replace defective pars.

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Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution
Broken wiring or bad connection	Check connections at fan motors and drier mounted relay	Repair and replace
2. Bad relay	Test conductance of relay power in from switch, power in from circuit breaker and power out to fans	Replace relay



## **Gauge Pressure Related Troubleshooting**

Normal compressor suction and discharge pressures at an atmospheric temperature of 30-38 degree Celsius (86-96deg) and engine speed of approx. 1,500 r/min are:

High-pressure side pressure: 1.5-1.7 Mpa (15-17kg/cm, 213-242 psi) Low-pressure side pressure: 0.13-0.2 Mpa (1.3-2.0kg/cm, 18-28 psi)

Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution
Low-pressure side too high  (The low-pressure normally becomes too high when the high- pressure is too high. As this is explained below, the following inspection is only used when the low-pressure side pressure is too high.)		
Defective thermo-switch	The magnetic clutch switch turns off before the outlet air temperature is sufficiently low	Replace the thermo-switch
2. Defective compressor gasket	The high and low-pressure side gauge pressures equalize when the magnetic clutch is turned off	Replace the compressor
Poor expansion valve temperature sensor contact	Frost adhered to the suction hose/pipe	Install the temperature sensor against the low-pressure pipe
The expansion valve open too far	Same as above	Replace
	Low-pressure side too low	
Insufficient refrigerant	Refer to (C) 1., "insufficient refrigerant" on previous page	
2. Clogged drier tank	Considerable temperature difference between the inlet and the outlet sides, or tank is frosted over	Replace the liquid tank
3. Clogged expansion valve	The expansion valve's inlet side is frosted	Replace the expansion valve
4. Expansion valve temperature sensor gas leak (damaged capillary tube, etc.)	The expansion valve's outlet side is chilled and low pressure gauge reading will decrease, or a negative reading may be shown. A frost spot may be present at the point of restriction	Clean or replace piping
5. Clogged or blocked piping	When the piping is clogged or blocked the low-pressure gauge reading will decrease, or a negative reading may be shown. A frost spot may be present at the point of restriction	Clean or replace piping
6. Defective thermo-switch	The evaporator is frozen	Adjust or replace the thermoswitch



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Possible Cause	Inspection	Solution	
High-pressure side too high			
Poor condenser cooling	Dirty or clogged condenser fins. Cooling fans do not operate correctly	Clean and/or repair the fan	
2. Excessive refrigerant	Refer to (C) 2., "Excessive refrigerant" on previous page		
3. Air in the system	Pressure is high on both high and low sides	Evacuate and recharge with Refrigerant	
High-pressure side too low			
Insufficient refrigerant	Refer to (C) 1., "Insufficient refrigerant" on previous page		



# **Gauge Pressure Diagnosis**

 Problems in the system can be diagnosed using a manifold gauge by reading the system's low and high pressures.

### **Normal Pressures**

**Low-pressure side:** 0.13-0.2 Mpa (1.3-2.0kgf/cm, 18-28 psi)

**High-pressure side:** 1.5-1.7 Mpa (15-17kgf/cm, 213-242 psi)

## Conditions

Atmospheric temperature: 30-35° C (86° - 95°)

Engine speed: 1,500 rmp

Blower speed: HI (high speed)
Temperature switch: Full Cooling

## **Insufficient Refrigerant**

Indications:

- Low pressures on both the low-pressure and high-pressure sides
- Discharge temperature will not decrease

Cause: Improper refrigerant charge.

Solution: Inspect using a leak detector, repair the leak and replenish the refrigerant to the proper charge level.



# **Excessive Refrigerant (Poor Condenser Radiation)**

**Indication:** Both the low and high pressures are too high.

#### Causes:

- Pressure increases due to excessive refrigerant
- Insufficient condenser cooling

#### Solution:

- Verify the refrigerant level
- Clean the condenser
- Check and adjust the fan belt and /or condenser fan motor(s)

# Air in Cooling System (Insufficient Suction)

## Indications:

- Both the low and high pressures are too high
- The low-pressure side piping is not cold

### Cause:

Air has entered the system

### Solution:

 Evacuate the system, replenish the refrigerant and check the gauge readings. After prolonged operation with air in the system, the liquid tank must be replaced.



## **Defective Expansion Valve**

**Indication:** Both the low and high pressures are too high

### Causes:

- Improper refrigerant charge
- Defective expansion valve
- Improper temperature sensor installation

### Solution:

- Verify refrigerant charge
- Check temperature sensor installation, and insulation
- If refrigerant charge, and temperature sensor installation and insulation are correct, replace the expansion valve.

## **Insufficient Compressor Operation (Compression) Indications**

- High pressure on the low-pressure side, pressure too low on the high- pressure side
- The high and low pressures are equal when operation is stopped

### Cause:

 Insufficient compression due to a defective compressor gasket or damaged suction valve



#### **Moisture Intrusion**

**Indications:** The low-pressure side alternates between a vacuum and normal pressure

**Causes:** Moisture has frozen in the air conditioner system, clogging the expansion valve. When the ice melts. Normal operation resumes.

### Solution:

- Replace the liquid tank
- Evacuate the system
- Recharge with refrigerant to the proper level

## **Refrigerant Does Not Circulate**

### Indications:

- low-pressure side becomes a vacuum and the high-side pressure side pressure reads 0.49-0.59Mpa (5-6kgf/cm, 72-85 psi)
- Frost or condensation appears on the front and the rear pipe connections of the liquid tank or expansion valve

### Causes:

- The air conditioner system is blocked by contamination or ice
- The air conditioner system is shut off, by a defective valve temperature sensor

## Solution:

- Stop operation and check for contamination or ice
- If moisture is the problem, evacuate the system
- Replace the liquid tank
- Recharge with refrigerant to the proper level