

OPERATION  
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MANUAL

TC2670E & TC2670V

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### CONGRATULATIONS:

**You have purchased one of the finest Recovery, Recycling, and Charging Machines available! Fill out and return the Warranty Card within 90 days to activate warranty and free lifetime technical support.**

## START-UP INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Check for any shipping damage. Place a claim with carrier if damage is discovered.
- 2) Complete and return the Warranty Card to activate Technical Support and Warranty Coverage.  
*Warranty claims can not be honored without this warranty card on file.*

## BEFORE USING THE TC2670

Check for any shipping damage. Place a claim with carrier if damage is discovered.

DO NOT USE A DAMAGED UNIT.

Complete and return the Warranty Card to activate technical support service and warranty coverage.

*Warranty claims can not be honored without this warranty card on file.*

The TC2670 should not be operated or serviced by any person who has not read all the contents of this manual. Failure to read and comply with these instructions or any one of the limitations noted herein can result in serious injury and/or property damage.

These general instructions describe normal operation and maintenance situations encountered with the TC2670. The instructions should not be interpreted to anticipate every possible contingency.

It is the responsibility of the owner/user to operate the TC2670 in accordance with all specifications and laws which may apply.

The following pages contain rules for safe operation of the TC2670. Taking precedence over any specified rule listed herein, however, is the most important rule of all:

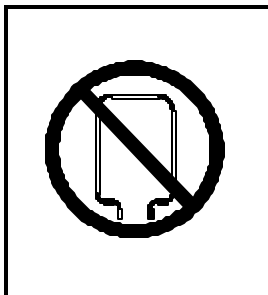
### "USE COMMON SENSE"

A few minutes spent reading these instructions can make an operator aware of dangerous practices to avoid and precautions to take for his own safety and the safety of others.

A regular schedule of inspection of the TC2670 should be established and records maintained with special attention given to Hoses, Compressor Oil Level, Moisture Indicator, and Filters.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ! Recover, Recycle, and Charge only the refrigerants for which the machine is configured.
- ! Wear safety glasses and protective gloves. Refrigerant has a very low boiling point and can cause frostbite.
- ! Follow the TC2670 operating procedures sequentially to avoid prematurely disconnecting hoses or opening valves which may release refrigerant to the atmosphere.
- ! Do not expose the TC2670 to moisture or operate in wet areas.
- ! Use the TC2670 in locations with mechanical ventilation that provides at least four air changes per hour.
- ! Hoses used with the TC2670 must have shutoff devices within 12 inches of the connection point to the system being serviced to minimize the introduction of Non-condensable Gas (Air) into the TC2670 and the release of refrigerant when being disconnected.
- ! Disconnect power before performing any maintenance or service on the TC2670.
- ! Avoid using an extension cord with the TC2670. If necessary, use a good condition, UL listed, 3-wire grounded, #14 AWG, or larger, extension cord of the shortest possible length.
- ! Connect the TC2670 to a properly grounded receptacle. Do not over load the circuit.
- ! Do not allow the TC2670 to remain unattended in the Charge Mode with power On. The Charge Cylinder Heater will be energized creating a high pressure condition.



**NEVER TURN THE CYLINDER UP-SIDE-DOWN.**

**DO NOT CONNECT THE TC2670 TO THE LIQUID SIDE OF ANY A/C SYSTEM WITH A CAPACITY GREATER THAN 4 LBS.**

**REFRIGERANT IN A/C SYSTEMS HAVING LARGER CAPACITIES MUST BE RECOVERED FROM THE VAPOR SIDE ONLY.**

**NEVER CONNECT THE TC2670 TO THE LIQUID PORT OF A CYLINDER OF REFRIGERANT TO FILL THE TC2670 CHARGE CYLINDER.**

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE MAY CAUSE THE TC2670 COMPRESSOR TO FAIL AND VOID THE WARRANTY.**

# **L CAUTION 7**

Avoid breathing refrigerant or lubricant vapor or mist.

Exposure may irritate eyes, nose and throat.

If accidental system discharge occurs, ventilate work area before resuming service.

Additional health and safety information may be obtained from refrigerant and lubricant manufacturers.

## **Special Considerations with R134a**

R134a has been shown to be nonflammable at ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure. However, tests under controlled conditions have indicated that, at pressures above atmospheric and with air concentrations greater than 60% by volume, R134a can form combustible mixtures.

While it is recognized that an ignition source is also required for combustion to occur, the presence of combustible mixtures is a potentially dangerous situation and should be avoided.

Under no circumstances should any equipment be pressure tested or leak tested with Air/R134a mixtures. Do not use compressed air (shop air) for leak detection in R134a systems.

## FILLING THE CHARGING CYLINDER

A/C Systems requiring service often do not have a full charge of refrigerant. To avoid unnecessary repositioning of hoses it is recommended that the TC2670 be filled until about 3 pounds of liquid refrigerant can be seen in the Charging Cylinder Sight Glasses. The Sight Glasses are visible through slotted openings on the front of the TC2670.

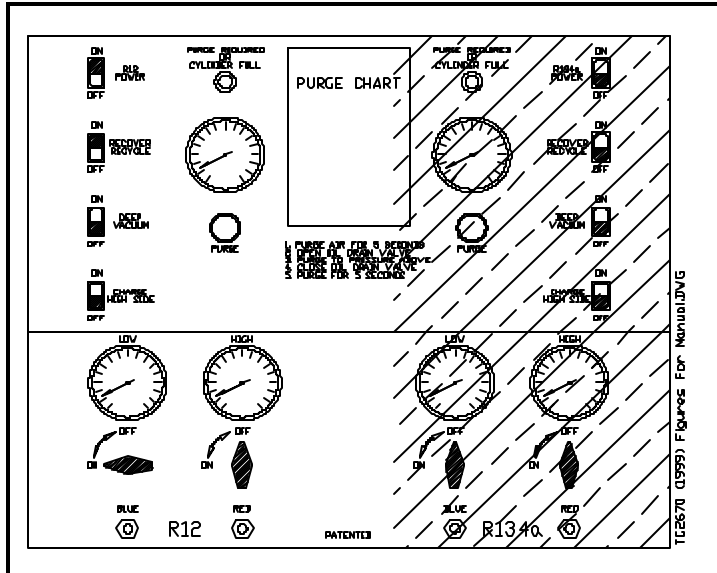


Figure 1 Filling the Cylinder

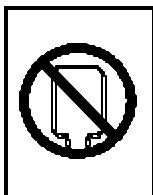
To fill the TC2670 Charge Cylinder, refer to Figure 1 and follow these steps:

**Note: Instructions given for R12 side only. Operation of R134a side is identical.**

1. Connect the Low Side Blue Hose to the **VAPOR** port of a cylinder of the correct refrigerant. An adapter is provided with the TC2670 for the R134a side which permits the Field Service Coupler to be attached to the .500-16 ACME fitting on the cylinder of refrigerant (See instruction sheet in Appendix).

If the cylinder has two ports, observe that the embossed marking on the cylinder knob says **VAPOR** or **GAS**. Do not rely on color coding of the knobs on the valves.

**DO NOT CONNECT TO THE LIQUID VALVE.**



**DO NOT TURN THE CYLINDER UP-SIDE-DOWN.**

INTRODUCTION OF LIQUID INTO THE TC2670 MAY DAMAGE THE COMPRESSOR AND VOID THE WARRANTY.

2. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.
3. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked RECOVER RECYCLE.
4. Open Low Side Gauge Manifold Valve, Blue Hose Valve and refrigerant cylinder valve.

Observe the liquid refrigerant level rise in the Charging Cylinder Sight Glass and when at approximately 3 lbs, close the valve on the refrigerant cylinder. Allow the TC2670 to continue to run until the Low Side Gauge shows a vacuum. This will empty the Blue Hose.

**HINT:** Heating of the cylinder of refrigerant with an RTI Heat Belt (P/N 026-80092-00) will speed the recovery process.

5. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked RECOVER/RECYCLE.
6. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.
7. Close Low Side Gauge Manifold Valve and Blue Hose Valve.

### ... NOTE ...

**The sight glass does not indicate the amount of refrigerant recovered;** Only the amount of refrigerant available to put into the vehicle A/C System while in the CHARGE mode of operation.

Refrigerant is processed through a Condenser by the TC2670. The actual volume of refrigerant contained in the Condenser varies from job to job due to pressure and temperature variations.

If a known amount of refrigerant has been introduced into the TC2670 it may not all be seen in the Charging Cylinder Sight Glass. This is normal and nothing to be concerned about. Refrigerant has not been lost.

As Purge Pressure goes up, the rate of transfer of refrigerant from the Condenser to the Charge Cylinder goes down. As Gauge Manifold pressure goes down, the rate of transfer of refrigerant from the Condenser to the Charge Cylinder goes down.

## RECOVER/RECYCLE

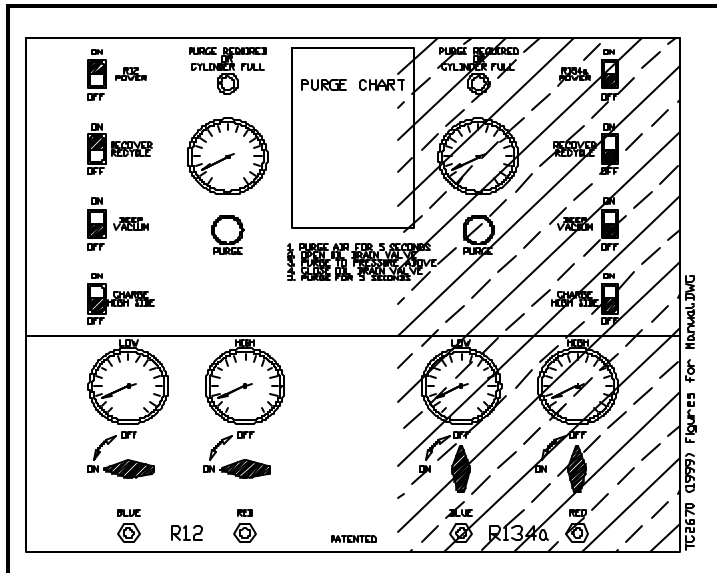


Figure 2 Recover/Recycle

To Recover/Recycle, refer to Figure 2 and follow these steps:

1. Attach Red and Blue Hoses to the A/C system per the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

### Note For R134a Machines

Field Service Couplings on the ends of Service Hoses are of a special design.

The valves have **LEFT HAND** threads which makes operation opposite to that of others.

To Close... Turn Counter-clockwise

To Open... Turn Clockwise

The valves **MUST BE CLOSED** before connecting or disconnecting Field Service Couplings.

2. Open High and Low Gauge Valves.
3. Open Red and Blue Hose Valves.
4. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.

5. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked RECOVER/RECYCLE.

The TC2670 will recover and recycle refrigerant from the A/C System, and then automatically cycle off when a vacuum is sensed. This vacuum level can be seen on the Low Side Gauge.

**! DO NOT TURN THE TC2670 OFF OR DISCONNECT HOSES !**

A small quantity of Liquid refrigerant will probably still remain in the A/C System. This can be detected by observing an increasing pressure reading on the Low Side Gauge.

As pressure rises to a preset level, the TC2670 will automatically cycle on to continue recovering refrigerant. Allow this automatic On/Off sequence to repeat until the vacuum level remains constant for at least 2 minutes.

**... NOTE ...**

Several audible changes may be heard during the recovery and recycling process.

Refrigerant flow through check valves causes a "sizzle-type" sound.

These changing "noises" are normal and nothing to be concerned about.

6. Close Red and Blue Hose Valves.
7. Close High and Low Gauge Valves.
8. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked RECOVER/RECYCLE.
8. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.

**PURGE REQUIRED OR CYLINDER FULL LIGHT:**

This Light will illuminate if either...

- 1) Pressure on the Purge Gauge approaches 250 psig: Go to Page 9

OR

- 2) The Charging Cylinder has filled to capacity: Go to Page 12

## OIL DRAIN & AIR PURGE

Oil and Non-condensable Gas (Air) are separated from the recovered refrigerant and **MUST** be removed following **EACH** recycling procedure as follows:

**Note: TC2670 must be connected to power source.**

1. Press and hold the Purge Button (below the Purge Gauge) for 5 seconds, and then release it.
2. **SLOWLY** open the Oil Drain Valve (located on rear of TC2670 towards outside) to drain any oil which may have been removed from the A/C System. A cup is provided to collect the oil.

Unless the A/C System had previously been overfilled, the TC2670 will typically not remove more than a tablespoon of oil, making replenishment unnecessary.

### LEAVE THE OIL DRAIN VALVE OPEN...

3. Determine the room temperature.
4. Locate the pressure (PSIG) corresponding to this room temperature ( ° F) in the chart on the top of the TC2670. This chart is reproduced at the right.

If the pressure indicated on the Purge Gauge is greater than that determined from the chart:

Press and hold the Purge Button until the Purge Gauge pressure goes down to the pressure determined from the chart. Any Non-condensable Gas will be vented through the Oil Drain Valve at this time.

5. Close the Oil Drain Valve.
6. Press and hold the Purge Button for 5 seconds. This permits any residual Non-condensable Gas to be recirculated for reprocessing during the next recycle procedure.

°F	R12	R134a
30	42	40
32	44	42
34	46	44
36	48	46
38	50	49
40	52	51
42	54	54
44	57	56
46	59	59
48	61	61
50	64	64
52	66	67
54	69	70
56	72	72
58	74	76
60	77	78
62	80	82
64	83	85
66	85	88
68	88	92
70	92	95
72	95	97
74	98	104
76	102	107
78	105	110
80	108	114
82	112	118
84	115	123
86	118	127
88	123	130
90	127	135
92	130	140
94	135	145
96	138	148
98	143	153
100	147	157
102	150	163
104	155	167
106	160	173
108	165	180
110	168	185
112	173	190
114	178	195
116	183	200
118	188	207

**Purge Chart**

## VACUUMING

If the A/C System is "opened" for replacing components, a vacuum must be drawn on the system before recharging with refrigerant. This vacuuming process removes air and moisture introduced into the system.

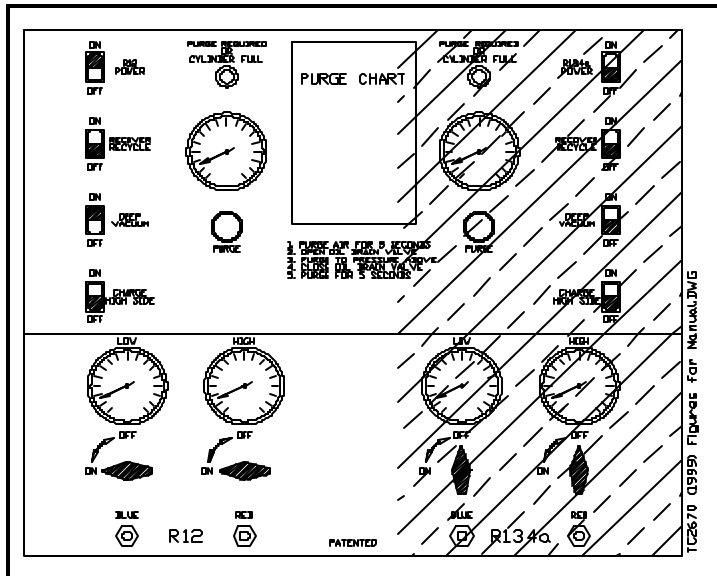


Figure 3 Vacuum

To Vacuum the A/C System, refer to Figure 3 and follow these steps:

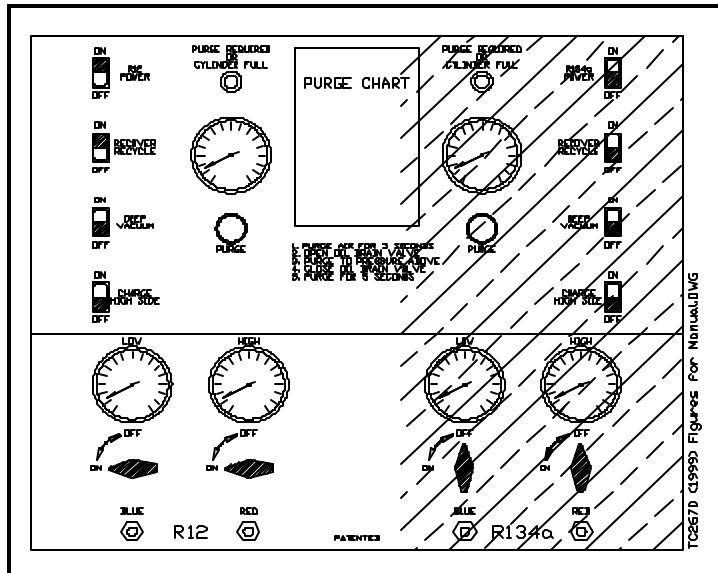
1. Connect Red and Blue Hoses to the high and low sides of the A/C System.
2. Open Low and High Gauge Valves.
3. Open Red and Blue Hose Valves.
4. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.
5. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked DEEP VACUUM.
6. The Pump will start and the TC2670 will draw a vacuum.

**NOTE...** If pressure is sensed at the Red and Blue Hoses on the TC2670, the Pump will not start. If this occurs, perform the recover/recycle operation described earlier. It may also be necessary to momentarily loosen the Blue Hose to break the vacuum to allow the pump to start if its operation has been interrupted. It is normal for the TC2670 to have a 20 to 30 second discharge when the Pump is started.

7. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked DEEP VACUUM.
8. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.

## HOSE EVACUATION

It's important that Air not be introduced into the A/C System during a Charging procedure. If a Deep Vacuum procedure was performed previously, the following Hose Evacuation Procedure is not required. If the service valves on the hoses have been open, the following procedure must be performed.



**Figure 4** Hose Evacuation

To Evacuate Hoses, refer to Figure 4 and follow these steps:

1. Close Red and Blue Hose Valves.
2. Open High and Low Gauge Valves.
3. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.
4. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked RECOVER/RECYCLE.
5. Let the TC2670 run until a vacuum is seen on the Low Side Gauge.
6. Turn High and Low Gauge Valves to OFF.
7. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked RECOVER/RECYCLE. All Air has now been removed from the Hoses.
7. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.
8. Vent any Non-condensable Gas as described in the previous section.

## CHARGE - HIGH SIDE

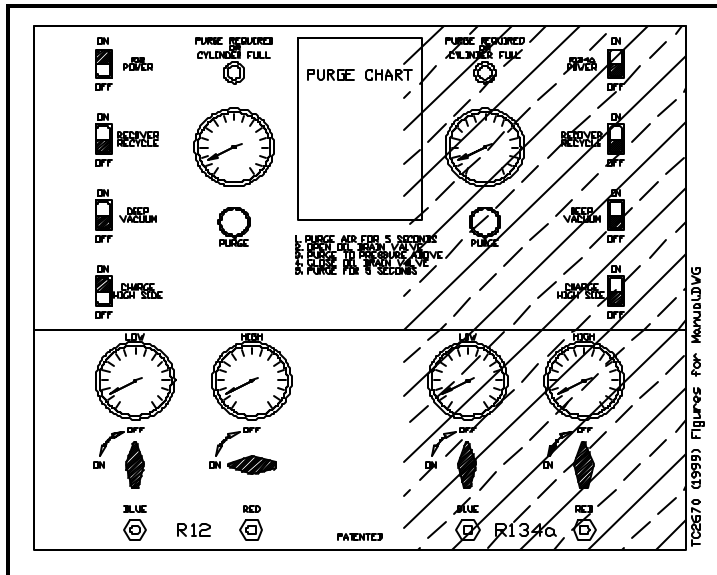


Figure 5 Charge - High Side

To Charge Refrigerant, refer to Figure 5 and follow these steps:

1. Perform Hose Evacuation described previously.
2. Connect Red and Blue Hoses to the A/C System high side per the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

**Note...** Do not open Gauge Manifold Valves.

3. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.
4. Press top (ON) of rocker switch marked CHARGE/HIGH SIDE. The Charge Cylinder will now be heating to develop pressure for charging.
5. Open Red and Blue Hose Valves.
6. Determine the refrigerant capacity of the A/C system to be charged. This data is usually printed on a tag located on the accumulator or under the hood of the vehicle. Convert this quantity to tenths of a pound for setting the TC2670 charge indicator.

The following will determine where to set the indicator prior to starting the charge mode:

$$(\text{TC2670 Liquid Level}) - (\text{A/C System Capacity}) = \text{Indicator Setting}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The level of liquid visible in the TC2670 Charging Cylinder Sight Glass is 7.4 lbs. and the A/C system capacity is 3.2 lbs. The following calculation results...

$$(7.4) - (3.2) = 4.2$$

Therefore, the sliding indicator should be set at 4.2 lbs. in this example. When the liquid level lowers to the 4.2 lb. mark, a charge of 3.2 lbs. will have been delivered

**NOTE...** The Sight Glasses on the Charging Cylinders have markings for both R12 and R134a. Always use the correct scale for accurate charging.

7. Open High Side Gauge Manifold Valve. **Do not start the Vehicle's Engine.** Refrigerant will flow into the high side of the A/C System. Closely monitor the liquid level as it lowers in the Charging Cylinder Sight Glass.
8. Close High Gauge Valve as soon as the refrigerant level drops to the sliding indicator.
9. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked CHARGE/HIGH SIDE.
9. Press bottom (OFF) of rocker switch marked R12 POWER.

The vehicle can now be started and the A/C system checked by monitoring Gauge pressures.

Evacuate the hoses per the preceding section "Hose Evacuation".

Always close Red and Blue Hose Valves before disconnecting hoses.

**NOTE:** All Refrigerant Recycling Machines charge Liquid, by law. The preceding is the suggested method of charging liquid into an A/C system.

Some vehicle manufacturers may not provide a High Side connection. The above instructions would have to be modified accordingly. Always follow the vehicle manufacturer's recommended service procedures.

## SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

### BEFORE EACH USE...

Check the oil level in the Compressors *DAILY* before using.

The Oil Level Sight Tubes can be seen by shining a light into the bottom, middle of the side perforated panels in the lower section of the TC2670.

The oil levels should simply be visible in the tube, not more than one inch up.

If oil is not visible or is higher than one inch in the tubes call Technical Support at 800-468-2321.

### MONTHLY...

Clean the Condensers to maintain high efficiency performance of the TC2670. Disconnect power and remove the lower front perforated panel and blow compressed air through the cooling fins of the Condenser to remove any debris.

Do not bend the fins on the Condenser coils. Air flow will be restricted and cause damage to the TC2670. Replace the panel before applying power to the TC2670.

## FILTER MAINTENANCE

Monitor the Moisture Indicators for a color change from BLUE to PINK. When the TC2670 is new and immediately after changing Combo Filters, the Moisture Indicators may show PINK. This is due to the exposure to air and does not indicate inadequate filter performance.

Four Combo Filters are installed on the rear of the TC2670, two for each side.

Both Filters for one side must be changed yearly **OR** when the Moisture Indicator shows "Wet".

## PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

On rare occasion the TC2670 may seem to be performing incorrectly. Experience has shown that varying operating conditions can affect the performance characteristics of the TC2670. The temperature of the vehicle A/C System will affect how the TC2670 performs.

Following are typical problems with explanations of the possible cause and solution.

**PROBLEM:** My TC2670 worked fine all last Summer. I got it out today for the first service job this Spring and it is very slow in evacuating the system.

**SOLUTION:** Today's Spring temperature may be much lower than the average temperatures during the summer months. Maybe the vehicle was brought in from outside where the temperature is very low.

The refrigerant in the vehicle will not be under as high a pressure at lower temperatures and the TC2670 will take longer to draw a vacuum. More cycles may be required to completely recover the refrigerant.

**PROBLEM:** I put 5 lbs. of refrigerant into the TC2670 using the Recycle Mode. When I checked the sight glass on the Charging Cylinder, there was less than 5 lbs. I lost Refrigerant. The unit must leak.

**SOLUTION:** Due to temperature changes, some refrigerant may condense into liquid form and stay in tubes and other components in the circuit preceding the Charging Cylinder. This is normal and will explain why all refrigerant is not visible in the sight glass.

**PROBLEM:** I can not get the TC2670 to draw a vacuum as indicated on the Low Side Gauge.

**SOLUTION:** Check Hoses for restrictions.

**PROBLEM:** When I try to fill the Charging Cylinder from an auxiliary cylinder of clean refrigerant, the TC2670 is really slow or shuts down.

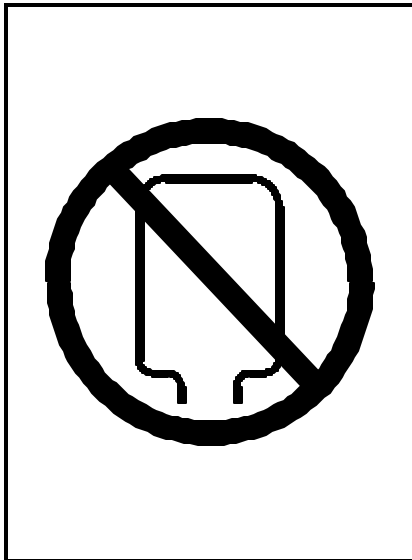
**SOLUTION:** The auxiliary cylinder will cool due to the vaporization of refrigerant. This causes the pressure to decrease.

Use a heat belt to increase the speed of recycling by the TC2670.

**PROBLEM:** I turned a 30 lb. cylinder of new refrigerant upside down to fill the Charging Cylinder with liquid. The Charging Cylinder didn't fill and now the TC2670 won't recover from an A/C system.

**SOLUTION:** The TC2670 has been overloaded with liquid refrigerant (see Safety Precaution Section at the beginning of this manual).

**... WARNING ...**



**IF A CYLINDER IS TURNED UP-SIDE-DOWN, THE TC2670 WILL OVERFILL WITH LIQUID REFRIGERANT. THIS OVER FILLS THE SUCTION ACCUMULATOR WITH LIQUID.**

**FROST ON THE OIL DRAIN ON THE REAR OF THE TC2670 IS A GOOD INDICATION OF THIS OCCURRENCE.**

**THIS SYMPTOM IS CAUSE FOR CONCERN AS LIQUID REFRIGERANT WILL BE FORCED INTO THE COMPRESSOR.**

**THIS CAN DESTROY THE COMPRESSOR AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.**

The safest method to remove the excess liquid which has collected in the Suction Accumulator is to drain it from the Oil Drain on the back of the TC2670 as follows:

Draw a deep vacuum (25 to 29 In. Hg.) on an empty cylinder and connect it to the Oil Drain Valve. Open the cylinder valve and the Oil Drain valve.

Close the valves and disconnect the cylinder after the liquid has been drawn into the cylinder. This refrigerant can now be recycled by the TC2670 following normal recycling procedures.

If the above suggested solutions do not solve the problem, call the phone number shown on the Serial Label on the rear of the machine and one of our technicians will help diagnose the cause. Please have the Serial Number available for reference.