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**2023 Standard for**

**Performance Rating of  
Water-cooled Lithium Bromide  
Absorption Water-chilling and  
Water-heating Packages**



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### **2023 Edition**

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- Align definitions and requirements with AHRI 550/590 and 551/591 where possible
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# PERFORMANCE RATING OF WATER-COOLED LITHIUM BROMIDE ABSORPTION WATER-CHILLING AND WATER-HEATING PACKAGES

## Section 1. Purpose

This standard establishes definitions, test requirements, rating requirements, minimum data requirements for *published ratings*, marking and nameplate data, and conformance conditions for *water-cooled lithium bromide absorption water-chilling and water-heating packages*.

## Section 2. Scope

### 2.1 Scope

This standard applies to lithium bromide water-cooled *single-effect* steam and hot water operated water-chilling units, water-cooled *double-effect* steam and hot water operated water-chilling units, and *double-effect direct-fired* (natural gas, oil, LP gas) water-chilling/heating units. Water is the refrigerant and LiBr (lithium bromide) the absorbent. See definitions in [Section 3](#).

### 2.2 Exclusions

This standard does not apply to heat pump applications, exhaust gas fired applications, and non-standard units.

## Section 3. Definitions

All terms in this document follow the standard industry definitions in the ASHRAE Terminology website unless otherwise defined in this section.

Common conversion factors are defined in [Section 7](#) and are referred to in equations using K1, K2, K3, and K4.

### 3.1 Expression of Provisions

Terms that provide clear distinctions between requirements, recommendations, permissions, options, and capabilities.

#### 3.1.1 “Can” or “cannot”

Express an option or capability.

#### 3.1.2 “May”

Signifies a permission expressed by the document.

#### 3.1.3 “Must”

Indication of unavoidable situations and does not mean that an external constraint referred to is a requirement of the document.

#### 3.1.4 “Shall” or “shall not”

Indication of mandatory requirements to strictly conform to the standard and where deviation is not permitted.

#### 3.1.5 “Should” or “should not”

Indication of recommendations rather than requirements. In the negative form, a recommendation is the expression of potential choices or courses of action that is not preferred but not prohibited.



## 3.2 Standard Specific Definitions

### 3.2.1 Absorber

A component included in *absorption packages* where a concentrated solution absorbs refrigerant and becomes dilute, while rejecting heat from the cycle.

### 3.2.2 Auxiliary Power

Power provided to devices that are not inherent elements of the refrigerating and heating cycles including, but not limited to: burners, refrigerant pumps, solution pumps, control power, fans, and heaters.

### 3.2.3 Capacity

The rate heat is added to or removed from a liquid stream of an *absorption package*. This is the useful product of an *absorption package* and is the product of the water mass flow rate and the change in water enthalpy entering and leaving the heat exchanger, measured at the point of the field connection. For this standard, the enthalpy change is approximated as the sensible heat transfer using specific heat and temperature difference.

#### 3.2.3.1 Net Heating Capacity

The *capacity* calculated as the sensible heat transfer of water heated either in what is the *evaporator* in cooling mode (acting as a *condenser* in *heating mode*, two-pipe system) or in a separate hot-water heat exchanger (four-pipe system) that is available for useful heating of the thermal load external to the *absorption package*.

#### 3.2.3.2 Net Refrigerating Capacity

The *capacity* calculated as the sensible heat transfer produced by the *evaporator* that is available for useful cooling of the thermal load external to the *absorption package*.

### 3.2.4 Condenser

A refrigeration system component that condenses refrigerant vapor.

#### 3.2.4.1 Water-cooled Condenser

A component that utilizes refrigerant-to-water heat transfer means, causing the refrigerant to condense and the water to be heated for rejection to ambient.

### 3.2.5 Energy Efficiency

#### 3.2.5.1 Cooling Energy Efficiency

##### 3.2.5.1.1 Cooling Coefficient of Performance (COP<sub>R</sub>)

A ratio of the *net refrigerating capacity* to the *thermal energy input* at any given set of *rating conditions*.

##### 3.2.5.1.2 MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>

*Thermal energy input* per unit *capacity*. The cooling efficiency expressed as a ratio of *thermal energy input* divided by the *net refrigerating capacity* using the following units of measure: MBH for *thermal energy input* and ton<sub>R</sub> for *net refrigerating capacity*.

#### 3.2.5.2 Heating Energy Efficiency

##### 3.2.5.2.1 Heating Coefficient of Performance (COP<sub>H</sub>)

A ratio of the *net heating capacity* to the *thermal energy input* at any given set of *rating conditions*.

### 3.2.6 Evaporator

A refrigeration system component that evaporates refrigerant liquid.

### 3.2.7 Fouling Factor

The thermal resistance due to fouling accumulated on the water side heat transfer surface.

- 3.2.7.1 Fouling Factor Allowance**  
A specified value for *published ratings* as a provision for anticipated thermal resistance due to water side fouling during use, expressed in  $\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$
- 3.2.8 Generator**  
A component of *absorption packages* that utilizes heat from an external source to desorb refrigerant from dilute solution to create a more concentrated solution.
- 3.2.9 Higher Heating Value (HHV)**  
The amount of heat produced per unit of fuel when complete combustion takes place at constant pressure. The products of combustion are cooled to the initial temperature of the fuel and air, and the vapor formed during combustion is condensed, Btu/lb or Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> for gaseous fuel, or Btu/lb or Btu/gal for liquid fuel.
- 3.2.10 Part-load Value (PLV)**  
A single number figure of merit expressing part-load efficiency for equipment based on weighted operation at various partial load capacities for the equipment.
- 3.2.10.1 Integrated Part-load Value (IPLV.IP)**  
A single number part-load efficiency figure of merit calculated per the method described in this standard at *standard rating conditions*.
- 3.2.10.2 Non-standard Part-load Value (NPLV.IP)**  
A single number part-load efficiency figure of merit calculated per the method described in this standard referenced to conditions other than *IPLV.IP* conditions.
- 3.2.11 Percent Load**  
The ratio of the part-load net *capacity* to the *full load* rated net *capacity*, stated in decimal format. (For example, 100% = 1.0).
- 3.2.11.1 Full Load (100% Load)**  
The highest *capacity* the *absorption package* has been rated at specific conditions. Corresponds to the *100% load* point utilized in *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP*.
- 3.2.12 Published Ratings**  
A statement of the assigned values of those performance characteristics, under stated *rating conditions*, where a unit can be chosen to fit the application. These values apply to all units of the same nominal size and type (identification) produced by the same manufacturer. This includes the rating of all performance characteristics shown on the unit or published in specifications, advertising or other literature controlled by the manufacturer, at stated *rating conditions*.
- 3.2.12.1 Application Rating**  
A rating based on tests performed at *application rating conditions* other than *standard rating conditions*.
- 3.2.12.2 Standard Rating**  
A rating based on tests performed at *standard rating conditions*.
- 3.2.13 Rating Conditions**  
Any set of operating conditions where a single level of performance results and that causes only that level of performance to occur.
- 3.2.13.1 Application Rating Conditions**  
A set of operating conditions within the range of [Table 2](#) selected for a customer application (other than *standard rating conditions*).

**3.2.13.2 Standard Rating Conditions**

A set of operating conditions used as the basis of comparison for performance characteristics, per [Table 1](#).

**3.2.14 Significant Figure**

Each of the digits of a number that are used to express the required degree of accuracy, starting from the first nonzero digit (Refer to [Appendix C](#)).

**3.2.15 Thermal Energy Input**

The heat content of the fuel, steam or hot heat transfer fluid excluding the electrical input.

**3.2.15.1 Direct-fired Energy Input**

The gross heating content of the fuel based on the *HHV* in MBH in *direct-fired* systems.

**3.2.15.2 Indirect-fired Energy Input**

The heat content of the steam or hot water in MBH in *indirect-fired* systems.

**3.2.16 Water-cooled Lithium Bromide Absorption Water-chilling and Water-heating Package (Absorption Package)**

A factory-designed and prefabricated assembly used for chilling water, heating water, or both that consists of an *evaporator*, *absorber*, *water-cooled condenser*, *generator(s)*, and solution heat exchanger(s), with interconnections and accessories.

**3.2.16.1 Direct-fired and Indirect-fired Absorption Packages**

*Absorption packages* can be further subdivided into the following two categories:

**3.2.16.1.1 Direct-fired**

Uses thermal energy derived from natural gas, LP gas, oil, or other fuel, combusted within the *absorption package*.

**3.2.16.1.2 Indirect-fired**

Uses thermal energy from steam, hot water, hot heat-transfer fluids, or a hot gas stream not resulting from combustion within the *absorption package*.

**3.2.16.2 Single-effect and Double-effect Absorption Packages**

Utilizes a mixture of at least two components. The more volatile component is the refrigerant, and the less volatile substance with high affinity for the refrigerant is the absorbent. Either single or multiple reconcentration of an absorbent solution, known as effects, can be used as follows:

**3.2.16.2.1 Double-effect**

Employs a two-step reconcentration of the absorbent using a high-temperature *generator*. The refrigerant released in the high-temperature *generator* (first effect) is used to drive release of additional refrigerant in the low-temperature *generator* (second effect).

**3.2.16.2.2 Single-effect**

Employs a one-step reconcentration of the absorbent in the *generator*. Refrigerant vapor is released when thermal energy is introduced into the *generator*. The concentrated absorbent is returned to the *absorber* and absorbs refrigerant vapor flashed off in the *evaporator*, and the cycle repeats.

**3.2.16.3 Operational Modes**

*Absorption packages* can be operated in the following modes:

**3.2.16.3.1 Cooling Only Mode**

Cooling is delivered through the *evaporator*.

**3.2.16.3.2 Heating Mode**

Heat is delivered from an external source through the *evaporator* or another heat exchanger.

Note: Simultaneous heating and cooling can be provided where cooling is delivered through the *evaporator* and heat is simultaneously delivered from an external source through another heat exchanger.

**3.2.17 Water Pressure Drop**

The reduction in static water pressure associated with the flow through a water-type heat exchanger.

**Section 4. Test Requirements**

**4.1 Test Requirements**

Ratings shall be established at the *rating conditions* specified in [Section 5](#). All ratings shall be based on tests conducted in accordance with the test method and procedures described in ASHRAE 182.

**4.2 Test Documentation**

Test documentation shall record measurement values and calculated results in accordance with methods and procedures described in ASHRAE 182.

**4.3 Calculations and Published Data**

Calculations and published data shall comply with the requirements of ASHRAE 182.

**Section 5. Rating Requirements**

**5.1 Standard Rating Metrics**

**5.1.1 Cooling Energy Efficiency**

The forms of the *cooling energy efficiency* terms are listed as Equation [1](#) and Equation [2](#). These terms are calculated at both *full load* and part-load conditions.

**5.1.1.1 Cooling Coefficient of Performance (COP<sub>R</sub>)**

The *COP<sub>R</sub>*, Btu/h/Btu/h, shall be calculated using Equation [1](#).

$$COP_R = \frac{K1 \cdot Q_{ev}}{Q_{input}} \tag{1}$$

**5.1.1.2 Thermal Energy Input per Capacity, MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>**

The *thermal energy input per capacity*, MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>, shall be calculated using Equation [2](#).

$$MBH/ton_R = \frac{K2 \cdot Q_{input}}{Q_{ev}} \tag{2}$$

**5.1.2 Heating Energy Efficiency**

The *COP<sub>H</sub>*, Btu/h/Btu/h, shall be calculated using Equation [3](#).

$$COP_H = \frac{Q_{ht}}{Q_{input}} \tag{3}$$

**5.1.3 Net Refrigerating Capacity**

The *net refrigerating capacity*, Btu/h, for the *evaporator* shall use the water temperatures, water mass flow rate and water properties at the *evaporator* entering and leaving conditions and be calculated using Equation [4](#):

$$Q_{ev} = m_w \cdot c_p \cdot (T_{in} - T_{out}) \quad 4$$

Specific heat  $c_p$  is taken at the average of entering and leaving water temperatures. When expressing water flow rate in volumetric terms for ratings, the conversion from mass flow rate shall use water density corresponding to entering water temperature (refer to Equation 20).

The volumetric flow rate shall be calculated using Equation 5.

$$V_w = \frac{m_w}{\rho_{in}} \cdot K3 \quad 5$$

#### 5.1.4 Net Heating Capacity

The *net heating capacity*, Btu/h, for a hot water heater shall use the water temperatures, water flow rate, and water properties at the entering and leaving conditions and be calculated using Equation 6.

$$Q_{ht} = m_w \cdot c_p \cdot (T_{out} - T_{in}) \quad 6$$

Specific heat  $c_p$  is taken at the average of entering and leaving water temperatures. When expressing water flow rate in volumetric terms for ratings, the conversion from mass flow rate shall use water density corresponding to entering water temperature (refer to Equation 20).

#### 5.1.5 Water Pressure Drop

For this standard, the *water pressure drop* shall include pressure losses due to nozzles, piping, or other interconnections included with the *absorption package* and shall include all pressure losses across the external unit connection points for water inlet and water outlet. For *published ratings*, this value is expressed in ft H<sub>2</sub>O at a reference water temperature of 60°F. For test measurements, this is a differential pressure expressed in psid. *Water pressure drop* shall be calculated using Equation 7.

$$\Delta p_{corrected} = \Delta p_{test} - \Delta p_{adj} \quad 7$$

### 5.2 Standard Ratings and Conditions

*Standard ratings* for all *absorption packages* shall be established at the *standard rating conditions*. These packages shall be rated for one or more of the following: *cooling only mode* performance, *heating only mode* performance, or simultaneous heating and cooling performance at conditions specified in [Table 1](#). *Standard ratings* shall include a water-side *fouling factor allowance* as specified in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 Standard Ratings Conditions**

	<i>Single-effect Indirect-fired</i>	<i>Double-effect Indirect-fired</i>	<i>Double-effect Direct-fired</i>
<i>Absorber / condenser water</i>			
Entering water temperature	85.00°F	85.00°F	85.00°F
Water flow rate	3.6 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>	4.0 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>	4.0 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>
Rating fouling allowance (water-side)	0.000250 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000250 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000250 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu
<i>Evaporator</i>			
Leaving water temperature	44.00°F	44.00°F	44.00°F
Water flow rate	2.4 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>	2.4 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>	2.4 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>
Rating fouling factor allowance	0.000100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu
<i>Energy input</i>			
Fuel heat content	—	—	<i>HHV</i>
Steam pressure <sup>1</sup>	Note 2	Note 2	—
Rating fouling factor allowance (steam)	Note 2	Note 2	—
Hot water entering temperature	Note 2	Note 2	—
Hot water leaving temperature	Note 2	Note 2	—
Rating fouling factor allowance (water-side)	0.000100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	—
Notes:			
1. After energy control valve at inlet flange of chiller.			
2. Manufacturer specified conditions.			

**5.3 Application Rating Conditions**

*Application ratings* shall include the range of *rating conditions* listed in [Table 2](#) or be within the operating limits of the equipment. For guidance to the industry, designing to large *fouling factors* impacts the performance of the chiller. Heat transfer surfaces are best maintained by cleaning or maintaining proper water treatment to mitigate highly fouled conditions and the associated efficiency loss. From a test perspective, highly fouled conditions are simulated with clean tubes by testing at decreased *evaporator* water temperatures and increased *condenser* water temperatures. High *fouling factors* can increase or decrease these temperatures to conditions outside test loop or equipment capabilities. For this test standard, the application range for the water side fouling shall be between clean (0.000) and 0.00100 h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F/Btu. *Fouling factors* above these values are outside of the scope of this standard and shall be indicated as such.

**Table 2 Application Rating Conditions**

<b>Rating Value</b>	<b>Rating Conditions</b>
<i>Evaporator</i>	
Leaving <i>evaporator</i> water temperature	40.00°F to 70.00°F in increments of 2.00°F
Water temperature difference	8.00°F to 15.00°F
<i>Fouling factor allowance</i>	0.000 to 0.00100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu
<i>Water cooled absorber / condenser</i>	
Entering <i>absorber</i> water temperature	70.00°F to 95.00°F in increments of 5.00°F
Water flow rate limit	2.8 to 6.0 gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>
<i>Fouling factor allowance</i>	0.000 to 0.00100 h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu
Input steam pressure at steam valve or inlet header	
Single stage unit	0 psig to 15.0 psig in increments of 2.0 psi
Two stage unit	0 psig to 125 psig in increments of 15.0 psi
<i>Heating mode (double-effect)</i>	
Hot water (to <i>generator</i> ) temperature	180.00°F to 400.00°F
Heating water flow rate	Manufacturer's standard gpm/ton <sub>R</sub>

Note: Applies to *full load* only and not part load ratings

**5.4 Part-load Ratings**

*Double-effect (indirect-fired and direct-fired) Water-chilling Packages* shall be rated at 100%, 75%, 50%, and 25% load relative to the *full load* rating *net refrigerating capacity* at the conditions defined in [Table 3](#). Part load ratings are not required for *single-effect absorption packages*.

**5.4.1 Cooling Only Mode Part-load rating points**

*Cooling only mode* part-load rating points shall be presented in one or more of the following four ways:

**5.4.1.1 IPLV.IP**

Based on the conditions defined in [Table 3](#) and method defined in [Section 5.4.2](#).

**5.4.1.2 NPLV.IP**

Based on the conditions defined in [Table 3](#) and method defined in [Section 5.4.2](#).

**5.4.1.3 Individual Part-load Data Point(s)**

Individual part-load data point(s) used for calculating *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP* as defined in [Table 3](#).

**5.4.1.4 Other Part-load Points**

Other part-load points, within the *application rating* limits of [Table 2](#) and method defined in [Section 0](#), that do not meet the requirements of notes (3) and (4) in [Table 3](#) such as variable water flow rates or other entering *condenser* water temperatures. Neither *IPLV.IP* nor *NPLV.IP* shall be calculated for such points and shall not be required for publication per [Section 6](#).

**5.4.2 Determination of Part-load Performance**

For *Water-chilling Packages* covered by this standard, the *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP* shall be calculated as follows:

**5.4.2.1 Determine the Part-load Energy Efficiency**

Determine the part-load *energy efficiency* at 100%, 75%, 50%, and 25% load points at the conditions specified in [Table 3](#).

**5.4.2.2 Calculate the IPLV.IP or NPLV.IP for Units Rated with COP<sub>R</sub>**

Use [Equation 8](#) to calculate the *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP* for units rated with *COP<sub>R</sub>*.

$$IPLV.IP \text{ or } NPLV.IP = 0.01 \cdot A + 0.42 \cdot B + 0.45 \cdot C + 0.12 \cdot D$$

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Where:

- A =  $COP_R$  at 100% load
- B =  $COP_R$  at 75% load
- C =  $COP_R$  at 50% load
- D =  $COP_R$  at 25% load

**5.4.2.3 Calculate the IPLV.IP or NPLV.IP for Units Rated with MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>**

Use Equation 9 to calculate the *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP* for units rated with *MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>*.

$$IPLV.IP \text{ or } NPLV.IP = \frac{1}{\frac{0.01}{A} + \frac{0.42}{B} + \frac{0.45}{C} + \frac{0.12}{D}}$$

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Where:

- A = Thermal energy input per capacity, *MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>* at 100% load
- B = Thermal energy input per capacity, *MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>* at 75% load
- C = Thermal energy input per capacity, *MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>* at 50% load
- D = Thermal energy input per capacity, *MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>* at 25% load

**Table 3 Part-load Conditions for Rating**

	<i>IPLV.IP</i>	<i>NPLV.IP</i>
<i>Evaporator</i>		
All loads $T_{out}$ , °F <sup>2</sup>	44.00	Selected $T_{out}$
Flow rate, gpm/ton <sub>R</sub> <sup>3</sup>	Per <a href="#">Table 1</a>	Per <a href="#">Table 1</a> <sup>3</sup>
$R_{foul}$ , h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000100	As specified
<i>Water-cooled condenser</i> <sup>1,2</sup>		
100% load $T_{in}$ , °F	85.00	Selected $T_{in}$
75% load $T_{in}$ , °F	75.00	Note <a href="#">4</a>
50% load $T_{in}$ , °F	70.00	Note <a href="#">4</a>
25% load $T_{in}$ , °F	70.00	Note <a href="#">4</a>
Flow rate, gpm/ton <sub>R</sub> <sup>3</sup>	Note <a href="#">3</a>	Selected flow rate
$R_{foul}$ , h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F/Btu	0.000250	As specified
Notes:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the unit manufacturer’s minimum temperatures are greater than those specified in <a href="#">Table 3</a>, then the manufacturer’s minimum temperatures can be used in place of the specified temperatures. If head pressure control is active below the rating temperature, then tests should be run at a temperature where head pressure control is activated.</li> <li>2. Correct for <i>fouling factor allowance</i> by using the calculation method described in ASHRAE 182.</li> <li>3. The flow rates are held constant at <i>full load</i> values for all part-load conditions as per <a href="#">Table 1</a>.</li> <li>4. For part-load entering <i>condenser</i> water temperatures, the temperature should vary linearly from the selected <math>T_{in}</math> at 100% load to 70.00°F at 50% loads and fixed at 70.00°F for 50% to 0% loads.</li> </ol>		

**5.4.2.4 Determine IPLV.IP or NPLV.IP Rating at Percent Load Rating Points**

The *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP* rating requires that the unit efficiency be determined at 100%, 75% 50% and 25% *percent load* rating points at the conditions specified in [Table 3](#).

If a unit cannot run at the required *percent load* rating point within ± 2% but can run at a *percent load* less than the required *percent load* rating point, then the interpolation procedures defined in Section [5.4.2.4.1](#) shall be used to determine the *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP*.



If unit cannot run at a *percent load* within  $\pm 2\%$  and cannot run at a *percent load* less than the rating *percent load*, then the degradation procedures of Section 5.4.2.4.2 shall be used to determine the *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP*.

**5.4.2.4.1 Interpolation**

If the unit cannot run at any of the 75%, 50% or 25% *percent load* points within a tolerance of  $\pm 2\%$  but is capable of running at load above and below the rating *percent load* of 75%, 50% or 25% then interpolation of the test points shall be used to determine the part load efficiency rating at the required rating load points using the *condenser* water conditions defined for the part load *percent load* ratings point.

For example, if a unit can run at 66% *percent load* and 33% *percent load* then for the 50% *percent load* rating one rating point shall be run at 66% *capacity* with a *condenser* water temperature of 70°F and then a second test run at 33% *capacity* at 70°F *condenser* water and interpolation used to determine the rating at 50%. The *capacity* step closest to the rating point shall be used. For example, if a unit can run at 45% and 33% *capacity* then the 45% point shall be used for interpolating the 50% rating point and not the 33% *capacity* point.

Calculations shall use Equation 10 and Equation 11 when interpolating between two efficiency values  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  at different load points to determine an intermediate efficiency value  $\eta_{int}$  at another load point.

Point 1:  $(\%Load_1, \eta_1)$

Point 2:  $(\%Load_2, \eta_2)$

Interpolated point:  $(\%Load_{int}, \eta_{int})$

$$\text{exponent} = \log(\eta_1) + (\%Load_{int} - \%Load_1) \cdot \frac{[\log(\eta_2) - \log(\eta_1)]}{(\%Load_2 - \%Load_1)} \tag{10}$$

$$\eta_{int} = 10^{(\text{exponent})} \tag{11}$$

Where:

$\eta$  is any one of the *energy efficiency* metrics (such as,  $COP_R$  or  $MBH/ton_R$ )

$\%Load$  is the decimal form of *percent load* (such as, 0.75 for 75% load)

Table 4 shows an example of interpolation for a unit that has the follow discrete steps of *capacity* for a nominal 200  $ton_R$  *full load capacity* unit.

**Table 4 Unit Part-load Ratings**

Operating Point	Percent Load	Refrigeration Capacity	Thermal Energy Input	Absorber /Condenser $T_{in}$	$COP_R$
—	%	$ton_R$	Btu/h	°F	Btu/h / Btu/h
6	100%	200.0	2400000	85.00	1.000
5	83%	166.0	1994000	75.00	0.999
4-1	66%	132.0	1530000	75.00	1.035
4-2	68%	136.0	1496000	70.00	1.091
3	45%	90.00	976600	70.00	1.106
2	33%	66.00	722000	70.00	1.097
1	22%	44.00	567400	70.00	0.931

Table 5 shows the interpolation calculations that are required for the 75%, 50% and 25% *IPLV.IP* rating points.

**Table 5 Unit IPLV.IP Calculation**

<i>IPLV.IP</i> Point	Required Load	Operating Point	Actual Load	Absorber /Condenser $T_{in}$	$COP_R$	<i>IPLV.IP</i> Point ( $COP_R$ )
-	%	-	%	°F	Btu/h / Btu/h	Btu/h / Btu/h
A	100%	6	100%	85.00	1.000	1.000
B	75%	5	83%	75.00	0.9990	1.016
		4-1	66%	75.00	1.035	
		interpolate	75%	75.00	1.016	
C	50%	4-2	68%	70.00	1.091	1.103
		3	45%	70.00	1.106	
		interpolate	50%	70.00	1.103	
D	25%	2	33%	70.00	1.097	0.9736
		1	22%	70.00	0.9310	
		interpolate	25%	70.00	0.9736	
—	—	—	—	—	<i>IPLV.IP</i>	1.050

**5.4.2.4.2 Degradation**

If a unit cannot be unloaded to the 25%, 50%, or 75% *percent load* point, then the unit shall be run at the minimum step of unloading at the *condenser* entering water temperature based on Table 3 for 25%, 50% or 75% rating *percent load* points as required. The efficiency shall then be determined by using Equation 12 or Equation 13.

$$COP_{R,CD} = \frac{COP_{R,Test}}{C_D} \tag{12}$$

$$\left(\frac{MBH}{ton_R}\right)_{CD} = \left(\frac{MBH}{ton_R}\right)_{Test} \cdot C_D \tag{13}$$

$COP_{R,Test}$ , and  $(MBH/ton_R)_{Test}$  are the efficiency at the test conditions and  $C_D$  is a degradation factor to account for cycling of the compressor for capacities less than the minimum step of *capacity*.

$C_D$  shall be calculated using the Equation 14.

$$C_D = (-0.13 \cdot LF) + 1.13 \tag{14}$$

Where LF is the load factor calculated using the Equation 15.

$$LF = \frac{(\%Load) (Q_{ev 100\%})}{(Q_{ev min\%Load})} \tag{15}$$

Part-load unit *capacity* is the measured or calculated unit *capacity* where *standard rating* points are determined using the method above.

The following is an example calculation for degradation:

The chiller has a *full load capacity* of 200  $ton_R$  but can only run at a minimum *percent load* of 33% with the following part load performance.

Rated *full load* performance:

Full load capacity	=	200 ton <sub>R</sub>
Minimum percent load	=	33%
Minimum capacity	=	66 ton <sub>R</sub>
Minimum step efficiency at a condenser T <sub>in</sub> of 70°F	=	1.097 Btu/h / Btu/h

$$LF = \frac{(\%Load) (Q_{ev\ 100\%})}{(Q_{ev\ min\ \%Load})} = \frac{25\% \cdot 200}{66} = 0.758$$

$$C_D = (-0.13 \cdot LF) + 1.13 = (-0.13 \cdot 0.758) + 1.13 = 1.13 = 1.031$$

$$COP_{R,CD} = \frac{COP_R}{C_D} = \frac{1.097}{1.031} = 1.064 \text{ Btu/h / Btu/h}$$

## 5.5 Fouling Factor Allowances

Published ratings shall include *fouling factors* as specified in [Table 1](#). Additional ratings, or means of determining those ratings, at other *fouling factor allowances* can be published if the *fouling factor* is within the ranges defined in [Table 2](#).

Testing shall be conducted in accordance with the method outlined in ASHRAE 182 to establish the performance of the unit at the rated water-side fouling conditions. Tests conditions shall reflect *fouling factors* of zero (0.000) h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F/Btu.

## 5.6 Tolerances

### 5.6.1 Tolerance Limit

The tolerance limits for *capacity*, *full load* and part load *energy efficiency*, and *water pressure drop* shall be determined from Equation [16](#), Equation [17](#), and Equation [18](#) per [Table 6](#). The tolerance limit shall be rounded to the number of *significant figures* in [Section 6](#) prior to comparison with a test result rounded to the same number of *significant figures*.

The tolerance limits are intended to be used when testing a unit to verify and confirm performance and take the following into account:

#### 5.6.1.1 Uncertainty of Measurement

There are variations that result from instrumentation accuracy and installation effects, as well as test facility stability when testing a unit.

#### 5.6.1.2 Uncertainty of Test Facilities

The tested performance of the same unit tested in multiple facilities can vary due to setup variations. This can cause variations in performance.

#### 5.6.1.3 Uncertainty Due to Manufacturing

During the manufacturing of units, there are variations due to manufacturing production tolerances that can impact the performance from unit to unit.

#### 5.6.1.4 Uncertainty of Performance Prediction Models

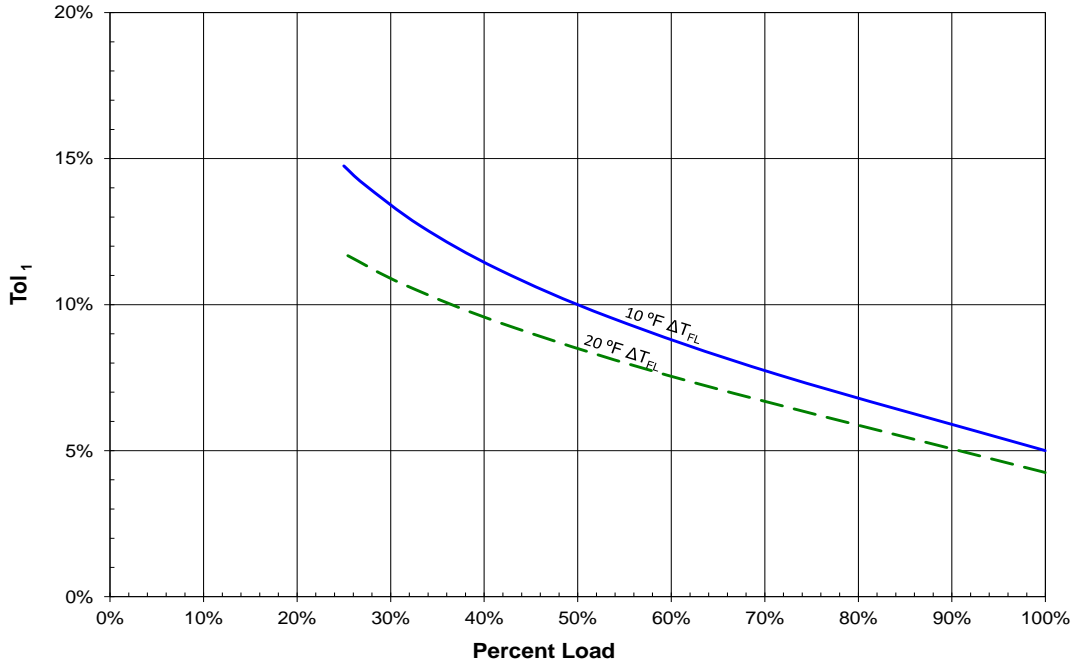
Due to the large complexity of options, manufacturers can use performance prediction models to determine ratings.

To comply with this standard, any test per [Section 4](#) to verify published values shall be in accordance with [Table 6](#).

**Table 6 Definition of Tolerances**

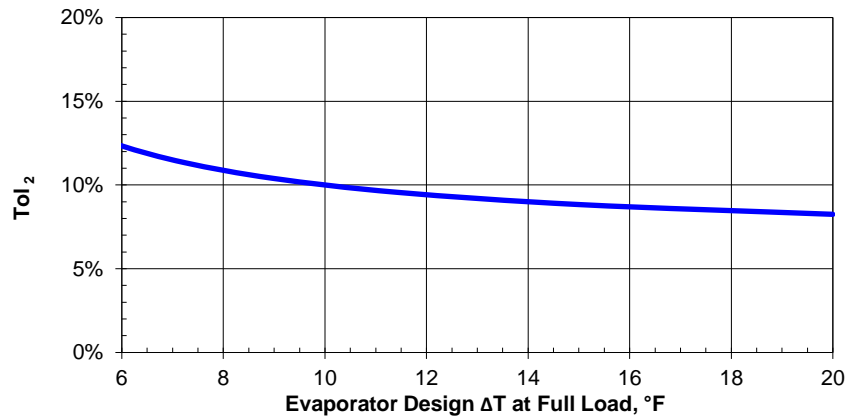
		Limits	Related Tolerance Equations <sup>2</sup>
Capacity	Cooling or heating <i>capacity</i> for units with continuous unloading <sup>1</sup>	Minimum: 100% - Tol <sub>1</sub> Maximum: 100% + Tol <sub>1</sub>	$\text{Tol}_1 = 0.105 - (0.07 \cdot \% \text{Load}) + \left( \frac{0.15}{\Delta T_{FL} \cdot \% \text{Load}} \right) \quad \mathbf{16}$
	Cooling or heating <i>capacity</i> for units with discrete <i>capacity</i> steps	Minimum: 100% - Tol <sub>1</sub> Maximum: no limit ( <i>Full load</i> shall be at the maximum stage of <i>capacity</i> )	
Efficiency	<i>MBH/ton<sub>R</sub></i>	Maximum of: (100% + Tol <sub>1</sub> ) (rated <i>MBH/ton<sub>R</sub></i> )	See <a href="#">Figure 1</a> for graphical representation of the Tol <sub>1</sub> tolerance.
	<i>COP<sub>R</sub></i>	Minimum of: (rated <i>COP<sub>R</sub></i> ) / (100% + Tol <sub>1</sub> )	
	<i>IPLV.IP</i> <i>NPLV.IP</i> ( <i>COP<sub>R</sub></i> )	Minimum of: (rated <i>COP<sub>R</sub></i> ) / (100% + Tol <sub>2</sub> )	$\text{Tol}_2 = 0.065 + \left( \frac{0.35}{\Delta T_{FL}} \right) \quad \mathbf{17}$
	<i>IPLV.IP</i> <i>NPLV.IP</i> ( <i>MBH/ton<sub>R</sub></i> )	Maximum of: (100% + Tol <sub>2</sub> ) · (rated <i>MBH/ton<sub>R</sub></i> )	
	<i>IPLV.IP</i> <i>NPLV.IP</i> ( <i>COP<sub>R</sub></i> )	Minimum of (rated <i>COP<sub>R</sub></i> ) / (100% + Tol <sub>2</sub> )	
<i>Water pressure drop</i>		$\Delta p_{\text{corrected}} \leq \text{Tol}_3$	$\text{Tol}_3 = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.15 \cdot \Delta p_{\text{rated}} \\ \Delta p_{\text{rated}} + 2 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array} \right. \quad \mathbf{18}$
Notes: 1. The target set point <i>condenser</i> entering water temperatures for continuous unloading units are determined at the target part load test point. 2. %Load, Tol <sub>1</sub> and Tol <sub>2</sub> are in decimal form.			

[Figure 1](#) is a graphical representation of the related tolerance equation for *capacity* and efficiency as indicated in [Table 6](#).



**Figure 1 Allowable Tolerance (Tol<sub>1</sub>) Curves for Full and Part-load Points**

Figure 2 is a graphical representation of the related tolerance equation for *IPLV.IP* and *NPLV.IP* as indicated in Table 6. The *PLV* line shown can represent either *IPLV.IP* or *NPLV.IP* depending on use.



**Figure 2 IPLV.IP and NPLV.IP Tolerance (Tol<sub>2</sub>) Curve**

**5.6.2 Full Load Tolerance Examples**

The tolerance limit on *full load capacity* and efficiency shall be determined from Section 5.6.1.

**5.6.2.1 Full Load Example in COP<sub>R</sub>**

Rated *full load* performance:

Rated <i>capacity</i>	=	200.0 ton <sub>R</sub>
Rated <i>thermal energy input</i>	=	378,700 Btu/h
Cooling ΔT <sub>FL</sub>	=	10.00°F

$$COP_R = \frac{200 \text{ ton}_R \cdot K1}{378,700 \text{ Btu/h}} = 6.337 \frac{\text{Btu/h}}{\text{Btu/h}}$$

$$\text{Tolerance Limit} = Tol_1 = 0.105 - (0.07 \cdot 1.00) + \left( \frac{0.15}{10.00 \cdot 1.00} \right) = 0.05000$$

$$\text{Minimum Allowable Capacity (ton}_R) = (1.00 - 0.05) \cdot 200.0 \text{ ton}_R = 190.0 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Minimum Allowable COP}_R \left( \frac{\text{Btu/h}}{\text{Btu/h}} \right) = \frac{6.337}{1.00+0.05} = 6.035 \left( \frac{\text{Btu/h}}{\text{Btu/h}} \right)$$

**5.6.2.2 Full Load Example in MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>**

Rated *full load* performance:

$$\text{Rated capacity} = 200.0 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Rated thermal energy input} = 2400 \text{ MBH}$$

$$\text{Cooling } \Delta T_{FL} = 10.00 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$$

$$\text{Tolerance Limit} = Tol_1 = 0.105 - (0.07 \cdot 1.00) + \left( \frac{0.15}{10.00 \cdot 1.00} \right) = 0.05 = 0.05000$$

$$\text{Min. Allowable Capacity} = (1.00 - 0.05) \cdot 200.0 \text{ ton}_R = 190.0 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Max. Allowable MBH/ton}_R = (1.00 + 0.05) \cdot 12.00 \text{ MBH/ton}_R = 12.60 \text{ MBH/ton}_R$$

**5.6.3 Part-load Tolerance Examples**

The tolerance on part-load  $COP_R$  and  $MBH/ton_R$  shall be the tolerance as determined from Section [5.6.1](#).

**5.6.3.1 Part-load Example in COP<sub>R</sub>**

Rated part-load performance:

$$\text{Full load capacity} = 200.0 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Rated thermal energy input at 68\% rated capacity} = 1,496,000 \text{ Btu/h}$$

$$68\% \text{ rated capacity} = 136.0 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Cooling } \Delta T_{FL} = 10.00 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$$

$$COP_R = \frac{136.0 \text{ ton}_R \cdot K1}{1,496,000 \text{ Btu/h}} = 1.091 \frac{\text{Btu/h}}{\text{Btu/h}}$$

$$\text{Tolerance Limit} = Tol_1 = 0.105 - (0.07 \cdot 0.68) + \left( \frac{0.15}{10.00 \cdot 0.68} \right) = 0.07946$$

$$\text{Minimum Allowable COP}_R = \frac{1.091}{1.00+0.07946} = 1.012 \frac{\text{Btu/h}}{\text{Btu/h}}$$

**5.6.3.2 Part-load Example in MBH/ton<sub>R</sub>**

Rated part-load performance:

$$\text{Full load capacity} = 200.0 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Rated thermal energy input at 45\% rated capacity} = 976.5 \text{ MBH}$$

$$45\% \text{ rated capacity} = 90.00 \text{ ton}_R$$

$$\text{Cooling } \Delta T_{FL} = 10.00 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$$

$$\frac{\text{kW}}{\text{ton}_R} = \frac{976.5 \text{ MBH}}{90.00 \text{ ton}_R} = 10.85 \text{ MBH/ton}_R$$

$$\text{Tolerance Limit} = \text{Tol}_1 = 0.105 - (0.07 \cdot 0.45) + \left( \frac{0.15}{10.00 \cdot 0.45} \right) = 0.1068$$

$$\text{Maximum Allowable MBH/ton}_R = (1.00 + 0.1068) \cdot 10.85 = 12.01 \text{ MBH/ton}_R$$

## Section 6. Minimum Data Requirements for Published Ratings

### 6.1 Minimum Data Requirements for Published Ratings

As a minimum, *published ratings* shall include either *standard ratings* or *application ratings*. Metrics at *standard rating conditions* shall be per Section 5.1 and Section 5.2. *Application rating conditions* shall adhere to Section 5.3 using the water-side *fouling factor allowance* per Table 1 unless the specified application states that a different *fouling factor allowance* value shall be used. Rated *capacity*  $Q_{100\%}$ , for *absorption packages* is the net *capacity* at the specified *full load rating conditions*.

All claims to ratings within the scope of this standard shall include the statement “Rated in accordance with AHRI Standard 560 (I-P)”. All claims to ratings outside the scope of this standard shall include the statement “Outside the scope of AHRI Standard 560 (I-P)”. *Application ratings* within the scope of the standard shall include a statement of the conditions under which the ratings apply.

### 6.2 Published Ratings

*Published ratings* shall include a statement of all the following and shall be rounded to the specified number of *significant figures* (sf) or decimal places (dp).

#### 6.2.1 General

- 1) Model number designations providing identification of the *absorption packages* to which the ratings shall apply.
- 2) *Net refrigerating capacity* (4 sf),  $\text{ton}_R$ .
- 3) Total energy input to the chiller (4 sf), MBH.
  - a) *Direct-fired Energy Input*, MBH based on *HHV*.
  - b) *Indirect-fired Energy Input*, MBH.
- 4) Chiller efficiency (4 sf),  $\text{COP}_R$  or  $\text{MBH/ton}_R$ .
- 5) *Evaporator fouling factor* (3 sf), as stated in Table 1.
- 6) Chilled water entering and leaving temperatures (2 dp), °F (as stated in Table 1), or leaving water temperature and temperature difference (2 dp), °F.
- 7) *Evaporator water pressure drop* (inlet to outlet) (3 sf), psi or ft H<sub>2</sub>O.
- 8) Chilled water flow rate (4 sf), gpm.
- 9) Average electrical *auxiliary power* consumption (4 sf), kW for all auxiliary components including solution and refrigerant pumps, purge, control panel, burner fan, burner controls. Power required by system water pumps shall be excluded.
- 10) *Absorber / condenser water pressure drop* (inlet to outlet) (3 sf), psi or ft H<sub>2</sub>O (at 60°F).
- 11) Any two of the following: Entering *absorber / condenser* water temperature (2 dp), °F. Leaving *absorber / condenser* water temperature (2 dp), °F. Water temperature rise through the *absorber / condenser* (2 dp), °F.
- 12) *Absorber / condenser* water flow rate (4 sf), gpm.
- 13) *Absorber / condenser fouling factors*, as stated in Table 1 (3 sf).

#### 6.2.2 Hot Water Heating Option

- 1) *Net heating capacity* (4 sf), MBH.
- 2) *Heating water pressure drop* (3 sf), psi or ft H<sub>2</sub>O (at 60°F)
- 3) Entering and leaving water temperatures (2 dp), °F (stated in Table 1).
- 4) *Heating water flow rate* (4 sf), gpm.

5) *Fouling factor*, as stated in [Table 1](#) (3 sf).

## Section 7. Conversions and Calculations

### 7.1 Conversions

For units that require conversion the following factors listed in [Table 7](#) shall be utilized:

**Table 7 Conversion Factors**

To Convert From	Factor Name	To	Multiply By
ton of refrigeration (ton <sub>R</sub> )	K1	British thermal unit per hour (Btu/h)	12,000
thousand British thermal units per hour (MBH)	K2	British thermal unit per hour (Btu/h)	1,000
cubic feet per hour ( $\frac{ft^3}{h}$ )	K3	Gallon per minute (gpm)	0.124675
foot of water at 60°F (ft H <sub>2</sub> O (at 60°F))	K4	pound-force per square inch (psi)	0.43310

Notes:

- For *water pressure drop*, the conversion from water column “ft H<sub>2</sub>O” to “psi” is per ASHRAE Fundamentals Handbook. 60°F is used as the reference temperature for the density of water in the manometer.
- The British thermal unit (Btu) used in this standard is the International Table Btu. The Fifth International Conference on the Properties of Steam (London, July 1956) defined the calorie (International Table) as 4.1868 J. Therefore, the exact conversion factor for the Btu (International Table) is 1.05505585262 kJ.

### 7.2 Water Side Properties Calculation Methods

One of the following calculation methods shall be utilized. In both cases, the value of the water temperature or pressure to be used as input is dependent on the context of the calculation using the density and specific heat terms.

#### 7.2.1 Method 1

Use a formulation of liquid water properties that is based on or consistent with IAPWS R7, such as NIST’s REFPROP, to calculate physical properties such as density, volume expansivity, specific heat, and enthalpy as a function of both pressure and temperature.

#### 7.2.2 Method 2

Use polynomial Equation 19 and Equation 20 to calculate density, volume expansivity, and specific heat of water as a function of temperature only.

$$\rho(T) = \rho_6 T^6 + \rho_5 T^5 + \rho_4 T^4 + \rho_3 T^3 + \rho_2 T^2 + \rho_1 T + \rho_0 \quad 19$$

$$c_p(T) = c_{p7} T^7 + c_{p6} T^6 + c_{p5} T^5 + c_{p4} T^4 + c_{p3} T^3 + c_{p2} T^2 + c_{p1} T + c_{p0} \quad 20$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 32 \sim 400^\circ\text{F} \\ \rho_6 &= -2.37585 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ lbm}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{R}^6) \\ \rho_5 &= 3.5568 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ lbm}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{R}^5) \\ \rho_4 &= -2.2802 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ lbm}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{R}^4) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_3 &= 8.1558 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ lbm}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot \text{°R}^3) \\
\rho_2 &= -2.1479 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ lbm}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot \text{°R}^2) \\
\rho_1 &= 1.3283 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ lbm}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot \text{°R}) \\
\rho_0 &= 62.2097 \text{ lbm}/\text{ft}^3 \\
c_{p7} &= -9.98516 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^8) \\
c_{p6} &= 1.76843 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^7) \\
c_{p5} &= -1.29636 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^6) \\
c_{p4} &= 5.1114 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^5) \\
c_{p3} &= -1.1556 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^4) \\
c_{p2} &= 1.5435 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^3) \\
c_{p1} &= -1.1068 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R}^2) \\
c_{p0} &= 1.0306 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lbm} \cdot \text{°R})
\end{aligned}$$

Note: Density and specific heat polynomial equations are curve fits to values generated by NIST REFPROP v10 covering a temperature range of 32°F to 400°F. The applied pressure is taken as the larger of 100 psia and the saturation pressure corresponding to the temperature plus 60 psid. The 100 psia value is representative of system pressures used to allow for the calculation of water-side properties as a function of temperature only.

Section 8. Symbols and Subscripts

The symbols and subscripts used are defined in [Table 8](#):

Table 8 Symbols and Subscripts

Symbol		Description	Unit Name	Unit Symbol
A	=	Efficiency at 100% load	—	$COP_R$ or $MBH/ton_R$
B	=	Efficiency at 75% load	—	$COP_R$ or $MBH/ton_R$
C	=	Efficiency at 50% load	—	$COP_R$ or $MBH/ton_R$
$C_D$	=	Degradation factor	dimensionless	—
$COP_H$	=	Heating coefficient of performance	dimensionless	—
$COP_R$	=	Cooling coefficient of performance	dimensionless	—
$COP_{R,CD}$	=	Efficiency, cooling coefficient of performance, corrected with degradation factor	dimensionless	—
$COP_{R,Test}$	=	Efficiency, cooling coefficient of performance, test value	dimensionless	—
$c_p$	=	Specific heat at constant pressure	British thermal unit (IT) per pound degree Fahrenheit	Btu/(lb·°F)
$\rho$	=	Density at constant pressure	pound (avoirdupois) per cubic foot	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
D	=	Efficiency at 25% load	—	$COP_R$ or $MBH/ton_R$
%Load	=	Percent load	dimensionless	%
HHV	=	Higher heating value	Btu per hour, Btu per cubic foot, Btu per pound, or Btu per gallon	Btu/lb or Btu/ft <sup>3</sup> for gaseous fuel, or Btu/lb or Btu/gal for liquid fuel
IPLV.IP	=	Efficiency, integrated part load value when calculated and recorded in accordance with AHRI 560 (I-P)	—	$COP_R$ or $MBH/ton_R$
K1 – K4	=	Refer to <a href="#">Table 7</a>	—	varies
$MBH/ton_R$	=	Cooling energy efficiency	MBH per ton of refrigeration	$MBH/ton_R$
$\left(\frac{MBH}{ton_R}\right)_{CD}$	=	Efficiency, power input per capacity, corrected with degradation factor	MBH per ton of refrigeration	$MBH/ton_R$

Symbol		Description	Unit Name	Unit Symbol
$\left(\frac{\text{MBH}}{\text{ton}_R}\right)_{\text{Test}}$	=	Efficiency, power input per <i>capacity</i> , test value	MBH per ton of refrigeration	$\text{MBH}/\text{ton}_R$
LF	=	Load factor	dimensionless	—
LP	=	Liquefied petroleum	dimensionless	—
$m_w$	=	Mass flow rate, water	pound (avoirdupois) per hour	lb/h
$\text{NPLV}_{IP}$	=	Efficiency, <i>non-standard part load value</i> when calculated and recorded in accordance with AHRI 560 (I-P)	—	$\text{COP}_R$ or $\text{MBH}/\text{ton}_R$
$Q_{ht}$	=	<i>Net heating capacity</i>	Btu per hour	Btu/h
$Q_{ev}$	=	<i>Net refrigerating capacity</i>	Btu per hour	Btu/h
$\text{ton}_R$	=	<i>Net refrigerating capacity</i>	ton	ton
$Q_{ev\%Load}$	=	Test results for unit net <i>capacity</i> at test point	Btu per hour	Btu/h
$Q_{ev100\%}$	=	Test results for unit net <i>capacity</i> at 100% load point	Btu per hour	Btu/h
$Q_{evmin\%Load}$	=	The measured or calculated unit net <i>capacity</i> at the minimum step of <i>capacity</i>	Btu per hour	Btu/h
$R_{foul}$	=	<i>Fouling factor</i>	hour-foot squared-degree Fahrenheit per Btu	$\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$
$R_{foul,sp}$	=	<i>Fouling factor allowance</i>	hour-foot squared-degree Fahrenheit per Btu	$\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$
T	=	Temperature	degree Fahrenheit	$^\circ\text{F}$
$T_{in}$	=	Entering water temperature	degree Fahrenheit	$^\circ\text{F}$
$\text{Tol}_1$	=	Tolerance 1, performance tolerance limit	dimensionless	—
$\text{Tol}_2$	=	Tolerance 2, IPLV and NPLV performance tolerance limit	dimensionless	—
$\text{Tol}_3$	=	Tolerance 3, Tolerance on water side pressure drop	foot of water	ft H <sub>2</sub> O (at 60°F)
$T_{out}$	=	Leaving water temperature	degree Fahrenheit	$^\circ\text{F}$
$V_w$	=	Volumetric flow rate	gallon per minute	gpm
$Q_{input}$	=	<i>Thermal energy input</i>	Btu per hour	Btu/h
$\Delta p_{corrected}$	=	Tested result for liquid pressure drop	pound force per square inch, or foot of water	psid or <u>ft H<sub>2</sub>O (at 60°F)</u>
$\Delta p_{adj}$	=	Calculated liquid pressure drop adjustment, refer to ASHRAE 182	pound force per square inch, or foot of water	psid or <u>ft H<sub>2</sub>O (at 60°F)</u>

Symbol		Description	Unit Name	Unit Symbol
$\Delta p_{\text{rated}}$	=	Rated liquid pressure drop (inlet to outlet)	pound force per square inch, or foot of water	psid or ft H <sub>2</sub> O (at 60°F)
$\Delta T_{\text{FL}}$	=	Temperature differential, at rated <i>full load</i> design conditions	degree Fahrenheit	°F
$\rho_{\text{in}}$	=	Density corresponding to the entering water temperature	pound (avoirdupois) per cubic foot	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>

## Section 9. Marking and Nameplate Data

### 9.1 Marking and Nameplate Data

As a minimum, the nameplate shall display the following:

- 1) Manufacturer's name and location
- 2) Model number designation providing performance-essential identification
- 3) Refrigerant designation (in accordance with ASHRAE 34)
- 4) Voltage, phase, and frequency
- 5) Serial number

### 9.2 Nameplate Voltage

Where applicable, nameplate voltages for 60 Hz systems shall include one or more of the equipment nameplate voltage ratings shown in Table 1 of AHRI 110-2016. Where applicable, nameplate voltages for 50 Hz systems shall include one or more of the utilization voltages shown in Table 1 of IEC 60038.

## Section 10. Conformance

While conformance with this standard is voluntary, conformance shall not be claimed or implied for products or equipment within the standard's [Purpose \(Section 1\)](#) and [Scope \(Section 2\)](#) unless such product claims meet all of the requirements of the standard and all of the testing and rating requirements are measured and reported in complete compliance with the standard. Any product that has not met all the requirements of the standard cannot reference, state, or acknowledge the standard in any written, oral, or electronic communication.

## APPENDIX A. REFERENCES – NORMATIVE

Listed here are all standards, handbooks, and other publications essential to the formation and implementation of the standard. All references in this appendix are considered as part of the standard.

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## **APPENDIX B. REFERENCES – INFORMATIVE**

Listed here are standards, handbooks and other publications which may provide useful information and background but are not considered essential. References in this appendix are not considered part of the standard.

None.

## APPENDIX C. ROUNDING REQUIREMENTS – NORMATIVE

Calculations shall use measurement values and prior calculation values without rounding as defined below. Recorded values shall round values of measurements and calculated results as defined below to a number of *significant figures* per [Section 6](#).

### C.1. Rounding Requirements

Numerical data can be obtained, and calculations can be made with more digits than are justified by their accuracy or precision. For accuracy, such data shall be rounded to the number of figures consistent with the confidence that can be determined when recorded. At least two more *significant figures* shall be retained at intermediate stages of calculation than the final recorded value to prevent compounding of rounding errors.

### C.2. Identifying Significant Figures

The rules for identifying *significant figures* when writing or interpreting numbers are as follows:

- 1) All non-zero digits are *significant figures*. For example, 91 has two *significant figures* (9 and 1), while 123.45 has five *significant figures* (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).
- 2) Zeroes appearing anywhere between two non-zero digits are *significant figures*. Example: 101.1203 has seven *significant figures*: 1, 0, 1, 1, 2, 0 and 3.
- 3) Leading zeroes are not *significant figures*. For example, 0.00052 has two *significant figures*: 5 and 2.
- 4) Trailing zeroes in a number containing a decimal point are *significant figures*. For example:
  - a) The number 12.2300 has six *significant figures*: 1, 2, 2, 3, 0 and 0.
  - b) The number 0.000122300 has six *significant figures* because the zeros before the 1 are not *significant figures*.
  - c) The number 120.00 has five *significant figures* because there are three trailing zeros.

This convention clarifies the precision of such numbers. For example, if a measurement precise to four decimal places (0.0001) is given as 12.23 then it can be misinterpreted that two decimal places of precision are indicated. Stating the result as 12.2300 makes clear that it is precise to four decimal places, or six *significant figures*.

### C.3. Trailing Zeroes

The significance of trailing zeroes in a number not containing a decimal point can be ambiguous. For example, it is not clear if a number such as 1300 is precise to the nearest unit (and is an exact multiple of one hundred) or if it is shown to the nearest hundred due to rounding or uncertainty. Five conventions exist to address this issue:

- 1) A bar can be placed over the last *significant figure* and any trailing zeros following this are not *significant figures*. For example, 1300 has three *significant figures*, indicating that the number is precise to the nearest ten.
- 2) The last *significant figure* of a number can be underlined. For example, "2000" has two *significant figures*.
- 3) A decimal point can be placed after the number. For example, "100." indicates three *significant figures*.
- 4) In the combination of a number and a unit of measurement, the ambiguity can be prevented by choosing a unit magnitude prefix. For example, the number of *significant figures* in a power measurement written as 1300 W is ambiguous, while a power of 1.30 kW is unambiguous.
- 5) Scientific notation or exponential notation can be used; for example,  $1.30 \times 10^3$  W.

### C.4. Significant Figures in Calculations

In multiplication and division, the operand with the least number of *significant figures* determines the number of *significant figures* to be recorded in the result. For example, the product  $1256 \times 12.2 = 15,323.2$  is recorded as 15,300.

In addition and subtraction, the operand with the least number of *significant figures* to either the right or the left of the decimal point determines the number of *significant figures* to be recorded. For example, the sum of  $120.05 + 10.1 + 56.323 = 156.473$  is recorded as 156.5 because 10.1 defines the reporting level.

In calculations involving multiple operations, order of operations is followed, and the result is rounded according to the least number of *significant figures* involved. For example,  $(1256 \times 12.2) + 125 = 15,323.2 + 125 = 15,400$ .



**C.5. Rounding Values**

The following rules shall be used in rounding values:

- 1) When the digit next beyond the one to be retained is less than five, the retained digit is kept unchanged. For example, 2.541 becomes 2.5 to two *significant figures*.
- 2) When the digit next beyond the one to be retained is greater than or equal to five, the retained digit is increased by one. For example, 2.453 becomes 2.5 to two *significant figures*.
- 3) Two or more digits to the right of the last digit to be retained are a group in rounding decisions. For example, in 2.4(501), the group (501) is >5 while for 2.5(499), (499) is <5.