ALTERNATIVE REFRIGERANTS For REFRIGERATION INDUSTRY-HYDROCARBON (HC)

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WORKSHOP ON RECYCLE and RECLAIM of Refrigerants and the Emerging Alternatives In the Market (Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector) The Saujana HOTEL, Kuala Lumpur, 25th September 2018 Topics to be explored

- 1. INTRODUCTORY OF A3 CLASS FLAMMABLE REFRIGERANT
- 2. A3 CLASS REFRIGERANTS CHALLENGE, OCCUPANCY & LOCATION CLASSIFICTION TABLE
- **3.** CASE STUDY of HYDROCARBON REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS BASED OCCUPANCY AND LOCATION CLASSIFICATION
- 4. SITE INSTALLATION OF HYDROCARBON CHILLER
- HYDROCARBON REFRIGERATION SYSTEM USERs IN MALAYSIA.
- 6. SUMMARY

INTRODUCTORY OF A3 CLASS FLAMMABLE REFRIGERANT

All Hydrocarbon refrigerant are highly flammable but non-toxic. This gives them an "A3" class in MS 2678:2017, flammable refrigerant system- code of practice.

Hydrocarbon refrigerants are natural organic compound with **zero Ozone Depleting Potential** and negligible **Global Warming Potential of 3** if compare to Carbon Dioxide = 1, per 100 years basic.





WHY SELECT HYDROCARBON REFRIGERANT? Hydrocarbon refrigerant is an environmental friendly refrigerant, and also an alternative refrigerant to replace existing ODP and GWP Refrigerant gas in the market.

Refrigerant	Molecular Weight (g/mol)	Initial Boiling Point (°C)	Latent Heat of Vaporization @ Boiling Point (kJ/kg)	Ozone Depleting Potential, ODP	Global Warming Potential GWP
R290 (A3)	41.1	-42.0	426	0	3
R600a / R436a (A3)	58.1/ 49.5	-12.0 / -26.2	363 / 404	0	3
R1270 (A3)	42.0	-47.7	440	0	3
R22	86.5	-40.8	233	0.04	1,800
R12	120.9	-29.8	165	0.9	10,600
R502	116.63	-45.4	172	0.5	1,600

Application range of A3 class refrigerant

A3 Class Refrigerant	Application Range	Alternative
R290	High/Medium Temperature; domestic appliances;	R22,
	commercial, industrial	R407c
		R410a
R600a/ R436a	0a/ R436a High/Medium Temperature; domestic appliances;	
commercial; Industrial; Automotive		R134a
R1270	Medium/Low Temperature; commercial;	R502
In	Industrial; Industrial process refrigeration; chillers	R404a
		R408a
		R507a

Compatibility

Hydrocarbon Refrigerants possess full chemical compatibility with nearly all lubricants, system components, all common elastomer and plastic refrigeration materials.

Description	Compatible	Not Compatible
Lubricant Oil	Mineral or Synthetic	Lubricant containing silicone or silicate (anti-foaming additive)
'O' Ring, Valve seats, seals and gaskets	All Common elastomer and plastic refrigeration material	EPDM, Natural rubbers and silicone rubber (unless for LPG)
Compressors	Reciprocating, Screw, Scroll	Centrifugal
Evaporators and condensers	Virtually same design and size, Heat transfer coefficients tend to be higher.	
Refrigerant Control Devices	Thermostatic Expansion Valve (TEV) & Electronic Expansion Valve (EEV)	EEV not comply to Safety Practice.

A3 Class Refrigerants Challenge , Occupancy & Location Classification Table

- The major consideration of utilizing Hydrocarbon refrigerant gas in refrigeration systems are safety matters.
- Either Propose to install Hydrocarbon in Existing Old Chiller
- Or Propose to install a NEW Hydrocarbon System.
- Kindly propose Hydrocarbon System located above ground level (preferably in ventilated area or roof top) in a special machinery room or in the open air, otherwise 1kg refrigerant charge is permitted below ground level; according MS 2678: 2017

Major Challenge is Flammable Properties

HC Refrigerant	Lower Flamn (Ll	Auto Ignition Temperature	
Туре	By Volume (%)	By Mass (kg/m ³)	
R600a	1.95	0.04	891 ° C
R290	2.0	0.038	480°C
R1270	2.2	0.038	472 ° C

- The practical limit as defined by MS2678:2017 is 20% of LFL.
- These values are necessary when determining the maximum refrigerant charge, ventilation, flow rates and maximum allowable temperatures of components.
- Max. allowable refrigerant charge (kg) = 0.2 x LFL x Volume of the room (m³)



Occupancy and Location Classification for Charge Limit above ground level (MS2678:2017)

Category	Examples	Volumes Calculated
A (Domestic/ Public)	Hospitals, Prisons, Theatres, Schools, Supermarkets, Malls, Hotels, Dwellings, Bungalow	~20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 1.5kg per sealed system or ~5kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air
B (Commercial/ Private)	Business or Professional Offices, Places for General Manufacturing and where people work	~20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 2.5kg per sealed system or ~10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air
C (Industrial/ Restricted)	Cold Room, Meatpacking, refineries, non-public area of malls, plant rooms	~20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 10kg per sealed system in human occupied spaces ~20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 25kg per sealed system if High pressure side located in special machinery room of in the open air ~No charge restriction if all refrigerant containing parts located in a special machinery room and in the open air

Case Study of Hydrocarbon Refrigeration Systems Based on Occupancy and Location Classification

Refrigerator



Domestic Refrigerator- Panasonic Brand, Mitsubishi, Refrigerant Charge < 150 gram, may be installed in any size of room

COLD ROOM Freezer

~20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 25kg per sealed system if High pressure side located in special machinery room of in the open air

Category C	SYSTEM DESIGN Air Cooled Type	Refrigerant Mass Charge & Room Size
6 °C to 25 °C	5HP Scroll Compressor 10HP Scroll Compressor	R290, 1.8kg Charge, Cold Room Size > $237m^3$ (10 x 6 x 4mH) R290, 4.2kg Charge, Cold Room Size > $592m^3$
-24°C to 5°C	5HP Reciprocating Compressor 10HP Reciprocating Compressor 20hp Reciprocating Compressor	R290, 2.2kg Charge, Cold Room Size >289m ³ R290, 4.5kg Charge, Cold Room Size >592m ³ R290, 7.5kg Charge, Cold Room Size > 987m ³
-30°C	20HP Reciprocating Compressor	R1270, 7.5kg Chrage, Cold Room Size >987m ³

COLD ROOM

20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 25kg per sealed system if High pressure side located in special machinery room of in the open air

Case Study 1: PGEO Edible Oil, Pasir Gudang

- 1. Occupancy Classification: C (20°C Cold Room)
- 2. Location Classification: Compressor located in the open air, Indoor Direct Expansion, Room Size: 10m x 20m x 8mH = 1600m³



COLD ROOM

20% x LFL x Room Volume and not more than 25kg per sealed system if High pressure side located in special machinery room of in the open air

Case Study 1: PGEO Edible Oil, Pasir Gudang

- 3. Freezer Selection: Air Cooled Scroll Hydrocarbon Freezer, Single Compressor 10HP x 2 units,
- 4. Refrigerant Type/Refrigerant Charge per sealed system: R290 / 4.5 kg
- 5. Practical limit charge = 20% x LFL x Room Volume = 0.2 x 0.038 x 1600 = 12.16kg



Category A Air Cooled Chiller– General Occupancy, Domestic/ Public

5kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Suitable Capacity and Size of Chiller to be selected

- Air Cooled Mini Chiller 5hp 15hp Scroll compressor (Charge limited to 5kg below)
 - School, budget hotel, bungalow house.
- Air Cooled Multi-compressor Mini Chiller, up to 60hp (4 x 15hp Scroll compressor x 4.5kg HC refrigerant), non tandem type
 - Hospital, Theatres, Supermarket.



Category A Water Cooled Chiller– General Occupancy, Domestic/ Public

5kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Bigger Capacity and Size of Chiller to be selected

- 1. Water Cooled **Scroll** Hydrocarbon Chiller up to 80HP- (4 x 20HP Scroll Compressor x 4.8kg HC refrigerant per system. Non-Tandem
 - Shopping Mall, Hospital, Prisons, School.



Category A Air Cooled Chiller – General Occupancy,Domestic/ Public

5kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Case Study 2: Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kepala Batas, Penang

- 1. Occupancy Classification: A (School)
- 2. Location Classification: in the open air, natural air ventilation



Category A Air Cooled Chiller– General Occupancy, Domestic/ Public

5kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Case Study 2: Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kepala Batas, Penang

- 3. Chiller Selection: Air Cooled Scroll Hydrocarbon Mini Chiller, Single Compressor 6HP,
- 4. Refrigerant Type/Refrigerant Charge per sealed system: R290 / 3.0 kg



Category B Air Cooled Chiller– Supervised Occupancy, Commercial/ Private

10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Chiller Capacity and Size to be selected

- Air Cooled Hydrocarbon Chiller, up to 120HP Scroll compressor (4 x 30HP Scroll Compressor x 9.2kg per system, non tandem type)
 - Offices, Small Shops, Restaurant, General Manufacturing Plant.



Category B Water Cooled Chiller– Supervised Occupancy, Commercial/ Private

10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Bigger Capacity and Size of Chiller to be selected

- 1. Water Cooled **Scroll** Hydrocarbon Chiller up to 240HP- (8 x 30HP Scroll Compressor x 6.5kg HC refrigerant per system. Non-Tandem
 - Commercial Offices, General Manufacturing Plant.



Category B Air Cooled Chiller– Supervised Occupancy, Commercial/ Private 10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Case Study 3: Mondelez Manufacturing Sdn Bhd, Johor Bahru

- 1. Occupancy Classification: C (Biscuit Manufacturing Plant)
- 2. Location Classification: in the open air, natural air ventilation



Category B Air Cooled Chiller– Supervised Occupancy, Commercial/ Private

10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Case Study3: Mondelez Manufacturing Sdn Bhd, Johor Bahru

- 3. Chiller Selection: Air Cooled Scroll Hydrocarbon Chiller, Single Compressor 15HP
- 4. Refrigerant Type/Refrigerant Charge per sealed system: R290 / 4.50 kg





Category B Water Cooled Chiller– Supervised Occupancy, Commercial/ Private

10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Case Study 4: Teleflex Medical Sdn Bhd, Taiping

- 1. Occupancy Classification: C (Medical Tube Manufacturing Plant)
- 2. Location Classification: in the Special Machinery Room, with forced ventilation system



Category B Water Cooled Chiller – Supervised Occupancy, Commercial/ Private

10kg per sealed system in special machinery room or in the open air

Case Study 4: Teleflex Medical Sdn Bhd, Taiping

- 3. Chiller Selection: 90HP Water Cooled Hydrocarbon Chiller, 3 x 30HP Compressors
- 4. Refrigerant Type/Refrigerant Charge per sealed system: R290 / 6.20 kg



Category C Air Cooled Chiller– Authorised Access, Industrial / Restricted

No charge restriction if all refrigerant containing parts located in a special machinery room and in the open air

Chiller Capacity and Size to be selected

- Air Cooled Hydrocarbon Chiller, up to 250HP Screw compressor (2 x 125HP Screw Compressor x 32kg per system, non tandem type)
 - Cold Stores, Dairies, Nonpublic areas of supermarket, plant rooms



Category C Water Cooled Chiller– Authorised Access, Industrial / Restricted

No charge restriction if all refrigerant containing parts located in a special machinery room and in the open air

Bigger Capacity and Size of Chiller to be selected

- Water Cooled Screw Hydrocarbon Chiller up to 420HP- (2 x 210HP Screw Compressor x 45kg HC refrigerant per system.
 - Cold Stores, Dairies, Nonpublic areas of supermarket, plant rooms



Category C Water Cooled Chiller– Authorised Access, Industrial / Restricted

No charge restriction if all refrigerant containing parts located in a special machinery room and in the open air

Case Study 5: Syarikat Wen Ken Drugs Sdn Bhd, Johor

- 1. Occupancy Classification: C (Cap Tiga Kaki Medicine Manufacturing Plant)
- 2. Location Classification: on Rooftop, with forced ventilation system and only authorised personnel is allowed to access.

Mechanical Ventilation system installed to prevent trapped of refrigerant gas even though on rooftop



Category C Water Cooled Chiller– Authorised Access, Industrial / Restricted

No charge restriction if all refrigerant containing parts located in a special machinery room and in the open air

Case Study 5: Syarikat Wen Ken Drugs Sdn Bhd, Johor

- 3. Chiller Selection: 140HP Water Cooled Screw Chiller, 2 x 70HP Compressor
- 4. Refrigerant Type/Refrigerant Charge per sealed system: R290 / 14.5 kg



Hydrocarbon Chiller Design, Using Scroll Compressor, Wide range, can design for Category A, Category B & Category C but Capacity smaller up to 240HP, multi-compressor type



Applicable to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institution and Government BuildingCategory A, B & C- chiller located at special machinery room or in the open air.

Model Description



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Superior Feature:

ESVC hydrocarbon series designed using scroll hermetic compressor. System despres consist of several systems and very wytem constellet y single scroll compressor. If hitter netuces the refrigerent gas charge amount and increases the feasibility of easy maniferance and services. If schort netuces the refrigerent gas charge amount and increases the feasibility of easy maniferance and services. If schort netuces the refrigerent gas for compressor. ZBR30 deeptor serve the main compression drive to ESVIC Hydrocarbon Challer, low noise lever. If by EER and high reliability and leaded in many application. The electrical termination point la externity high present heatroff i compress to system using HC-22a and HC-R140.



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Model (63RT to 97RT)	ESWC63S 50SHCx	ESWC78S 50SHCx	ESWC97S 50SHCx		
O	Gene		07.4		
Capacity,	63.2	78.9	97.4		
$\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$	50.0	61.0	75.6		
Power, kW	50.0	01.5	75.0		
No. Of	4	4	4		
refrigerant	·	·	·		
circuits					
Capacity	100 – 75 –	100 - 75 -	100 - 75 -		
Steps of	50 - 25 - 0	50 - 25 - 0	50 - 25 - 0		
Compresso					
r					
	Compr	essor			
Туре	Scroll	Scroll	Scroll		
Compresso	ZR250	ZR310	ZR380		
r Model					
Condenser Shell & Tube					
	Cooling Shell & Tube				
	Refrig	erant			
R290,	4.8	5.9	6		
Weight, kg					
per system					
Category	A, B & C	B & C	B & C		
	Dimen	sion			
Height, mm	1530	1560	1600		
Width, mm	1300	1700	2700		
Length, mm	2235	2400	2400		
Weight, kg	2200	2440	2650		

Hydrocarbon Chiller Design, Using Screw Compressor, Benefit is larger capacity up to 420HP Single Compressor or multi-compressor but limited to Category C, industrial use.



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Model (99RT to 156RT)	ESWC 99C50 SHCx	ESWC 107C5 0SHCx	ESWC 125C5 0SHCx	ESWC 135C5 0SHCx	ESWC 156C5 0SHCx
		Genera			
Capacity, RT +/-5%	99.3	107.8	125.9	135.5	156.5
Operating Power, kW	78.8	82.7	98.9	101.4	117.7
No. Of refrigerant circuits	2	1	2	1	2
Capacity Steps of Compressor	100 – 75-50 – 25 – 0	100 – 50 – 0	100 – 75-50 – 25 – 0	100 – 50 – 0	100 – 75-50 – 25 – 0
	С	ompress	sor		
Compressor Model	RC2- 200B	RC2- 410B	RC2- 230B	RC2- 510B	RC2- 300B
Condenser Shell & Tube					
Cooling Shell & Tube					
Refrigerant					
R290, Weight, kg per system	21 x 2	42.0	25.2 x 2	52.5	29.4 x 2
Category	С	С	С	С	С

Dimension

Pertaining to Site Installation, Mechanical Ventilation- Risk Control at 25% LFL Control (MS)





Specifications			
Models(x)	Low(L), Medium(M), High(H) Moisture		
Range	5-85% LEL		
Operating Voltage	12-28V d.c.		
Maximum Power Consumption	2.5W		
Operating Temperature Range	0-50°C		
Operating Humidity Range	0-30%(L), 31-70%(M), 71-95%(H)		
Pre-Heat Time	24 Hours, (Immediate use is allowed)		
Relay Rated Load	10A, 250V a.c. / 24V d.c.		
Dimension	67 x 70 x 36mm		
Cable Input & Output	(7 x 0.5mm) 4 Cores-2 In 2 Out		

EP01-x Propane Gas Detector

Humidity

L – Low Moisture

→ M – Medium Moisture

H – High Moisture



Hydrocarbon equipment located in the open air or in machinery room, in the event of leak, the refrigerant shall be drawn-out by natural or forced ventilation. Thus, It is safe to propose and install an emergency mechanical ventilation in machinery room forced ventilation,

the air flow for emergency mechanical ventilation shall be ten (10) air charges per hour or the air flowrate obtained by formula 2 in MS2678:2017, if there are source of ignition

v = 0.004 x m / LFL [Formula 2]

where

- $v = air flow rate in m^3/s;$
- m = mass of refrigerant charge in the refrigerating system with the largest charge, any part of which is located in the machinery room.
- LFL = lower flammability limit of the refrigerant

Labelling on System using Flammable Refrigerant such as Hydrocarbon, must be clear and informative



ENER-SAVE R-290

RISK PHRASES : Liquefied flammable gas. Flammable air-vapour mixtures may form if allowed to leak into atmosphere.

PRECAUTIONS : Keep away from heat, sparks and flames. Container temperature should not exceed 49°C. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Wear protective equipment during handling. Avoid skin or eye contact. Contact with liquid may cause frostbite.

FIRST AID : If inhaled, remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. For skin or eye contact with liquid, flush with lukewarm water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation persists. For use by qualified personnel only. SEE MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET.

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Proper Labelling on Machinery Room



Required Signboard



Highly Flammable Refrigerant Gas HC-22a

During Maintenance

Advice the maintenance personnel is trained and competent person.

• No handphone

• No cigarette or no smoking

• Prepare Fire Extinguisher

• Surrounding ventilated





A3 Class refrigerant gas Users in Malaysia

- 1. JB Cocoa Sdn Bhd- Since year 2009
- 2. Kualiti Alam Sdn Bhd- since year 2009
- 3. SDP Manufacturing Sdn Bhd- since year 2009
- 4. YKK (M) Sdn Bhd- since year 2009
- 5. Kraft Foods Manufacturing Sdn Bhd- since year 2010
- 6. Rikevita (M) Sdn Bhd- since year 2010
- 7. Siegwerk Malaysia Sdn Bhd- since year 2010
- 8. EE Guan Construction Sdn Bhd- Since 2009
- 9. Joncan Composite Sdn Bhd- Since 2009
- 10. Sinar TM Sdn Bhd- Since 2009
- 11. DGR Packing & Supply Sdn Bhd- Since 2009
- 12. Pusat Latihan Komputer Era Informasi- Since 2008
- 14. JCY HDD Technology Sdn Bhd- Since 2008 (Chiller 200tons)
- 15. Suntec Alarm System & Automation- Since 2009
- 16. Network Food Industries Sdn Bhd- Since 2011
- 17. RadaTech Corporation Sdn Bhd- Since 2010
- 18. PGEO Edible Oils Sdn Bhd- Since 2011
- 19. Thong Guan Plastic & Paper Industries Sdn Bhd- Since 2012 (300 tons)
- 20. Calsonic Kansei Malaysia Sdn Bhd- Since 2012

SUMMARY

- 1. A3 Class Flammable Refrigerant is an environmental –friendly refrigerant, non ozone depleting and negligible global warming substance
- 2. Design or manufacture A3 class flammable refrigerant chiller based on Malaysian Standard MS 2678: 2017
- 3. Propose to install A3 class flammable refrigerant chiller in the open air or machinery room above ground level, always refer to Occupancy and location classification table
- 4. Choose the right mass charge of A3 class flammable refrigerant chiller for the right occupancy classification.

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