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Name:	Enforcement Agency:
Address:	Permit Number:
City, Zip Code:	Permit Application Date:

Building:	Floor:	Room:	Control/tag:
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☐ Construction inspection and functional testing comply	Date Submitted to AHJ:
☐ Does not comply	

Intent:	The purpose of these tests is to confirm proper operation of gas cooler control, including variable speed fan operation and variable setpoint control logic, which are both important elements of floating head pressure control, with the intent to operate with the lowest total system energy (considering both compressors and gas cooler fan power) through the course of the year. Reference NRCC-PRC-E. Submit one Certificate of Acceptance for each system that must demonstrate compliance. Reference Sections 120.6(a)5B, 120.6(a)7G, 120.6(a)8, Table 120.6-C, 120.6(b)2C, 120.6(b)5, Table 120.6-E, 120.6(b)6. <i>Note: transcritical CO₂ refrigeration systems are unique in that they can operate in one of two modes: subcritical operation and supercritical operation. Subcritical operation generally occurs during periods where ambient conditions are below 75°F to 80°F, where high pressure CO₂ vapor will condense in the gas cooler. Supercritical operation generally occurs during periods where ambient conditions are above 75°F to 80°F, where the high-pressure CO₂ vapor will not condense (or partially condense) in the gas cooler, and pressure and temperature can vary semi-independently during the heat rejection process. Because these two modes of operation are based on ambient conditions, it may not be possible for the field technician to observe both subcritical and supercritical control strategies during a single acceptance test.</i> <i>The field technician shall perform either the functional test outlined in NA7.20.1.1.2 or NA7.20.1.1.3 depending on the ambient conditions and resulting system operating mode at the time of the test. The construction inspection must be completed regardless of ambient conditions.</i>
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**Table A: Construction Inspection - Air-Cooled and Adiabatic Gas Coolers**

Step	Entry	Item	Code Reference
1.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the control system gas cooler saturated condensing temperature (SCT) setpoint is at or below 60°F, or at or below 70°F for systems with a design saturated suction temperature (SST) of greater than or equal to 30°F.	NA7.20.1.1.1(a)
2.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify accuracy of refrigerant pressure-temperature conversions and consistent use of either temperature or pressure for the controlled variable setpoint in the control system.	NA7.20.1.1.1(b)
3.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that the subcritical condensing temperature has an equivalent pressure. Verify accuracy of refrigerant pressure-temperature conversions and consistent use of temperature/pressure for the controlled variable setpoint in the control system. See Step 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3.	NA7.20.1.1.1(b)
3.1	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that the subcritical condensing temperature has an equivalent pressure.	NA7.20.1.1.1(b)1
3.2	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that the pressure/temperature used in the control system is similar to the units used in the setpoint value.	NA7.20.1.1.1(b)2
3.3	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	Documentation of conversion values are available if it is necessary to convert between temperature and pressure values.	NA7.20.1.1.1(b)3
4.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the gas cooler outlet temperature sensor reads accurately (Use at least two readings).	NA7.20.1.1.1(c)
5.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the discharge pressure sensor reads accurately (Use at least two readings).	NA7.20.1.1.1(d)
6.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the ambient dry bulb temperature sensor reads accurately (Use at least two readings).	NA7.20.1.1.1(e)
7.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the ambient dry bulb temperature sensor is not mounted in direct sunlight or is provided with a suitable solar shield.	NA7.20.1.1.1(f)
8.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that all sensor readings used by the gas cooler controller display correct values at the controller, as well as derived values.	NA7.20.1.1.1(g)
9.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that all fan motors are operational and rotating in the correct direction.	NA7.20.1.1.1(h)
10.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that gas cooler fan speed controls are operational and controlling all gas cooler fan motors in unison.	NA7.20.1.1.1(i)
11.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that all speed controls operate automatically in response to changes in pressure, gas cooler outlet temperature, and ambient dry bulb or precool air temperature.	NA7.20.1.1.1(j)



Step	Entry	Item	Code Reference
12.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the installation of the gas cooler holdback valve, which may be located near the inlet of the intermediate pressure vessel or near the outlet of the gas cooler.	NA7.20.1.1.1(k)
13.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Check "Pass" if construction inspection complies with all requirements. Check "Fail" if construction inspection does not comply with all requirements.	N/A

**Table B: Functional Testing - Gas Cooler (Option A: Control Range Operation)**

Planning: The system cooling load must be sufficiently high, and ambient conditions sufficiently below the critical point, to operate subcritically with all gas cooler fans in operation and observe controls in average conditions. Account for weather conditions in scheduling testing by, if necessary, artificially increasing or decreasing evaporator loads in order to perform the Functional Testing at typical system conditions.

Step	Entry	Functional Test	Code Reference
1.0	☐ Complete ☐ N/A	Verify mechanical controls and other strategies will not affect tests.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 1
1.1	☐ Complete ☐ N/A	Turn off any heat reclaim controls and any intermittent defrost pressure offset strategies that would affect gas cooler setpoint control.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 1(a)
1.2	☐ Complete ☐ N/A	If testing an adiabatic gas cooler, adjust setpoints to ensure that the gas cooler stays in "dry" mode or "precool" mode consistently throughout test.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 1(b)
2.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Operate in control range and verify stable control.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 2
2.1	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify the gas cooler control value is operating in the variable setpoint control range, i.e. above the minimum SCT setpoint and below the maximum SCT setpoint. (If necessary, increase or decrease system load and if system is observed at the minimum SCT, temporarily adjust the minimum SCT to a lower value, if the refrigeration system design will allow. The control temperature difference (TD) can also be increased to result in a higher control value.)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 2(a)
2.2	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Observe control operation for at least 30 minutes to confirm stable control operation, as shown by gas cooler fan speed varying as compressor capacity changes, and not ranging from maximum to minimum fan speed or constant "hunting". If required, adjust control response setpoints to achieve stable operation.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 2(b)
3.0	No Entry ☐ N/A	If applicable, identify control TD. Note: if controller uses another strategy for controlling gas cooler operation, enter "N/A".	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3
3.1	☐ Dry Bulb ☐ Precool	Record the current outdoor ambient dry bulb or precool air temperature. (°F)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(a)
3.2	☐ °F ☐ Psig	Record the current refrigeration system condensing temperature or condensing pressure readings from the control system. (°F or psig)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(a)
3.3	☐ Discharge ☐ Gas Cooler	Record whether discharge pressure or a dedicated gas cooler pressure sensor is used for gas cooler pressure control.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(a)
3.4		Document current head pressure control setpoint. (psig)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(b)



Step	Entry	Functional Test	Code Reference
3.5	☐ N/A	If applicable, document gas cooler TD setpoint (°F) or enter "N/A."	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(b)
3.6		Calculate and record the actual observed TD, defined as the difference between the ambient dry bulb temperature or precool air temperature and the refrigeration system SCT. (°F)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(c)
3.7	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	If applicable, confirm agreement between the current control system TD setpoint and the observed TD.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(d)
4.0	No Entry ☐ N/A	If applicable, test adjusted control TD.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4
4.1		Enter a smaller TD value into the control system, sufficient to cause an observable response, such as 1-2 degrees smaller, but not small enough to cause system to operate continuously at 100% fan speed. Record this value as TD Test Setpoint 1. (°F)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(a)
4.2	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify a change in control system operation which should include an increase in fan speed and a decrease in condensing temperature.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(b)
4.3	No Entry	Allow time for control system to achieve stable operation.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(c)
4.4		Document current head pressure control setpoint. (psig)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(d)
4.5	☐ N/A	If applicable, document current gas cooler TD setpoint (°F) or enter "N/A".	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(d)
4.6		Calculate and record the actual observed TD, defined as the difference between the ambient dry bulb temperature or precool air temperature and the refrigeration system SCT. (°F)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(e)
4.7	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	If applicable, verify that the current control system TD matches the observed TD.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(f)
4.8	☐ N/A	If applicable, enter a smaller TD value into the control system (°F), sufficient to cause an observable response, such as 1-2 degrees smaller, but not small enough to cause system to operate continuously at 100% fan speed. Record this value as TD Test Setpoint 2 or enter "N/A."	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)
4.9	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify a change in control system operation which should include an increase in fan speed and a decrease in condensing temperature.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)
4.10	No Entry	Allow time for control system to achieve stable operation.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)



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4.11		Document current head pressure control setpoint. (psig)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)
4.12	☐ N/A	If applicable, document current gas cooler TD setpoint (°F) or enter "N/A".	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)
4.13		Calculate and record the actual observed TD, defined as the difference between the ambient dry bulb temperature or precool air temperature and the refrigeration system SCT. (°F)	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)
4.14	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	If applicable, verify that the current control system TD matches the observed TD.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 4(g)
5.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify that all fans operate in unison.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 5
6.0	No Entry	Restore setpoints.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 6
6.1	☐	Restore heat reclaim and defrost setpoints.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 6(a)
6.2	☐ Restored ☐ N/A	If applicable, restore the minimum condensing temperature setpoints.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 6(b)
6.3	☐ Restored ☐ N/A	If applicable, reset adiabatic mode controls to original values.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 6(c)
7.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Check Pass if Functional Test Compliance Results complies.	N/A

**Table C: Functional Testing - Gas Cooler (Option B: Supercritical Operation)**

Planning: Ambient conditions must be sufficiently above the critical point to operate supercritically. Account for weather conditions in scheduling testing by, if necessary, artificially increasing or decreasing evaporator loads in order to perform the Functional Testing at typical system conditions.

Step	Entry	Functional Test	Code Reference
1.0	☐ Complete ☐ N/A	Verify mechanical controls and other strategies will not affect tests.	NA7.20.1.1.3 Step 1
1.1	☐ Complete ☐ N/A	Turn off any heat reclaim controls and any intermittent defrost pressure offset strategies that would affect gas cooler setpoint control.	NA7.20.1.1.3 Step 1(a)
1.2	☐ Complete ☐ N/A	If testing an adiabatic gas cooler, adjust setpoints to ensure that the gas cooler stays in "dry" mode or "precool" mode consistently throughout test.	NA7.20.1.1.3 Step 1(b)
2.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Verify through controls screens that over a 30-minute period of supercritical operation, the gas cooler holdback valve modulates its opening in response to changes in ambient dry bulb or precool temperature.	NA7.20.1.1.3 Step 2
3.0	No Entry	Restore setpoints.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3
3.1	☐ Restored ☐ N/A	Restore heat reclaim and defrost setpoints.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(a)
3.2	☐ Restored ☐ N/A	If applicable, reset adiabatic mode controls to original values.	NA7.20.1.1.2 Step 3(b)
4.0	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	Check Pass if Functional Test Compliance Results complies.	N/A



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