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# Precaution for Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER"

The Supplemental Restraint System such as "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER", used along with a front seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger for certain types of collision. This system includes seat belt switch inputs and dual stage front air bag modules. The SRS system uses the seat belt switches to determine the front air bag deployment, and may only deploy one front air bag, depending on the severity of a collision and whether the front occupants are belted or unbelted. Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the SR and SB section of this Service Manual.

#### **WARNING:**

- To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision which would result in air bag inflation, all maintenance must be performed by an authorized NISSAN/INFINITI dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system. For removal of Spiral Cable and Air Bag Module, see the SR section.
- Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the SRS unless instructed to in this Service Manual. SRS wiring harnesses can be identified by yellow and/or orange harnesses or harness connectors.

PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING POWER TOOLS (AIR OR ELECTRIC) AND HAMMERS

#### **WARNING:**

- When working near the Airbag Diagnosis Sensor Unit or other Airbag System sensors with the Ignition ON or engine running, DO NOT use air or electric power tools or strike near the sensor(s) with a hammer. Heavy vibration could activate the sensor(s) and deploy the air bag(s), possibly causing serious injury.
- When using air or electric power tools or hammers, always switch the Ignition OFF, disconnect the battery, and wait at least 3 minutes before performing any service.

Precaution Necessary for Steering Wheel Rotation After Battery Disconnect

#### NOTE:

- Before removing and installing any control units, first turn the push-button ignition switch to the LOCK position, then disconnect both battery cables.
- After finishing work, confirm that all control unit connectors are connected properly, then re-connect both battery cables.
- Always use CONSULT to perform self-diagnosis as a part of each function inspection after finishing work. If a DTC is detected, perform trouble diagnosis according to self-diagnosis results.

This vehicle is equipped with a push-button ignition switch and a steering lock unit.

If the battery is disconnected or discharged, the steering wheel will lock and cannot be turned.

If turning the steering wheel is required with the battery disconnected or discharged, follow the procedure below before starting the repair operation.

#### **OPERATION PROCEDURE**

Connect both battery cables.

#### NOTE:

Supply power using jumper cables if battery is discharged.

- 2. Carry the Intelligent Key or insert it to the key slot and turn the push-button ignition switch to ACC position. (At this time, the steering lock will be released.)
- Disconnect both battery cables. The steering lock will remain released with both battery cables disconnected and the steering wheel can be turned.
- 4. Perform the necessary repair operation.

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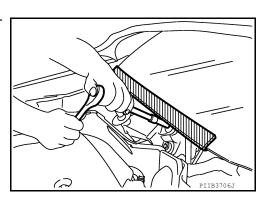
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- 5. When the repair work is completed, re-connect both battery cables. With the brake pedal released, turn the push-button ignition switch from ACC position to ON position, then to LOCK position. (The steering wheel will lock when the push-button ignition switch is turned to LOCK position.)
- Perform self-diagnosis check of all control units using CONSULT.

# Precaution for Procedure without Cowl Top Cover

When performing the procedure after removing cowl top cover, cover the lower end of windshield with urethane, etc.



Precaution for Working with HFC-134a (R-134a)

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#### **WARNING:**

- CFC-12 (R-12) refrigerant and HFC-134a (R-134a) refrigerant are not compatible. If the refrigerants are mixed compressor failure is likely to occur. Refer to <u>HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks"</u>. To determine the purity of HFC-134a (R-134a) in the vehicle and recovery tank, use Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling Recharging equipment and Refrigerant Identifier.
- Use only specified oil for the HFC-134a (R-134a) A/C system and HFC-134a (R-134a) components. If oil other than that specified is used, compressor failure is likely to occur.
- The specified HFC-134a (R-134a) oil rapidly absorbs moisture from the atmosphere. The following handling precautions must be observed:
- When removing refrigerant components from a vehicle, immediately cap (seal) the component to minimize the entry of moisture from the atmosphere.
- When installing refrigerant components to a vehicle, do not remove the caps (unseal) until just before connecting the components. Connect all refrigerant loop components as quickly as possible to minimize the entry of moisture into system.
- Only use the specified oil from a sealed container. Immediately reseal containers of oil. Without proper sealing, oil will become moisture saturated and should not be used.
- Avoid breathing A/C refrigerant and oil vapor or mist. Exposure may irritate eyes, nose and throat. Remove HFC-134a (R-134a) from the A/C system using certified service equipment meeting requirements of SAE J2210 [HFC-134a (R-134a) recycling equipment], or J2209 [HFC-134a (R-134a) recycling equipment], If accidental system discharge occurs, ventilate work area before resuming service. Additional health and safety information may be obtained from refrigerant and oil manufacturers.
- Do not allow A/C oil to come in contact with styrofoam parts. Damage may result.

# Contaminated Refrigerant

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#### If a refrigerant other than pure HFC-134a (R-134a) is identified in a vehicle, your options are:

- Explain to the customer that environmental regulations prohibit the release of contaminated refrigerant into the atmosphere.
- Explain that recovery of the contaminated refrigerant could damage your service equipment and refrigerant supply.
- Suggest the customer return the vehicle to the location of previous service where the contamination may have occurred.
- If you choose to perform the repair, recover the refrigerant using only **dedicated equipment and containers. Do not recover contaminated refrigerant into your existing service equipment.** If your facility does not have dedicated recovery equipment, you may contact a local refrigerant product retailer for available service. This refrigerant must be disposed of in accordance with all federal and local regulations. In addition, replacement of all refrigerant system components on the vehicle is recommended.
- If the vehicle is within the warranty period, the air conditioner warranty is void. Please contact NISSAN Customer Affairs for further assistance.

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# **General Refrigerant Precaution**

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#### **WARNING:**

- Do not release refrigerant into the air. Use approved recovery/recycling equipment to capture the refrigerant every time an air conditioning system is discharged.
- Always wear eye and hand protection (goggles and gloves) when working with any refrigerant or air conditioning system.
- Do not store or heat refrigerant containers above 52°C (125°F).
- Do not heat a refrigerant container with an open flame; if container warming is required, place the bottom of the container in a warm pail of water.
- Do not intentionally drop, puncture, or incinerate refrigerant containers.
- Keep refrigerant away from open flames: poisonous gas will be produced if refrigerant burns.
- Refrigerant will displace oxygen, therefore be certain to work in well ventilated areas to prevent suffocation.
- Do not pressure test or leak test HFC-134a (R-134a) service equipment and/or vehicle air conditioning systems with compressed air during repair. Some mixtures of air and HFC-134a (R-134a) have been shown to be combustible at elevated pressures. These mixtures, if ignited, may cause injury or property damage. Additional health and safety information may be obtained from refrigerant manufacturers.

# Precaution for Leak Detection Dye

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- The A/C system contains a fluorescent leak detection dye used for locating refrigerant leaks. An ultraviolet (UV) lamp is required to illuminate the dye when inspecting for leaks.
- Always wear fluorescence enhancing UV safety goggles to protect your eyes and enhance the visibility of the fluorescent dye.
- A compressor shaft seal should not be repaired because of dye seepage. The compressor shaft seal should only be repaired after confirming the leak with an electronic refrigerant leak detector (J-41995).
- Always remove any dye from the leak area after repairs are complete to avoid a misdiagnosis during a future service.
- Do not allow dye to come into contact with painted body panels or interior components. If dye is spilled, clean immediately with the approved dye cleaner. Fluorescent dye left on a surface for an extended period of time cannot be removed.
- Do not spray the fluorescent dye cleaning agent on hot surfaces (engine exhaust manifold, etc.).
- Do not use more than one refrigerant dye bottle (1/4 ounce / 7.4 cc) per A/C system.
- Leak detection dyes for HFC-134a (R-134a) and HC-12 (R-12) A/C systems are different. Do not use HFC-134a (R-134a) leak detection dye in R-12 A/C systems or HC-12 (R-12) leak detection dye in HFC-134a (R-134a) A/C systems or A/C system damage may result.
- The fluorescent properties of the dye will remain for over three (3) years unless a compressor failure occurs.

# A/C Identification Label

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Vehicles with factory installed fluorescent dye have this identification label on the underside of hood.

# **Precaution for Refrigerant Connection**

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A new type refrigerant connection has been introduced to all refrigerant lines except the following locations.

- Expansion valve to cooling unit
- Evaporator pipes to evaporator (inside cooling unit)
- · Refrigerant pressure sensor

# FEATURES OF NEW TYPE REFRIGERANT CONNECTION

The O-ring has been relocated. It has also been provided with a groove for proper installation. This eliminates the chance of the O-ring being caught in, or damaged by, the mating part. The sealing direction of the O-ring is now set vertically in relation to the contacting surface of the mating part to improve sealing characteristics.

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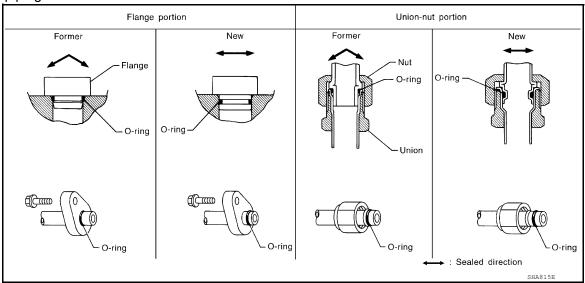
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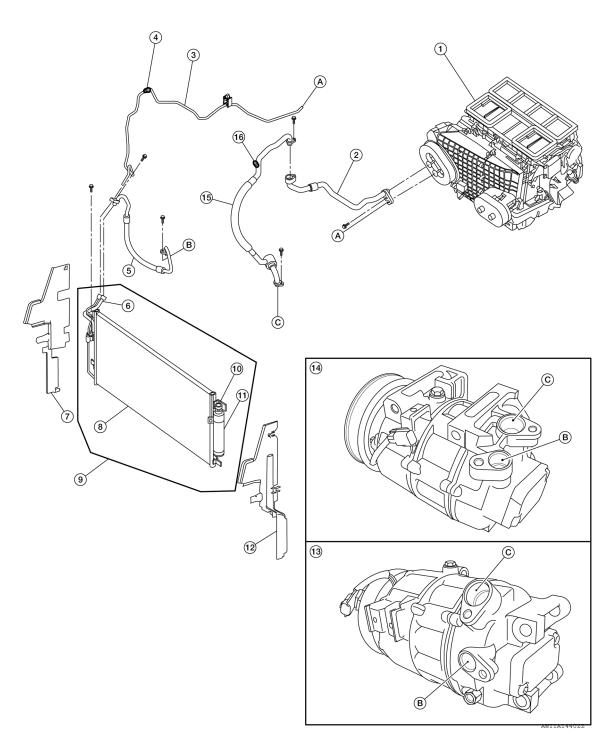
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• The reaction force of the O-ring will not occur in the direction that causes the joint to pull out, thereby facilitating piping connections.



O-RING AND REFRIGERANT CONNECTION

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- 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly
- 4. High-pressure A/C service valve
- 7. Air deflector (RH)
- 10. Refrigerant pressure sensor
- 13. Compressor (VQ35DE)
- 2. Low-pressure pipe
- 5. High-pressure flexible hose
- 8. Condenser
- 11. Liquid tank assembly
- 14. Compressor (QR25DE)
- 3. High-pressure pipe
- 6. Junction pipe (VQ35DE only)
- 9. Condenser and liquid tank assembly
- 12. Air deflector (LH)
- 15 Low-pressure flexible hose

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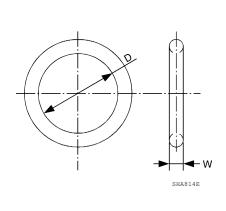
- 16. Low-pressure A/C service vale
- A. High-pressure pipe to heater and cooling unit assembly
- B. High-pressure flexible hose to compressor

 C. Low-pressure flexible hose to compressor

#### **CAUTION:**

The new and former refrigerant connections use different O-ring configurations. Do not confuse O-rings since they are not interchangeable. If a wrong O-ring is installed, refrigerant will leak at, or around, the connection.

O-Ring Specifications\*



Connection type	O-ring size	D mm (in)	W mm (in)
New	8	6.8 (0.268)	1.85 (0.0728)
Former	10	9.25 (0.3642)	1.78 (0.0701)
New	12	10.9 (0.429)	2.43 (0.0957)
Former	12	11.0 (0.433)	2.4 (0.094)
New	16	13.6 (0.535)	2.43 (0.0957)
Former	10	14.3 (0.563)	2.3 (0.091)
New	19	16.5 (0.650)	2.43 (0.0957)
Former	19	17.12 (0.6740)	1.78 (0.0701)
New	24	21.8 (0.858)	2.4 (0.094)

<sup>\*:</sup> Always check with the Parts Department for the latest parts information.

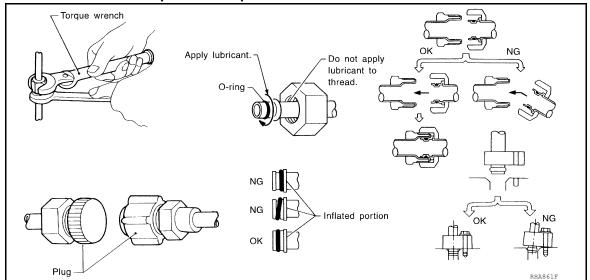
#### WARNING:

Make sure all refrigerant is discharged into the recycling equipment and the pressure in the system is less than atmospheric pressure. Then gradually loosen the discharge side hose fitting and remove it. **CAUTION**:

When replacing or cleaning refrigerant cycle components, observe the following.

- When the compressor is removed, store it in the same position as it is when mounted on the car. Failure to do so will cause oil to enter the low pressure chamber.
- When connecting tubes, always use a torque wrench and a back-up wrench.
- After disconnecting tubes, immediately plug all openings to prevent entry of dirt and moisture.
- When installing an air conditioner in the vehicle, connect the pipes as the final stage of the operation. Do not remove the seal caps of pipes and other components until just before required for connection.
- Allow components stored in cool areas to warm to working area temperature before removing seal caps. This prevents condensation from forming inside A/C components.
- Thoroughly remove moisture from the refrigeration system before charging the refrigerant.
- Do not reuse O-rings.
- When connecting tube, apply oil to circle of the O-rings shown in illustration. Be careful not to apply oil to threaded portion.
  - Oil name: NISSAN A/C System Oil Type S or equivalent
- O-ring must be closely attached to dented portion of tube.
- When replacing the O-ring, be careful not to damage O-ring and tube.
- Connect tube until you hear it click, then tighten the nut or bolt by hand until snug. Make sure that the O-ring is installed to tube correctly.

After connecting line, conduct leak test and make sure that there is no leakage from connections.
 When the gas leaking point is found, disconnect that line and replace the O-ring. Then tighten connections of seal seat to the specified torque.



# Precaution for Service of Compressor

- Plug all openings to prevent moisture and foreign matter from entering.
- When the compressor is removed, store it in the same position as it is when mounted on the car.
- When replacing or repairing compressor, follow "Maintenance of Oil Quantity in Compressor" exactly. Refer to <u>HA-19</u>, "Maintenance of Oil Quantity in Compressor".
- Keep friction surfaces between clutch and pulley clean. If the surface is contaminated, with oil, wipe it off by using a clean waste cloth moistened with thinner.
- After compressor service operation, turn the compressor shaft by hand more than 5 turns in both directions. This will equally distribute oil inside the compressor. After the compressor is installed, let the engine idle and operate the compressor for 1 hour.
- After replacing the compressor magnet clutch, apply voltage to the new one and check for normal operation. [Gap between clutch disc and pulley is 0.3 - 0.6 mm (0.012 - 0.024 in)]

# Precaution for Service Equipment

#### RECOVERY/RECYCLING EQUIPMENT

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for machine operation and machine maintenance. Never introduce any refrigerant other than that specified into the machine.

#### ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for tester operation and tester maintenance.

#### VACUUM PUMP

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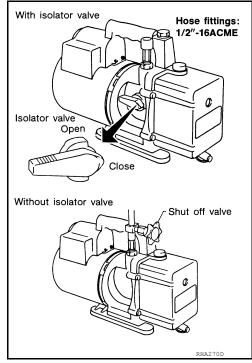
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The oil contained inside the vacuum pump is not compatible with the specified oil for HFC-134a (R-134a) A/C systems. The vent side of the vacuum pump is exposed to atmospheric pressure so the vacuum pump oil may migrate out of the pump into the service hose. This is possible when the pump is switched off after evacuation (vacuuming) and hose is connected to it.

To prevent this migration, use a manual valve situated near the hose-to-pump connection, as follows.

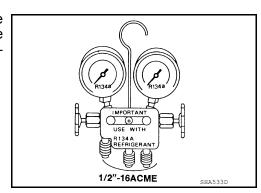
- Usually vacuum pumps have a manual isolator valve as part of the pump. Close this valve to isolate the service hose from the pump.
- For pumps without an isolator, use a hose equipped with a manual shut-off valve near the pump end. Close the valve to isolate the hose from the pump.
- If the hose has an automatic shut off valve, disconnect the hose from the pump: as long as the hose is connected, the valve is open and lubricating oil may migrate.

Some one-way valves open when vacuum is applied and close under a no vacuum condition. Such valves may restrict the pump's ability to pull a deep vacuum and are not recommended.



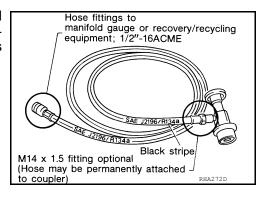
#### MANIFOLD GAUGE SET

Be certain that the gauge face indicates R-134a or 134a. Make sure the gauge set has 1/2"-16 ACME threaded connections for service hoses. Confirm the set has been used only with refrigerant HFC-134a (R-134a) along with specified oil.



#### SERVICE HOSES

Be certain that the service hoses display the markings described (colored hose with black stripe). All hoses must include positive shutoff devices (either manual or automatic) near the end of the hoses opposite the manifold gauge.

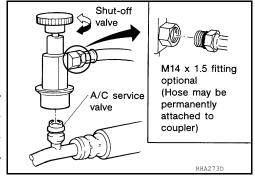


SERVICE COUPLERS

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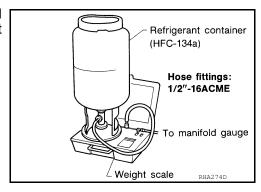
Never attempt to connect HFC-134a (R-134a) service couplers to a CFC-12 (R-12) A/C system. The HFC-134a (R-134a) couplers will not properly connect to the CFC-12 (R-12) system. However, if an improper connection is attempted, discharging and contamination may occur.

Shut-off valve rotation	A/C service valve
Clockwise	Open
Counterclockwise	Close



#### REFRIGERANT WEIGHT SCALE

Verify that no refrigerant other than HFC134a (R-134a) and specified oils have been used with the scale. If the scale controls refrigerant flow electronically, the hose fitting must be 1/2"-16 ACME.



#### CHARGING CYLINDER

Using a charging cylinder is not recommended. Refrigerant may be vented into air from cylinder's top valve when filling the cylinder with refrigerant. Also, the accuracy of the cylinder is generally less than that of an electronic scale or of quality recycle/recharge equipment.

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# **PREPARATION**

# **Special Service Tool**

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Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description
— (J-41425-NIS) Aluminum tube repair kit	Repairing leaks in A/C tubes

# HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Tool and Equipment

The actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from those of special service tools illustrated here.

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Do not mix HFC-134a refrigerant and/or its specified oil with CFC-12 (R-12) refrigerant and/or its oil. Separate and non-interchangeable service equipment must be used for handling each type of refrigerant/oil. Refrigerant container fittings, service hose fittings and service equipment fittings (equipment which handles refrigerant and/or oil) are different between CFC-12 (R-12) and HFC-134a (R-134a). This is to avoid mixed use of the refrigerants/oil.

Adapters that convert one size fitting to another must do not be used: refrigerant/oil contamination will occur and compressor failure will result.

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name		Description
— ( — ) Refrigerant HFC-134a (R-134a)	S-WT196	Container color: Light blue Container marking: HFC-134a (R- 134a) Fitting size: Thread size Iarge container 1/2" -16 ACME
— ( — ) Genuine NISSAN A/C System Oil Type S	NISSAN S-NT197	Type: Poly alkaline glycol oil (PAG), type S Application: HFC-134a (R-134a) vane rotary compressors (NISSAN only) Lubricity: 40 m $\ell$ (1.4 US fl oz, 1.4 Imp fl oz)
K991J0130 (ACR2005-NI) ACR A/C Service Center	WJIAO293E	Refrigerant recovery, recycling and re- charging

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ool number Kent-Moore No.)		Description
ool name		
— J-41995) lectronic refrigerant leak detector	AHA281A	Power supply: DC 12V (Battery terminal)
 J-43926) tefrigerant dye leak detection kit	UV lamp Carrying case w/shield	Power supply: DC 12V (Battery terminal)
it includes: J-42220) UV lamp and UV safety oggles J-41459) Refrigerant dye injector J-41447) qty. 24	dye cleaner goggles  Refrigerant dye	
IFC-134a (R-134a) refrigerant ye J-43872) Refrigerant dye cleaner	identification label (24 bottles)  (24 labels)  (24 bottles)  Refrigerant dye (24 bottles)  Refrigerant dye (24 bottles)  Refrigerant dye (24 bottles)  Refrigerant dye (24 bottles)	
— J-42220) luorescent dye leak detector		Power supply: DC 12V (Battery terminal) For checking refrigerant leak when fluorescent dye is installed in A/C system. Includes: UV lamp and UV safety goggles
	SHA438F	
— J-41447) IFC-134a (R-134a) Fluorescent eak detection dye Box of 24, 1/4 ounce bottles)	Refrigerant dye (24 bottles) SHA439F	Application: For HFC-134a (R-134a) PAG oil Container: 1/4 ounce (7.4cc) bottle (Includes self-adhesive dye identification labels for affixing to vehicle after charging system with dye.)
— J-41459) IFC-134a (R-134a) Dye injector Ise with J-41447, 1/4 ounce bottle		For injecting 1/4 ounce of fluorescent leak detection dye into A/C system.
	SHA440F	
— J-43872) tefrigerant dye cleaner		For cleaning dye spills.

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Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name		Description
— (J-39183-C) Manifold gauge set (with hoses and couplers)	RJIA0196E	Identification: • The gauge face indicates R-134a. Fitting size: Thread size • 1/2" -16 ACME
Service hoses  • (J-39500-72B) High side hose  • (J-39500-72R) Low side hose  • (J-39500-72Y) Utility hose	S-NT201	Hose color:  • Low side hose: Blue with black stripe  • High side hose: Red with black stripe  • Utility hose: Yellow with black stripe or green with black stripe Hose fitting to gauge:  • 1/2" -16 ACME
Service couplers  • (J-39500-20A)  High side coupler  • (J-39500-24A)  Low side coupler	S-NT202	Hose fitting to service hose:     M14 x 1.5 fitting is optional or permanently attached.
— (J-39649) Vacuum pump (Including the isolator valve)	O NTZO3	Capacity:  • Air displacement: 4 CFM  • Micron rating: 20 microns  • Oil capacity: 482 g (17 oz)  Fitting size: Thread size  • 1/2" -16 ACME

Commercial Service Tool

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Tool number Tool name		Description
J-41810-NI Refrigerant identifier equipment HFC 134a (R-134a)	RJIA0197E	Checking refrigerant purity and system contamination
Power tool	PIIB1407E	Loosening nuts, screws and bolts

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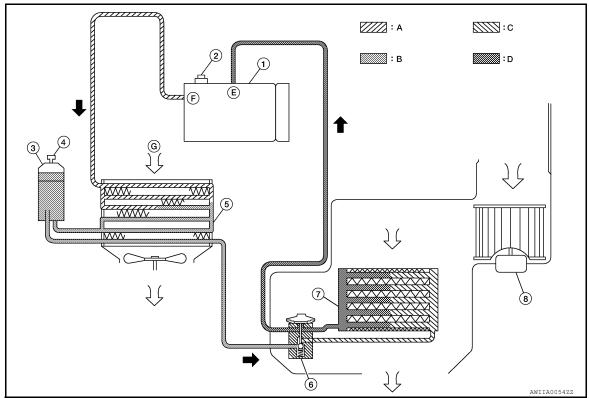
# SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

# REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

Refrigerant Cycle

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## Refrigerant flow



The refrigerant flows in the standard pattern, that is, through the compressor, the condenser with liquid tank, through the evaporator, and back to the compressor. The refrigerant evaporation through the evaporator coil is controlled by an externally equalized expansion valve, located inside the evaporator case.

# Refrigerant System Protection

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#### Refrigerant pressure sensor

The refrigerant system is protected against excessively high or low pressures by the refrigerant pressure sensor, located on the condenser. If the system pressure rises above or falls below the specifications, the refrigerant pressure sensor detects the pressure inside the refrigerant line and sends the voltage signal to the ECM. The ECM then ceases to supply power to the A/C relay which disengages and stops the compressor when pressure on the high pressure side (as detected by refrigerant pressure sensor) is over approximately 2,746 kPa (28 kg/cm², 398 psi), or below approximately 120 kPa (1.20 bar, 1.22 kg/cm², 17.4 psi).

#### Pressure Relief Valve

The refrigerant system is also protected by a pressure relief valve, located in the rear head of the compressor. When the pressure of refrigerant in the system increases to an abnormal level [more than 3,727 kPa (37.27 bar, 38 kg/cm², 540 psi)], the release port on the pressure relief valve automatically opens and releases refrigerant into the atmosphere.

# **Component Part Location**

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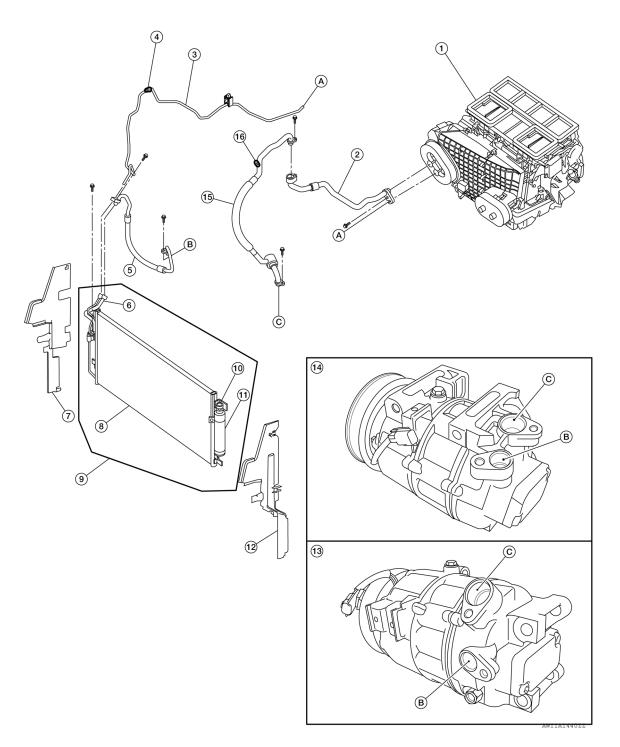
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- 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly
- 4. High-pressure A/C service valve
- 7. Air deflector (RH)
- 10. Refrigerant pressure sensor
- 13. Compressor (VQ35DE)
- 2. Low-pressure pipe
- 5. High-pressure flexible hose
- 8. Condenser
- 11. Liquid tank assembly
- 14. Compressor (QR25DE)
- 3. High-pressure pipe
- 6. Junction pipe (VQ35DE only)
- 9. Condenser and liquid tank assembly
- 12. Air deflector (LH)
- 15 Low-pressure flexible hose

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# **REFRIGERATION SYSTEM**

# < SYSTEM DESCRIPTION >

- 16. Low-pressure A/C service vale
- A. High-pressure pipe to heater and cooling unit assembly
- B. High-pressure flexible hose to compressor

C. Low-pressure flexible hose to compressor

# PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

# OIL

# Maintenance of Oil Quantity in Compressor

The oil in the compressor circulates through the system with the refrigerant. Add oil to compressor when replacing any component or after a large refrigerant leakage has occurred. It is important to maintain the specified amount.

If oil quantity is not maintained properly, the following malfunctions may result:

- · Lack of oil: May lead to a seized compressor
- Excessive oil: Inadequate cooling (thermal exchange interference)

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· Oil type: NISSAN A/C System Oil Type S or equivalent

#### CHECKING AND ADJUSTING

#### CAUTION:

If excessive oil leakage is noted, do not perform the oil return operation.

Start the engine and set the following conditions:

#### **Test Condition**

- Engine speed: Idling to 1,200 rpm
- A/C switch: On
- Blower fan speed: Max. position
- Temperature control: Optional [Set so that intake air temperature is 25° to 30° C (77° to 86°F).]
- Intake position: Recirculation ( )
- · Perform oil return operation for about ten minutes

Adjust the oil quantity according to the following table.

Oil Adjusting Procedure for Components Replacement Except Compressor

After replacing any of the following major components, add the correct amount of oil to the system.

Amount of Oil to be Added

	Oil to be added to system		
Part replaced	Amount of oil $m \ell$ (US fl oz, Imp fl oz)	Remarks	
Evaporator	75 (2.5, 2.6)	_	
Condenser	75 (2.5, 2.6)	_	
Liquid tank	5 (0.2, 0.2)	Add if compressor is not replaced.	
In case of refrigerant look	30 (1.0, 1.1)	Large leak	
In case of refrigerant leak	_	Small leak *1	

<sup>• \*1:</sup> If refrigerant leak is small, no addition of oil is needed.

Oil Adjustment Procedure for Compressor Replacement

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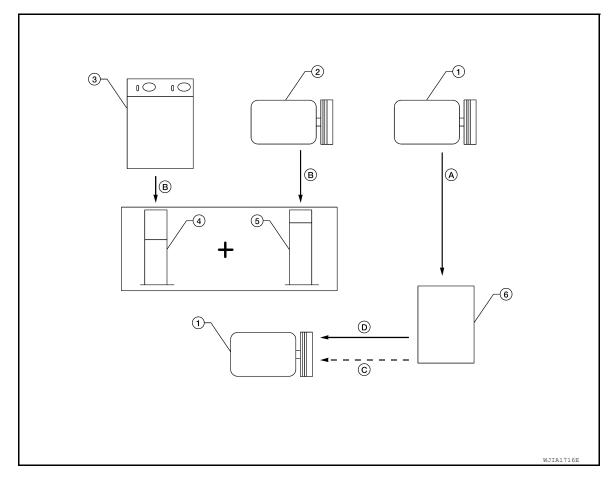
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- 1. New compressor
- 4. Measuring cup X
- Drain oil from the new compressor into clean container
- 2. Old compressor
- 5. Measuring cup Y
- B. Record amount of oil recovered
- 3. Recovery/recycling equipment
- 6. New oil
- C. Add an additional 5 m  $\ell$  (0.2 US fl oz, 0.2 Imp fl oz) of new oil when replacing liquid tank

- D. Install new oil equal to recorded amounts in measuring cups X plus Y
- Before connecting recovery/recycling equipment to vehicle, check recovery/recycling equipment gauges.
   No refrigerant pressure should be displayed. If NG, recover refrigerant from equipment lines.
- 2. Connect recovery/recycling equipment to vehicle. Confirm refrigerant purity in supply tank using recovery/recycling equipment and refrigerant identifier. If NG, refer to <a href="https://example.com/ha-4">HA-4</a>, "Contaminated Refrigerant".
- Confirm refrigerant purity in vehicle A/C system using recovery/recycling equipment and refrigerant identifier. If NG, refer to <u>HA-4</u>, "Contaminated Refrigerant".
- 4. Discharge refrigerant into the refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment. Measure oil discharged into the recovery/recycling equipment.
- 5. Drain the oil from the "old" (removed) compressor into a graduated container and recover the amount of oil drained.
- 6. Drain the oil from the "new" compressor into a separate, clean container.
- 7. Measure an amount of new oil installed equal to amount drained from "old" compressor. Add this oil to "new" compressor through the suction port opening.
- 8. Measure an amount of new oil equal to the amount recovered during discharging. Add this oil to "new" compressor through the suction port opening.
- 9. If the liquid tank also needs to be replaced, add an additional 5 m  $\ell$  (0.2 US fl oz, 0.2 Imp fl oz) of oil at this time.

#### **CAUTION:**

Do not add the 5 m  $\ell$  (0.2 US fl oz, 0.2 lmp fl oz) of oil if only replacing the compressor and not the liquid tank.

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# REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure

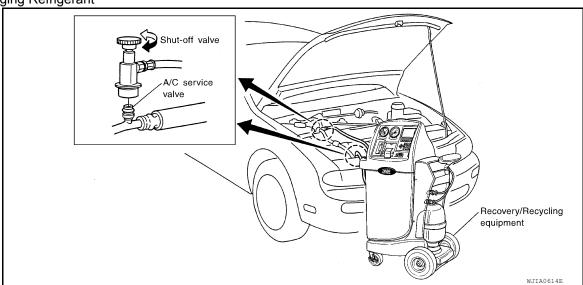
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#### SETTING OF SERVICE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

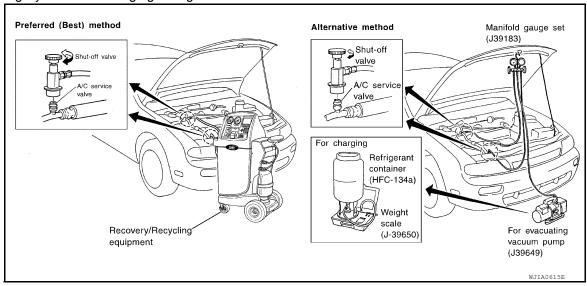
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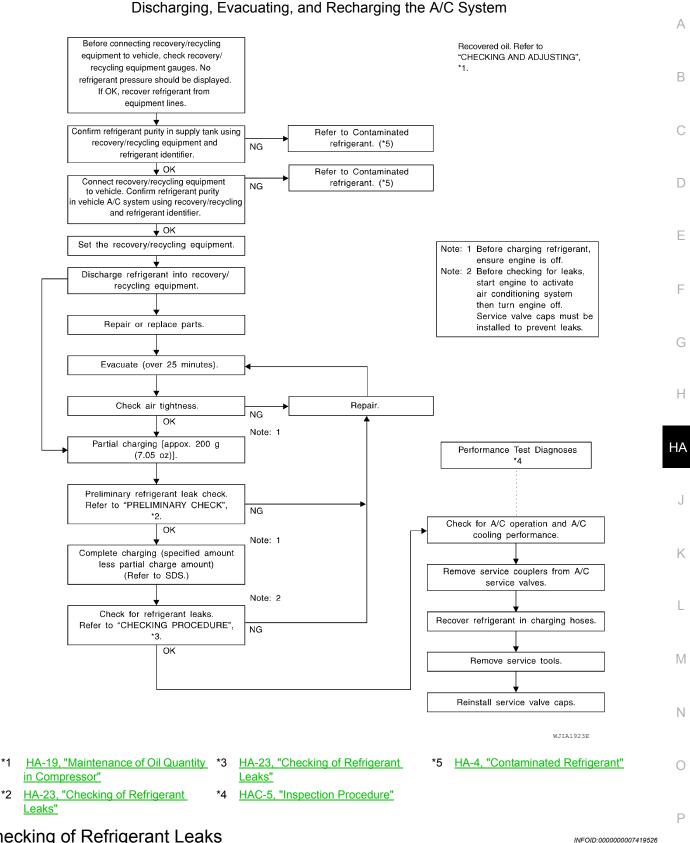
Avoid breathing the A/C refrigerant and oil vapor or mist. Exposure may irritate eyes, nose, and throat. Remove the HFC-134a (R-134a) from the A/C system using certified service equipment meeting the requirements of SAE J2210 (R-134a recycling equipment) or SAE J2201 (R-134a recovery equipment). If an accidental system discharge occurs, ventilate the work area before resuming service. Additional health and safety information may be obtained from the refrigerant and oil manufacturers.

Discharging Refrigerant



**Evacuating System and Charging Refrigerant** 





# Checking of Refrigerant Leaks

Perform a visual inspection of all refrigeration parts, fittings, hoses and components for signs of A/C oil leakage, damage and corrosion. A/C oil leakage may indicate an area of refrigerant leakage. Allow extra inspection time in these areas when using either an electronic refrigerant leak detector or fluorescent dye leak detector.

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If dye is observed, confirm the leak with an electronic refrigerant leak detector. It is possible a prior leak was repaired and not properly cleaned.

When searching for leaks, do not stop when one leak is found but continue to check for additional leaks at all system components and connections.

When searching for refrigerant leaks using an electronic leak detector, move the probe along the suspected leak area at 25 - 50 mm (1 - 2 in) per second and no further than 6 mm (1/4 in) from the component. **CAUTION:** 

Moving the electronic leak detector probe slower and closer to the suspected leak area will improve the chances of finding a leak.

## FLUORESCENT LEAK DETECTOR

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# FLUORESCENT LEAK DETECTOR

# Checking System for Leaks Using the Fluorescent Leak Detector

- 1. Check A/C system for leaks using the UV lamp and safety goggles (J-42220) in a low sunlight area (area without windows preferable). Illuminate all components, fittings and lines. The dye will appear as a bright green/yellow area at the point of leakage. Fluorescent dye observed at the evaporator drain opening indicates an evaporator core assembly (tubes, core or TXV) leak.
- 2. If the suspected area is difficult to see, use an adjustable mirror or wipe the area with a clean shop rag or cloth, with the UV lamp for dye residue.
- 3. After the leak is repaired, remove any residual dye using refrigerant dye cleaner (J-43872) to prevent future misdiagnosis.
- Perform a system performance check and verify the leak repair with an approved electronic refrigerant leak detector.

#### NOTE:

Other gases in the work area or substances on the A/C components, for example, anti-freeze, windshield washer fluid, solvents and oils, may falsely trigger the leak detector. Make sure the surfaces to be checked are clean.

Clean with a dry cloth or blow off with shop air.

Do not allow the sensor tip of the detector to contact with any substance. This can also cause false readings and may damage the detector.

Dye Injection

## NOTE:

This procedure is only necessary when recharging the A/C system or when the compressor has seized and has been replaced.

- Check the A/C system static (at rest) pressure. Pressure must be at least 345 kPa (3.45 bar, 3.52 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 50 psi).
- Pour one bottle (1/4 ounce / 7.4 cc) of the A/C refrigerant dye into the injector tool (J-41459).

If repairing the A/C system or replacing a component, pour the dye directly into the open system connection and proceed with the service procedures.

- Connect the injector tool to the A/C LOW PRESSURE side service valve.
- 4. Start the engine and switch the A/C ON and fan ON.
- 5. While the A/C is operating (compressor running), inject one bottle (1/4 ounce / 7.4 cc) of fluorescent dye through the low-pressure service valve using dye injector tool (J-41459), refer to the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- With the engine still running, disconnect the injector tool from the low-pressure service valve.
- 7. Operate the A/C system for a minimum of 20 minutes to mix the dye with the system oil. Depending on the leak size, operating conditions and location of the leak, it may take from a few minutes to a few days for the dye to penetrate the leak and become visible.

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# **ELECTRICAL LEAK DETECTOR**

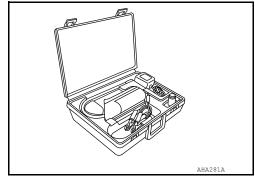
# Electronic Refrigerant Leak Detector

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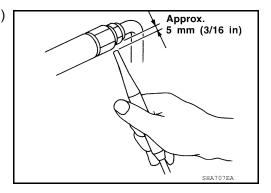
## PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING THE LEAK DETECTOR

When performing a refrigerant leak check, use a electronic refrigerant leak detector (J-41995) or equivalent. Ensure that the instrument is calibrated and set properly per the manufacturer's operating instructions.

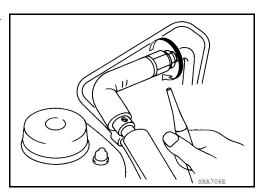
The leak detector is a delicate device. In order to use the leak detector properly, read the manufacturer's operating instructions and perform any specified maintenance.



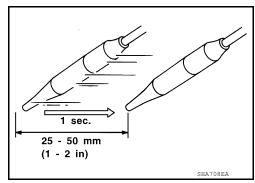
1. Position the leak detector probe approximately 5 mm (3/16 in) away from the point to be checked.



2. When testing, circle each fitting completely with the leak detector probe.



3. Move the leak detector probe along the component at approximately 25 to 50 mm (1 to 2 in)/sec.



# CHECKING PROCEDURE

#### NOTE:

To prevent inaccurate or false readings, make sure there is no refrigerant vapor, shop chemicals, or cigarette smoke in the vicinity of the vehicle. Perform the leak test in a calm area (low air/wind movement) so that the leaking refrigerant is not dispersed.

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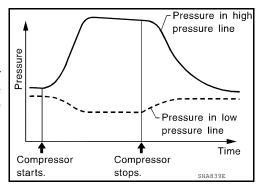
- 1. Turn engine OFF.
- Connect a suitable A/C manifold gauge set to the A/C service ports.
- Check if the A/C refrigerant pressure is at least 345 kPa (3.45 bar, 3.52 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 50 psi) above 16°C (61°F). If less than specification, recover/evacuate and recharge the system with the specified amount of refrigerant.

NOTE:

At temperatures below 16°C (61°F), leaks may not be detected since the system may not reach 345 kPa (3.52 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 50 psi) pressure.

- 4. Conduct the leak test from the high side (compressor discharge to evaporator inlet) to the low side (evaporator drain hose to the compressor shaft seal). Refer to <a href="HA-29">HA-29</a>. "Component". Clean the component to be checked and move the leak detector probe completely around the connection/component. Perform a leak check for the following areas:
  - Compressor
  - High and low-pressure hose fittings, relief valve and shaft seal.
  - Liquid tank
  - · Refrigerant pressure sensor
  - Service valves
  - Check that all the service valve caps are secure on the service valves (to prevent leaks).
  - After removing A/C manifold gauge set from service valves, wipe any residue from the valves to prevent any false readings by the leak detector.
  - Evaporator
  - With engine OFF, turn blower fan on high speed for at least 15 seconds to dissipate any refrigerant trace around the evaporator. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes accumulation time (refer to the manufacturer's recommended procedure for actual wait time) before inserting the leak detector probe into the drain hose.
  - Keep the probe inserted for at least 10 seconds. Use caution not to contaminate the probe tip with water or dirt that may be in the drain hose.
- 5. If a leak detector detects a leak, verify at least once by blowing compressed air into area of suspected leak, then repeat check as outlined above.
- 6. Do not stop when one leak is found. Continue to check for additional leaks at all system components. If no leaks are found, perform steps 7 10.
- Start engine.
- 8. Set the front air control as follows;
- a. A/C switch: ON
- b. Mode: Vent
- c. Intake position: Recirculation
- d. Temperature: MAX cold
- e. Blower fan speed: High
- Run engine at 1,500 rpm for at least 2 minutes.
- 10. Turn engine off and perform leak check again following steps 4 through 6 above.

Refrigerant leaks should be checked immediately after stopping the engine. Begin with the leak detector at the compressor. The pressure on the high pressure side will gradually drop after refrigerant circulation stops and pressure on the low pressure side will gradually rise, as shown in the graph. Some leaks are more easily detected when pressure is high.



- 11. Before connecting the recovery/recycling equipment to the A/C system, check the recovery/recycling equipment gauges. No refrigerant pressure should be displayed. If pressure is displayed, recover the refrigerant from the equipment lines and then check the refrigerant purity.
- 12. Confirm the refrigerant purity in the supply tank using the recovery/recycling equipment and the refrigerant identifier equipment.

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# **ELECTRICAL LEAK DETECTOR**

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- 13. Confirm the refrigerant purity in the A/C system using the recovery/recycling equipment and the refrigerant identifier equipment.
- 14. Discharge the A/C system using approved refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment. Repair the leaking fitting or component as necessary.
- 15. Evacuate and recharge the A/C system and perform the leak test to confirm there are no refrigerant leaks.
- 16. Conduct the A/C performance test to ensure that the system works properly. Refer to <a href="HAC-5">HAC-5</a>, "Inspection Procedure".

# REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

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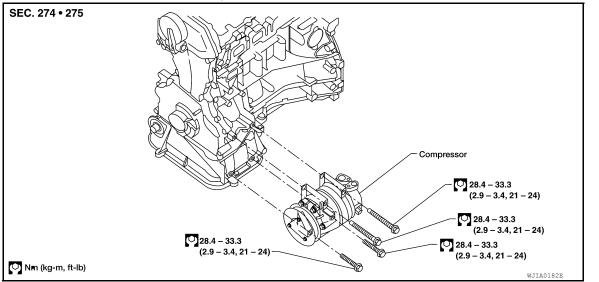
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- 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly
- 4. High-pressure A/C service valve
- 7. Air deflector (RH)
- 10. Refrigerant pressure sensor
- 13. Compressor (VQ35DE)
- 16. Low-pressure A/C service vale
- C. Low-pressure flexible hose to compressor

- 2. Low-pressure pipe
- 5. High-pressure flexible hose
- 8. Condenser
- 11. Liquid tank assembly
- 14. Compressor (QR25DE)
- A. High-pressure pipe to heater and cooling unit assembly
- 3. High-pressure pipe
- 6. Junction pipe (VQ35DE only)
- 9. Condenser and liquid tank assembly
- 12. Air deflector (LH)
- 15 Low-pressure flexible hose
- B. High-pressure flexible hose to compressor

# **COMPRESSOR**

# Removal and Installation for Compressor - QR25DE Models



#### REMOVAL

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <a href="HA-22">HA-22</a>, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".
- 2. Remove the front air duct. Refer to <a href="EM-25">EM-25</a>, "Removal and Installation".
- 3. Remove the engine undercover.
- Remove the front RH wheel and tire. Refer to <u>WT-68, "Adjustment"</u>.
- 5. Remove the fender protector side cover from inside the front RH wheel well.
- 6. Remove the drive belt. Refer to EM-16, "Removal and Installation".
- 7. Remove the clip and reposition the power steering pipe out of the way.
- 8. Disconnect the compressor electrical connector.
- 9. Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose and low-pressure flexible hose from the compressor.
- 10. Remove the compressor bolts, then remove the compressor using power tools.

#### **INSTALLATION**

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

## **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After charging the A/C refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

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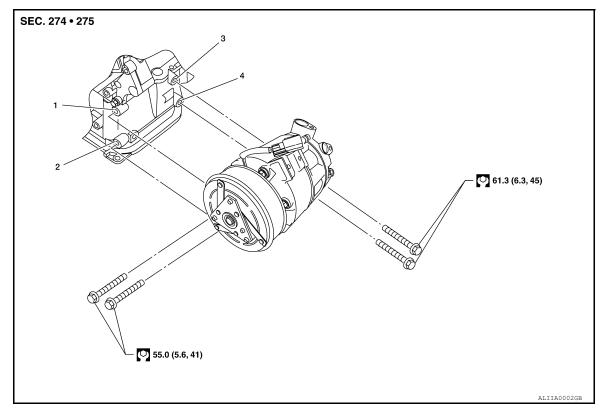
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# Removal and Installation for Compressor - VQ35DE Models

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#### CAUTION

For installation, tighten the compressor bolts in the order as shown.

#### **REMOVAL**

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <u>HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure"</u>.
- 2. Remove the engine cooling fan and shroud assembly. Refer to CO-41, "Removal and Installation".
- Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose and low-pressure flexible hose from the compressor.
- 4. Remove the front RH wheel and tire. Refer to WT-68, "Adjustment".
- 5. Remove the engine undercover.
- 6. Remove the fender protector side cover RH.
- 7. Disconnect the clamp and reposition the power steering pipe out of the way.
- 8. Disconnect the transaxle breather hose.
- 9. Disconnect the compressor electrical connector.
- 10. Remove the drive belt. Refer to EM-123, "Removal and Installation".
- 11. Remove the RH compressor bolts.
- 12. Remove the front compressor bolts using power tool.
- 13. Disconnect the compressor wire harness clip from the compressor.
- Remove the compressor.

#### INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- · For installation, tighten the compressor bolts in the order as shown.
- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.

# **COMPRESSOR**

< REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION > • After charging the A/C refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks". Α В С  $\mathsf{D}$ Е F G Н HA J K L M Ν 0 Р

# LOW-PRESSURE FLEXIBLE HOSE

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# LOW-PRESSURE FLEXIBLE HOSE

#### Removal and Installation for Low-Pressure Flexible Hose

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#### QR25DE

#### Removal

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".
- Remove the front air duct. Refer to <u>EM-25, "Removal and Installation"</u>.
- 3. Disconnect the low-pressure flexible hose from the low-pressure pipe.
- Disconnect the low-pressure flexible hose from the compressor.
- 5. Remove the low-pressure flexible hose. Refer to HA-29, "Component".

#### Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After recharging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

## VQ35DE

#### Removal

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <u>HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure"</u>.
- 2. Remove the engine undercover.
- 3. Disconnect the low-pressure flexible hose from the low-pressure pipe.
- 4. Disconnect the low-pressure flexible hose from the compressor.
- 5. Remove the engine cooling fan and shroud assembly. Refer to CO-41, "Removal and Installation".
- Remove the low-pressure flexible hose. Refer to <u>HA-29, "Component"</u>.

#### Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After recharging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

#### LOW-PRESSURE PIPE

# < REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION > LOW-PRESSURE PIPE Α Removal and Installation for Low-Pressure Pipe INFOID:0000000007419534 QR25DE В Removal NOTE: When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling. 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure". D Reposition the power steering reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose. 3. Disconnect the low-pressure flexible hose from the low-pressure pipe. 4. Disconnect the low-pressure pipe from the expansion valve. Е Remove the low-pressure pipe. Refer to HA-29, "Component". 5. Installation Installation is in the reverse order of removal. **CAUTION:** Do not reuse the O-rings. Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation. After recharging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to <u>HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".</u> VQ35DE Н Removal NOTE: When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spill-HΑ 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure". Remove the strut tower bar. Refer to FSU-15, "Removal and Installation". 2. 3. Remove the upper cowl. Refer to EXT-45, "Removal and Installation". 4. Remove the lower RH cowl. 5. Disconnect the power steering hose clamp to reposition the power steering hose out of the way. 6. Reposition the power steering reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose. 7. Disconnect the low-pressure flexible hose from the low-pressure pipe. 8. Disconnect the low-pressure pipe from the expansion valve. L Disconnect the harness bracket from the engine cover. 10. Remove the low-pressure pipe. Refer to HA-29, "Component". Installation Installation is in the reverse order of removal. **CAUTION:** Do not reuse the O-rings. N Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.

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After recharging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

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## HIGH-PRESSURE FLEXIBLE HOSE

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# HIGH-PRESSURE FLEXIBLE HOSE

# Removal and Installation for High-Pressure Flexible Hose

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#### QR25DE

#### Removal

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <a href="HA-22">HA-22</a>, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".
- Remove the front air duct. Refer to <u>EM-25, "Removal and Installation"</u>.
- 3. Remove the radiator grille. Refer to <u>EXT-20, "Removal and Installation"</u> (coupe), <u>EXT-44, "Removal and Installation"</u> (sedan).
- 4. Reposition the engine coolant reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose.
- 5. Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose from the compressor.
- 6. Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose from the condenser.
- Remove the high-pressure flexible hose. Refer to <u>HA-29, "Component"</u>.

#### Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After charging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

#### VQ35DE

#### Removal

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <u>HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure"</u>.
- 2. Remove the engine undercover.
- Remove the front air duct. Refer to <u>EM-132</u>, "Removal and Installation".
- 4. Remove the engine cooling fan and shroud assembly. Refer to CO-41, "Removal and Installation".
- 5. Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose from the compressor.
- 6. Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose from the condenser.
- Remove the high-pressure flexible hose. Refer to <u>HA-29, "Component"</u>.

#### Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After charging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

#### **HIGH-PRESSURE PIPE**

#### < REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION >

# HIGH-PRESSURE PIPE

# Removal and Installation for High-Pressure Pipe

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#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tube/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <u>HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure"</u>.
- Reposition the power steering reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose.
- 3. Reposition the engine coolant reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose.
- 4. Disconnect the high-pressure pipe from the condenser.
- 5. Disconnect the high-pressure pipe from the expansion valve.
- Remove the high-pressure pipe. Refer to <u>HA-29</u>, "Component".

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After charging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

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Removal

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tube/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <u>HA-22</u>. "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".

- Remove the lower RH cowl.
- Disconnect the power steering hose clamp to reposition the power steering hose out of the way.
- 4. Reposition the power steering reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose.
- 5. Reposition the engine coolant reservoir out of the way without disconnecting the hose.
- Disconnect the high-pressure pipe from the condenser.
- Disconnect the high-pressure pipe from the expansion valve. 7.
- Remove the high-pressure pipe. Refer to <u>HA-29</u>, "Component".

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After charging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

Removal and Installation for Junction Pipe

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#### REMOVAL

NOTE:

The junction pipe is available for the VQ35DE engine only.

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".
- Remove the front air duct. Refer to EM-132, "Removal and Installation" (VQ35DE).
- Remove the front grille. Refer to EXT-20, "Removal and Installation" (coupe), EXT-44, "Removal and Installation" (sedan).

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# **HIGH-PRESSURE PIPE**

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- 4. Disconnect the high-pressure pipe from the junction pipe.
- 5. Disconnect the high-pressure flexible hose from the junction pipe.
- 6. Disconnect the junction pipe from the condenser.
- 7. Remove the junction pipe. Refer to <a href="HA-29">HA-29</a>, "Component".

#### **INSTALLATION**

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- After charging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

# **CONDENSER**

## Removal and Installation for Condenser

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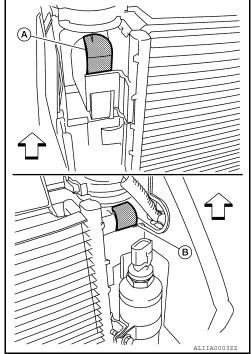
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# **REMOVAL**

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to <u>HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure"</u>.
- 2. For sedan, remove the front grille. Refer to EXT-44, "Removal and Installation".
- 3. For coupe, remove the front fascia. Refer to EXT-16, "Removal and Installation Coupe".
- 4. Disconnect the refrigerant pressure sensor connector.
- 5. Depress the top RH clip (A) and the top LH clip (B) to release the top condenser brackets as shown.
- 6. Slide the condenser up to release the condenser from the clips as shown.



Remove the condenser and liquid tank with refrigerant pressure sensor assembly. CAUTION:

#### Do not damage the condenser fins

#### INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

Refer to HA-29, "Component".

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not damage the condenser fins.
- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- When charging refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to HA-23, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks".

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# LIQUID TANK

# Removal and Installation of Liquid Tank

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#### **REMOVAL**

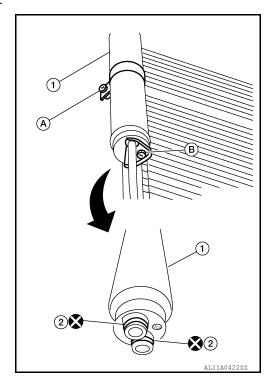
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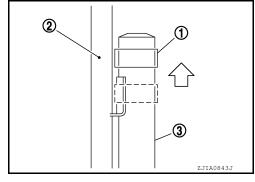
- 1. Remove the condenser. Refer to HA-39, "Removal and Installation for Condenser".
- 2. Clean liquid tank and its surrounding area, and remove dirt and rust from liquid tank. CAUTION:

# Be sure to clean carefully.

- 3. Disconnect the refrigerant pressure sensor electrical connector.
- 4. Remove bolts (A) and (B) from liquid tank (1).



- 5. Remove liquid tank bracket and refrigerant pressure sensor as an assembly. Discard the O-rings (2).
- 6. Slide liquid tank (3) upward, and then remove liquid tank (3).
- 7. If necessary, remove the refrigerant pressure sensor.



### **INSTALLATION**

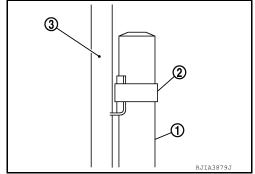
# **LIQUID TANK**

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Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

## **CAUTION:**

- Make sure liquid tank bracket (2) is securely installed at protrusion of condenser (3). [Make sure liquid tank bracket (2) does not move to a position below center of liquid tank (1).]
- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.
- When recharging refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to <u>HA-23</u>, <u>"Checking of Refrigerant Leaks"</u>.



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# **AMBIENT SENSOR**

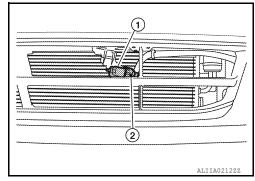
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#### **SEDAN**

#### Removal

- 1. From under the vehicle, disconnect the ambient sensor connector (2).
- 2. Release the ambient sensor clip and remove the ambient sensor (1) from the ambient sensor bracket.



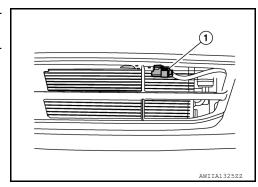
#### Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **COUPE**

#### Removal

- Remove the ambient sensor (1) from the front bumper reinforcement.
- 2. Disconnect the ambient sensor connector and remove the ambient sensor.



# Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

# REFRIGERANT PRESSURE SENSOR

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# REFRIGERANT PRESSURE SENSOR

# Removal and Installation for Refrigerant Pressure Sensor

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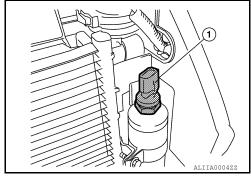
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#### REMOVAL

- 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".
- 2. For sedan, remove the front grille. Refer to EXT-44, "Removal and Installation".
- 3. For coupe, remove the front fascia. Refer to EXT-16, "Removal and Installation Coupe"
- 4. Disconnect the refrigerant pressure sensor connector and remove the refrigerant pressure sensor (1) from the liquid tank on the condenser.

## **CAUTION:**

Do not damage the condenser fins.



#### **INSTALLATION**

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.

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# **EXPANSION VALVE**

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# **EXPANSION VALVE**

# Removal and Installation for Expansion Valve

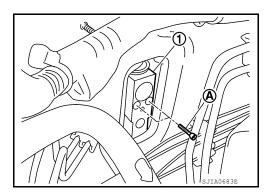
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#### **REMOVAL**

#### NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

- 1. Discharge the refrigerant. Refer to HA-22, "HFC-134a (R-134a) Service Procedure".
- 2. Remove the cowl top grille. Refer to <u>EXT-21, "Removal and Installation"</u> (Coupe), <u>EXT-45, "Removal and Installation"</u> (Sedan).
- 3. Remove the strut tower bar. Refer to FSU-14, "Exploded View".
- 4. Remove the lower cowl top extension RH.
- 5. Disconnect the A/C pipes from the expansion valve.
- 6. Remove the expansion valve bolts and the expansion valve.



#### INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

**Expansion valve bolts** 

: 2.9 - 5.0 N·m (0.29 - 0.51 kg-m, 26 - 44 in-lb)

#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not reuse the O-rings.
- Apply A/C compressor oil to the new O-rings for installation.

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# **COMPRESSOR**

Model		VALEO
Туре		DCS-171C
Displacement		171 cm <sup>3</sup> (10.43 in <sup>3</sup> ) / revolution
Direction of rotation		Clockwise (viewed from drive end)
Drive belt	QR25DE	Poly V 6-grooves
Drive beit	VQ35DE	Poly V 7-grooves

## OIL

Name		A/C System Oil Type S*
Capacity	Total in system	150 m $\ell$ (5.03 US fl oz, 5.3 lmp fl oz)
	Compressor (service part) charging amount	Refer to HA-19, "Maintenance of Oil Quantity in Compressor".

<sup>\*</sup> For further information, see "Air conditioning specifications label".

#### REFRIGERANT

Туре	HFC-134a (R-134a)*
Capacity	0.55 ± 0.025 kg (1.21 ± 0.055 lb)

<sup>\*</sup> For further information, see "Air conditioning specifications label".

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