HEAD PRESSURE CONTROL VALVES



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High and Low Ambient Stability

The design of air conditioning systems utilizing air cooled condensing units involves two main problems that must be solved if the system is to operate reliably and economically...high ambient and low ambient operation. If the condensing unit is properly sized, it will operate satisfactorily during extremely high ambient temperatures. However, some units will be required to operate at ambient temperatures below their design dry bulb temperature during most of the year, the solution to low ambient operation is more complex.

Without good head pressure control during low ambient operation, the system can experience both running cycle and off-cycle problems. Since the pressure differential across the thermostatic expansion valve port affects the rate of refrigerant flow, low head pressure generally causes insufficient refrigerant to be fed to the evaporator. Failure to have sufficient head pressure will result in low suction pressure and/or iced evaporator coils.

The primary off-cycle problem is refrigerant migration to the condenser. Insufficient flow through the TEV will cause a low suction pressure.

The typical method of maintaining normal head pressure in a refrigeration system during periods of low ambient temperature is to restrict liquid flow from the condenser to the receiver, and at the same time divert hot gas to the inlet of the receiver. This backs liquid refrigerant up into the condenser reducing its capacity which in turn increases the condensing pressure. At the same time the hot gas raises liquid pressure in the receiver, allowing the system to operate normally.

Sporlan Head Pressure Control for systems with air cooled condensers can be accomplished using one of several valve options; the non-adjustable OROA-5, the adjustable ORI/ORD combination, or the economical LAC series.

Pressure

(psi)

Specifications and Dimensions

VALVE TYPE	STANDARD FACTORY SETTING bar	CONNEC ODF SC (Incl	DIMENSIONS – mm							WEIGHT kg		REPLACEMENT PARTS			
		INLET(S)	OUTLET	Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	1	NET	SHIP		
ORI-6-65/225-H	8.3	5/8	5/8	250	128	162	162 — 167 — — —					.45	.57		825-5
		7/8	7/8												825-7
		1-1/8	1-1/8									.57	.68		825-9
ORI-10-65/225-H	8.3	1-1/8	1-1/8	280	139	167						1.13	1.25	ne	825-9
		1-3/8	1-3/8											ra	825-11
ORD-4-20	1.4	5/8	5/8	167	25	_		_	_	_	.15	.23	t S	825-5	
OROA-5	6.9, 12.4	① 5/8 ② 5/8	5/8	151 157	95	48	55	_				.91	1.02	Inlet Strainer	825-5
	or 14.5	① 5/8 ② 7/8	7/8		102	54	61								825-7

