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# Seven Keys to Servicing CO<sub>2</sub> Systems

CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Systems From a Service Mechanic's Perspective

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## What We'll Cover

- Three Basic System Architectures
- Transcritical Vs Subcritical Operation
- Three Main Differences Between HFC and R744 Systems
  - Low Critical Point
  - High Triple Point
  - High Pressure

#### Dealing with Standstill Pressures

- Managing Pressure Reliefs
- Managing Power Outages
- How to Mitigate Risk
- Peculiarities With R744



#### Typical CO<sub>2</sub> Transcritical Booster System



# **CO<sub>2</sub> Architectures**



## **CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Transcritical**





## Subcritical vs. Transcritical Opera





## **Climatic Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> System Architectures**



THE CARBON DIOXIDE INDUSTRIAL REFRIGERATION HANDBOOK +0 7 1.3



## **Global Supermarket / C-Store CO2 System Installations**



## **Question 1**

What is you occupation?

- **1. HVAC/R Service Mechanic**
- 2. HVAC/R Service Manager
- 3. HVAC/R Contracting Owner
- 4. Engineer
- 5. Wholesaler
- 6. Sales
- 7. Marketing
- 8. Other



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#### Three Main Differences Between HFC and R744 Systems

#### 1. Low Critical Pressure (1055 psig, 87.8 °F)



#### R744 Transcritical Booster System



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEr3NxsPTOA Video of Phase change of CO<sub>2</sub>



## Three Main Differences Between HFC and R744 Systems

#### 2. High Triple Point (60.4 psig, -69.8 °F)





-109.3 °F Surface Temp of Dry Ice



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#### Three Main Differences Between HFC and R744 Systems

#### 3. High Pressures — Operating







## **Time Spent in Transcritical**

**Ambient Air Temperature Distribution** Atlanta, GA (USA) Min. Temp. (°F): 12 Latitude: 84 2W Max. Temp. (°F): 97 Longitude: 33 39N 1,500 1,400 8,760 Hours 1,300 1,200 1,020 hrs/yr 1,100 w/std. gas cooler 1,000 Number of Hours 900 800 700 9 hrs/yr 600 w/adiabatic 500 400 gas cooler 300 200 100 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 Ambient Temperature (°F)

#### Atlanta, GA

#### Toronto, ON





## Five Ways of Improving Efficiencies in Warm Ambient Regions

- Spray Nozzles
- Adiabatic Gas Coolers
- Parallel Compression
- Sub-Cooling
- Ejectors













## **Question 2**

#### Have you ever worked on a CO2 system?

- -No
- -yes
  - If yes; which type of System?
    - 1. Secondary (Using R744 as a secondary fluid)
    - 2. Hybrid Cascade
    - 3. Booster Transcritical System



# Managing Power Outages

How to Mitigate Risk of Blowing Pressure Reliefs

- Generator and Standby Condensing Units
- Need a Refrigerant Plan
  - Local Codes
  - Stock, Storage
  - Getting it to the Machine Room
- Concerns With Resumption of Power



Semi-Hermetic Broken Reed









Scroll Thrust Surface Galled

### **Service Peculiarities of R744**

- Finding leaks is challenging
- Dedicated set of gauges, high-pressure hoses and miscellaneous parts at each store
- Preventative maintenance schedule is critical with R744
- Understand the consequences of trapping R744
- Training of service personnel is required
- Don't just call any "?? & Refrigeration Company" from the phone book for a quote on R744 systems











## **Evaporator Cooling With Closed EEV**

- Issue With Suction Piping Free
- Draining Down Into the Case

**Corrected Piping NO Free Draining** 







## **System Cleanliness / Dryness**

#### **System Cleanliness**







#### Oil Separator Filter Photo



#### **System Dryness**



R744 CO <sub>2</sub> Sensitivity (PPM)				
Liquid Temperature	14 °F	32 °F	41 °F	68 °F
Very Dry	8	11	13	20
Dry/Caution	14	19	22	34
Caution/Wet	29	39	46	72
Wet	46	63	75	116

**Steel Pipe** 



Pipe corrosion caused by carbonic acid



# **R744 (CO<sub>2</sub>) Cylinder From Linde**







Grade 4 = 99.99% Pure



## **Key Points to Take Away**

- R744 pressures are higher than HFCs but manageable
- Contractor must have strategy with "power off" conditions
  - To deal with scheduled downtime
  - To deal with unscheduled downtime such as power outages
- Understanding peculiarities of R744 will reduce maintenance cost and downtime
- System cleanliness, including dryness, is key to efficient operation
- Properly trained service company will ensure the lowest possible operating costs





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## **Thank You!**

#### **Questions and Answers**

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