The thousands of satisfied AUTO-PURGER customers are a testament to the quality and reliability of Hansen AUTO-PURGERs. The money saved in reduced energy costs alone will pay for the purchase and installation of an AUTO-PURGER.

Hansen AUTO-PURGERs are the leader in multipoint purging. Multipoint purging is the only effective method for removing all air from a refrigeration system. In addition, the large air-removal capacity of Hansen AUTO-PURGERs allows a very large amount of air to be removed quickly. This helps ensure that the refrigeration system runs at its design capacity, especially in hot weather months.

There are AUTO-PURGER models to match a variety of system requirements. From large ammonia or halocarbon systems, to single condenser operation, to hazardous locations, there is an AUTO-PURGER to meet your needs.

**Auto-Purger APP**
- Compact wall mounting saves floor space
- High capacity water separation — up to 7 gallons per day
- High capacity air separation — up to 20 times the capacity of competitor units
- Requires less energy to operate — single phase, 115 V, 20A circuit
- LCD console displays purger data
- On-board diagnostics
A WIDE RANGE OF MODELS MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

**Auto-Purger AP**
- For multiple purge points, up to 24 points
- Ideal for large systems up to 1500 tons (5300 kW) nominal capacity
- Total and rapid air removal
- Prewired, prepiped, and insulated
- Each unit tested on a real refrigeration system
- Solid-state controls
- Completely automatic
- Water bubbler included

**Auto-Purger APM**
- For multiple purge points, up to four points
- Ideal for medium-size systems up to 200 tons (700 kW) nominal capacity
- Solid-state controls sense the presence of air and purge for a longer time at those points
- Completely automatic with self-diagnostics
- Welded pipe construction
- Prewired, prepiped, and insulated
- Water bubbler included
- Functionally tested

**Non-Electrical Auto-Purger (NEAP)**
- Low cost and very simple
- Typically used for a single purge point
- Ideal for small systems up to 100 tons (350 kW) nominal capacity
- Completely a nonelectric design
- Especially suited for installation in hazardous atmospheres
- Fully automatic
- Welded pipe construction
- Prepiped and assembled
- Functionally tested

Shown with Optional Valve Package
**COST SAVINGS AND PAYBACK**

**Cost of air**
The presence of air in a refrigeration system increases the condensing pressure. As a result, the power requirement of the compressor also increases. The chart to the right shows the relationship between condensing pressure and power consumption of the compressor for a typical ammonia system.

For every 10 psi (0.7 bar) increase in condensing pressure, there is approximately a 6% increase in power consumption by the compressors. This, in turn, means the amount of money required to operate the system also increases.

An AUTO-PURGER quickly and effectively removes all air from the system. Therefore, for every 10 psi (0.7 bar) decrease in condensing pressure resulting from the installation of an AUTO-PURGER there is approximately a 6% decrease in power consumption by the system.

**Return on investment**
Since installing an AUTO-PURGER results in large savings in energy cost, the payback on the initial investment is very quick. For a typical installation, the payback is reached within one year.

Once the payback is reached, all of the money saved in energy cost represents a return on the initial investment. Since the payback is reached so quickly, the return is typically many times the cost associated with installing an AUTO-PURGER.

Year after year, the system condensing pressure is kept low by the AUTO-PURGER. In turn, energy costs are kept low resulting in more money added to profits.
Calculating Savings

To calculate the approximate annual savings that can be realized by installing an AUTO-PURGER, use the formula at the left. Simply enter the values and complete the computation. To determine the condensing pressure of pure refrigerant, refer to a pressure-temperature chart for the refrigerant used. An ammonia pressure-temperature chart is on page 7. To determine the excess pressure due to air, refer to the explanation and examples on page 7.

**US Customary**

The conditions for this example are:
- Refrigerant: ammonia
- Suction temperature: 0°F
- Condensing temperature: 86°F
- Excess pressure due to air (Pa): 17 psi
- Pure refrigerant condensing pressure (Pd): 169.2 psia
- System capacity (C): 1500 tons
- Energy consumption factor (H): .80
- Hours of run-time per year (T): 6500 hours
- Electric rate per kilowatt-hour (M): .06 dollars

\[
\text{Savings} = \frac{P_a}{P_d} \times C \times H \times T \times M
\]

\[
\frac{17 \text{ psi}}{169.2 \text{ psia}} \times 1500 \text{ tons} \times .80 \times 6500 \text{ hours} \times $.06/\text{kW-hr}
\]

= $47,020/year

**Metric**

The conditions for this example are:
- Refrigerant: ammonia
- Suction temperature: -30°C
- Condensing temperature: 30°C
- Excess pressure due to air (Pa): 1.2 bar
- Pure refrigerant condensing pressure (Pd): 11.6 bar
- System capacity (C): 5300 kW
- Energy consumption factor (H): .32
- Hours of run-time per year (T): 6000 hours
- Electric rate per kilowatt-hour (M): .08 dollars

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\[
\frac{1.2 \text{ bar}}{11.6 \text{ bar}} \times 5300 \text{ kW} \times .32 \times 6000 \text{ hours} \times $.08/\text{kW-hr}
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= $84,212/year

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Note: These factors are calculated at 86°F and 30°C condensing temperature.
**PURGER OPERATION**

**Condensing pressure and purger operation**

AUTO-PURGERS remove more air and over a shorter period of time than other purging methods or units to maintain the minimum possible condensing pressure. A refrigeration system without a purger or with an inadequate purger may allow fluctuations in condensing pressure or may not be able to maintain the minimum possible condensing pressure. The charts to the right illustrate this effect.

**How does air get into a system?**

Air can enter a system in a number of ways. For systems operating in a vacuum, leaky gaskets and shaft seals allow air into the system. Other common ways for air to enter are during repairs and service, when adding refrigerant to the system, and through the chemical breakdown of refrigerant. Also, lubricating oils can breakdown under heat and high pressure to create noncondensible gases.

**Where does air collect?**

Air collects at various locations on the high-pressure side of the system. These locations are typically the lowest gas velocity and coolest temperature areas. High-pressure condensers, receivers, and heat reclaim heat exchangers are all likely locations where air will collect.

**Air as an insulator**

Air tends to act as insulation in refrigeration systems. A layer of air forms a blanket on the walls of the condensing surface, preventing refrigerant from making contact with the lower-temperature heat exchanger surface. This results in greatly reduced system efficiency.

Pressure profiles for a system with an AUTO-PURGER versus manual purging and the same system with an AUTO-PURGER versus an inadequate purger.

Air acts as an insulator between the refrigerant and the cooling surface, greatly reducing condensing efficiency.
How do I know how much air is in the system?

The presence of air in a refrigeration system is indicated by excessively high head pressure. This may be indicated by a pressure gauge or by system compressors shutting down due to the high pressure. The amount of air in a system can also be measured by comparing the actual condensing pressure to the condensing pressure of pure refrigerant at a given temperature. Refer to the following examples using ammonia as the refrigerant.

**Metric**

Temperature at the outlet of the condenser: **32°C**

Pressure at the outlet of the condenser: 12.8 bar or 13.8 bar absolute

Pressure of pure ammonia at 32°C: 12.3 bar absolute

Excess pressure: 13.8 bar – 12.3 bar = 1.5 bar

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Saturation pressure-temperature charts for pure ammonia (no air).

**US Customary**

Temperature at the outlet of the condenser: **89°F**

Pressure at the outlet of the condenser: 180 psig or 194.7 psia

Pressure of pure ammonia at 89°F: 177.7 psia

Excess pressure: 194.7 psia – 177.7 psia = 17 psi

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*absolute pressure
Multipoint purging

It is difficult to determine where air will collect in a system. There are typically several likely collection points. Multiple factors influence where air will collect. The number of condensers and receivers, condenser piping design, and component arrangement and operation all affect the location of air.

Seasonal weather can also affect where air collects. In hot summer weather, air may be driven to the lower-temperature, high-pressure receivers inside a building. In cold winter weather, the opposite may be true.

Therefore, it is important to purge from each possible air collection point one at a time. Multipoint purging is the only effective method to ensure complete air removal from the system.

Purge one point at a time

Why not just open all purge points at the same time? If this is done, air is removed from only one of the points. Even though the pressure difference across the purge points may be as small as .25 psi (.02 bar), air will only be removed from the point that has the highest pressure. As a result, air will continue to collect in the other locations.

In addition, if the pressure difference is great enough, it is possible that air from the point with the highest pressure can be forced into the other condensers. By purging from each point one at a time, which is standard on AUTO-PURGERs, air is effectively removed from throughout the entire refrigeration system.

To AUTO-PURGER (lower pressure)

When multiple purge points are open simultaneously, air is purged from only the point with the highest pressure.
**Purge point locations**

Purge points should be installed at the most likely locations where air will collect. In general, these points are at the lowest-temperature, lowest-velocity areas of high-pressure receivers, condensers, and other high-pressure components.

Purge points should be located in such a way as to ensure liquid is not drawn into the purger. For example, locate the purge point on top of a pipe or receiver, not on the bottom.

The outlet piping of the purge point solenoid valves can be connected to a manifold to save on piping. However, only one point should be open at any given time. The manifold piping should pitch down toward the AUTO-PURGER to facilitate draining of any condensed refrigerant.

Evaporative condensers should be purged from the top of the outlet header of each circuit. Manufacturers often provide a connection at this location for a purge point. A trap should be installed in the condenser drain leg. This creates a liquid seal to trap air at the outlet of the condenser and prevent it from migrating to the receivers.

 Receivers with the inlet at one end should have a purge point installed at the top of the opposite end. Receivers with the inlet in the middle should have a purge point at the top on each end. This applies to water-cooled condensers as well.

Purge point solenoid valves should be a minimum of 1/2" (13 mm) port size. The purge point 5 piping should also be a minimum of 1/2" (13 mm) size. Piping should pitch down toward the purger to facilitate draining of any condensed refrigerant. No traps should be present in the piping or manifold. Avoid running purge point piping through refrigerated spaces to minimize condensing of any refrigerant present in the purge gas.

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Gas velocity is too high at the inlet to allow air to collect

Inlet

Air

Purge Point

Outlet

Trap creates a liquid seal to gather air at the purge point

Purge point location for an evaporative condenser.

Air collects at the coolest, lowest velocity areas

Purge Point

Inlet

Air

Outlet

Purge point locations for horizontal receivers.
AUTO-PURGER APPLICATIONS

AUTO-PURGER APP
For Ammonia Only

Shown below is an AUTO-PURGER® PLUS APP installed in a typical large industrial refrigeration system. The AUTO-PURGER PLUS collects non-condensible gases (air) from the refrigeration system and releases the air to a water bubbler; the APP also collects and releases water from the refrigeration system. The water is first concentrated in the evaporator section of the AUTO-PURGER PLUS using the foul gas from the condenser purge points as part of the normal operation of a non-condensible gas purger. The evaporator is supplied by pumped, water-contaminated, refrigerant liquid from the lowest temperature recirculator vessel. As the refrigerant boils off in the AUTO-PURGER evaporator, the water is left behind. At about 20% water concentration the purger then isolates the mixture of water and ammonia and further concentrates the water with hot gas and electric heat. At approximately 90% water concentration the liquid is drained to a customer supplied container. The AUTO-PURGER PLUS then repeats the cycle of separating air and concentrating water.

This drawing is for illustration purposes only and should not be used for actual engineering or installation. Not to scale.

AUTO-PURGER AP

Shown to the right is an AUTO-PURGER AP installed in a typical large industrial refrigeration system. The piping arrangement shown is typical high-side piping for two dual-circuit condensers and a receiver.

There is a total of six purge points on this system. Each circuit of each condenser is purged at the outlet. The inlet of the receiver is located in the middle. Therefore, a purge point is located at each end of the receiver. These purge points are the coolest, lowest-velocity areas of these components.

The AUTO-PURGER AP sequences the solenoid valves to purge from each point individually. Only one purge point solenoid valve is open at any given time. This ensures that air is efficiently removed from the system.

AUTO-PURGER AP application with six purge points.
**AUTO-PURGER APM**

Shown at the right is an AUTO-PURGER APM installed in a typical medium-size industrial refrigeration system. The piping arrangement shown is typical high-side piping for two single-circuit condensers and a receiver.

There is a total of three purge points utilized in this system. Each condenser is purged at the outlet. The inlet of the receiver is at one end. Therefore, the purge point is located at the other end of the vessel. This is the coolest, lowest-velocity area of the vessel.

The AUTO-PURGER APM sequences the solenoid valves to purge from each point individually. Only one purge point solenoid valve is open at any given time. This ensures that air is efficiently removed from the system.

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**Non-Electrical AUTO-PURGER (NEAP)**

Shown at the right is a Non-Electrical AUTO-PURGER (NEAP) installed on a small industrial shell and tube skidded chiller package. The purge point is located on the condenser at the opposite end as the inlet. This is the coolest, lowest-velocity area of the condenser. Shown below is a simple system often found in geographically-remote installations. The simple design of the NEAP makes it especially suited for these installations.

AUTO-PURGER NEAP installed on a skidded chiller package for use in hazardous atmospheres.
SELECTING AN AUTO-PURGER

Several factors are involved in selecting the correct AUTO-PURGER for an application. First, the system size needs to be considered. In general, for a system with a high potential for air entry, such as one with suction in a vacuum or frequently opened for repairs, the purger capacity must be derated. For example, the AUTO-PURGER AP is suited for systems up to 1500 tons (5300 kW) with suction above vacuum. For systems with suction in a vacuum, the AP is suited for systems up to 750 tons (2600 kW).

In addition, the total number of purge points must be considered. The AUTO-PURGER AP is suited for up to 24 purge points, the APM for up to four purge points, and the NEAP is typically used to purge a single point.

If nonelectric control is required, such as for hazardous atmospheres, the model NEAP should be installed. The simple, nonelectric design of the NEAP also makes it ideal for installation in geographically-remote locations.
System size?

Suction above or in a vacuum?

**Above vacuum (nominal capacity):**
- AUTO-PURGER AP – 1500 tons (5300 kW)
- AUTO-PURGER APM – 200 tons (700 kW)
- Non-Electrical AUTO-PURGER – 100 tons (350 kW) NEAP

**In a vacuum (nominal capacity):**
- AUTO-PURGER AP – 750 tons (2600 kW)
- AUTO-PURGER APM – 100 tons (350 kW)
- Non-Electrical AUTO-PURGER – 75 tons (265 kW) NEAP

Number of purge points?

Electronic or nonelectric control?

Hazardous atmosphere installation?
ORDERING INFORMATION: AUTO-PURGERS

AUTO-PURGER® Noncondensible Gas Purger
(For Ammonia, R-22, R-134a & Other Compatible Refrigerants)
Reduce condensing pressure and lower power costs by removing noncondensible gases such as air in a refrigeration system. The AUTO-PURGER® AP08 allows up to eight locations to be individually purged, AP16 allows up to 16 points, AP24 allows up to 24 points. One AUTO-PURGER® is typically sufficient for a 1500 ton (5275 kW) system (or a 750 ton (2638 kW) system operating below 0 psig [0 bar]); same capacity for all refrigerants. Isolation shut-off valve kits with strainers included. Automatic water bubbler flush system eliminates water bottle attention. Water conditioning cartridge is available for hard water supply. Standard electrical supply is 115V/60Hz; 230V/60Hz, 220V/50Hz and 110V/50Hz are available. Canadian CSA certification.

To Order: Specify model number, refrigerant, and voltage.

Note: Use Technical Equipment Discount Schedule.

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Non-Electric Mini AUTO-PURGER® NEAP
(For Ammonia & Halocarbons)
The Non-Electric Mini AUTO-PURGER® (NEAP) for ammonia is a simplified version of our well known purgers for packaged units or small plants featuring easy start-up and automatic operation. Suitable for Class I, Division II (Explosion Proof) applications with welded piping construction. One NEAP Purger suitable for smaller ammonia and halocarbon systems to 100 tons (350 kW).

Isolation Valve Package VPM
Optional isolation valve package (VPM) consists of three flanged welded assemblies which include the necessary shut-off valves and gauge valves for the “Foul Gas” line, Suction line and Liquid line. VPMF for halocarbons also includes filter dryers and moisture indicating sight glasses.

To Order: Specify model number, voltage, and refrigerant.

Note: Use Technical Equipment Discount Schedule.

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**AUTO-PURGER® APM**

(For Ammonia & Halocarbons)

The AUTO-PURGER® M (APM) can purge up to a maximum of four points which makes it ideal for smaller refrigeration plants. Typically, this purger will handle up to a 200 ton (700 kW) ammonia or halocarbon system.

It features welded piping construction and comes pre-assembled, pre-wired, tested, insulated, and includes an automatic water bubbler flush system. Standard voltage is 115V/60Hz; 230V/60Hz is available. CSA and CE mark available.

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**AUTO-PURGER® Plus Gas (Air) & Water Purger**

(For Ammonia Only)

AUTO-PURGER® PLUS is a totally automatic, electronically controlled non-condensible gas (air) and water purger for reducing the energy costs of operating an ammonia refrigeration system. Shipped preassembled, prewired, insulated, and includes an automatic water bubbler, a relief valve, and an isolation service valve package. One AUTO-PURGER® is typically sufficient for a 1500 ton (5275 kW) system [or a 750 ton (2638 kW) system operating below 0 psig (0 bar)]. All models are suitable for ammonia only. Standard electrical supply is single phase, 20A, 115V, 50/60 Hz. Optional single phase, 10A, 230V, 50/60 Hz is also available.

**To Order:** Specify model number and voltage.

Note: Use Technical Equipment Discount Schedule.

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**AUTO-PURGER® plus TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE**

(For Ammonia Only)

AUTO-PURGER® PLUS Technology Package, includes 6” (150) monochrome touch screen display, with ethernet connection and power supply, with multi-lingual operating instructions.

**To Order:** Specify model number APPT.

Note: Use Technical Equipment Discount Schedule.
INSTALLING AN AUTO-PURGER SAVES MONEY

An AUTO-PURGER noncondensible gas (air) purger quickly and efficiently removes air from a refrigeration system. Noncondensible gases, primarily air, present in a refrigeration system increase condensing pressures. Air also reduces the overall capacity of the refrigeration system by acting as an insulator, which increases the amount of time compressors must run. The increased run-time of compressors, in turn, increase the energy required to operate the system throughout the year. This is true not only during the hot ambient temperatures of summer days, but also during the cool ambient temperatures of night and the winter season. Eliminating air in the refrigeration system reduces the energy required to operate the system, resulting in lower electricity bills.

THE AUTO-PURGER STORY

Hansen Technologies Corporation is the true pioneer and idea generator for modern industrial refrigeration air purging equipment. Recognizing that existing systems were inadequate and not being utilized, Hansen developed a range of AUTO-PURGERs which are recognized as the world standard.

With nearly 10,000 AUTO-PURGERs installed throughout the world, Hansen customers collectively save approximately $100,000,000 (in US dollars) per year in electric power costs. As the number of installed AUTO-PURGERs continues to grow the savings in electric power costs per year continues to grow.

- Large air removal capacity over a short time span
- Multipoint purging
- Payback typically within one year
- Flexible installation location
- Models to match a variety of system sizes and requirements
- Completely automatic startup
- Factory assembled and tested
- CSA and CE certification available

To order, call 866.4HANSEN. For more information, visit us online at www.hantech.com.