

WHICH METHOD

TXV OR EEV

Charge to subcooling

Target **8–12°F**, aim for 10. Then sanity check superheat: it should land **8–15°F**.

FIXED ORIFICE

Charge to superheat

Off the **target superheat chart**: indoor wet bulb plus outdoor dry bulb. Never one fixed number.

READ IT OFF THE RIGHT COLUMN

Superheat = suction line temp **minus** sat temp at suction pressure. Read the **vapour (dew)** column.

Subcooling = sat temp at liquid pressure **minus** liquid line temp. Read the **liquid (bubble)** column.

AIR

400

CFM PER TON
350 TO 425

16–22°F

SUPPLY TO RETURN
AT 75°F, 50% RH

–1°F

PER +10% RH
ABOVE 50%

WHAT THE SPLIT IS TELLING YOU

**under
14°F**

Low charge, too much airflow, or a tired compressor. Check charge before you touch the blower.

16–22°F

Where it should be at 75°F and 50% RH. Slide it down about 1°F for every 10% of humidity above that.

**over
24°F**

Restricted air. Filter, then the coil, then the return, then the blower. In that order.

MATH

CFM × 1.08 × ΔT
SENSIBLE BTU/H

BTU/h ÷ (1.08 × ΔT)
CFM

BTU/h ÷ 12,000
TONS

R-454B, WHAT IS ACTUALLY DIFFERENT

- **Pull liquid from the cylinder.** It's a blend, so drawing vapour changes the mix.
- **Cylinder threads are left hand,** double ring on the knurl. System side stays right hand.
- **A2L rated tools and recovery tank.** No ignition sources anywhere near the work.
- **New equipment only.** Never a retrofit, never mixed with another refrigerant.

A2L

 ASHRAE 34
CLASS

466

GWP

78%

 LOWER GWP THAN
R-410A

Run capacitor passes at $\pm 6\%$

A **40 μF** cap is good anywhere from **37.6 to 42.4**. Outside that, replace it. Read it with the power off and the cap discharged.

Voltage unbalance

Biggest deviation from the average, divided by the average.

1%

derate starts

2%

run at 95%

5%

run at 76%

5%+

don't run it

Evacuation

Pull below **500 microns**. Then **isolate the pump** and watch it: holding under **1,000 microns for 10 minutes** is what proves the system is dry and tight. Hitting 500 with the pump still running proves nothing.

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