

A large industrial refrigeration unit is shown in a factory setting. The unit is a complex assembly of stainless steel pipes, a large vertical tank, and a control panel with a digital display and several buttons. The background shows more of the industrial infrastructure, including yellow and grey pipes and a yellow storage tank labeled 'REFRIGERANT'.

# Sustainability in Refrigeration with Specialty Lubricants

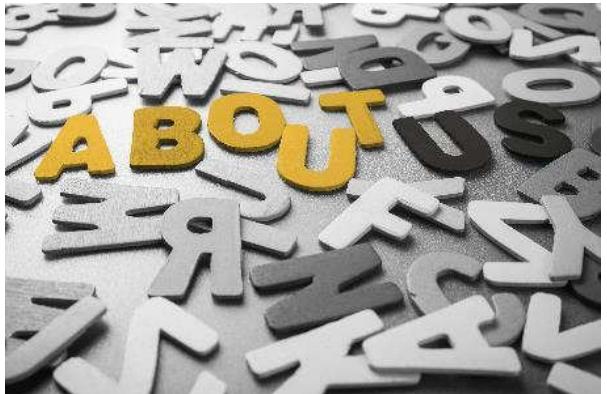
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## Components:

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## Environmental protection and workplace safety:

ISO 14001, ISO 45001

Food industry: ISO 21469, NSF H1, Halal, Kosher



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- Channel Partner



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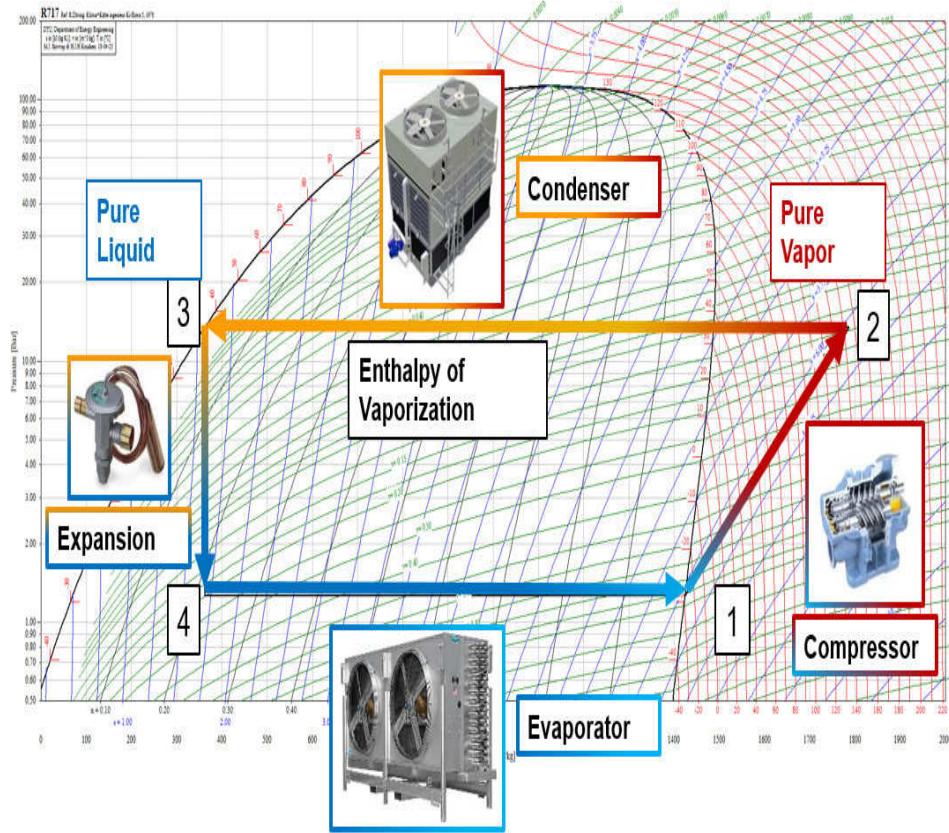
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# Refrigeration cycle basics



# Short introduction to refrigeration cycle



The basic mentality of the refrigeration is transferring the heat from one point (cold room, freezer tunnel,...) to other place (outdoors open space).

There are two places where heat is transferred!

**1 EVAPORATORS:** the liquid refrigerant catches heat from the point that we want to cool down. This heat is used for its evaporation.

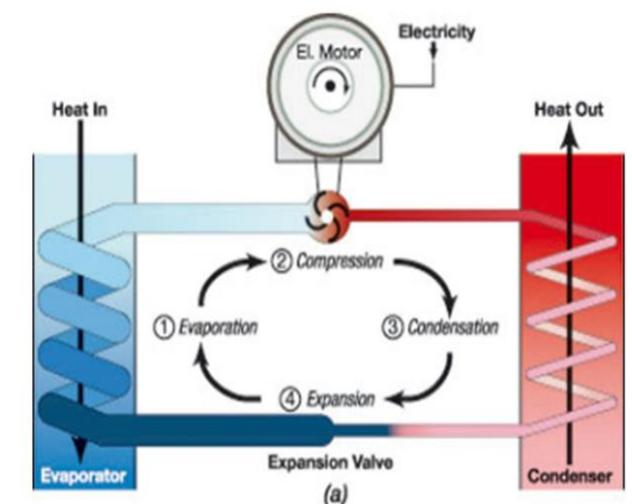
**2 CONDENSERS:** Later, the compressed refrigerant gas leaves heat to the surrounding (atmosphere), this heat losing let the refrigerant became liquid.

Thermodynamically pressure has direct relationship with temperature, and the combination of both would determinate if a refrigerant remains liquid or vapor.

There are other key components: Compressor and Expansion Valve to provide pressure need for required temperatures.

There will be compressors to fix pressure at high values.

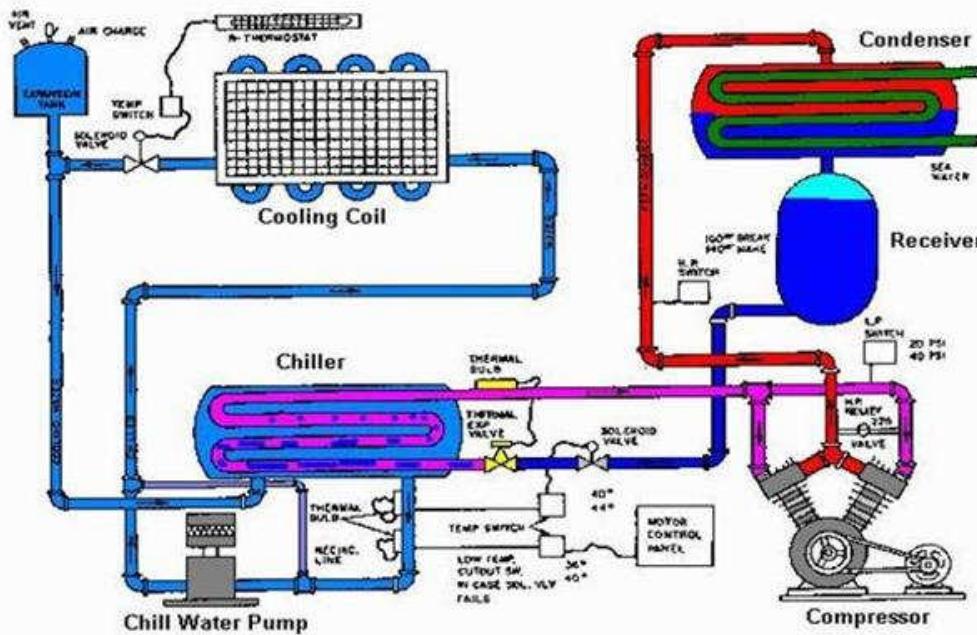
There will be expansion valve devices that can fix pressure values at low pressure values.



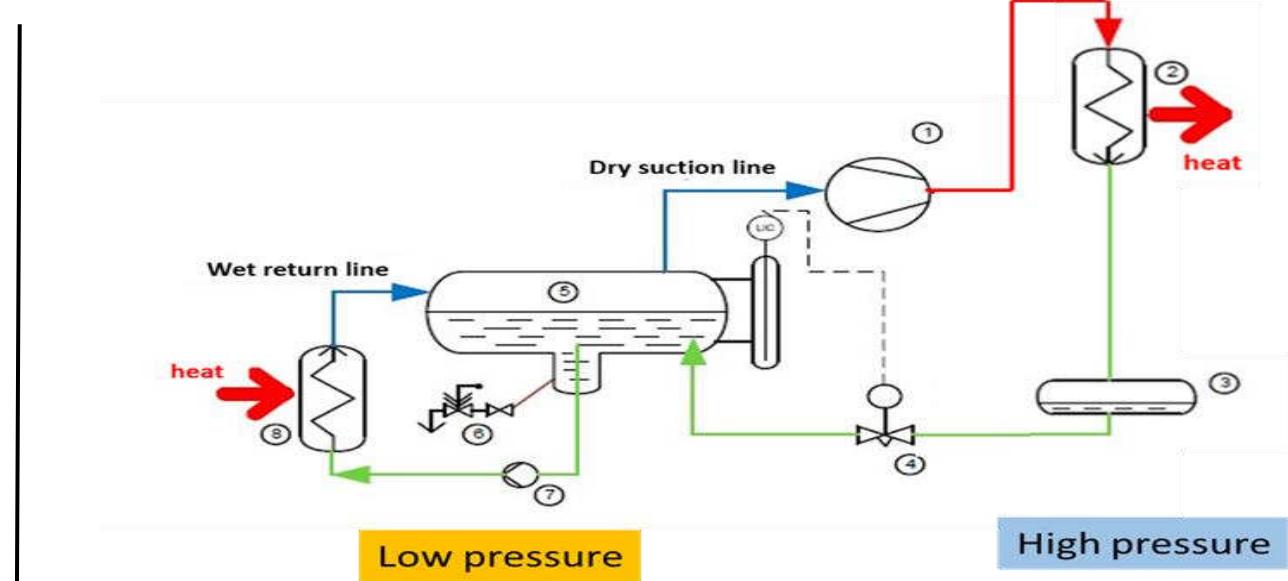
# Type of refrigerating installations

- There are two main types of refrigerating installations: Dry Expansion Systems (DX) and Flooded Evaporator Systems. Each type has its own advantages and considerations, regarding oil selection and system efficiency.

## Dry expansion systems (DX)



## Flooded evaporator systems



For industrial applications, and very related to food industry. Above 95% of the installations are NH<sub>3</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub> FLOODED

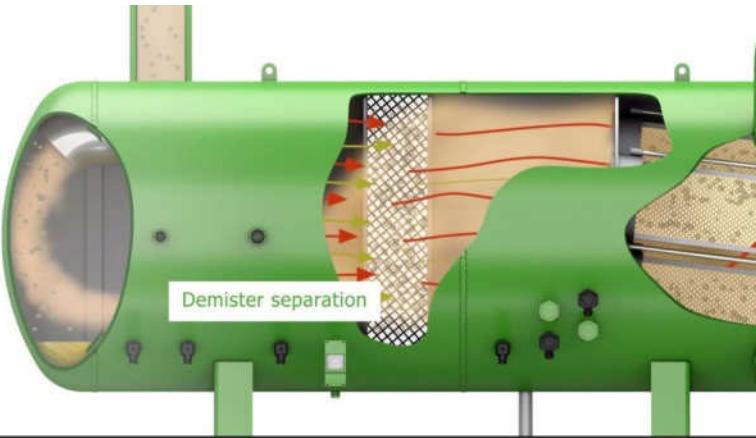


# Refrigeration system elements

# Basic refrigerating circuit elements:

## 1. Compressor pack: Oil separator

### Oil separator tank



As cleaner is the installation, with less residues, sludge,.. It will report a higher oil retention at the compressor pack

It could be designed vertical or horizontal.

For DX systems, oil carry over is not so important. So, oil separators use to be smaller and simpler.

At FLOODED SYSTEMS they use to be bigger and more complex (with COALESCENCE filters to retain oil aerosol drops)



There are 3 parts: One dynamical separation based on speed loosing, some metal net to retain oil big drops and finally a filter coalescence catching.

# Basic refrigerating circuit elements:

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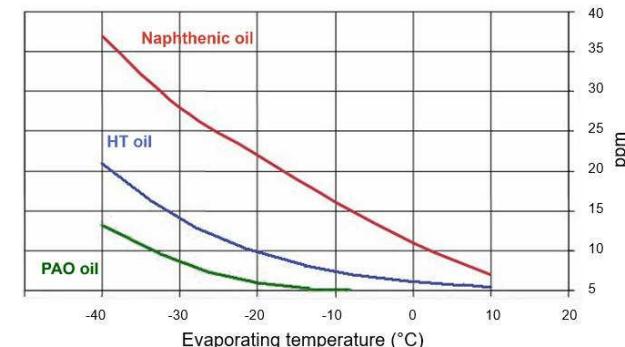
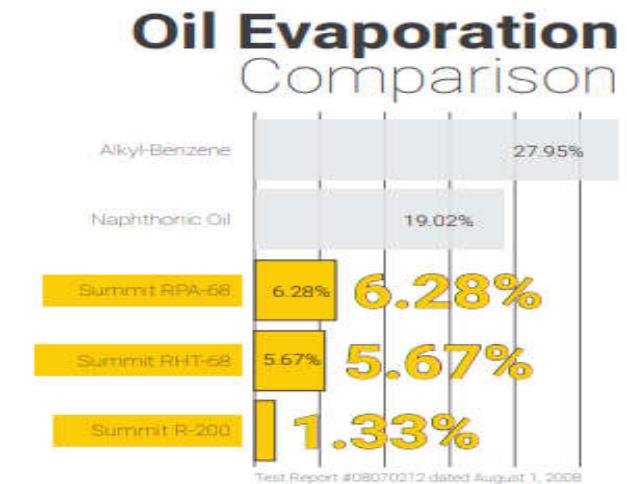
In DX SYSTEMS; if evaporators are not reaching lowest temperature and evidenced oil accumulation.

In FLOODED SYSTEMS; if compressor is frequently asking LOW OIL LEVEL and must TOP-UP frequently.

Major reasons why OIL SEPARATOR is not retaining oil:

- Oil is aged and dirty. Provokes high stable foam (with refrigerant) that goes through the separator. Also bad condition of coalescence filters.
- Oil is evaporating much, especially the light fractions, and separator can not retain any vapor phase.
- High oil dilution, that decrease the density and size of the oil drops that became lighter
- Inadequate gas speed of the refrigerant inside the oil separator.

**Noack volatility (ASTM D 6375)**  
Evaporation loss , 150° C/3h



# Basic refrigerating circuit elements:

## 2. Condenser



Is a cooler, where the system dissipates the heat of the refrigerant to a certain temperature where its pressure is at the equilibria GAS-LIQUID

At the end of the condenser, all the gas should be liquid! And even subcooled.

Usually, those equipment are on the roof of the factories to evacuate the heat to the outside air.

The final temperature is always higher than the outside air temperature.

No need of Lubrication of internal points. Just some cross selling opportunities for Lubrication of bearings (fans and electric motors)

# Basic refrigerating circuit elements:

## 3. Expansion valve



It is a design device that indirectly controls the cool temperature that we want to work!

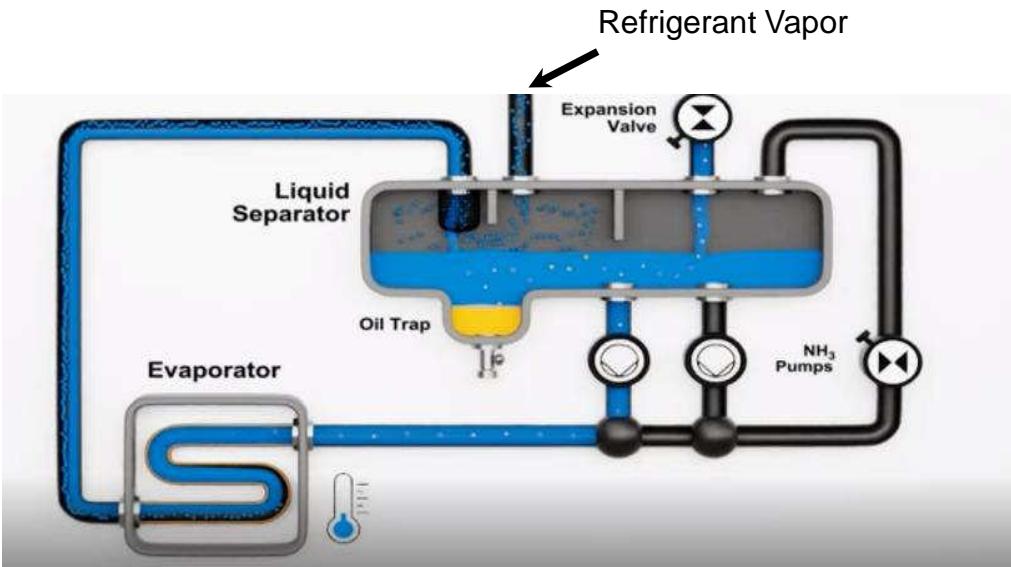
The liquid refrigerant pipe pass from a small diameter to a higher one, so the pressure gets lower. The liquid refrigerant is not any longer in the comfort zone (G-L equilibria) and tries to evaporate to come back to stability, for evaporating needs HEAD!!

This device is always found just previous to the liquid refrigerant tank used for cooling. It will be so many expansion valves as many different tanks at different pressure/temperatures.

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# Basic refrigerating circuit elements:

## 4. Separator Tank



It is tank where refrigerant is accumulated in gas and liquid phases and stays ready for being used at the evaporators.

The liquid comes from the condenser through the expansion valves.

The liquid goes (by gravity or pumped) to the evaporator, where it passes to a gas phase. If the level of liquid goes down, the compressor will run to produce more liquid by gas suction from this point.

It can arrive liquid refrigerant with some oil presence. The compressor will try to catch pure gas. So, oil will accumulate at flooded systems.

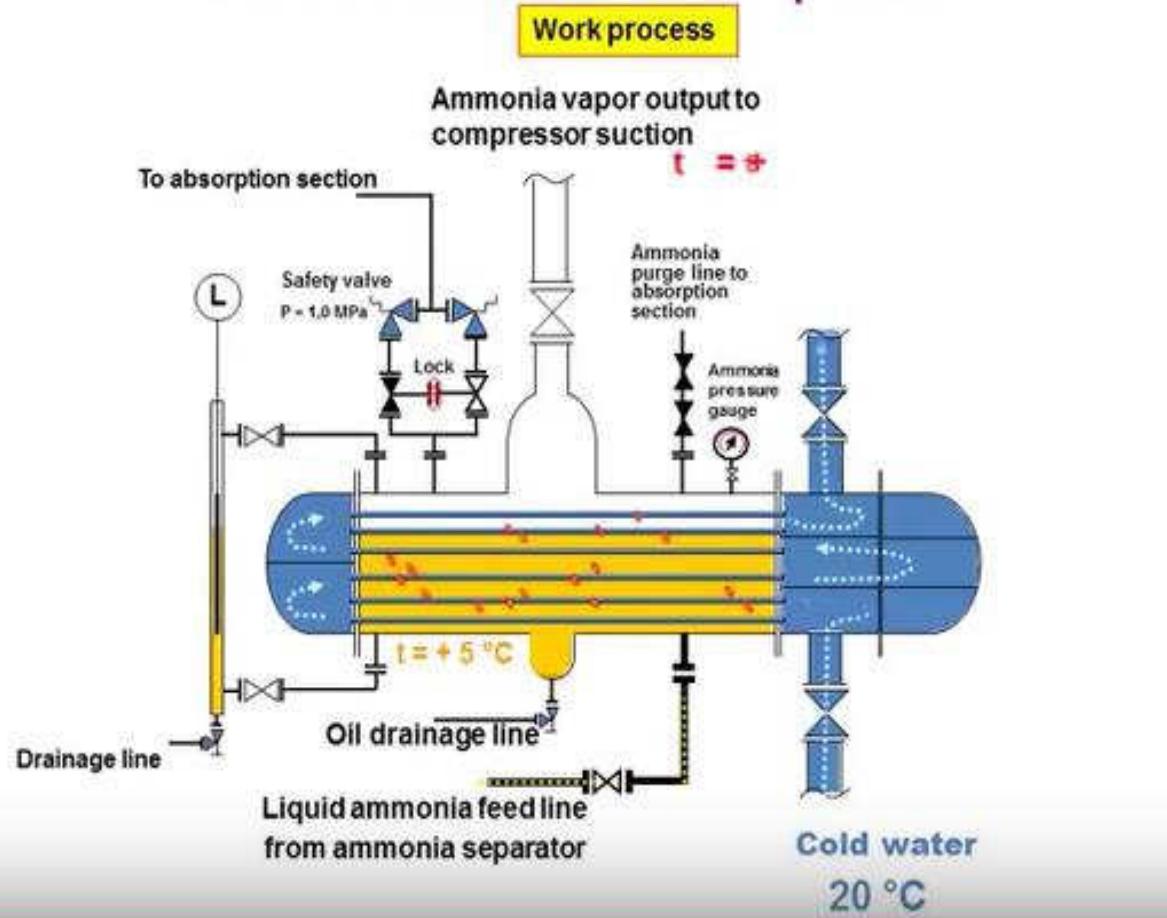
If the oil separates from the refrigerant gas and collapses to the bottom, it can be recovered out of the system.

No need of Lubrication of internal points.

# Basic refrigerating circuit elements

## 5. Evaporator

### The work of ammonia evaporator



Use to be a multi-tube system, where at one side there is the refrigerant that evaporates, an at the other side other fluid that we want to cool down

As cleaner and oil free conditions we have at the evaporators, will get higher energy efficiency (cooling)

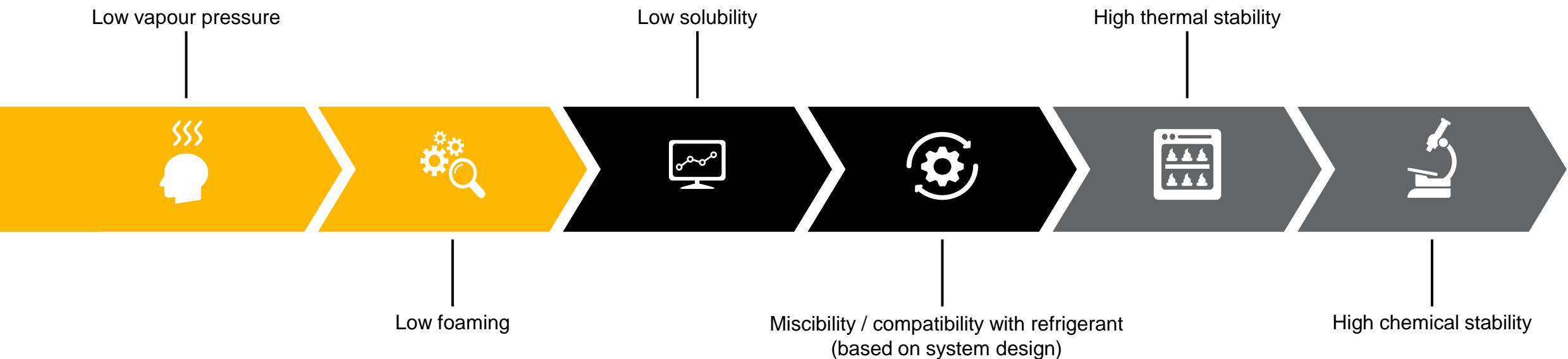
At flooded systems, just up to 25% of the recirculated liquid refrigerant will evaporate (ratio 4 :1). As high is the presence of liquid will report higher intercooling performance.



Refrigeration oils

# Refrigeration lubricant requirements

## Product attributes



### Solubility

Ability of a gas to dissolve into a liquid.

### Miscibility

Ability of a gas or liquid to mix uniformly in another gas or liquid. Miscibility ensures better oil return to the compressor.

# Refrigeration lubricant requirements

How is the efficiency of a refrigerating plant affected by the refrigeration oil?

**Thermally stable oil and low vapour pressure** reduces the oil vapour content in the refrigerant and oil consumption

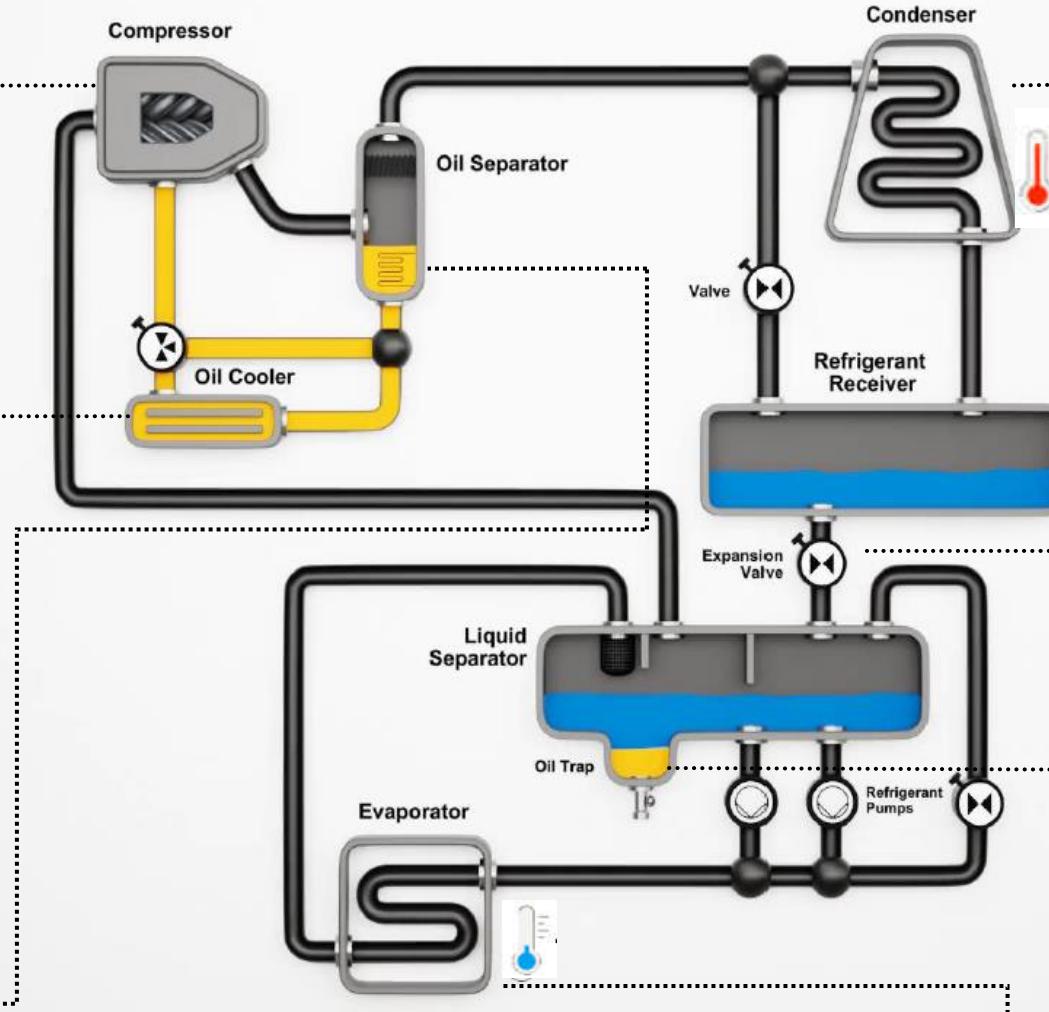
**A good VI of the oil** reduces the backflow effect at the rotors and increases volumetric efficiency

**Reduced foaming tendency** decreases the oil carryover of the compressor

**Good heating capacity** of the oil enables reliable plant operation

**Minimal solubility and high degree of separation** of oil from the refrigerant reduce the oil content of the refrigeration cycle

**Reduced foaming tendency** improves the degree of separation of the refrigerant/oil mixture



**Chemically stable oil** reduces residue formation in the refrigerating plant.

**Highly refined refrigeration oils** with a tailored pour point prevent paraffin deposits and functional defects

**Chemically stable oil** enables reliable reusability with oil traps featuring automatic oil return.

**Good cold-flow behaviour** facilitates oil return

**A tailored pour point** enables trouble-free operation of the evaporator

Aerosols	Oil	Vapour
	Liquid	Liquid
NH <sub>3</sub>	Vapour	Liquid
	Liquid	Liquid

# What can happen when you use a poor-quality lubricant?

You may incur extra operational expenses

## Problems with poor-quality refrigeration compressor oils



Poor oxidation stability



Poor wear protection



Poor acid, sludge, varnish prevention



Poor foam control



High oil carry over



Poor heat-transfer capabilities



**High energy consumption**



**Expensive**



**Oil replacements**

# Product portfolio of refrigerant oils from Klüber Lubrication

KL product overview for possible savings potentials

Product	OEM Approval	NSF	Application	V <sub>40</sub>	Oil-based	Refrigerant
Klüber Summit RHT 68 Klüber Summit RHT 100	GEA Mycom		Paraffin-based mineral oil especially for ammonia refrigeration compressors	68 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 100 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	MIN	R717 (Ammonia)
Klüber Summit RHT FG 68	GEA	H1	Refrigeration oil especially for ammonia refrigeration compressors in the food industry	68 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	MIN	R717 (Ammonia)
Klüber Summit RSB 68			Semi-synthetic refrigeration compressor oil for NH <sub>3</sub> refrigeration systems and heat pumps	68 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	PAO/MIN	R717 (Ammonia)
Klüber Summit R 100 Klüber Summit R 150 Klüber Summit R 200 Klüber Summit R 300	GEA Mycom	H1	Synthetic compressor oils especially for highly stressed ammonia and CO <sub>2</sub> refrigeration compressors	32 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 46 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 68 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 105 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	PAO	Ammonia, CO <sub>2</sub>
Klüber Summit RPS 52	Mycom	H1	PAG-based synthetic refrigeration compressor oil for dry evaporation ammonia chillers	52 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	PG	Ammonia (DX system)
Klüber Summit RPA 68			Synthetic refrigeration compressor oil especially for highly stressed ammonia refrigeration compressors	60 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	PAO/AB	Ammonia, CFCs, HCFCs
Klüber Summit RPE 32 Klüber Summit RPE 68 Klüber Summit RPE 170			Synthetic refrigeration compressor oils for refrigerants based on FKM and HFKM	32 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 68 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 163 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	POE	CFCs, HCFCs, HFCs,HFOs
Klüber Summit RAB 68			Synthetic refrigeration compressor oil with very good cleaning and dissolving effect for ammonia refrigeration compressors. Acts as a "sealing queuing agent".	54 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	AB	Ammonia, CFCs, HCFCs

# Our solutions & benefits

Klüber Lubrication solutions for  
refrigerating compressors



# BENEFITS

# Refrigeration compressors

## Overview of benefits

### Refrigeration compressors

Save your money, save our planet



Less costs with lubricant



Energy saving



Klüber's oil lifetime more than 40,000 hours



Less maintenance costs with parts (filters, bearings, coalescents)



Average reduction of energy consumption of 6%



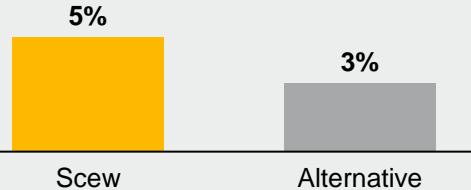
Reduction in working temperature up 10°C

#### Mineral oil

- High level of oil carryover/purged
- High oil consumption by top-up
- Frequent exchange of oil-soiled separators due to high carryover
- Oil lifetime up to 5,000 hours

### Switch mineral oil base to KLÜBER SUMMIT

Payback within 6 months



Energy savings achieved with Klüber Summit in different kinds of compressors



Energy saving helps for the reduction of emissions



Health & safety for the users, less exposure to risks



Less transport and oil discharge



Reduction of water consumption and contamination

#### Switch to Klüber-Summit RHT68

2-3% energy saving

Lifetime up 15,000 hours

#### Switch to Klüber -Summit RSB 68

3-5% energy saving

Lifetime up 25,000 hours

#### Switch to Klüber -Summit R 200

3-7% energy saving

Lifetime up 40,000 hours

# Tangible benefits compared with mineral oil

300 litres oil sump - reference	Mineral oil	RHT	R200
Price	x	1.5x	3x
Energy saving	-	2% - 3%	4% - 6%
Oil change period	6,000 h	15,000 h	40,000 h
Filter change period	6,000 h	15,000 h	40,000 h
Coalescents change period	10,000 h	15,000 h	40,000 h
Maintenance / revision	20,000 h	45,000 h	60,000 h
Top-up / oil consumption	25 litres	6 litres	0.5 litres
Waste of purged oil	100 %	100 %	30 %



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