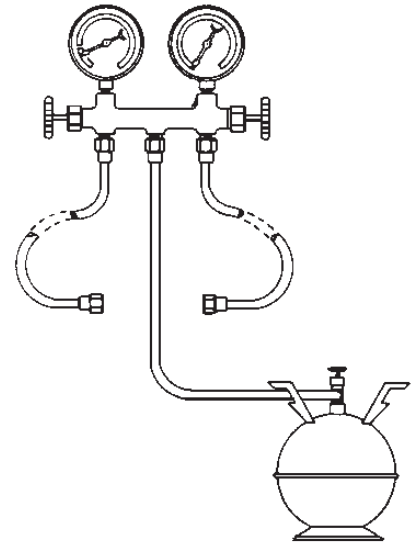

SERVICING PROCEDURE

R-410A LEAK TEST EVACUATION CHARGING



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GENERAL



WARNING

The oils used with R-410A refrigerant are hygroscopic and absorb water from the atmosphere readily. Do not leave systems open to the atmosphere for more than 5 minutes. If the system has been open for more than 5 minutes, change the filter dryer immediately before evacuation. Then recharge the system to the factory specified charge.

Recovery equipment rated for R-410A refrigerant

R-410A has an ozone depletion potential of zero, but must be reclaimed due to its global warming potential.

The gauge manifold set is specially designed to withstand the higher pressure associated with R-410A. Manifold sets are required to range up to 800 psig on the high side and 250 psig on the low side with a 250 psig low side retard.

All hoses must have a service rating of 800 psig. (This information will be indicated on the hoses.)

Vacuum Pump and micron gauge must be used when evacuating a system to 500 microns.

Leak Detectors

An electronic leak detector capable of detecting HFC refrigerant can be used with R-410A refrigerant.

GAUGE MANIFOLD



WARNING

Gauge manifold must be suitable for use with R-410A refrigerant and POE oils.

A necessary instrument in checking and serving air conditioning and heat pump equipment is the gauge manifold. Its purpose is to determine the operating refrigerant pressures in order for the serviceman to analyze the condition of the system.

The valving on the manifold is so arranged that when the valves are closed (front-seated) the center port on the manifold is closed to the gauges and gauge ports. With the valves in the closed position, the gauge ports are still open to the gauges, permitting the gauges to register system pressures. Opening either valve opens the center port to that side of the manifold and system.

ATTACHING GAUGE MANIFOLD

For leak testing, purging, checking charge, charging liquid or evacuating, connect high pressure side of gauge manifold to Schrader valve on liquid or discharge line. Connect suction side of gauge manifold to Schrader valve on suction line. On heat pumps the suction line is between compressor and reversing valve.

ATTACHING MANIFOLD HOSE TO SCHRADER VALVE



WARNING

As a safety measure, it is wise to detach refrigerant hoses at the lowest pressure readings on the system. To do this:

- A. Put high pressure hose "B" on first. (Unit should not be running.)
- B. Put low pressure hose "A" on second. (Unit should be running.)

1. Remove cap from valve.
2. Make sure gauge manifold valves are closed.
3. If hose does not have an unseating pin, a number 395 Superior or equivalent unseating coupler must be used.
4. Make sure coupler is lined up straight with Schrader valve. Screw coupler on to valve.
5. Open gauge manifold valve slightly and purge air from hose with refrigerant.
6. Read the suction pressure on compound gauge and heat pressure on pressure gauge.
7. To remove, push end of hose tight against end of Schrader valve and hold in place while quickly unscrewing coupler nut from Schrader valve.
8. Remove coupler from Schrader valve. Replace caps on valve.

Leak Test

1. Remove gauge port cap from suction and liquid service valve ports and attach manifold gauge hoses. Connect an upright R-410A drum to center port of gauge manifold. Open refrigerant drum valve and manifold high pressure gauge valve to pressurize system to a positive pressure with refrigerant vapor. Pressurize the complete system with dry nitrogen, or CO₂ until the pressure reaches 200 psig. **Do not** exceed 250 psig.
2. Close manifold high pressure gauge valve. Check all soldered joints, including those on the evaporator coil with an Electronic Leak Detector suitable for use with HFC refrigerants or R-410A. If a leak is found which requires soldering, pressure in the system must be bled off since it is impossible to solder with unit pressurized. Be sure all leaks are located and marked before bleeding pressure from system.

3. Close drum valve and disconnect from center port. Release nitrogen or CO₂ into the atmosphere through suction line of gauge manifold.
4. Correct any leaks and recheck. When leaks, if any, have been repaired, system is ready to be evacuated and charged. Relieve all pressure from the system down to 0 psig.
5. Change the filter dryer. When leaks, if any, have been repaired, system is ready to be evacuated and charged. Relieve all pressure from the system down to 0 psig.

EVACUATION

Evacuation

An evacuation to 500 microns is usually sufficient to remove moisture from a system using R-22 and mineral oil lubricant. A 500 micron evacuation, however, will not separate moisture from Polyol Ester oil (POE) in R-410A systems.

In addition to a 500 micron evacuation, the liquid line filter dryer (R-410A compatible) must be replaced any time the system is open. When removing a filter dryer from a system, do not use a torch; use a tubing cutter to avoid releasing moisture back into the system.

Older R-22 leak detectors, as well as halide torch leak detectors, will not detect leaks in R-410A systems. Never use air and R-410A to leak check, as the mixture may become flammable at pressures above 1 atmosphere. A system can be safely leak-checked by using nitrogen or a trace gas of R-410A and nitrogen.

Remember: *Always use a pressure regulator with nitrogen and a safety valve down stream - set at no more than 150 psig.*

1. Evacuate system to less than 500 microns, using a good vacuum pump and an accurate high vacuum gauge. Operate the pump below 500 microns for 60 minutes and then close valve to the vacuum pump. Allow the system to stand for 30 additional minutes to be sure a 500 micron vacuum or less is maintained.



WARNING

At no time use the compressor to evacuate the system or any part of it.

2. Disconnect charging line at vacuum pump and connect to refrigerant supply. Crack the cylinder valve and purge charging line at center on manifold. Then close cylinder valve.
3. The system is now ready for the correct operating charge of Refrigerant R-410A.

R-410A System Charging

Even though R-410A has a very small fractionation potential, it cannot be ignored completely when charging. To avoid fractionation, charging of an air conditioner or heat pump system incorporating R-410A **shall be done with “liquid”** to maintain optimum system performance. To insure that the proper blend composition is charged into the system, it is important that liquid only be removed from the charging cylinder. Some cylinders supplied by manufacturers have dip tubes, which allow liquid refrigerant to be removed from the cylinder when it is in the upright position. Cylinders without dip tubes have to be tipped upside down in order for liquid to be removed. The Service Technician must differentiate between which type of charging cylinder they are using to avoid removing vapor refrigerant instead of liquid refrigerant to avoid fractionation and for safety concerns.

Connect the gauge manifold to the high and low side. Allow liquid to enter the high side only. The high side will hold 80-100% of the total charge. When liquid stops flowing, close high side port. The remainder of the charge will be added to the low side. Keep in mind two issues: first, never start the compressor with less than 55 psig of suction pressure. Secondly, make sure the liquid is throttled, thus vaporized into the low side of the system to avoid compressor damage. A throttling valve can be used to insure that liquid is converted to vapor prior to entering the system. Proper manipulation (restricting) of the manifold gauge set can also act as a throttling device to insure liquid is not entering the compressor.

CHARGING

1. **Single Package Units**—Refer to the unit serial plate for the full operating charge.

PRELIMINARY CHARGING STEPS

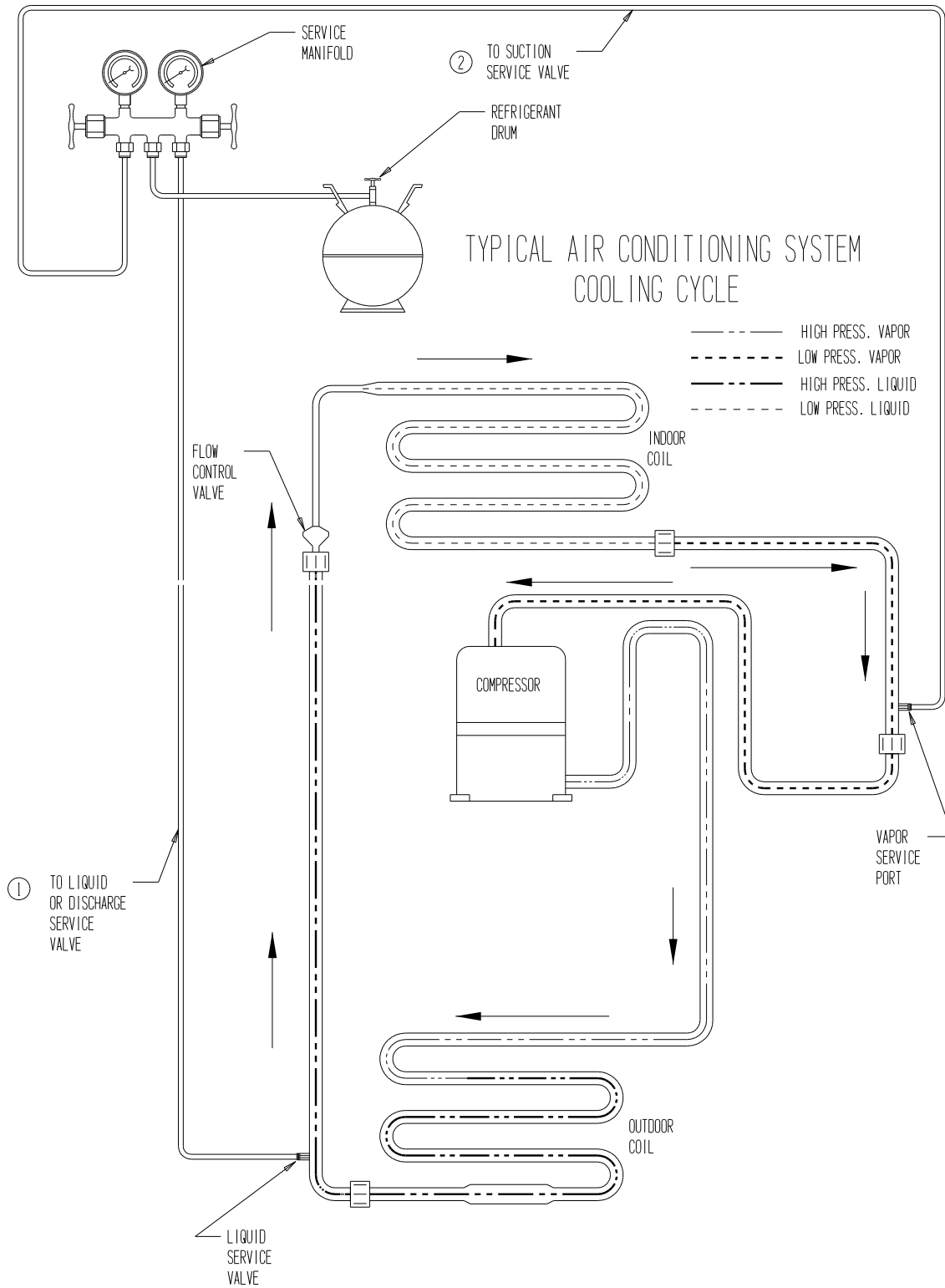
If the system has been open to the atmosphere, the filter dryer should be replaced and then evacuated. Then proceed as follows:

1. Attach a drum of proper, clean refrigerant to the center port of the charging manifold with one of the charging hoses.
2. Attach a second charging hose to the suction gauge (low pressure) side of the gauge manifold.
3. Remove the cap from the suction line valve.
4. Loosely attach the suction gauge hose to the line valve. Open the valve on the refrigerant drum and the suction valve on the charging manifold slightly to purge the air from the manifold and hoses before tightening the fitting.
5. Attach the third hose to the high pressure side of the manifold and the liquid line valve. Repeat steps 3 and 4 above.

CHARGING THE SYSTEM BY WEIGHT

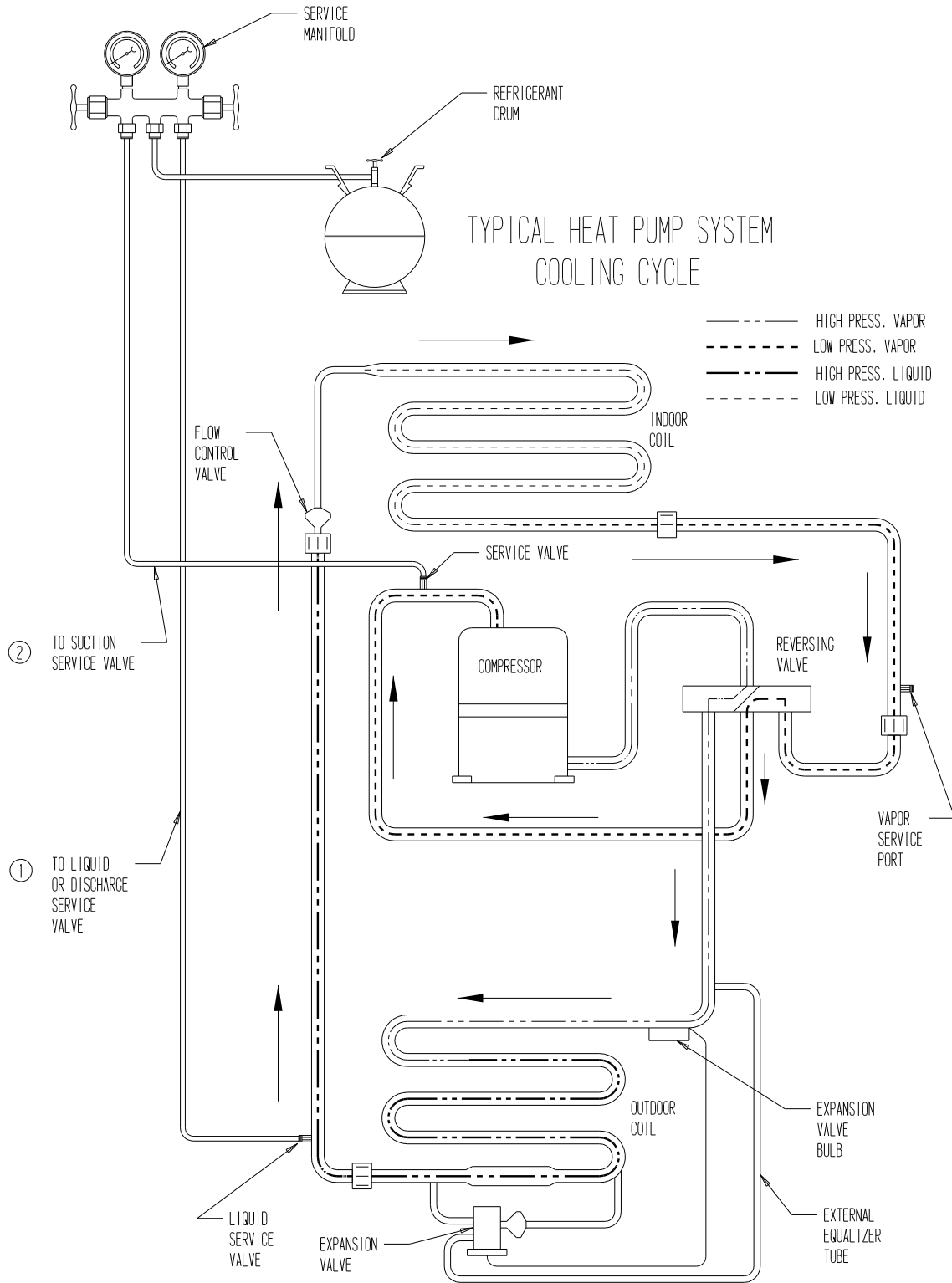
1. Connect manifold as instructed.
2. Place refrigerant drum upright on scale and determine exact weight of the refrigerant and cylinder.
3. With manifold suction valve closed and manifold discharge valve open, open refrigerant cylinder liquid valve and allow pressure in system to balance with pressure of cylinder or 80% of charge is in the unit - whichever comes first.
4. When there is approximately an 80% charge, front seat (close) the discharge manifold valve and let the system stabilize for about five minutes.
5. Start compressor by setting thermostat.
6. Finish charging with liquid by cracking the suction valve. Open the manifold low pressure valve to allow refrigerant to flow into the system. Throttle the manifold valve to keep pressure about 100 psig for R-410A.
7. When the correct weight of refrigerant has been added to the unit, close refrigerant cylinder valve and allow unit to run for 30 minutes. Refer to Start-Up Procedure and Check List for further start-up details.
8. Front seat gauge manifold valves, disconnect charging and gauge hoses and replace all valve caps.

**FIGURE 1
TYPICAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM COOLING CYCLE**



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FIGURE 2
TYPICAL HEAT PUMP SYSTEM COOLING CYCLE

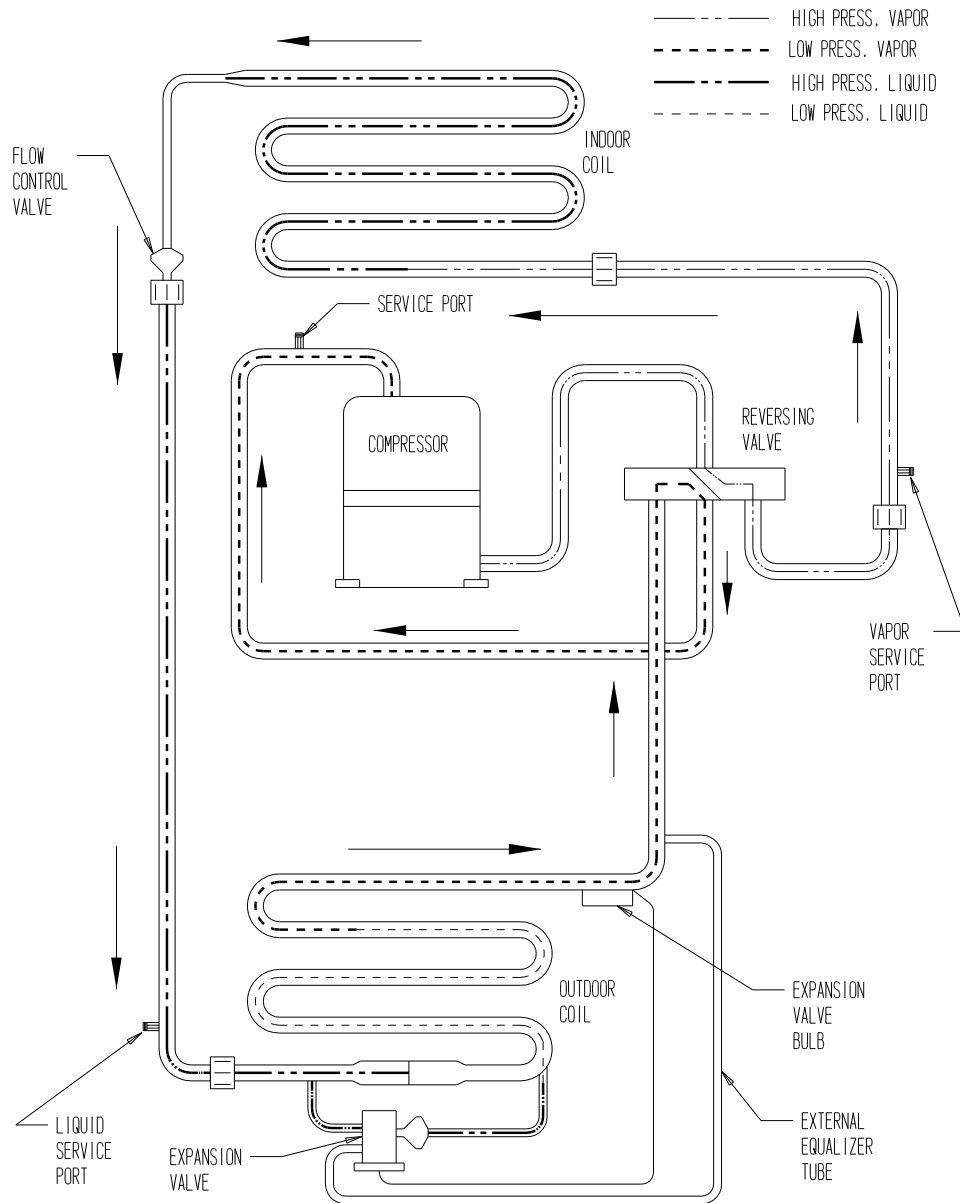


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WARNING

To speed refrigerant flow, it may be necessary to place refrigerant drum in a pan of warm water (not greater than 130°F). Remember to either consider the total weight of the pan of water or remove the drum for weighing frequently to keep track of the charging process.

**FIGURE 3
HEATING CYCLE**



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TROUBLESHOOTING THE MECHANICAL SYSTEM

AIR CONDITIONING AND HEAT PUMP — COOLING

LOW SUCTION—LOW HEAD PRESSURE

1. Restricted airflow over indoor coil.
2. Defective indoor fan motor.
3. Low indoor temperature
4. Iced indoor coil.
5. Restricted liquid line, dryer, metering device, etc.
6. Low charge.
7. Low ambient entering air temperature. (Low entering water temperature to water coil.Ⓢ)

HIGH SUCTION—LOW HEAD PRESSURE

1. Defective or broken valves.
2. IPRV valve open.
3. Defective reversing valve.

LOW SUCTION—HIGH HEAD PRESSURE

1. Partial restriction and then overcharged.

HIGH SUCTION—HIGH HEAD PRESSURE

1. High entering outdoor air temperature. (High entering water temperature.Ⓢ)
2. Low airflow outdoor coil. (Low water flow.Ⓢ)
3. Overcharged.
4. Air in system.
5. Restricted outdoor coil. (Restricted water coil.Ⓢ)
6. High indoor air temperature.

Ⓢ Water source heat pump.

HEAT PUMP — HEATING

LOW SUCTION—LOW HEAD PRESSURE

1. Restricted airflow through outdoor coil. (Restricted water flow through water coil.Ⓢ)
2. Defective outdoor motor. (Defective water pump.Ⓢ)
3. Low outdoor air temperature. (Low water temperature.Ⓢ)
4. Frozen outdoor coil. (Frozen water coil.Ⓢ)
5. Restricted liquid line, dryer, metering device, etc.
6. Low charge.
7. Low indoor air temperature.

HIGH SUCTION—LOW HEAD PRESSURE

1. Defective or broken valves.
2. IPR valve open.
3. Defective reversing valve.

LOW SUCTION—HIGH HEAD PRESSURE

1. Partial restriction and then overcharged.

HIGH SUCTION—HIGH HEAD PRESSURE

1. High entering outdoor air temperature. (High entering water temperature.Ⓢ)
2. Low indoor airflow.
3. Overcharged.
4. Air in system.
5. Restricted air coil.
6. High indoor air temperature.

Ⓢ Water source heat pump.

