Refrigeration Service

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## UNDERSTANDING REFRIGERANT TABLES

## INTRODUCTION

A Mollier diagram is a graphical representation of the properties of a refrigerant, generally in terms of enthalpy and entropy. A familiarity with these diagrams will make this chapter easier. An understanding of the pressure-temperature relationship of refrigerants as they pass through the refrigeration compression cycle also will help you as you study this chapter on refrigerant tables.

Part of this chapter deals with a refrigerant (R-22) that will soon be phased out of production. However, as a service technician you may continue to come across it for years to come. Be prepared-remember that good troubleshooting requires a thorough understanding of the basics.

Table 1, on pages 4 and 5, shows the properties of $\mathrm{R}-22$ at saturation. It will be used in the examples that follow. R-22 will soon be phased out, so you will not see it as much as you do other refrigerants in the future. However, all other refrigerant tables work essentially the same way as the R-22 example.

This chapter will review the older refrigerant (R-22) first, and then refer to one of the newer replacement refrigerants (R-410A). As you study their characteristics, known problems, limitations, etc., remember that this is a field of rapid change. It is your responsibility to keep current. This can be done only by constant review of the latest technical material.

## USING TABLES TO DETERMINE PROPERTIES AT SATURATION

Refrigerant tables have many practical uses for the competent service technician. Like gauges, test instruments, and thermometers, they are valuable tools. Some of the things that you can determine by using refrigerant tables include:

- setting of controls
- checking temperature according to pressure
- computing correct head pressure for a specific set of operating conditions
- setting expansion valve superheat
- noting pressure drop
- evaluating refrigerant capacities of cylinders and receivers
- estimating compressor capacity
- estimating normal discharge temperature, etc.

The table at the end of this chapter shows the properties at saturation of R-410A. (Trade names are not used.) The data contained in these tables are taken from the best available sources, and are as accurate as possible. Note that temperature steps are in small increments. Thus, you can use them with a close degree of accuracy. The values listed in Table 1 for R-22 are used for the example calculations. The figures are arranged in columns, each with an appropriate heading. Each column is discussed in the following sections.

## COLUMN 1: TEMPERATURE

The saturation temperatures start with the lowest temperature at which the subject refrigerant might be used. They continue in small increments through the ranges in which accuracy is most essential. They go up to the highest temperature for which properties at saturation are known and available.

All saturation properties are based on saturation temperatures. Therefore, the temperatures that you see
listed in Column 1 are the reference points in most uses of refrigerant tables. Saturated refers to the condition of a liquid at its boiling temperature, and of a vapor at its condensing temperature.

## COLUMNS 2 AND 3: PRESSURE

Column 2 lists the absolute pressures (psia) and Column 3 lists the gauge pressures ( psig ) of the saturated refrigerant at the corresponding Fahrenheit temperature. An asterisk (*) indicates inches of mercury (in. Hg ) vacuum. This unit of measurement is used up to atmospheric pressure, or zero pounds of gauge pressure. Pressures above 0 psig are shown in psig.

To convert gauge pressures above 0 psig to absolute pressures (psia), simply add 14.7. To convert pressures below 0 psig (that is, those values preceded by an asterisk) to absolute pressures, you must subtract the (in. Hg ) vacuum from 29.921. Then multiply the result by 0.491 , or roughly $50 \%$. The vacuum and pressure values in Columns 2 and 3 are those at saturation that correspond to the temperatures in Column 1.

For example, assume that the temperature of boiling $\mathrm{R}-22$ in an evaporator is $-50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Then the evaporator pressure is $6.154 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{Hg}$ vacuum, or 11.674 psia (29.921-6.154 = $23.767 \times 0.491=11.67$ ). This is also the low-side pressure, assuming there is no pressure drop. If there is a $2-p s i g$ pressure drop (about $4.5 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{Hg}$ ), the suction pressure will be about $14 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{Hg}$, or 7.0 psia.

You can also use Column 3 to find the saturation temperature that corresponds to a gauge reading. For example, a compound gauge at the evaporator may read 68.5 psig. Then the temperature of the boiling refrigerant is $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. This is usually considered the evaporator temperature. Caution: If the gauge is located at the compressor, make an allowance for pressure drop in the suction line.

You can also check condenser pressure-temperature values by using Column 3 . A discharge pressure of 226 psig with R-22, for example, means that the normal condensing temperature is $110^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Note, however, that the condensing temperature should not be confused with:

- entering and leaving air temperatures of an aircooled condenser
- inlet and outlet water temperatures of a watercooled condenser
- the temperature of the liquid refrigerant leaving the condenser.

Saturation temperatures and corresponding pressures are always the same for a particular refrigerant. Thus, data in Columns 1 and 3 can be used to set low-pressure controls, high-pressure cut-outs, thermostats, and similar control devices. You can use a thermometer to determine pressure. You can use a pressure gauge to determine temperature. But remember-this only works if the refrigerant is at saturation. It will not hold true if the liquid is subcooled below the saturation temperature shown in the appropriate table. The same thing applies to a vapor superheated above the saturation temperature shown in the same table.

## COLUMN 4: LIQUID DENSITY

Liquids vary in their density (weight per cubic foot). Most refrigerants in liquid form have higher densities than water (that is, they have specific gravities above 1.0). The densities of refrigerants also vary with their temperatures. As a rule, liquids expand as they become warmer. Thus, liquid densities at higher temperatures are less than at lower temperatures.

If you know the internal volume of a refrigerant container, such as a cylinder or receiver, you can easily find how much liquid refrigerant it will hold. Simply multiply the internal volume of the container in cubic feet $\left(\mathrm{ft}^{3}\right)$ by the density of the liquid refrigerant at a selected temperature. The answer is the number of pounds of liquid that the given container will hold (completely liquid-full) at that temperature.

There is another way to find the same answer. Instead of multiplying by the density, divide by the specific volume at the same temperature. For example, say that a receiver has an internal volume of $1.7 \mathrm{ft}^{3}$. Multiply 1.7 by 75.469 (the density of R-22 at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ). The answer is a total liquid capacity of 128.30 lb of R-22 at $70^{\circ}$. You get the same answer if you divide by the specific volume of liquid For R-22 at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, the specific
volume is $0.01325 \mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{lb}$. And 1.7 divided by 0.01325 equals 128.30 lb .

Caution: Liquid-full components of a refrigeration system will build up hydrostatic pressure with an increase in temperature. They can burst or explode, the same as a liquid-full cylinder.

## COLUMN 5: VAPOR VOLUME

The values listed in Column 4 are "specific" volumes. They are the reciprocals of the density values. A good example is the liquid density of R-22 at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Column 4 shows it to be $79.255 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$. Divide 1 by 79.255 to get the reciprocal, 0.0126175 . This is the specific volume of liquid R-22 at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The same is true of saturated vapor at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The density is $1.52 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$. The specific volume is $0.6575 \mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{lb}(1 \div 0.6575=1.52)$.

Thus, the volume value in Column 5 is the reciprocal of the density value of the saturated vapor. But if volume and density are reciprocals of each other, why show both in the tables? To find the amount of liquid in a space of known volume, you use the density values. If you know the amount of refrigerant and you need to find the size of the container, you use the specific volume values. In both cases, you must apply mathematics to find the answer.

Vapor density values have another practical use. Assume that a $125-\mathrm{lb}$ cylinder of R-22 (at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) is waiting to be charged into a system. The cylinder has an internal volume of $1.967 \mathrm{ft}^{3}$. Charging is done into the high side in liquid form. After the liquid is charged into the high side, the cylinder is secured with its cap on, ready for return. Actually, it still contains $1.967 \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ of saturated vapor at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The volume of saturated vapor at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ is $0.4037 \mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{lb}$. This means that the cylinder still holds 4.87 lb ( 1.967 divided by 0.4037 ) of R-22. If you return the cylinder without recovering it, 4.87 lb of R-22 is lost. Note: EPA rules require the recovery of the vapor from disposable cylinders prior to disposal.

## COLUMNS 6, 7, AND 8: ENTHALPY

Enthalpy means the same thing as "heat content." Both terms refer to heat content in Btu per pound (Btu/lb). The term enthalpy is now more common than "heat content."

Columns 6 and 8 show the enthalpy values for liquid and vapor at Column 1 temperatures above $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Vapor heat content values, however, include the latent heat value shown in Column 7. This will be discussed shortly. The heat content of liquid is sensible heat. In low-temperature areas, it amounts to about 0.25 Btu per pound per degree Fahrenheit (Btu/lb/ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) for R-22. It gradually increases until at liquid-line temperatures it is about $0.31 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

The heat content shown in Column 6 is the amount of heat (in Btu) in a pound of saturated liquid. Values are based on the assumption that the saturated liquid at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ has no sensible heat, which is not completely true, of course. Even liquid at $-100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ still has some heat in it. To be completely accurate, these values would have to be based on absolute zero. This, however, is not really necessary. The purpose of the table is simply to find out how much heat is required to warm a pound of liquid refrigerant from one temperature to a higher temperature.

For example, Column 6 shows the heat content of saturated liquid at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ is $33.109 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$. At $20^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, it is $15.837 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$. Therefore, to cool 1 lb of R-22 saturated liquid from $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $20^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ requires removing 17.272 Btu/lb (33.109-15.837). This difference is about the same whether heat content is based on $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}, 40^{\circ} \mathrm{F},-100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, or even absolute zero.

In Table 1, the values in Column 6 for saturated liquids below $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ are negative (note the minus signs). This does not mean that saturated liquid R-22 at $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ has 4.987 Btu less than no heat at all. That is impossible. Rather, the minus sign means that at $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, R-22 has $4.987 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$ less heat content than it does at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

Look at Table 1 again. You can see from Column 6 that warming 1 lb of $\mathrm{R}-22$ from $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ requires 1.233 Btu ( $4.987-3.754=1.233$ ). Divide 1.233 by 5 (which is the temperature difference in degrees Fahrenheit), and you find that the heat content is about $0.2466 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ in the $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ range ( $1.233 \div 5=0.2466$ ).

Column 7 shows the latent heat of vaporization of the refrigerant at the saturation temperature in Column 1. Note that the latent heat decreases as saturation temperature increases.

| Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Pressure |  | ( $\mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ ) <br> Liquid | Volume (ft ${ }^{3} / \mathrm{lb}$ ) <br> Vapor |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (psia) | (psig) |  |  | Liquid | Latent | Vapor | Liquid | Vapor |
| -100 | 2.398 | *25.038 | 93.770 | 18.4330 | -14.564 | 107.935 | 93.371 | -0.0373 | 0.2627 |
| -90 | 3.422 | *22.952 | 92.843 | 13.2350 | -12.216 | 106.759 | 94.544 | -0.0309 | 0.2578 |
| -80 | 4.782 | *20.184 | 91.905 | 9.6949 | -9.838 | 105.548 | 95.710 | -0.0245 | 0.2534 |
| -70 | 6.552 | *16.580 | 90.952 | 7.2318 | -7.429 | 104.297 | 96.868 | -0.0183 | 0.2493 |
| -60 | 8.818 | *11.967 | 89.986 | 5.4844 | -4.987 | 103.001 | 98.014 | -0.0121 | 0.2455 |
| -55 | 10.166 | *9.223 | 89.497 | 4.8036 | -3.754 | 102.335 | 98.581 | -0.0090 | 0.2437 |
| -50 | 11.674 | *6.154 | 89.004 | 4.2224 | -2.511 | 101.656 | 99.144 | -0.0060 | 0.2420 |
| -45 | 13.354 | *2.732 | 88.507 | 3.7243 | -1.260 | 100.963 | 99.703 | -0.0030 | 0.2404 |
| -40 | 15.222 | 0.526 | 88.006 | 3.2957 | 0.000 | 100.257 | 100.257 | 0.0000 | 0.2388 |
| -35 | 17.290 | 2.594 | 87.501 | 2.9256 | 1.269 | 99.536 | 100.805 | 0.0030 | 0.2373 |
| -30 | 19.573 | 4.877 | 86.991 | 2.6049 | 2.547 | 98.801 | 101.348 | 0.0059 | 0.2359 |
| -28 | 20.549 | 5.853 | 86.785 | 2.4887 | 3.061 | 98.503 | 101.564 | 0.0071 | 0.2353 |
| -26 | 21.564 | 6.868 | 86.579 | 2.3787 | 3.576 | 98.202 | 101.778 | 0.0083 | 0.2347 |
| -24 | 22.617 | 7.921 | 86.372 | 2.2746 | 4.093 | 97.899 | 101.992 | 0.0095 | 0.2342 |
| -22 | 23.711 | 9.015 | 86.165 | 2.1760 | 4.611 | 97.593 | 102.204 | 0.0107 | 0.2336 |
| -20 | 24.845 | 10.149 | 85.956 | 2.0826 | 5.131 | 97.285 | 102.415 | 0.0118 | 0.2331 |
| -18 | 26.020 | 11.324 | 85.747 | 1.9940 | 5.652 | 96.974 | 102.626 | 0.0130 | 0.2326 |
| -16 | 27.239 | 12.543 | 85.537 | 1.9099 | 6.175 | 96.660 | 102.835 | 0.0142 | 0.2321 |
| -14 | 28.501 | 13.805 | 85.326 | 1.8302 | 6.699 | 96.344 | 103.043 | 0.0154 | 0.2315 |
| -12 | 29.809 | 15.113 | 85.114 | 1.7544 | 7.224 | 96.025 | 103.250 | 0.0165 | 0.2310 |
| -10 | 31.162 | 16.466 | 84.901 | 1.6825 | 7.751 | 95.704 | 103.455 | 0.0177 | 0.2305 |
| -8 | 32.563 | 17.867 | 84.688 | 1.6141 | 8.280 | 95.380 | 103.660 | 0.0189 | 0.2300 |
| -6 | 34.011 | 19.315 | 84.473 | 1.5491 | 8.810 | 95.053 | 103.863 | 0.0200 | 0.2296 |
| -4 | 35.509 | 20.813 | 84.258 | 1.4872 | 9.341 | 94.724 | 104.065 | 0.0212 | 0.2291 |
| -2 | 37.057 | 22.361 | 84.042 | 1.4283 | 9.874 | 94.391 | 104.266 | 0.0224 | 0.2286 |
| 0 | 38.657 | 23.961 | 83.825 | 1.3723 | 10.409 | 94.056 | 104.465 | 0.0235 | 0.2281 |
| 2 | 40.309 | 25.613 | 83.606 | 1.3189 | 10.945 | 93.718 | 104.663 | 0.0247 | 0.2277 |
| 4 | 42.014 | 27.318 | 83.387 | 1.2680 | 11.483 | 93.378 | 104.860 | 0.0258 | 0.2272 |
| 6 | 43.775 | 29.079 | 83.167 | 1.2195 | 12.022 | 93.034 | 105.056 | 0.0270 | 0.2268 |
| 8 | 45.591 | 30.895 | 82.946 | 1.1732 | 12.562 | 92.688 | 105.250 | 0.0281 | 0.2263 |
| 10 | 47.464 | 32.768 | 82.724 | 1.1290 | 13.104 | 92.338 | 105.442 | 0.0293 | 0.2259 |
| 12 | 49.396 | 34.700 | 82.501 | 1.0869 | 13.648 | 91.986 | 105.633 | 0.0304 | 0.2254 |
| 14 | 51.387 | 36.691 | 82.276 | 1.0466 | 14.193 | 91.630 | 105.823 | 0.0316 | 0.2250 |
| 16 | 53.438 | 38.742 | 82.051 | 1.0082 | 14.739 | 91.272 | 106.011 | 0.0327 | 0.2246 |
| 18 | 55.551 | 40.855 | 81.825 | 0.9714 | 15.288 | 90.910 | 106.198 | 0.0338 | 0.2242 |
| 20 | 57.727 | 43.031 | 81.597 | 0.9363 | 15.837 | 90.545 | 106.383 | 0.0350 | 0.2237 |
| 22 | 59.967 | 45.271 | 81.368 | 0.9027 | 16.389 | 90.178 | 106.566 | 0.0361 | 0.2233 |
| 24 | 62.272 | 47.576 | 81.138 | 0.8705 | 16.942 | 89.807 | 106.748 | 0.0373 | 0.2229 |
| 26 | 64.644 | 49.948 | 80.907 | 0.8397 | 17.496 | 89.433 | 106.928 | 0.0384 | 0.2225 |
| 28 | 67.083 | 52.387 | 80.675 | 0.8103 | 18.052 | 89.055 | 107.107 | 0.0395 | 0.2221 |
| 30 | 69.591 | 54.895 | 80.441 | 0.7820 | 18.609 | 88.674 | 107.284 | 0.0407 | 0.2217 |
| 32 | 72.169 | 57.473 | 80.207 | 0.7550 | 19.169 | 88.290 | 107.459 | 0.0418 | 0.2213 |
| 34 | 74.818 | 60.122 | 79.971 | 0.7291 | 19.729 | 87.903 | 107.632 | 0.0429 | 0.2210 |
| 36 | 77.540 | 62.844 | 79.733 | 0.7042 | 20.292 | 87.512 | 107.804 | 0.0440 | 0.2206 |
| 38 | 80.336 | 65.640 | 79.495 | 0.6804 | 20.856 | 87.118 | 107.974 | 0.0452 | 0.2202 |
| 40 | 83.206 | 68.510 | 79.255 | 0.6575 | 21.422 | 86.720 | 108.142 | 0.0463 | 0.2198 |
| 42 | 86.153 | 71.457 | 79.013 | 0.6355 | 21.989 | 86.319 | 108.308 | 0.0474 | 0.2194 |
| 44 | 89.177 | 74.481 | 78.770 | 0.6144 | 22.558 | 85.914 | 108.472 | 0.0485 | 0.2191 |
| 46 | 92.280 | 77.584 | 78.526 | 0.5942 | 23.129 | 85.506 | 108.634 | 0.0496 | 0.2187 |
| 48 | 95.463 | 80.767 | 78.280 | 0.5747 | 23.701 | 85.094 | 108.795 | 0.0507 | 0.2183 |

*Inches of mercury vacuum
**Based on 0 for the saturated liquid at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
Table 1. Properties of R-22 at saturation

| Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Pressure |  | Density <br> (lb/ft ${ }^{3}$ ) <br> Liquid | Volume (ft ${ }^{3} / \mathrm{lb}$ ) <br> Vapor | Enthalpy** (Btu/lb) |  |  | Entropy** (Btu/lb/ ${ }^{\circ}$ R) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (psia) | (psig) |  |  | Liquid | Latent | Vapor | Liquid | Vapor |
| 50 | 98.72 | 84.03 | 78.033 | 0.5560 | 24.275 | 84.678 | 108.953 | 0.0519 | 0.2180 |
| 52 | 102.07 | 87.38 | 77.784 | 0.5380 | 24.851 | 84.258 | 109.109 | 0.0530 | 0.2176 |
| 54 | 105.50 | 90.81 | 77.534 | 0.5207 | 25.429 | 83.834 | 109.263 | 0.0541 | 0.2173 |
| 56 | 109.02 | 94.32 | 77.282 | 0.5041 | 26.008 | 83.407 | 109.415 | 0.0552 | 0.2169 |
| 58 | 112.62 | 97.93 | 77.028 | 0.4881 | 26.589 | 82.975 | 109.564 | 0.0563 | 0.2166 |
| 60 | 116.31 | 101.62 | 76.773 | 0.4727 | 27.172 | 82.540 | 109.712 | 0.0574 | 0.2162 |
| 62 | 120.09 | 105.39 | 76.515 | 0.4578 | 27.757 | 82.100 | 109.857 | 0.0585 | 0.2159 |
| 64 | 123.96 | 109.26 | 76.257 | 0.4435 | 28.344 | 81.656 | 110.000 | 0.0596 | 0.2155 |
| 66 | 127.92 | 113.22 | 75.996 | 0.4298 | 28.932 | 81.208 | 110.140 | 0.0607 | 0.2152 |
| 68 | 131.97 | 117.28 | 75.733 | 0.4165 | 29.523 | 80.755 | 110.278 | 0.0618 | 0.2149 |
| 70 | 136.12 | 121.43 | 75.469 | 0.4037 | 30.116 | 80.298 | 110.414 | 0.0629 | 0.2145 |
| 72 | 140.37 | 125.67 | 75.202 | 0.3913 | 30.710 | 79.836 | 110.547 | 0.0640 | 0.2142 |
| 74 | 144.71 | 130.01 | 74.934 | 0.3794 | 31.307 | 79.370 | 110.677 | 0.0651 | 0.2138 |
| 76 | 149.15 | 134.45 | 74.664 | 0.3680 | 31.906 | 78.899 | 110.805 | 0.0662 | 0.2135 |
| 78 | 153.69 | 138.99 | 74.391 | 0.3569 | 32.506 | 78.423 | 110.930 | 0.0673 | 0.2132 |
| 80 | 158.33 | 143.63 | 74.116 | 0.3462 | 33.109 | 77.943 | 111.052 | 0.0684 | 0.2128 |
| 82 | 163.07 | 148.37 | 73.839 | 0.3358 | 33.714 | 77.457 | 111.171 | 0.0695 | 0.2125 |
| 84 | 167.92 | 153.22 | 73.560 | 0.3258 | 34.322 | 76.966 | 111.288 | 0.0706 | 0.2122 |
| 86 | 172.87 | 158.17 | 73.278 | 0.3162 | 34.931 | 76.470 | 111.401 | 0.0717 | 0.2118 |
| 88 | 177.93 | 163.23 | 72.994 | 0.3069 | 35.543 | 75.968 | 111.512 | 0.0728 | 0.2115 |
| 90 | 183.09 | 168.40 | 72.708 | 0.2978 | 36.158 | 75.461 | 111.619 | 0.0739 | 0.2112 |
| 92 | 188.37 | 173.67 | 72.419 | 0.2891 | 36.774 | 74.949 | 111.723 | 0.0750 | 0.2108 |
| 94 | 193.76 | 179.06 | 72.127 | 0.2807 | 37.394 | 74.430 | 111.824 | 0.0761 | 0.2105 |
| 96 | 199.26 | 184.56 | 71.833 | 0.2725 | 38.016 | 73.905 | 111.921 | 0.0772 | 0.2102 |
| 98 | 204.87 | 190.18 | 71.536 | 0.2646 | 38.640 | 73.375 | 112.015 | 0.0783 | 0.2098 |
| 100 | 210.60 | 195.91 | 71.236 | 0.2570 | 39.267 | 72.838 | 112.105 | 0.0794 | 0.2095 |
| 102 | 216.45 | 201.76 | 70.933 | 0.2496 | 39.897 | 72.294 | 112.192 | 0.0805 | 0.2092 |
| 104 | 222.42 | 207.72 | 70.626 | 0.2424 | 40.530 | 71.744 | 112.274 | 0.0816 | 0.2088 |
| 106 | 228.50 | 213.81 | 70.317 | 0.2354 | 41.166 | 71.187 | 112.353 | 0.0827 | 0.2085 |
| 108 | 234.71 | 220.02 | 70.005 | 0.2287 | 41.804 | 70.623 | 112.427 | 0.0838 | 0.2082 |
| 110 | 241.04 | 226.35 | 69.689 | 0.2222 | 42.446 | 70.052 | 112.498 | 0.0849 | 0.2078 |
| 112 | 247.50 | 232.80 | 69.369 | 0.2158 | 43.091 | 69.473 | 112.564 | 0.0860 | 0.2075 |
| 114 | 254.08 | 239.38 | 69.046 | 0.2097 | 43.739 | 68.886 | 112.626 | 0.0871 | 0.2071 |
| 116 | 260.79 | 246.10 | 68.719 | 0.2037 | 44.391 | 68.291 | 112.682 | 0.0882 | 0.2068 |
| 118 | 267.63 | 252.94 | 68.388 | 0.1980 | 45.046 | 67.688 | 112.735 | 0.0893 | 0.2064 |
| 120 | 274.60 | 259.91 | 68.054 | 0.1923 | 45.705 | 67.077 | 112.782 | 0.0904 | 0.2061 |
| 122 | 281.71 | 267.01 | 67.714 | 0.1869 | 46.368 | 66.456 | 112.824 | 0.0915 | 0.2057 |
| 124 | 288.95 | 274.25 | 67.371 | 0.1816 | 47.034 | 65.826 | 112.860 | 0.0926 | 0.2054 |
| 126 | 296.33 | 281.63 | 67.023 | 0.1764 | 47.705 | 65.186 | 112.891 | 0.0937 | 0.2050 |
| 128 | 303.84 | 289.14 | 66.670 | 0.1714 | 48.380 | 64.537 | 112.917 | 0.0948 | 0.2046 |
| 130 | 311.50 | 296.80 | 66.312 | 0.1666 | 49.059 | 63.877 | 112.936 | 0.0959 | 0.2043 |
| 132 | 319.29 | 304.60 | 65.949 | 0.1618 | 49.743 | 63.206 | 112.949 | 0.0971 | 0.2039 |
| 135 | 331.26 | 316.56 | 65.394 | 0.1550 | 50.778 | 62.178 | 112.956 | 0.0987 | 0.2033 |
| 140 | 351.94 | 337.25 | 64.440 | 0.1441 | 52.528 | 60.403 | 112.931 | 0.1016 | 0.2023 |
| 145 | 373.58 | 358.88 | 63.445 | 0.1340 | 54.315 | 58.543 | 112.858 | 0.1044 | 0.2013 |
| 150 | 396.19 | 381.50 | 62.402 | 0.1244 | 56.143 | 56.585 | 112.728 | 0.1073 | 0.2002 |
| 160 | 444.53 | 429.83 | 60.145 | 0.1070 | 59.948 | 52.316 | 112.263 | 0.1133 | 0.1977 |
| 170 | 497.26 | 482.56 | 57.581 | 0.0912 | 64.019 | 47.419 | 111.438 | 0.1195 | 0.1949 |
| 180 | 554.78 | 540.09 | 54.549 | 0.0767 | 68.498 | 41.570 | 110.068 | 0.1263 | 0.1913 |
| 190 | 617.59 | 602.89 | 50.677 | 0.0628 | 73.711 | 34.023 | 107.734 | 0.1340 | 0.1864 |
| 200 | 686.36 | 671.66 | 44.571 | 0.0474 | 80.862 | 21.990 | 102.853 | 0.1446 | 0.1779 |

Table 1. Properties of R-22 at saturation (continued)

The values in Column 8, subtitled "Vapor," are always the sum of the heat content of the saturated liquid refrigerant and the latent heat of vaporization. Before a liquid boils, it possesses sensible heat, as shown in Column 6. When the liquid boils, it acquires latent heat in addition to the sensible heat. The total heat of the resulting saturated vapor must equal the heat of the liquid plus the acquired latent heat. Some tables refer to the heat content of the vapor as "total" heat. This condition is more clearly defined in the following example.

Assume that liquid R-22 is boiling (evaporating) in an evaporator at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The saturated vapor produced has a heat content (from Column 8) of $108.142 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$. This consists of 21.422 Btu/lb from Column 6 (sensible heat of the liquid), and 86.720 Btu/lb from Column 7 (latent heat of vaporization).

When Column 6 values are added to Column 7 values, the result shown in Column 8 represents the total heat content of the saturated vapor in the evaporator. This is before it is superheated or warmed to a temperature above the evaporator temperature.

Note that if the evaporator temperature is below $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, the values in Column 6 are negative. They must be subtracted from the values in Column 7 to find the heat of the vapor. For example, the heat of vapor for R-22 at $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ is $98.014 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$. You calculate this by subtracting 4.987 Btu/lb liquid heat from 103.001 Btu/lb latent heat.

## NET COOLING EFFECT

The net cooling effect is another value that you can find by using refrigerant tables. For example, assume that an R-22 system with a $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ evaporator has liquid entering the metering device at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The liquid must be cooled $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ before it can start to boil in the evaporator at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

The heat of the $\mathrm{R}-22$ liquid at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ is $33.109 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$, as shown in Table 1. At $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, it is $21.422 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$. Therefore, 11.687 Btu/lb (33.109-21.422) must be removed in order to cool the $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ liquid to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. It then boils in the evaporator and absorbs its latent heat of $86.720 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}$ (that is, it cools at the rate of 86.720 Btu/lb). However, the net cooling effect (actual useful cooling) is somewhat less than 86.720 Btu/lb.

This is because 11.687 Btu/lb was used in cooling the liquid from $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, which leaves only 75.033 Btu/lb (86.720 - 11.687) as the net cooling effect. In this system, each pound of R-22 would produce 75.033 Btu/lb of useful cooling instead of the full latent heat of vaporization of 86.720 Btu/lb.

There is a faster method of finding the net cooling effect. Simply subtract the heat of the liquid at the inlet to the metering device from the heat of the vapor at its evaporator boiling temperature. The result is the same as with the more informative equation.

Now, assume that the liquid entering the evaporator is subcooled. You can use the actual temperature of the liquid to find its heat content, instead of the saturation temperature corresponding to head pressure. In the preceding example, assume that the liquid is subcooled from $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ in the liquid line. Now you can use 27.172 Btu/lb instead of 33.109 Btu/lb as the heat of liquid. The result is a net cooling effect of $81.070 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lb}(75.133+5.937)$. This is a gain of almost $8 \%$, just by subcooling the liquid from $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. This can be done by means of a liquid subcooler.

You will find that there are many other uses for the heat content values in Columns 6, 7, and 8.

## COLUMNS 9 AND 10: ENTROPY

Entropy is a ratio that describes the relative energy in a refrigerant. It is found by dividing the amount of heat in the liquid or vapor refrigerant by its temperature in degrees absolute. Entropy is not of particular interest or importance to the service technician. It will not be discussed further here. Note, however, that entropy values are useful with a Mollier diagram to estimate compressor discharge temperature.

## CONCLUSION

Table 1, used as an example in this chapter, is for R-22. R-22 will soon be phased out and will no longer be manufactured in the U.S. However, thousands of systems using R-22 are still operating. They will continue to do so as long as R-22 is available, or until they are retrofitted for a replacement refrigerant. With a thorough understanding of the use of refrigerant tables and the examples given in this chapter, you
can use such tables for any refrigerant, including the newer replacement refrigerants.

The table included on pages 8 and 9 (for R-410A) is very similar in format to the table for R-22 that you have studied as an example. There may be slight variations in some refrigerant tables, but for the most part you should be able to find the same information and make the same kinds of calculations. You also may find the conversion methods on page 10 helpful. If you need tables for refrigerants that are not included in this chapter, you can get them from any refrigerant manufacturer through your refrigerant wholesaler.

| Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Pressure |  | Density (lb/ft ${ }^{3}$ ) <br> Liquid | Volume (ft ${ }^{3} / \mathrm{lb}$ ) <br> Vapor | Enthalpy** <br> (Btu/lb) |  |  | Entropy** <br> (Btu/lb/ ${ }^{\circ}$ R) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (psia) | (psig) |  |  | Liquid | Latent | Vapor | Liquid | Vapor |
| -20.00 | 41.58 | 26.88 | 79.79 | 1.4354 | 4.99 | 105.57 | 110.56 | 0.0116 | 0.2517 |
| -10.00 | 51.53 | 36.83 | 78.60 | 1.1693 | 7.64 | 104.06 | 111.70 | 0.0175 | 0.2489 |
| 0.00 | 63.27 | 48.57 | 77.38 | 0.9594 | 10.41 | 102.37 | 112.78 | 0.0235 | 0.2462 |
| 10.00 | 77.03 | 62.33 | 76.12 | 0.7925 | 13.29 | 100.52 | 113.81 | 0.0296 | 0.2437 |
| 12.00 | 80.05 | 65.35 | 75.87 | 0.7633 | 13.88 | 100.13 | 114.01 | 0.0309 | 0.2432 |
| 14.00 | 83.15 | 68.45 | 75.61 | 0.7354 | 14.47 | 99.74 | 114.21 | 0.0321 | 0.2427 |
| 16.00 | 86.35 | 71.65 | 75.35 | 0.7087 | 15.08 | 99.32 | 114.40 | 0.0334 | 0.2422 |
| 18.00 | 89.64 | 74.94 | 75.09 | 0.6830 | 15.68 | 98.91 | 114.59 | 0.0346 | 0.2417 |
| 20.00 | 93.03 | 78.33 | 74.83 | 0.6585 | 16.29 | 98.49 | 114.78 | 0.0359 | 0.2412 |
| 22.00 | 96.52 | 81.82 | 74.57 | 0.6350 | 16.91 | 98.05 | 114.96 | 0.0372 | 0.2407 |
| 24.00 | 100.11 | 85.41 | 74.30 | 0.6124 | 17.53 | 97.61 | 115.14 | 0.0384 | 0.2402 |
| 26.00 | 103.81 | 89.11 | 74.03 | 0.5908 | 18.16 | 97.16 | 115.32 | 0.0397 | 0.2398 |
| 28.00 | 107.60 | 92.90 | 73.76 | 0.5700 | 18.79 | 96.71 | 115.50 | 0.0410 | 0.2393 |
| 30.00 | 111.51 | 96.81 | 73.49 | 0.5501 | 19.43 | 96.24 | 115.67 | 0.0423 | 0.2388 |
| 32.00 | 115.52 | 100.82 | 73.22 | 0.5310 | 20.08 | 95.77 | 115.85 | 0.0436 | 0.2384 |
| 34.00 | 119.65 | 104.95 | 72.94 | 0.5126 | 20.73 | 95.28 | 116.01 | 0.0449 | 0.2379 |
| 36.00 | 123.89 | 109.19 | 72.67 | 0.4949 | 21.38 | 94.80 | 116.18 | 0.0462 | 0.2374 |
| 38.00 | 128.24 | 113.54 | 72.39 | 0.4780 | 22.05 | 94.29 | 116.34 | 0.0475 | 0.2370 |
| 40.00 | 132.71 | 118.01 | 72.11 | 0.4617 | 22.71 | 93.79 | 116.50 | 0.0488 | 0.2365 |
| 42.00 | 137.30 | 122.60 | 71.82 | 0.4460 | 23.39 | 93.26 | 116.65 | 0.0501 | 0.2360 |
| 44.00 | 142.01 | 127.31 | 71.54 | 0.4310 | 24.07 | 92.73 | 116.80 | 0.0515 | 0.2356 |
| 46.00 | 146.85 | 132.15 | 71.25 | 0.4165 | 24.76 | 92.19 | 116.95 | 0.0528 | 0.2351 |
| 48.00 | 151.81 | 137.11 | 70.96 | 0.4025 | 25.45 | 91.64 | 117.09 | 0.0541 | 0.2347 |
| 50.00 | 156.89 | 142.19 | 70.66 | 0.3891 | 26.15 | 91.08 | 117.23 | 0.0555 | 0.2342 |
| 52.00 | 162.11 | 147.41 | 70.37 | 0.3762 | 26.85 | 90.52 | 117.37 | 0.0568 | 0.2337 |
| 54.00 | 167.46 | 152.76 | 70.07 | 0.3637 | 27.57 | 89.93 | 117.50 | 0.0582 | 0.2333 |
| 56.00 | 172.94 | 158.24 | 69.76 | 0.3517 | 28.28 | 89.35 | 117.63 | 0.0596 | 0.2328 |
| 58.00 | 178.56 | 163.86 | 69.46 | 0.3402 | 29.01 | 88.75 | 117.76 | 0.0609 | 0.2324 |
| 60.00 | 184.32 | 169.62 | 69.15 | 0.3290 | 29.74 | 88.14 | 117.88 | 0.0623 | 0.2319 |
| 62.00 | 190.21 | 175.51 | 68.84 | 0.3183 | 30.48 | 87.52 | 118.00 | 0.0637 | 0.2315 |
| 64.00 | 196.25 | 181.55 | 68.52 | 0.3080 | 31.23 | 86.88 | 118.11 | 0.0651 | 0.2310 |
| 66.00 | 202.44 | 187.74 | 68.20 | 0.2980 | 31.99 | 86.23 | 118.22 | 0.0665 | 0.2306 |
| 68.00 | 208.77 | 194.07 | 67.88 | 0.2883 | 32.75 | 85.57 | 118.32 | 0.0679 | 0.2301 |
| 70.00 | 215.25 | 200.55 | 67.56 | 0.2790 | 33.52 | 84.90 | 118.42 | 0.0694 | 0.2297 |
| 72.00 | 221.88 | 207.18 | 67.23 | 0.2701 | 34.30 | 84.22 | 118.52 | 0.0708 | 0.2292 |
| 74.00 | 228.67 | 213.97 | 66.89 | 0.2614 | 35.09 | 83.52 | 118.61 | 0.0722 | 0.2287 |
| 76.00 | 235.61 | 220.91 | 66.56 | 0.2530 | 35.88 | 82.81 | 118.69 | 0.0737 | 0.2283 |
| 78.00 | 242.71 | 228.01 | 66.21 | 0.2449 | 36.68 | 82.09 | 118.77 | 0.0752 | 0.2278 |
| 80.00 | 249.97 | 235.27 | 65.87 | 0.2371 | 37.50 | 81.35 | 118.85 | 0.0766 | 0.2274 |
| 82.00 | 257.39 | 242.69 | 65.51 | 0.2296 | 38.32 | 80.60 | 118.92 | 0.0781 | 0.2269 |
| 84.00 | 264.98 | 250.28 | 65.16 | 0.2222 | 39.15 | 79.83 | 118.98 | 0.0796 | 0.2264 |
| 86.00 | 272.74 | 258.04 | 64.80 | 0.2152 | 39.99 | 70.05 | 119.04 | 0.0811 | 0.2260 |
| 88.00 | 280.66 | 265.96 | 64.43 | 0.2083 | 40.84 | 78.26 | 119.10 | 0.0826 | 0.2255 |
| 90.00 | 288.76 | 274.06 | 64.06 | 0.2017 | 41.70 | 77.44 | 119.14 | 0.0841 | 0.2250 |
| 92.00 | 297.03 | 282.33 | 63.68 | 0.1953 | 42.57 | 76.62 | 119.19 | 0.0857 | 0.2246 |
| 94.00 | 305.47 | 290.77 | 63.29 | 0.1891 | 43.45 | 75.77 | 119.22 | 0.0872 | 0.2241 |
| 96.00 | 314.10 | 299.40 | 62.90 | 0.1831 | 44.34 | 74.91 | 119.25 | 0.0888 | 0.2236 |
| 98.00 | 322.90 | 308.20 | 62.50 | 0.1773 | 45.24 | 74.03 | 119.27 | 0.0903 | 0.2231 |
| 100.00 | 331.89 | 317.19 | 62.10 | 0.1716 | 46.15 | 73.14 | 119.29 | 0.0919 | 0.2226 |
| 102.00 | 341.06 | 326.36 | 61.69 | 0.1662 | 47.08 | 72.21 | 119.29 | 0.0935 | 0.2221 |

**Based on 0 for the saturated liquid at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
Table 2. Properties of R-410A at saturation

| Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Pressure |  | Density ( $\mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ ) <br> Liquid | Volume (ft ${ }^{3} / \mathrm{lb}$ ) <br> Vapor | Enthalpy** (Btu/lb) |  |  | Entropy** <br> (Btu/lb/ ${ }^{\circ}$ R) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (psia) | (psig) |  |  | Liquid | Latent | Vapor | Liquid | Vapor |
| 104.00 | 350.43 | 335.73 | 61.27 | 0.1608 | 48.02 | 71.28 | 119.30 | 0.0952 | 0.2216 |
| 106.00 | 359.98 | 345.28 | 60.84 | 0.1557 | 48.98 | 70.31 | 119.29 | 0.0968 | 0.2211 |
| 108.00 | 369.72 | 355.02 | 60.40 | 0.1507 | 49.94 | 69.33 | 119.27 | 0.0985 | 0.2206 |
| 110.00 | 379.66 | 364.96 | 59.59 | 0.1458 | 50.93 | 68.32 | 119.25 | 0.1001 | 0.2201 |
| 112.00 | 389.79 | 375.09 | 59.49 | 0.1411 | 51.92 | 67.30 | 119.22 | 0.1018 | 0.2195 |
| 114.00 | 400.13 | 385.43 | 59.02 | 0.1365 | 52.94 | 66.24 | 119.18 | 0.1035 | 0.2190 |
| 116.00 | 410.66 | 395.96 | 58.54 | 0.1321 | 53.97 | 65.16 | 119.13 | 0.1053 | 0.2185 |
| 118.00 | 421.40 | 406.70 | 58.05 | 0.1277 | 55.02 | 64.05 | 119.07 | 0.1070 | 0.2179 |
| 120.00 | 432.35 | 417.65 | 57.54 | 0.1235 | 56.09 | 62.91 | 119.00 | 0.1088 | 0.2174 |
| 122.00 | 443.50 | 428.80 | 57.02 | 0.1194 | 57.18 | 61.74 | 118.92 | 0.1106 | 0.2168 |
| 124.00 | 454.87 | 440.17 | 56.49 | 0.1154 | 58.30 | 60.52 | 118.82 | 0.1125 | 0.2162 |
| 126.00 | 466.44 | 451.74 | 55.93 | 0.1115 | 59.44 | 59.28 | 118.72 | 0.1144 | 0.2156 |
| 128.00 | 478.24 | 463.54 | 55.36 | 0.1077 | 60.60 | 58.00 | 118.60 | 0.1163 | 0.2150 |
| 130.00 | 490.25 | 475.55 | 54.77 | 0.1040 | 61.80 | 56.67 | 118.47 | 0.1183 | 0.2144 |
| 132.00 | 502.48 | 487.78 | 54.16 | 0.1003 | 63.02 | 55.30 | 118.32 | 0.1203 | 0.2137 |
| 134.00 | 514.93 | 500.23 | 53.52 | 0.0967 | 64.29 | 53.87 | 118.16 | 0.1223 | 0.2131 |
| 136.00 | 527.61 | 512.91 | 52.85 | 0.0932 | 65.59 | 52.38 | 117.97 | 0.1244 | 0.2124 |
| 138.00 | 540.51 | 525.81 | 52.16 | 0.0898 | 66.93 | 50.84 | 117.77 | 0.1266 | 0.2117 |
| 140.00 | 553.64 | 538.94 | 51.43 | 0.0864 | 68.33 | 49.22 | 117.55 | 0.1289 | 0.2110 |
| 142.00 | 567.01 | 552.31 | 50.66 | 0.0831 | 69.78 | 47.52 | 117.30 | 0.1312 | 0.2102 |
| 144.00 | 580.61 | 565.91 | 49.84 | 0.0797 | 71.31 | 45.71 | 117.02 | 0.1337 | 0.2094 |
| 146.00 | 594.44 | 579.74 | 48.97 | 0.0764 | 72.91 | 43.80 | 116.71 | 0.1362 | 0.2085 |
| 148.00 | 608.52 | 593.82 | 48.03 | 0.0731 | 74.61 | 41.76 | 116.37 | 0.1389 | 0.2077 |
| 150.00 | 622.83 | 608.13 | 47.02 | 0.0698 | 76.43 | 39.54 | 115.97 | 0.1418 | 0.2067 |
| 152.00 | 637.39 | 622.69 | 45.91 | 0.0665 | 78.40 | 37.12 | 115.52 | 0.1450 | 0.2056 |
| 154.00 | 652.19 | 637.49 | 44.66 | 0.0630 | 80.58 | 34.41 | 114.99 | 0.1484 | 0.2045 |
| 156.00 | 667.24 | 652.54 | 43.23 | 0.0593 | 83.06 | 31.29 | 114.35 | 0.1524 | 0.2032 |
| 158.00 | 682.54 | 667.84 | 41.51 | 0.0553 | 86.01 | 27.53 | 113.54 | 0.1570 | 0.2016 |
| 160.00 | 698.09 | 683.39 | 39.28 | 0.0505 | 89.87 | 22.84 | 112.41 | 0.1632 | 0.1995 |

Table 2. Properties of R-410A at saturation (continued)

To convert measurements

| From | To | Multiply by |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cubic feet | Cubic inches | $1,728.0$ |
| Cubic inches | Cubic feet | 0.00058 |
| Cubic feet | Gallons | 7.480 |
| Gallons | Cubic feet | 0.1337 |
| Liters | Gallons | 0.2642 |
| Gallons | Liters | 3.7854 |

To convert pressure (at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )

| From | To | Multiply by |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Inches of water | Pounds per square inch | 0.03612 |
| Pounds per square inch | Inches of water | 27.686 |
| Inches of mercury | Pounds per square inch | 0.4912 |
| Pounds per square inch | Inches of mercury | 2.036 |

To convert energy, heat, and power

| From | To | Multiply by |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Horsepower | Foot-pounds per minute | $33,000.0$ |
| Horsepower | Kilowatts | 0.746 |
| Kilowatts | Horsepower | 1.3404 |
| British thermal units | Foot-pounds | 778.177 |
| Foot-pounds | British thermal units | 0.001285 |
| Horsepower | Watts | 745.7 |
| British thermal units per hour | Watts | 0.29288 |

To convert temperatures

| From | To | Do this |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Degrees Celsius | Degrees Fahrenheit | Multiply by 1.8 and add 32 |
| Degrees Rankine | Degrees Fahrenheit | Subtract 459.69 |

