



Air-Cooled Condensers

Technical Guide

Models FCB



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FCB air-cooled condensers are available from 1 through 26 ton models. They are designed for efficient performance and low maintenance.



Design Features

- Horizontal or vertical air discharge
- Attractive aluminum housing
- Multi-circuiting at no additional charge
- Energy efficient fan motors with internal overload protection and permanently lubricated ball bearings
- Motors wired to a common junction box
- Coated steel fan guards
- Fully baffled fan sections to prevent windmilling

Available Options

- Factory mounted head pressure control valves (consult factory)
- Temperature or pressure activated fan cycling kits
- Control power transformer for fan cycling kits (230V standard)
- Alternate control voltages (115V or 24V) for fan cycling kits
- ProKote finned or copper fins on condenser coil
- Industrial coil coatings available (consult factory)
- Single phase fan motors available on all models
- Three phase motors available on models 005-026
- 575/3/60 motors available on models 005-026
- Sealtite wiring on models 005-026
- Variable speed fan motor options available on models 005-026 (consult factory)

CONDENSER SELECTION

Capacity for air-cooled condensers are based on total heat of rejection (THR) at the condenser. THR is equal to net refrigeration at the evaporator (compressor capacity) plus the energy input into the refrigerant by the compressor (heat of compression). The heat of compression will vary depending on the compressor manufacturer, type of compressor and the operating conditions of the compressor. Whenever possible, it is recommended that you obtain the heat of compression value from the compressor manufacturer.

If this is not available, the THR can be estimated using the following formula:

THR = (Compressor Capacity) * (Heat of Compression Factor, Tables 1 & 2)

Table 1 contains heat of compression factors for suction-cooled compressors and Table 2 contains factors for open drive compressors. For refrigeration systems beyond the range of Tables 1 and 2, use the following equations to estimate THR:

Open Compressors:

THR = Compressor Capacity (BTUH) + (2545) * (Brake Horsepower, BHP)

Suction-Cooled Compressors:

THR = Compressor Capacity (BTUH) + (3413 * KW)

The condenser capacity is affected by its altitude. If the condenser location is above sea level, an additional correction is required to the THR, as follows:

THR (altitude) = THR* altitude Correction Factor, Table 3

Table 1. Heat of Compression Factor for Suction-Cooled Compressors

Suction Temp. °F	Condensing Temperature °F				
	90°	100°	110°	120°	130°
-40°	1.56	1.63	1.72	1.81	1.94
-30°	1.49	1.55	1.62	1.70	1.80
-20°	1.43	1.49	1.55	1.62	1.70
-10°	1.38	1.43	1.49	1.55	1.63
0°	1.34	1.38	1.43	1.49	1.56
5°	1.31	1.36	1.41	1.48	1.55
10°	1.29	1.34	1.39	1.44	1.52
15°	1.26	1.31	1.36	1.41	1.48
20°	1.24	1.28	1.33	1.38	1.44
25°	1.22	1.26	1.31	1.36	1.42
30°	1.20	1.24	1.28	1.33	1.39
40°	1.17	1.20	1.24	1.28	1.33
50°	1.13	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.28

Table 2. Heat of Compression Factor for Open Drive Compressors

Evaporator Temp. °F	Condensing Temperature °F					
	90°	100°	110°	120°	130°	140°
-30°	1.37	1.42	1.47	—	—	—
-20°	1.33	1.37	1.42	1.47	—	—
-10°	1.28	1.32	1.37	1.42	1.47	—
0°	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.37	1.41	1.47
5°	1.23	1.26	1.30	1.35	1.39	1.45
10°	1.21	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.36	1.42
15°	1.19	1.22	1.26	1.30	1.34	1.40
20°	1.17	1.20	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.37
25°	1.16	1.19	1.22	1.26	1.30	1.35
30°	1.14	1.17	1.20	1.24	1.27	1.32
40°	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.28
50°	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.20	1.24

CONDENSER SELECTION

Step 1: Estimate Condenser THR

Obtain compressor heat of rejection from compressor manufacturer or calculate condenser THR estimate by multiplying compressor capacity by heat of compression factor from Tables 1 or 2 at given operating conditions.

$$\text{THR} = \text{Compressor Capacity} * \text{Heat of Compression Factor}$$

Step 2: Correct for Altitude

If condenser location is above sea level, correct for altitude by multiplying condenser THR by altitude correction factor from Table 3.

$$\text{THR} = \text{THR (from Step 1)} * \text{Altitude Correction Factor}$$

Step 3: Calculate Design Condenser T.D.

$$\text{Design Condenser T.D.} = \text{Condensing Temp.} - \text{Ambient Temp.}$$

Step 4: Condenser Selection

Condenser capacities for 60 Hz operation are located in Table 4. These capacities are given in MBH/°TD. Convert the THR calculated in step 2 to MBH/°TD by dividing by 1,000 to get THR in MBH. Then divide the THR by the design TD to get MBH/°TD.

Locate the capacity column and read down until you locate a value in the table equal to or just larger than the MBH/°TD calculated above. Read horizontally to the left and obtain the condenser model number.

$$\text{THR (MBH)} = \text{THR (from Step 2)} \div 1,000$$

$$\text{THR (MBH/°T.D.)} = \text{THR (MBH)} \div \text{Calculated Design Condenser T.D.}$$

Step 5: Calculate Actual Condenser T.D. and Condensing Temperature

Actual condenser T.D. can be calculated by dividing the design THR by the 1°F T.D. Condenser T.D. Rating.

$$\text{Actual T.D.} = \text{THR (MBH)} \div (\text{Rating at } 1^\circ\text{F})$$

Actual condensing temperature can be calculated by adding the actual condenser T.D. to the design ambient temperature.

$$\text{Actual Condensing Temp.} = \text{Ambient Temperature} + \text{Actual T.D.}$$

Table 3. Altitude Correction Factors

Altitude	Correction Factor
0	1.00
1,000	1.02
2,000	1.05
3,000	1.07
4,000	1.10
5,000	1.12
6,000	1.15
7,000	1.17

CONDENSER PERFORMANCE

Table 4. Performance Data for 60 Hz.

FCB Model	Capacity (MBH / 1°F)				
	R-404A / R-507	R-407C *	R-407A / R-407F	R-448A *	R-449A *
1	0.74	0.70	0.73	0.71	0.73
1.5	0.87	0.82	0.85	0.84	0.86
2	1.00	0.94	0.98	0.96	0.99
3	1.54	1.45	1.51	1.48	1.52
5	2.38	2.24	2.33	2.28	2.36
8	3.92	3.68	3.84	3.76	3.88
10	4.77	4.48	4.67	4.58	4.72
12	5.96	5.60	5.84	5.72	5.90
14	6.85	6.44	6.71	6.58	6.78
16	7.83	7.36	7.67	7.52	7.75
21	10.29	9.67	10.08	9.88	10.19
23	11.07	10.41	10.85	10.63	10.96
26	13.03	12.25	12.77	12.51	12.90

* Based on midpoint condensing temperature

Table 5. Performance Data for 50 Hz.

FCB Model	Capacity (kcal / hr / 1°C)				
	R-404A / R-507	R-407C *	R-407A / R-407F	R-448A *	R-449A *
1	310	291	304	298	307
1.5	360	338	353	346	356
2	420	395	412	403	416
3	640	602	627	614	634
5	990	931	970	950	980
8	1,640	1542	1607	1574	1624
10	1,990	1871	1950	1910	1970
12	2,490	2341	2440	2390	2465
14	2,860	2688	2803	2746	2831
16	3,270	3074	3205	3139	3237
21	4,280	4023	4194	4109	4237
23	4,630	4352	4537	4445	4584
26	5,430	5104	5321	5213	5376

* Based on midpoint condensing temperature

DIMENSIONAL DATA

Diagram 1. Dimensions for FCB Models 1 through 3

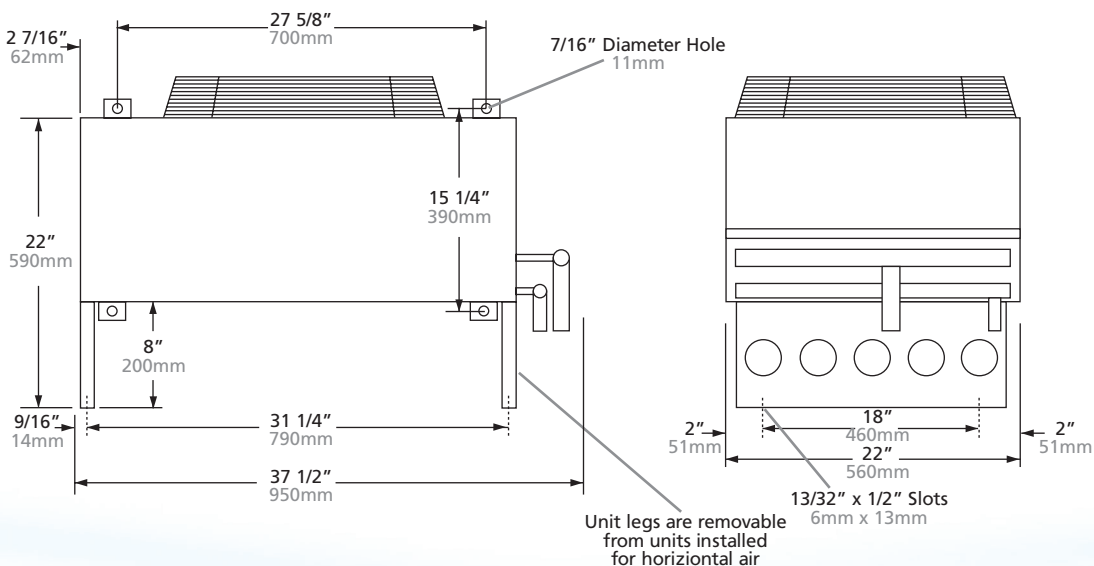


Diagram 2. Dimensions for FCB Models 5 through 26 with Vertical Air Flow

Note: These models could have 1, 2 or 3 fans - see table 6

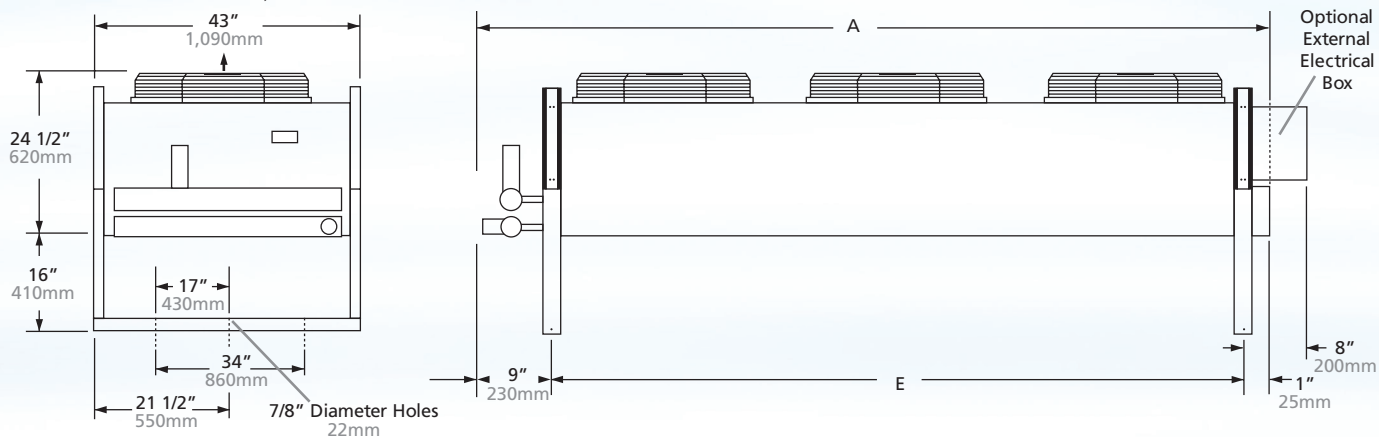
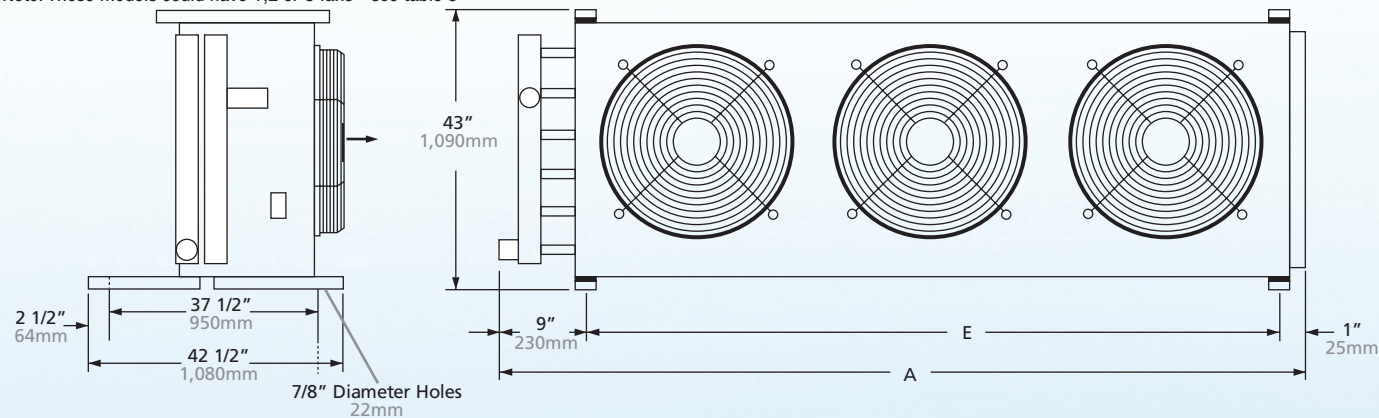


Diagram 3. Dimensions for FCB Models 5 through 26 with Horizontal Flow

Note: These models could have 1, 2 or 3 fans - see table 6



CONDENSER SPECIFICATION / CONDENSER FAN CYCLING

Table 6. Physical Specifications

FCB Models	CFM/m³h		Fan			Motor Data					
			No.	Dia. In./mm		HP¹	FLA¹	HP²	FLA²	HP³	FLA³
1	2400	4100	1	18	460	1/4	2.0	---	---	---	---
1.5	2400	4100	1	18	460	1/4	2.0	---	---	---	---
2	2400	4100	1	18	460	1/4	2.0	---	---	---	---
3	2100	3600	1	18	460	1/4	2.0	---	---	---	---
5	5050	8600	1	24	610	1/3	3.4	1/3	2.6/1.3	1/3	1.0
8	6450	11000	1	26	660	1/2	3.9	1/3	2.6/1.3	1/3	1.0
10	10100	17200	2	24	610	1/3	6.8	1/3	5.2/2.6	1/3	1.9
12	12400	21100	2	26	660	1/2	7.8	1/3	5.2/2.6	1/3	1.9
14	13700	23300	2	26	660	1/2	7.8	1/3	5.2/2.6	1/3	1.9
16	12900	21900	2	26	660	1/2	7.8	1/3	5.2/2.6	1/3	1.9
21	20500	34800	3	26	660	1/2	11.7	1/3	7.8/3.9	1/3	2.9
23	19900	33800	3	26	660	1/2	11.7	1/3	7.8/3.9	1/3	2.9
26	19400	33000	3	26	660	1/2	11.7	1/3	7.8/3.9	1/3	2.9

¹ Motor voltage 208-230/1/60; 1075 RPM
 ² Motor voltage 208-230-460/3/60; 1140 RPM
 ³ Motor Voltage 575/3/60; 1140 RPM

Note: FCB 1-2 available in 115/1/60 voltage;

FCB Models	Dimensions Inches/mm				Connections ODS (In.)		Max. Feeds Avail.	Approx. Net Wt. Lbs./kg	
	A		E		Inlet	Outlet			
1	---		---		3/8	3/8	1	96	44
1.5	---		---		5/8	5/8	2	96	44
2	---		---		7/8	5/8	2	96	44
3	---		---		7/8	5/8	4	114	52
5	40	1010	30	760	1-1/8	7/8	8	180	82
8	50	1260	40	1020	1-1/8	7/8	16	260	118
10	70	1770	60	1520	(2) 1-1/8	(2) 7/8	16	450	204
12	70	1770	60	1520	(2) 1-1/8	(2) 7/8	16	470	213
14	90	2280	80	2030	(2) 1-1/8	(2) 7/8	16	510	231
16	90	2280	80	2030	(2) 1-3/8	(2) 1-1/8	32	530	240
21	130	3300	120	3050	(2) 1-5/8	(2) 1-1/8	24	550	249
23	130	3300	120	3050	(2) 1-5/8	(2) 1-1/8	24	580	263
26	130	3300	120	3050	(2) 1-5/8	(2) 1-1/8	32	625	284

Condenser Fan Cycling

FCB models 10 to 26 condensers are available with either ambient or pressure activated fan cycling packages. Head pressure can be controlled by varying the air flow across the coil in response to changes in ambient temperatures or refrigerant pressures. See Table 7 below for minimum ambients for fan cycling.

Table 7. Minimum Ambient for Fan Cycling (90°F/32°C. Condensing Temperature)

FCB Models	Fans	Design T.D.									
		30°F/ 17°C.		25°F/ 15°C.		20°F/ 12°C.		15°F/ 8°C.		10°F/ 6°C.	
10, 12, 14, 16	2	35	2	45	7	55	13	60	16	70	21
21, 23, 26	3	15	-9	30	-1	40	4	55	13	65	18



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