

44.14 A 2ton AC unit with remote compressor using R-134a operates with a condenser pressure of 150psia and an evaporator pressure of 50psia. The suction line is a  $\frac{5}{8}$ in diameter type L copper tube with a length of 30ft. What is the pressure drop for the suction line?

- A. 0.5psi
- B. 1.3psi
- C. 1.9psi
- D. 5.8psi

Look up **Suction Line Capacities in Tons for Refrigerant 134a** in the Reference Handbook. Using the **Pressure Versus Enthalpy Curves for Refrigerant 134a**, determine the evaporator temperature that corresponds to an evaporator pressure of 50psia. Use the evaporator temperature and the diameter of the suction line to obtain the capacity from the table. Also note the corresponding pressure drop from the table.

$$P_{evap} = 50psia$$

$$T_{evap} = 40^{\circ}F$$

$$Capacity = 0.66tons$$

$$\Delta P = 1.93psi/100ft$$

Use the equation from Note 3 below the table to adjust for the actual length and capacity given:

$$\Delta t = Table \Delta t \left( \frac{Actual L_e}{Table L_e} \right) \times \left( \frac{Actual Capacity}{Table Capacity} \right)^{1.8}$$

$$\Delta t = (2^{\circ}F) \left( \frac{30ft}{100ft} \right) \times \left( \frac{2tons}{0.66tons} \right)^{1.8} = 4.41^{\circ}F$$

The actual pressure drop is linearly related to the actual temperature drop. Set up a proportion and solve, using the actual length:

$$\frac{\Delta P_{actual}}{\Delta P_{table}} = \frac{\Delta T_{actual}}{\Delta T_{table}}$$

$$\Delta P_{actual} = \Delta P_{table} \left( \frac{\Delta T_{actual}}{\Delta T_{table}} \right) = \left( 1.93 \frac{psi}{100ft} \right) \left( \frac{4.41^{\circ}F}{2^{\circ}F} \right) = 4.25 \frac{psi}{100ft}$$

$$\Delta P = \left( 4.25 \frac{psi}{100ft} \right) (30ft) = 1.3psi$$

**Answer B**

**44.15** Air at  $85^\circ F$  and 40% relative humidity enters a direct evaporative cooler with a saturation efficiency of 60%. What is the leaving air temperature?

- A.  $62^\circ F$
- B.  $68^\circ F$
- C.  $74^\circ F$
- D.  $78^\circ F$

The efficiency (**Saturation Efficiency**) of an **Evaporative Cooler** is the ratio of the actual temperature reduction achieved compared with the temperature differential if the air was cooled to the wet bulb temperature, i.e. fully *saturated*.

The entering conditions, State 1, are fully defined. Use the **Psychrometric Chart** to obtain the wet bulb temperature:

$$T_{1,db} = 85^\circ F$$

$$\phi_1 = 40\%$$

$$T_{1,wb} = 67.3^\circ F$$

Write the equation for the Saturation Efficiency and solve for the leaving air temperature,  $T_2$ :

$$\varepsilon_e = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1 - T_{wb}}$$

$$.6 = \left( \frac{85^\circ F - T_2}{85^\circ F - 67.3^\circ F} \right) \rightarrow T_2 = 74.4^\circ F$$

**Answer C**