

Automotive Technology 6th Edition

Chapter 67 Heating & Air-Conditioning System Service

Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
Introduce Content	This Automotive Technology 6th text provides complete coverage of automotive components, operation, design, and troubleshooting. It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and ASEEducation (NATEF) and emphasizes a problem-solving approach. Chapter features include Tech Tips, Frequently Asked Questions, Case Studies, Videos, Animations, and ASEEducation (NATEF) Task Sheets.
Motivate Learners	Explain how the knowledge of how something works translates into the ability to use that knowledge to figure why the engine does not work correctly and how this saves diagnosis time, which translates into more money.
State the learning objectives for the chapter or course you are about to cover and explain this is what they should be able to do as a result of attending this session or class.	Explain learning objectives to students as listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss blower motor service, cooling system service, and refrigerant recovery procedures. 2. Explain how to recycle refrigerants, recharge a system, and retrofit a CFC-12 system to a HFC-134A system. 3. Describe how to service the compressor, condenser, evaporator, receiver/drier or accumulator/drier, and orifice tube/expansion valve.
Establish the Mood or Climate	Provide a <i>WELCOME</i> , Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
Complete Essentials	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
Clarify and Establish Knowledge Base	Do a round robin of the class by going around the room and having each student give their backgrounds, years of experience, family, hobbies, career goals, or anything they want to share.

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1. SLIDE 1 Chapter 65 HEATING & AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM SERVICE

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2. SLIDE 2 **EXPLAIN** Figure 67-1 Some heater hoses are best inspected by hoisting the vehicle and inspecting them from underneath the vehicle as shown.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss malfunctioning heater symptoms that point to a defective thermostat.

DEMONSTRATION: demo the below **NATEF TASKS**

3. SLIDE 3 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67-2 HFC-134a systems use quick-disconnect fittings that are larger than those used for CFC-12 systems.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students an example of a quick disconnect service valve for R-134a system, and discuss the purpose and function of service valves. **FIGURE 67-2**

[Refrigerant Service, Charge \(View\) \(Download\)](#)

[Refrigerant Service, Evacuation \(View\) \(Download\)](#)

[Refrigerant Service, Recovery \(View\) \(Download\)](#)

[Service Fitting and Quick-Connect Coupler \(View\) \(Download\)](#)

4. SLIDE 4 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67-3 (a) Refrigerant oil must be retrieved and measured when the refrigerant is recovered from the system. (b) A rubber O-ring is used to

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indicate the level of refrigerant oil already in the container. The exact same amount of refrigerant oil must be installed as was removed when the system is recharged.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to talk about impact of mixing refrigerants on high-side pressure. What are the results of such contamination?

DEMONSTRATION: DEMO below NATEF TASKS

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK A7

Inspect condition of refrigerant oil removed from A/C system; determine needed action.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK A8.

Determine recommended oil and oil capacity for system application.

5. **SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN FIGURE 67-4** O-rings are usually made of neoprene rubber or highly saturated nitriles (HSN) to withstand high temperatures and flexing. O-rings should be changed during a retrofit procedure.
6. **SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN FIGURE 67-5** Ford spring-lock coupling
7. **SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN FIGURE 67-6** special tool is needed to remove and install the Ford spring-lock coupling.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to check and replace the O-ring seals on refrigerant line connectors. FIGURE 67-6

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students check and replace O-ring seals on refrigerant line connectors. FIGURE 67-6

8. **SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN Figure 67-7** The service cap O-ring becomes the primary seal if the service valve leaks.

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WARNING: Refrigerant Can Be Hazardous
Always wear safety glasses and protective gloves when servicing any automotive air-conditioning system. If any refrigerant escapes, it can cause skin to freeze or cause blindness if liquid refrigerant were to get into the eyes.

EXPLAIN TECH TIP: *Use a Micron Vacuum Gauge for Best Results:* A typical vacuum gauge reads in inches of Mercury (in. Hg) and the recommended vacuum level needed to remove moisture from the system is considered to be 27-in. Hg or less. However, many experts recommend using a vacuum gauge that measures amount of air remaining in system. This type of gauge measures vacuum in microns. A micron is one millimeter of a meter and there are about 760,000 microns of air at atmospheric pressure. A vacuum reading of 29.72-in. Hg is about 5,000 microns. Many experts recommend that micron level be 500 or less for best results. This is particularly important when evacuating a dual-climate control system where two evaporators are used and there are long lengths of refrigerant lines. • **SEE FIGURE 67-8.**

9. SLIDE 9 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67-8 An air-conditioning vacuum gauge that reads in microns.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to use a **MICRON gauge when evacuating** an A/C system. **FIGURE 67-8**

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students perform procedures to check refrigerant for the presence of **air**. What problems can result from the presence of this **non-condensable gas** in the refrigerant? How can its presence be remedied?

10. SLIDE 10 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67-9 A typical under-hood sticker that identifies refrigerant and amount needed to change the system in kilograms (0.96 kg is equal to 0.44 pounds).
11. SLIDE 11 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67-10 A temperature and humidity gauge is a useful tool for air-conditioning

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work. The higher the relative humidity, more difficult it is for the air-conditioning system to lower temperature inside the vehicle.

EXPLAIN TECH TIP: *Because It Fits, Does Not Mean It Is Correct!* Many air-conditioning systems use orifice tubes that look similar, if not identical. They are usually color-coded for identification. Always use the recommended orifice tube for vehicle you are servicing. Some examples of various colors and sizes available include:

Make Color Orifice Size (Inches)

- Chrysler purple 0.0605
- Ford red 0.0605
- Ford orange 0.0560
- Ford brown 0.0470
- Ford green 0.0505
- GM yellow 0.0605

12. SLIDE 12 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67–11 (a) When a system is retrofitted from CFC-12 to HFC-134a, proper service fittings have to be used to help assure that cross-contamination does not occur. (b) An underhood sticker is also installed indicating that the system was retrofitted to HFC-134a and when it was done and by whom.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss procedures for **retrofitting** a CFC-12 system on older vehicle to HFC-134a system. How can you determine amount of HFC-134a required to recharge system?

FIGURE 67-11

Some shops add yellow dye to AC system during a recharge to help locate a leak

13. SLIDE 13 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 67–12 A special tool is needed to remove and install magnetic clutch on the air-conditioning compressor.

Check the under-hood sticker to determine the correct refrigerant to use & amount.

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DISCUSSION: Ask students to talk about the major components of a **compressor** system. What should be checked on each component when the compressor fails? **FIGURE 67-13**

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students follow procedures to remove a **compressor**. What safety precautions should be taken prior to removing compressor?

Any time you replace a compressor due to mechanical problems, flushing AC system is recommended. This helps ensure that new compressor is free from metal debris that could shorten its life.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B1.

Inspect, remove, and/or replace A/C compressor drive belts, pulleys, tensioners and visually inspect A/C components for signs of leaks; determine needed action.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B2.

Inspect, test, service and/or replace A/C compressor clutch components and/or assembly; check compressor clutch air gap; adjust as needed.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B3.

Remove, inspect, reinstall, and/or replace A/C compressor and mountings; determine recommended oil type and quantity.

EXPLAIN TECH TIP: An Additional Filter Is

Insurance: If the air-conditioning compressor is found to be damaged mechanically, many experts recommend that an additional filter be installed in the refrigerant line to trap any debris that may have gotten into the system. This additional filter helps prevent the new compressor from being harmed by the debris as it circulates through system.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to talk about the procedures for **recycling refrigerant**. What are the consequences for failing to follow proper recycling procedures?

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DEMONSTRATION: Show students proper procedures for refrigerant recovery.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss evacuation procedures for refrigerant. What is purpose of applying a vacuum to A/C system during this procedure?

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK E1

Perform correct use and maintenance of refrigerant handling equipment according to equipment manufacturer's standards.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK E2

Identify A/C system refrigerant; test for sealants; recover, evacuate, and charge A/C system; add refrigerant oil as required.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK E3.

Recycle, label, and store refrigerant.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B5.

Determine need for an additional A/C system filter; perform needed action.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B6.

Remove and inspect A/C system mufflers, hoses, lines, fittings, O-rings, seals, and service valves; perform needed action

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B8.

Remove, inspect, and replace receiver/drier or accumulator/drier; determine recommended oil type and quantity.

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ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B9.

Remove, inspect, and install expansion valve or orifice (expansion) tube.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B10

Inspect evaporator housing water drain; perform needed action.

Use a biocide to get rid of mildew that forms in the evaporator.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to use a fin comb to straighten fins of condenser. Why might this action be necessary? FIGURE 67-13

14. **SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN FIGURE 67-13** A fin comb is used to straighten the fins on condenser to help increase airflow and heat transfer.
15. **SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN FIGURE 67-14** Always be sure that the service valves are snug before evacuating the system. They are a common place for small refrigerant leaks.

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B13

Remove, inspect, reinstall, and/or replace condenser; determine required oil type and quantity.

EXPLAIN TECH TIP: *Might as Well Do It Now*

Whenever an evaporator is being replaced, many service technicians recommend that the heater core also be replaced. This is especially true if the vehicle had a neglected cooling system. Most heater cores are close to, or even have to be removed, to replace an evaporator. The only additional cost to the vehicle owner is the cost of the heater core itself.

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ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK B12

Determine procedure to remove and reinstall evaporator; determine required oil type and quantity

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss recommended servicing procedures for evaporator, receiver/drier or accumulator drier, & orifice tube or expansion valve

ON-VEHICLE ASE EDUCATION TASK Remove, inspect, and reinstall evaporator; determine required oil quantity.