

Important Air Refrigeration Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 25 Important Air Refrigeration Formulas

1) C.O.P. of simple air cycle Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{T_6 - T_5'}{T_t' - T_2'}$$

Example with Units

$$0.2078 = \frac{281 \text{ K} - 265 \text{ K}}{350.0 \text{ K} - 273 \text{ K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2) C.O.P. of simple air evaporative cycle Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{210 \cdot Q}{m_a \cdot C_p \cdot (T_t' - T_2')}$$

Example with Units

$$0.2035 = \frac{210 \cdot 150}{120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \cdot (350.0 \text{ K} - 273 \text{ K})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Compression or Expansion Ratio Formula

Formula

$$r_p = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

Example with Units

$$25 = \frac{10\text{E}6 \text{ Pa}}{4\text{E}5 \text{ Pa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Compression Work Formula

Formula

$$W_{\text{per min}} = m_a \cdot C_p \cdot (T_t' - T_2')$$

Example with Units

$$9286.2 \text{ kJ/min} = 120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \cdot (350.0 \text{ K} - 273 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) COP of Air Cycle for given Input Power and Tonnage of Refrigeration Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{210 \cdot Q}{P_{\text{in}} \cdot 60}$$

Example with Units

$$0.2032 = \frac{210 \cdot 150}{155 \text{ kJ/min} \cdot 60}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6) COP of Air Cycle given Input Power Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{210 \cdot Q}{P_{\text{in}} \cdot 60}$$

Example with Units

$$0.2032 = \frac{210 \cdot 150}{155 \text{ kJ/min} \cdot 60}$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) COP of Bell-Coleman Cycle for given Compression Ratio and Adiabatic Index Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{theoretical}} = \frac{1}{r_p^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1}$$

Example

$$0.6629 = \frac{1}{25^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}} - 1}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) COP of Bell-Coleman Cycle for given Temperatures, Polytropic Index and Adiabatic Index Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{theoretical}} = \frac{T_1 - T_4}{\left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}\right) \cdot ((T_2 - T_3) - (T_1 - T_4))}$$

Example with Units

$$0.6017 = \frac{300 \text{ K} - 290 \text{ K}}{\left(\frac{1.52}{1.52-1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}\right) \cdot ((356.5 \text{ K} - 326.6 \text{ K}) - (300 \text{ K} - 290 \text{ K}))}$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Energy Performance Ratio of Heat Pump Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{theoretical}} = \frac{Q_{\text{delivered}}}{W_{\text{per min}}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.6 = \frac{5571.72 \text{ kJ/min}}{9286.2 \text{ kJ/min}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Expansion Work Formula

Formula

$$W_{\text{per min}} = m a \cdot C_p \cdot (T_4 - T_5')$$

Example with Units

$$9286.2 \text{ kJ/min} = 120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot (342 \text{ K} - 265 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Heat Absorbed during Constant Pressure Expansion Process Formula

Formula

$$Q_{\text{Absorbed}} = C_p \cdot (T_1 - T_4)$$

Example with Units

$$10.05 \text{ kJ/kg} = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot (300 \text{ K} - 290 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 



12) Heat Rejected during Constant pressure Cooling Process Formula

Formula

$$Q_R = C_p \cdot (T_2 - T_3)$$

Example with Units

$$30.0495 \text{ kJ/kg} = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot (356.5 \text{ K} - 326.6 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Heat rejected during cooling process Formula

Formula

$$Q_{R, \text{Cooling}} = m a \cdot C_p \cdot (T_t' - T_4)$$

Example with Units

$$16.08 \text{ kJ/kg} = 120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot (350.0 \text{ K} - 342 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 

14) Initial Mass of Evaporant Required to be Carried for given Flight Time Formula

Formula

$$M_{\text{ini}} = \frac{Q_r \cdot t}{h_{fg}}$$

Example with Units

$$53.5398 \text{ kg} = \frac{550 \text{ kJ/min} \cdot 220 \text{ min}}{2260 \text{ kJ/kg}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Local Sonic or Acoustic Velocity at Ambient Air Conditions Formula

Formula

$$a = \left(\gamma \cdot [R] \cdot \frac{T_i}{MW} \right)^{0.5}$$

Example with Units

$$340.0649 \text{ m/s} = \left(1.4 \cdot 8.3145 \cdot \frac{305 \text{ K}}{0.0307 \text{ kg}} \right)^{0.5}$$

Evaluate Formula 

16) Mass of air to produce Q tonnes of refrigeration Formula

Formula

$$M = \frac{210 \cdot Q}{C_p \cdot (T_6 - T_5')}$$

Example with Units

$$117.5373 \text{ kg/min} = \frac{210 \cdot 150}{1.005 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot (281 \text{ K} - 265 \text{ K})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

17) Mass of air to produce Q tonnes of refrigeration given exit temperature of cooling turbine Formula

Formula

$$M = \frac{210 \cdot TR}{C_p \cdot (T_4 - T_7')}$$

Example with Units

$$117.8507 \text{ kg/min} = \frac{210 \cdot 47}{1.005 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot (290 \text{ K} - 285 \text{ K})}$$

Evaluate Formula 



18) Power Required for Refrigeration System Formula

Formula

$$P_{\text{req}} = \left(\frac{ma \cdot C_p \cdot (T_t' - T_2')}{60} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$9286.2 \text{ kJ/min} = \left(\frac{120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \cdot (350.0 \text{ K} - 273 \text{ K})}{60} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

19) Power required to maintain pressure inside cabin excluding ram work Formula

Formula

$$P_{\text{in}} = \left(\frac{ma \cdot C_p \cdot T_2'}{CE} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{p_c}{p_2'} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right)$$

Example with Units

$$155.0701 \text{ kJ/min} = \left(\frac{120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \cdot 273 \text{ K}}{46.5} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{400000 \text{ Pa}}{200000 \text{ Pa}} \right)^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}} - 1 \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

20) Power Required to Maintain Pressure inside Cabin including Ram Work Formula

Formula

$$P_{\text{in}} = \left(\frac{ma \cdot C_p \cdot T_a}{CE} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{p_c}{p_{\text{atm}}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right)$$

Example with Units

$$155.7478 \text{ kJ/min} = \left(\frac{120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \cdot 125 \text{ K}}{46.5} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{400000 \text{ Pa}}{101325 \text{ Pa}} \right)^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}} - 1 \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

21) Ram Efficiency Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \frac{p_2' - p_i}{p_f - p_i}$$

Example with Units

$$0.8667 = \frac{150000 \text{ Pa} - 85000 \text{ Pa}}{160000 \text{ Pa} - 85000 \text{ Pa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



22) Refrigeration Effect Produced Formula

Formula

$$R_E = m_a \cdot C_p \cdot (T_6 - T_5')$$

Example with Units

$$1929.6 \text{ kJ/min} = 120 \text{ kg/min} \cdot 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \cdot (281 \text{ K} - 265 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 

23) Relative Coefficient of Performance Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{relative}} = \frac{\text{COP}_{\text{actual}}}{\text{COP}_{\text{theoretical}}}$$

Example

$$0.3333 = \frac{0.2}{0.6}$$

Evaluate Formula 

24) Temperature Ratio at Start and End of Ramming Process Formula

Formula

$$T_{\text{ratio}} = 1 + \frac{v_{\text{process}}^2 \cdot (\gamma - 1)}{2 \cdot \gamma \cdot [R] \cdot T_i}$$

Example with Units

$$1.2028 = 1 + \frac{60 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot (1.4 - 1)}{2 \cdot 1.4 \cdot 8.3145 \cdot 305 \text{ K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

25) Theoretical Coefficient of Performance of Refrigerator Formula

Formula

$$\text{COP}_{\text{theoretical}} = \frac{Q_{\text{ref}}}{W}$$

Example with Units

$$0.6 = \frac{600 \text{ kJ/kg}}{1000 \text{ kJ/kg}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Air Refrigeration Formulas above

- **a** Sonic Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **C_p** Specific Heat Capacity at Constant Pressure (Kilojoule per Kilogram per K)
- **CE** Compressor Efficiency
- **COP_{actual}** Actual Coefficient of Performance
- **COP_{relative}** Relative Coefficient of Performance
- **COP_{theoretical}** Theoretical Coefficient of Performance
- **h_{fg}** Latent Heat of Vaporization (Kilojoule per Kilogram)
- **M** Mass (Kilogram per Minute)
- **M_{ini}** Initial Mass (Kilogram)
- **ma** Mass of Air (Kilogram per Minute)
- **MW** Molecular Weight (Kilogram)
- **n** Polytropic Index
- **P₁** Pressure at Start of Isentropic Compression (Pascal)
- **p₂'** Stagnation Pressure of System (Pascal)
- **P₂** Pressure at End of Isentropic Compression (Pascal)
- **P_{atm}** Atmospheric Pressure (Pascal)
- **p_c** Cabin Pressure (Pascal)
- **P_f** Final Pressure of System (Pascal)
- **P_i** Initial Pressure of System (Pascal)
- **P_{in}** Input Power (Kilojoule per Minute)
- **P_{req}** Power Required (Kilojoule per Minute)
- **p₂'** Pressure of Rammed Air (Pascal)
- **Q** Tonnage of Refrigeration in TR
- **Q_{Absorbed}** Heat Absorbed (Kilojoule per Kilogram)
- **Q_{delivered}** Heat Delivered to Hot Body (Kilojoule per Minute)
- **Q_r** Rate of Heat Removal (Kilojoule per Minute)
- **Q_R** Heat Rejected (Kilojoule per Kilogram)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Air Refrigeration Formulas above

- **constant(s): [R]**, 8.31446261815324
Universal gas constant
- **Measurement: Weight** in Kilogram (kg)
Weight Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Time** in Minute (min)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Power** in Kilojoule per Minute (kJ/min)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Heat Capacity** in Kilojoule per Kilogram per K (kJ/kg*K)
Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Mass Flow Rate** in Kilogram per Minute (kg/min)
Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Latent Heat** in Kilojoule per Kilogram (kJ/kg)
Latent Heat Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Rate of Heat Transfer** in Kilojoule per Minute (kJ/min)
Rate of Heat Transfer Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Energy** in Kilojoule per Kilogram (kJ/kg)
Specific Energy Unit Conversion 



- **Q_R** , Cooling Heat Rejected during Cooling Process (Kilojoule per Kilogram)
- **Q_{ref}** Heat Extracted from Refrigerator (Kilojoule per Kilogram)
- **R_E** Refrigeration Effect Produced (Kilojoule per Minute)
- **r_p** Compression or Expansion Ratio
- **t** Time in Minutes (Minute)
- **T_1** Temperature at Start of Isentropic Compression (Kelvin)
- **T_2** Ideal Temp at End of Isentropic Compression (Kelvin)
- **T_3** Ideal Temp at End of Isobaric Cooling (Kelvin)
- **T_4** Temperature at End of Isentropic Expansion (Kelvin)
- **T_6** Inside Temperature of Cabin (Kelvin)
- **T_a** Ambient Air Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_i** Initial Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_{ratio}** Temperature Ratio
- **T_2'** Actual Temperature of Rammed Air (Kelvin)
- **T_4** Temperature at the end of Cooling Process (Kelvin)
- **T_5'** Actual Temperature at end of Isentropic Expansion (Kelvin)
- **T_7'** Actual Exit Temperature of Cooling Turbine (Kelvin)
- **TR** Ton of Refrigeration
- **T_t'** Actual End Temp of Isentropic Compression (Kelvin)
- **$v_{process}$** Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **w** Work Done (Kilojoule per Kilogram)
- **$W_{per\ min}$** Work Done per min (Kilojoule per Minute)
- **γ** Heat Capacity Ratio
- **η** Ram Efficiency



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