

#### R744 und R290 für PKW Klima – Kompressoren und Systeme

# R744 and R290 for AC/HP – Compressors and Systems

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# Actual Market Situation and Forecast of Hybrid Vehicle Market Share Europe\*



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# Actual/Future Market Situation and impact on compressor technology



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### Vehicle Driving Range Improvement Potential by Optimized Thermal Management





# Compartment Heating Options for different vehicle types

	ICE Conventional	HEV	PHEV	BEV
ICE: Internal Combustion Engine	Х	Х	(X)	-
FFH: Fuel Fired Heater	Х	Х	(X)	-
PTC: Positive Temperature Coefficient	Х	Х	Х	Х
HP: Heat Pump	Х	X	X	X

**Electrical Heating Systems** 



PTC Air Heater



HV PTC Water Heater

**Fuel Fired Heater** 



Heat Pump Systems





Good performing heat-pump but high BOM and cost effort needed

**Remark:** R744 heat pump has better COP potential compared to R1234yf

#### Winter range test



# Hyundai Kona R1234yf HeatPump 2021







# IAA Munich 7.-12. September 2021 Obrist booth and meetings

OEMs and Tier 1 situation on refrigerants:

How long will R1234yf be allowed to be used (TFA)?

What's to come after R1234yf

Blends or next chemical variants to come ?

How will China decide on refrigerant?

Is R290 or R744 the better choice ?

R134a / R1234yf



Blends / Next Chemicals ?

#### Koura LFR3 Development Refrigerant Expected Benefits

- Designed to have lower environmental impact than CO<sub>2</sub>
- Non-flammable as formulated
- Lower operating pressure than CO<sub>2</sub>
- Low GWP (140 AR5)



Propane R290



Carbon Dioxide R744



Carbon dioxide CO<sub>2</sub> • CAS 124-38-9



#### R744 is on the road Daimler S-Class 2017ff and Volkswagen ID.3 / ID.4

#### Daimler S-Class EU 2017 to 2020

R744 system AC only



belt driven R744 compressor of Sanden VW ID.3 / ID.4 2021 ff.

Optional R744 AC with heat pump

**Reichweitenstark:** die Wärmepumpe im ID.3



problems in performance / COP





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# Increasing heating/cooling demand example compressor specification 2020

	minimaler Massenstrom	Lastfall 1	Lastfall 2	Wärmepumpe -10 °C	Wärmepumpe -20 °C
Verdichterdrehzahl []	minimal	maximal	maximal	maximal	50%
Kälteleistung [kW]	-	>11	> 15	>6	> 6,5
Kältemittelmassenstrom [kg/h]	< 25 kg/h	-	-	-	-
СОР	> 5	> 2,5	> 2,5	> 2,5	> 2,5
Hochdruck/Saugdruck [bar]	4/3	15,6/3	16/4	22 / 1,2	16/2,5
Unterkühlung vor EXV [K]	5 ± 0,5				
Überhitzung vor EKK [K]		10 ± 0,5		80 % Dampf	80 % Dampf

- heat-pumps will come widely
- quick-charging eVehicles required huge peak cooling demands up to 15kW (!)
- heat-exchangers, air flows and compressors must grow in size





#### R134a / R1234yf

R744



# Increasing heating and cooling demand compressor impact

- Max. Speed higher
- Displacement increase (e.g. R134a)
- Vapour Injection Systems
- Ejectors in systems









R134a / R1234yf 27 bis 50+ ccm

R744 5 bis 9 ccm

**R290** 

20 bis 42cc



#### Scroll Compressor is state of art today for edriven platforms R1234yf/R744/R290





**R134a / R1234yf** 27 to 50+ ccm







5 to 9 ccm





**R290** 20 to 42cc

# The Standard R744 A/C System AC-only as S-Class 2016

Standard R744 A/C circuit with IHX and accumulator Gas cooler IHX Accumulator positioned on low pressure side Expansion Internal heat exchanger after gas device Compressor cooler and after evaporator Electrical expansions device for control and COP optimization Evaporator Wide operating in trans-critical conditions ("gas cooler") Accumulator

# Coolant-Based AC/HP/BatteryCooling Systems indirect/indirect

- New vehicle structures have more heat sources and heat sinks to cover
- Indirect systems with coolant and compact refrigerant loops are discussed / partly already in market (e.g. Tesla or BMW on condenser side)
- Simplification on refrigerant side, complexity moved to coolant
- Enabling ultra-compact modules and entry door for R290 with low charge amount
- Drawbacks on dynamic/BOM

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Example1: Hanon Exampropane system comp



Example2: brose compact system



Example3: OE compact system





# OE R290 Compact System indirect/indirect 6kW

- 6kW heating and cooling reached and confirmed in testing
- 27cc OE eScroll R290
- Small/mid-size vehicle setup in first place
- Charge amount below 150g confirmed
- High integrated AI bracket with all refrigerant components w/o any piping
- But: challenging dynamic / heat-up behaviour esp. at low ambient



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# Options for Future BEV A/C&HP Natural Refrigerant System Variants

System		Advantages	Disadvantages	
R290 direct	Respirate to the second	<ul> <li>Excellent Ref. for +/- temp</li> <li>Best thermodynamic properties</li> <li>Best system efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flamability issue</li> <li>R290 components within passenger compartment</li> <li>No SNAP approval</li> </ul>	
R290 indirect	HV - Ballery	<ul> <li>Low Ref. charge</li> <li>Good thermodynamic properties</li> <li>Additional Parts / longer BOM</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flamability</li> <li>150gram vs. 500gram rule</li> <li>No SNAP approval</li> <li>Thermal/Dynamic losses – indirect losses</li> <li>BOM / coolant side complexity</li> </ul>	
R744 direct	Remperior Accurations	<ul> <li>HP COPs very good</li> <li>SNAP OK</li> <li>In automotive mass production since 2016</li> <li>Established in stationary applications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Charge amount determination AC/HP/BC</li> <li>Trained Staff required</li> <li>Hot ambient &gt; 35°C low COP</li> </ul>	
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# Simulation Results AC-Max 45°C ambient R1234yf vs. R290 vs. R744



at hot ambient R744 has significant COP disadvantages

Cooling power > 7kW can be reached

R290 direct with best COP and max. cooling power

R290 indirect with same COP than R1234yf direct.

R744 in hot ambient (e.g. Dubai) requires add-on measures for COP improvements (e.g. Ejector, flash-gas, etc.)



# Simulation Results HP-Max at minus 15°C ambient R1234yf vs. R290 vs. R744



R744 reaches best COP and highest peak heating power

R290 direct has better COP and significant max. heating power

NOTE: below minus 15degC ambient temperature R1234yf is operated below 1 bar abs. on suction side. Many OEM limit usage of R1234yf at low temperatures

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Carbon dioxide

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# Summary R290 and R744 Automotive Applications

By TFA discussion OEMs and Tier1s are unsure on further usage of R1234yf



- Beside blends and next chemical inventions R290 and R744 are intensively discussed (again)
- R744 is already out there on the road with Daimler S-Class and VW ID.3
- R744 COP-wise in middle/colder climates well situated
- R744 works at hot climates but looses COP, ad-on features (e.g. Ejectors in discussion)
- R290 needs special attention towards safety (remark: R1234yf is flammable as well)
- Compact systems for R290 offer possibility on significant charge amount reduction, but loose efficiency and dynamic behaviour by that
- China could play a significant role in driving natural refrigerants for automotive applications
- Scroll compressor is state of art for all options of refrigerants and direct/indirect systems



### Summary OEM 2021 Directions refrigerant choice and swap

OEM Type 1 – "I will wait on legal situation to come – no change until than" OEM Type 2 – "I am preparing for R744, R290 or blend to replace R1234yf" OEM Type 3 – "R744 COP at hot ambient is not sufficient, no option for me" OEM Type 4 – "R290 safety not clear – I will not be the first mover" OEM Type 5 -"I do the last change in refrigerant now to natural one"

Struggling with "world wide solution" – different safety / legal situation / ambient conditions esp. R290 legal/safety situations

A green AC/HP is not really used as a unique selling point, except increasing driving range in winter.



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