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COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION

APPLICATION : FOODSERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL KITCHEN

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM

(ACCORDING TO EN 378 GUIDANCE)

R-454C / R-455A

Class III

In technical room or open range (Full cooling piping)

Medium temperature	
Low temperature	

Class II

Compressor in technical room or open range (indoor evaporator)

Medium temperature	Single-unit condensing unit
Low temperature	Single-unit condensing unit

Class I

Indoor (Full cooling piping)

Medium temperature	Plugin unit
Low temperature	Plugin unit

R-1234yf

Medium temperature	
Low temperature	

Medium temperature	Single-unit condensing unit
Low temperature	

Medium temperature	Plugin unit
Low temperature	

R-290

Medium temperature	
Low temperature	

Medium temperature	
Low temperature	

Medium temperature	Plugin unit
Low temperature	Plugin unit

R-744 (CO₂)

Class III

In technical room or open range (Full cooling piping)

Medium temperature	
Low temperature	

Class II

Compressor in technical room or open range (indoor evaporator)

Medium temperature	Small CO ₂ skid
Low temperature	Small CO ₂ skid

Class I

Indoor (Full cooling piping)

Medium temperature	Plugin unit
Low temperature	Plugin unit



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R-744 (CO₂)

Refrigerant type (HFC/HFO/HC/Inorganic)	HFC/HFO	HFO	HC	Inorganic
GWP (according to F-Gas UE/2024/573)	146	0.5	0.02	1
Safety classification Lower Flammability Level LFL	R-454C: A2L - 0.293 kg/m ³ R-455A: A2L - 0.431 kg/m ³	A2L - 0.289 kg/m ³	A3 - 0.038 kg/m ³	A1
Classification (according to Pressure Equipment Directive PED)	1	1	1	2
F-gas quotas	Applicable	Non-applicable	Non-applicable	Non-applicable
Specific regulatory constraints	++	++	+++	++
Maintenance complexity (training, safety, tooling, Personal Protection Equipment PPE ..)	Training is mandatory Specific tooling PPE	Training is mandatory Specific tooling PPE	Training is mandatory Specific tooling PPE	Training is mandatory Specific tooling PPE
Coefficient of Performance COP (theoretical) - Medium temperature ¹	3.8	3.8	3.9	2.9
Coefficient of Performance COP (theoretical) - Low temperature ²	Single stage : 2.2	Not applicable	Single stage : 2.2	R-455A / R-744 Cascade : 2.3 Transcritical CO ₂ : 1.8
Technology readiness (prototyping, field test, availability)	Available	Available	Available	Available

¹ HFC/HFO / HFO / HC : T_k = 45°C - T_o = -10°C - SC = 5K - SR = 10K - Isentropic efficiency = 100%

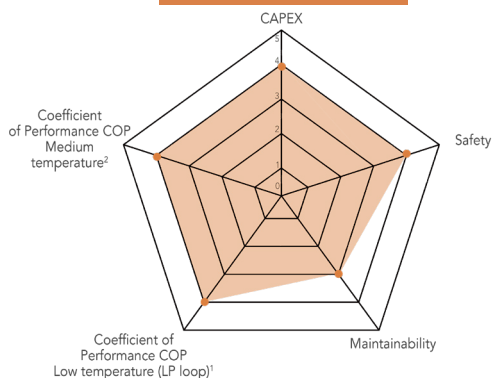
CO₂ : gas-cooler inlet pressure = 95barA - Gas-cooler outlet temperature = 37°C - T_o = -10°C - SC = 5K - Isentropic efficiency = 100% - Transcritical CO₂ with ejector

² HFC/HFO / HFO / HC : T_k = 45°C - T_o = -30°C - SC = 5K - SR = 5K - Isentropic efficiency = 100%

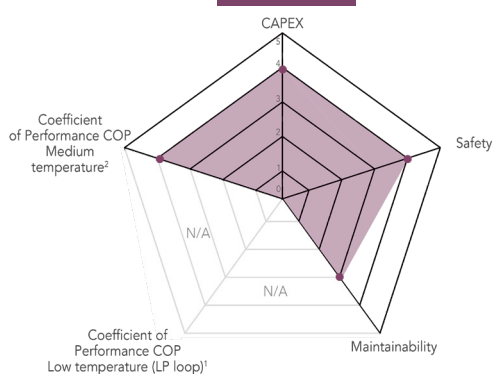
CO₂ cascade layout, with R-455A HP loop : T_k = 45°C - T_o = -5°C - SC et SR = 5K - Isentropic efficiency = 100% / LP loop with R-744 (CO₂) : T_k = 0°C - T_o = -30°C - SC and SR = 5K - Isentropic efficiency = 100%

Transcritical CO₂ with ejector : Gas-cooler inlet pressure = 95barA - Gas-cooler outlet temperature = 37°C - T_o = -30°C - SC = 5K - Isentropic efficiency = 100%

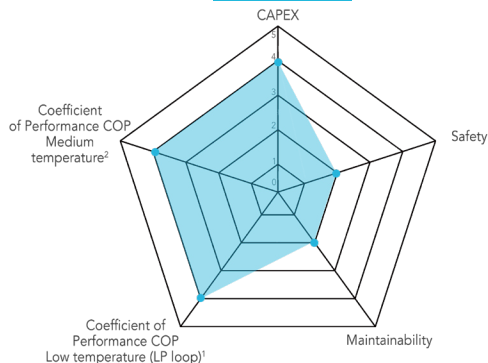
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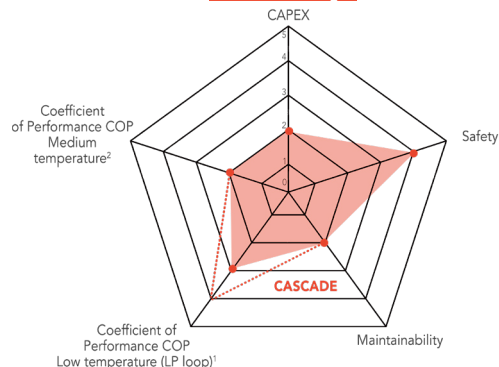
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R-290



R-744 (CO₂)



CONCLUSION

Class I : R-290 is the main solution for plugin units, with about 80% of newly-installed units

Class II : A2L is the preferred solution, due to higher level of installation complexity of CO₂ in this range of cooling capacity