

RESISTANCE THERMOMETER

Definition :- Resistance thermometers is a device that is used to determine temperature by the variation in the resistance of a conductor. It is commonly known as Resistance Temperature Detectors (RTD) & it is an accurate temperature sensor.

Working Principle :-

When the temperature of the metal increases or decreases, the mean free path of the conduction electrons which travel of the bounded ions, increases or decreases. This phenomenon is called the electronic temperature detector principle. However, it is not exactly a Wheatstone bridge but a variation in the circuit is connected to one arm of the Wheatstone bridge. The resistors R_1 and R_2 are fixed resistors and R_3 is the variable resistor.

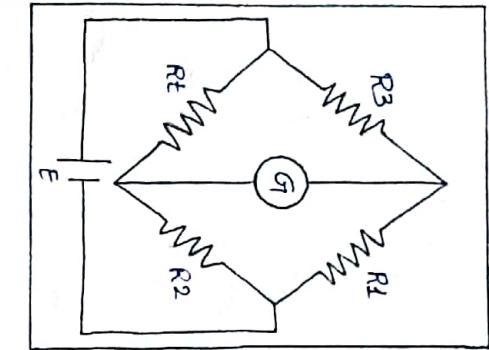
Circuit :- The resistance thermometer circuit is built on a Wheatstone bridge circuit. However, it is not exactly a Wheatstone bridge but a variation in the circuit is connected to one arm of the Wheatstone bridge. The resistors R_1 and R_2 are fixed resistors and R_3 is the variable resistor. R_3 is the Wheatstone bridge resistance that is used in the circuit at Bonniett junctions.

$$R_t = \frac{R_0}{R_0} \times R_3$$

$$\text{If } R_0 = R_2 \\ \text{Then } R_t = R_3$$

The variable resistance R_3 used in nothing but an adjustable potentiometer. We use lead wires to connect the detection resistance to our circuit.

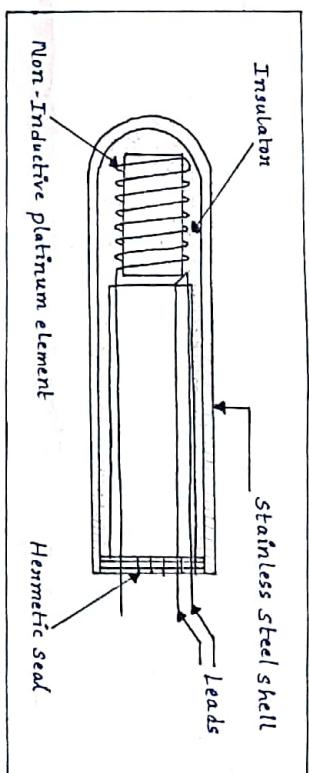
Construction of a Detection Resistance



A platinum resistance thermometer consists of a platinum coil that is present inside a criss frame. It is placed in an evacuated tube which is made of stainless steel. The coil arrangement generates very little strain when there is an increase in temperature.

This may cause an undesirable change of resistance. For the construction, the pure platinum wire must be used. The purity of the platinum can be confirmed using the formula $R_t = R_0 (1 + \alpha t + \beta t^2)$. In the case of pure platinum material, the value must be greater than 1.390. The relation of resistance with respect to that of temperature can be given by the equation.

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Advantages :-

- (1) It gives an accurate result.
- (2) It is used in various industrial applications.
- (3) The temperature range is between -200°C to 1000°C .
- (4) It has endless applications.

Disadvantages :-

- (1) The sensitivity of platinum is extremely less for a small change in temperature.
- (2) The response time is quite slow.
- (3) RTD is not used for dynamic temperature measurement.

Material used :-

Platinum is the most common material used in resistance thermometers due to its stability, linearity and wide temperature range.

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TYPE I AND II SUPERCONDUCTORS

TYPE - I Superconductors :-

- (a) Type I superconductors are those superconductors that lose their superconductivity very easily and abruptly when placed in the external magnetic field. As you can see from the graph of the intensity of magnetization(I) versus applied magnetic field(H), when the type I superconductor is placed in the magnetic field, it suddenly and easily loses its superconductivity at the critical magnetic field (H_{c1}).



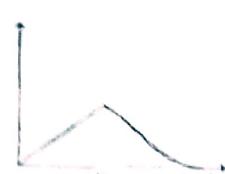
- (b) Type I superconductors are also known as hard superconductors, because of this reason to they lose their superconductivity easily.

- (c) Type I superconductors perfectly obey the Meissner effect.

- (d) Example of type I superconductors: Aluminum($H_c = 10$ Oerstedtesla); Nb_{3}Sn ($H_c = 0.0054$)

TYPE - II superconductors :-

- (a) Type II superconductors are those superconductors that lose their superconductivity gradually but not easily when placed in the external magnetic field. As you can see from the graph of the intensity of magnetization(I) versus applied magnetic field(H), when the type II superconductor is placed in the magnetic field, it gradually loses its superconductivity at the lower superconducting. Type-II superconductors start to lose their superconductivity at the lower critical magnetic field (H_{c1}) and completely lose their superconductivity at the upper critical magnetic field (H_{c2}).



- (b) The state between the lower critical magnetic field(H_{c1}) and upper critical magnetic field(H_{c2}) is known as Meissner state or dome intermediate state.

- (c) Type II superconductors are also known as soft superconductors, because of this reason to they lose their superconductivity gradually but not easily.

- (d) Type II superconductors obey the Meissner effect but not completely.

- (e) Example of type II superconductors: NbN ($H_c = 8$ kilo tesla), BaBi_2O_5 ($H_c = 8$ kilo tesla)

APPLICATIONS OF SUPERCONDUCTORS

1. power transmission :- Electrical power transmission through any conductor is always accompanied by energy loss IR . If superconductors are used, the losses will be eliminated.

2. Superconducting magnets :- An electromagnet made by using coils of superconducting wire for cables is called superconducting magnet. Superconducting magnets are used in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), technique.

3. electrical applications - Cryotron :- Cryotron consists of a wire of superconducting material A wound within another wire of superconducting material B. It is wound in the form of solenoid. The wire A is called as gate.

- The cryotron is based on the principle of disappearance of superconductivity above H_{c1} .

- If a current is made to flow through B, then it will produce a magnetic field. If the magnetic field greater than H_{c1} then A will become a normal conductor now current through A is stopped by removing the current through B. Now A switches back to superconducting state. The current will again flow through A. Therefore induction B acts as a gate and induction B as control and the system acts as a fast acting switch.



4. magnetic vehicles :- The maglev vehicle (maglev train) consists of superconducting magnets built in the base. Say the vehicle runs over an aluminium track in which a current is flowing. The train is set apart by magnetic induction. A speed of 321 miles/hour was recorded in 1997 by a magnetic levitated train in Japan.

5. Very strong magnetic fields :- Very strong magnetic field can be generated with coils made of superconducting materials. The cost is lesser than conventional electromagnets used in research and diagnostic equipments in medicine.

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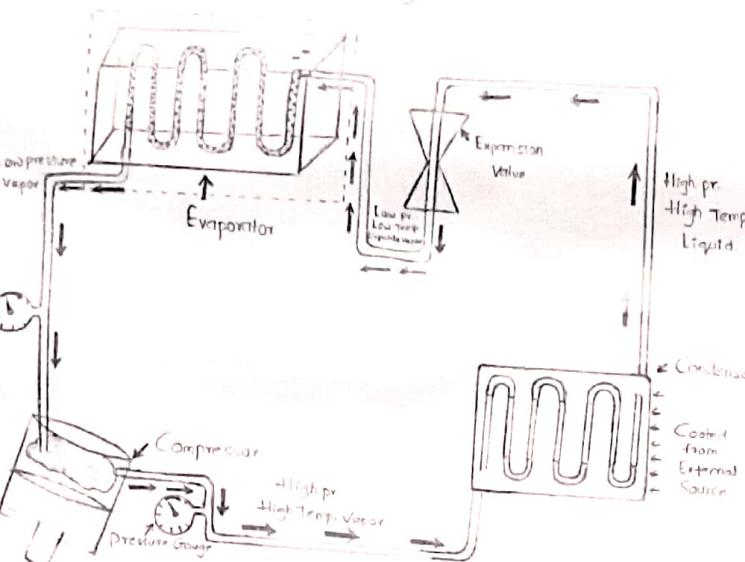
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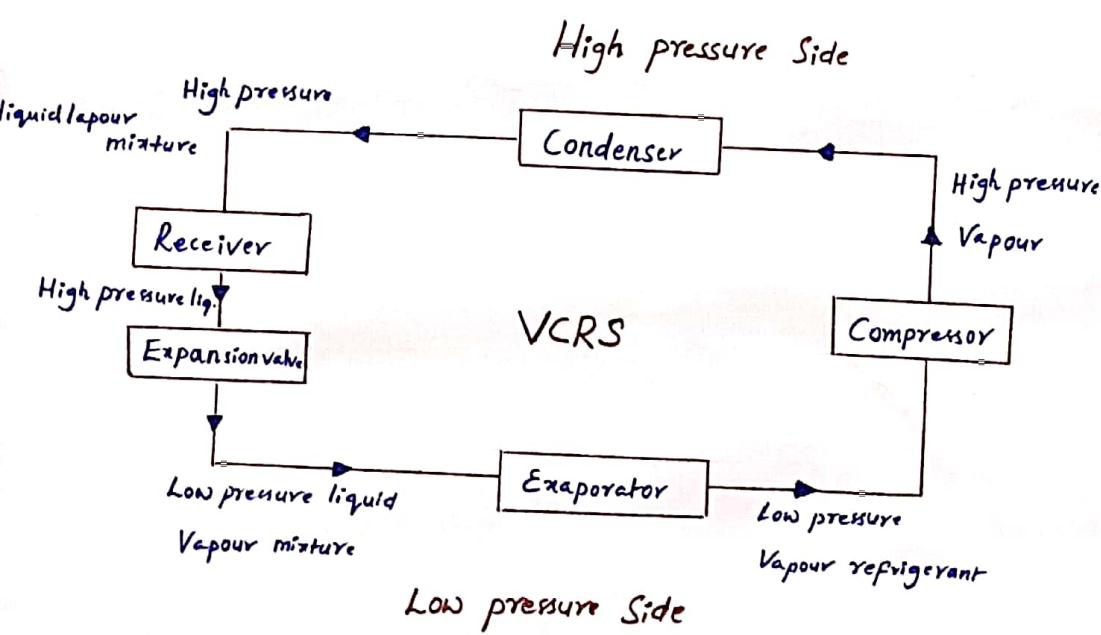
Simple Vapour Compression Refrigeration System

Refrigeration:- Refrigeration may be defined as the process of removing heat from a substance under controlled conditions.

- It also includes the process of reducing & maintaining the temperature of body below a general temperature of its surrounding.
- In other words it refrigeration means a continued extraction of heat from a body whose temperature is already below the temperature of its surrounding.

A Vapour Compression Refrigeration System is an improved type of air-refrigeration system in which a suitable working substance, termed as refrigerant is used.

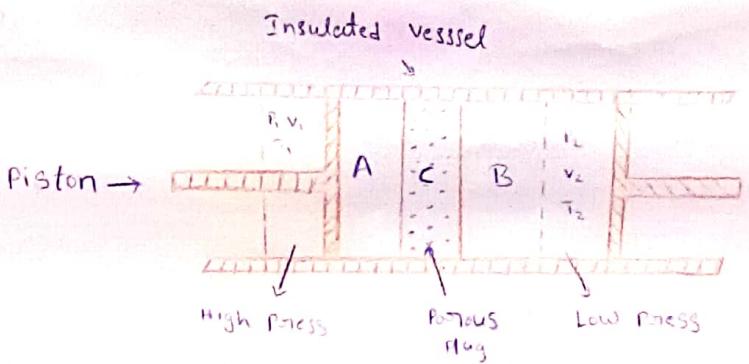
- It Condenses & evaporates at temperatures & pressures close to the atmospheric conditions.
- The refrigerants generally used for this purpose are ammonia (NH_3), Carbon dioxide (CO_2), Sulphur dioxide (SO_2), etc.
- The refrigerant used, does not leave the system but is circulated throughout the system.
- The system comprises of components such as
 - i) Compressor
 - ii) Condenser & receiver
 - iii) Expansion valve
 - iv) Evaporator.



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Joule Thomson Effect



Joule and Thomson observed that when a gas is allowed to expand freely through a porous plug from a region of high pressure to a region of low pressure adiabatically, the gas gets cool. This effect is known as Joule Thomson effect.

$$W = PV$$

$$\text{Work done in chamber A} = P_1 V_1$$

$$\text{Work done in chamber B} = P_2 V_2$$

$$\text{Net work done}$$

$$\Delta W = P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1 \rightarrow 0$$

Since the expansion is adiabatically

$$\Delta Q = 0$$

From this first law of thermodynamics

$$\Delta Q = \Delta E + \Delta W$$

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$$\Delta E = -\Delta W$$

$$\Delta E = -(P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1)$$

$$\Delta E = P_1 V_1 - P_2 V_2$$

$$E_2 - E_1 = -P_2 V_2 + P_1 V_1$$

$$\{ H = (E + PV) \}$$

$$E_2 + P_2 V_2 = E_1 + P_1 V_1$$

$$H_2 = H_1$$

$$H_2 - H_1 = 0$$

$$\Delta H = 0$$

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TYPES OF COMPRESSORS

* What is Compressor?

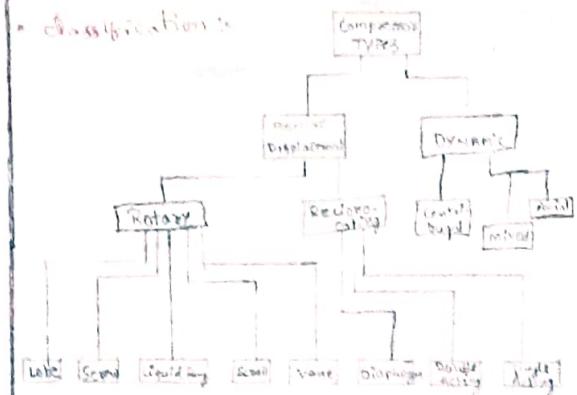
- Compressor is a mechanical device that compresses gases.
- It is widely used in industries and has various applications such as air compressor, etc.

- Major difference is that compressor handles the gases and comes handles the liquids.
- As gases are compressible the compressor also reduces the volume of gas.
- Liquids are relatively incompressible.

* What are needed?

- Compressors have many everyday uses, such as:
- Air conditioners can handle
- Home and Industrial refrigeration
- Hydraulics compressors for industrial machines
- Air compressors for industrial manufacturing.

* Classification:-



* Positive Displacement:-

- Positive-displacement compressors operate by forcing a fixed volume of fluid from the inlet pressure section into compression into the discharge zone of the compressor.

* Reciprocating compressors:-

- Mechanical piston type
 - Single acting.
 - Double acting.
 - Diaphragm type.

* Single Acting:-

- A single acting reciprocating piston compressor consists of a single cylinder which only takes in and discharges fluid at one end.

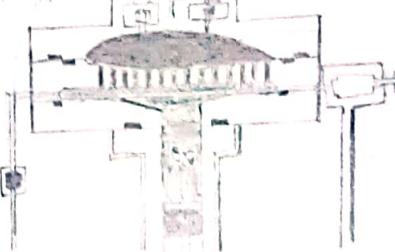
* Double Acting:-

- A double acting unit also has only one cylinder but it is fitted up to take in and discharge fluid at both ends.

* Diaphragm Type:-

- A diaphragm compressor is a variant of the classic reciprocating compressor.
- The compression of gas occurs by means of flexible membrane instead of an piston element.

* Working:-



* Advantages:-

- Oil-free compression due to hermetic separation between gas and oil chamber.
- Abrasion-free compressor due to static seals in the gas stream.
- Automatic feature prevents damage shutdown in case of a diaphragm failure prevents damage.

- Discharge pressure up to 130 bar.

* Applications:-

- Industrial industry
- Biogas plants
- Chemical and petrochemical industry
- Chip manufacturing
- Laboratory and research facilities
- Food industry
- Hydrogen filling stations
- Rotating compressors:-
- Rotary compressors function in a way which fixed amount of air is displaced with each revolution.

* Reciprocating Compressor:-

- A small compressor operating in Reciprocating mode as a scroll expander and can be used to generate mechanical work from the expansion of a fluid compressed into a gas.

* Advantages of scroll compressors:-

- The absence of pistons for gas compression enables scroll compressors to reach 100% volumetric efficiency leading to reduced energy costs.
- Re-expansion losses a typical feature of each piston stroke encountered in reciprocating compressors are eliminated. In addition, valve losses are eliminated.

* Disadvantages of scroll compressors:-

- Being fully hermetic, perhaps the biggest disadvantage of scroll compressors is that they are generally not easily repairable.

* Vibration:-

- Since their introduction, scroll compressors have been successfully used in applications involving food and fruit refrigeration, mobile transportation, marine containers as well as residential and small to medium scale commercial air-conditioning applications.

* Liquid Ring Type:-

- They are typically used as a vacuum pump section.
- Also be used as a gas compressor.
- The function of a liquid ring pump is similar to a reciprocating pump, with the difference being that the valves are integral part of the rotor.

* Advantages:-

- Almost all gases and vapours are compressed even those containing dust and liquids.

- There is only a very slight rise in the temperature of the gas.
- There is a high level of reliability in service with a minimum of maintenance required.

* Applications:-

- Applications include vacuuming air, water, gas boosting / recovery, explosive gas boosting, & chemical processes.


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STAGES OF REFRIGERATION

* The vapor compression refrigeration cycle involves four components:

- (i) Compressor
- (ii) Condenser
- (iii) Throttling and Expansion
- (iv) Evaporator

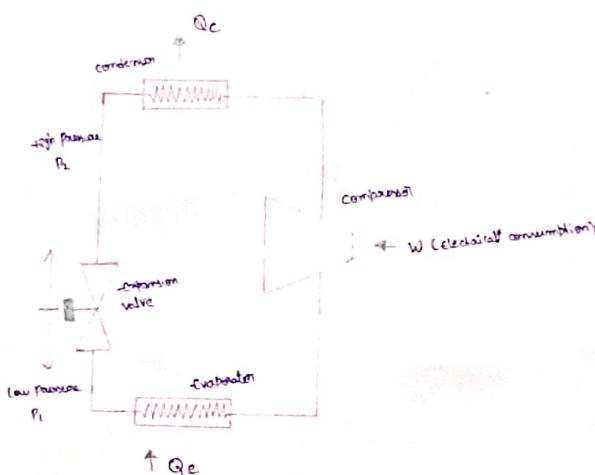
Compressor
Step 1 :- The refrigerant (for example R-12) enters the compressor at low temperature and low pressure. It is in a gaseous state.
Here, compression takes place to raise the temperature and refrigerant pressure.

Condenser
Step 2 :- The condenser is essentially a heat exchanger. Heat is transferred from the refrigerant to a flow of water.

Throttling and Expansion
Step 3 :- When the refrigerant enters the throttling valve, it expands and reduces pressure. Consequently, the temperature drops of the refrigerant.

Evaporation
Step 4 :- At this stage of the vapor compression refrigeration cycle, the refrigerant is at a lower temperature than its surroundings.

Therefore, it evapourates and absorbs latent heat of vaporization.



* Refrigeration is cooling process, is the removal of unwanted heat from a selected object, substance, or space and its transfer to another object, substance, or space. Removal of heat lowers the temperature of space and its transfer to another object, substance, or space. Mechanical refrigeration and may be accomplished by use of ice, snow, chilled water or mechanical refrigeration.

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