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Foreword

This document (EN 12900:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 113 “Heat pumps and air conditioning units”, the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

a) Clause 3 “Terms and definitions” is modified;

b) the revised standard takes into account the application of CO₂;

c) the requirements on part load conditions according to Mandate M/488 are considered.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the rating conditions, tolerances and the method of presenting manufacturer’s data for positive displacement refrigerant compressors. These include single stage compressors and single and two stage compressors using a means of fluid subcooling. This is required so that a comparison of different refrigerant compressors can be made. The data relate to the refrigerating capacity and power absorbed and include requirements for part-load operation where applicable.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.


EN 13771-1, Compressors and condensing units for refrigeration — Performance testing and test methods — Part 1: Refrigerant compressors

ISO 817, Refrigerants — Designation system

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 378-1:2008+A2:2012 and the following apply.

3.1 positive displacement compressor
compressor in which compression is obtained by changing the internal volume of the compression chamber


3.2 refrigerating capacity
product of the low pressure mass flow of refrigerant through the compressor and the difference between the specific enthalpy of the refrigerant at the low pressure of the compressor inlet and the specific enthalpy of fluid entering the evaporator expansion device

Note 1 to entry: This latter enthalpy is related to the stated fluid temperature under following pressure conditions:

- for single-stage expansion cycles the compressor discharge pressure;
- for multiple-stage expansion cycles the pressure (dew point temperature) at the corresponding compressor intermediate port.

The refrigerant at the low compressor inlet is superheated above the suction dew point temperature to the stated value.

Note 2 to entry: Condensing temperature is defined as saturated dew point temperature.