



Standard Practice for Handling, Transportation, and Storage of HFC-227ea 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane (CF₃CHF₂CF₃)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers guidance and direction to suppliers, reclaimers, purchasers, and users in the handling, transportation, and storage of HFC-227ea.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D6064 Specification for HFC-227ea, 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane (CF₃CHF₂CF₃)

2.2 *CGA Standards*:³

C-1 Methods for Hydrostatic Testing of Compressed Gas Cylinders

C-6 Standards for Visual Inspection of Steel Compressed Gas Cylinders

C-7 Guide to Preparation of Precautionary Labeling and Marking of Compressed Gas Containers

P-1 Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers

SB-1 Hazards of Refilling Compressed Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Gas Cylinders

SB-5 Hazards of Reusing Disposable Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Gas Cylinders

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Compressed Gas Association, 14501 George Carter Way, Suite 103, Chantilly VA 20151-1788, http://www.eganet.com.

SB-18 Use of Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbons) Recovery Cylinders

2.3 *U.S. Government Standards*:⁴

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40, Part 82.106

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 173, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Specifications, Shippers-General Requirements for Shipping and Packagings

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 178, U.S. DOT Specifications, Specifications for Packagings

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 180, U.S. DOT, Continuing Qualifications and Maintenance of Packagings

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *containers*—storage vessels for HFC-227ea.

3.1.2 *cylinders*—containers of HFC-227ea.

3.1.3 *HFC-227ea*—1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane; a compound used to inert or suppress a fire or explosion hazard.

3.1.4 *insulated*—placed in an isolated situation to protect and prevent the transfer of damage.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides requirements for the handling, transportation, and storage of HFC-227ea encountered in distribution through both commercial and military channels. It is intended to ensure that HFC-227ea is handled, transported, and stored in such a way that its physical property virtues are not degraded. Transport may be by various means, such as, but not limited to, highway, rail, water, and air.

5. Practice

5.1 To ensure safe handling, loading, unloading, storing, and transporting of material, personnel shall be trained in the CGA publications and Title 49 CFR regulations as listed in 2.2 and 2.3, respectively.

5.2 *Handling:*

⁴ Available from U.S. Government Publishing Office, 732, N. Capitol St., NW, Washington, DC 20401-0001, http://www.gpo.gov.

5.2.1 Handling shall be in accordance with CGA Publication No. P-1, and as specified by the manufacturer.

5.2.1.1 Personnel who handle or store, or both, cylinders of HFC-227ea shall be trained properly to recognize and identify the characteristics of the product and the proper methods of safely handling full, partially full, and empty cylinders.

5.2.2 All HFC-227ea transfers between storage containers and recycling processes shall be performed by personnel trained in handling procedures.

5.2.3 HFC-227ea handling shall be in nonsmoking, heater-free, ventilated areas to preclude product accumulation. Provisions shall be made to ensure that service areas limit HFC-227ea concentrations do not exceed 10.5 % for 1 min and 0.1 % for 8 h.

5.2.4 Cylinders shall not be overfilled. The liquid portion of the liquefied gases must not completely fill the container's internal volume at any temperature up to and including 130°F (54°C). The maximum permitted filling density for pure HFC-227ea shall be 79 lb/ft³ (1265 kg/m³). The maximum permitted filling density for HFC-227ea super pressurized with nitrogen to 600 psig (25.8 bar) at 70°F (21°C) shall be 72 lb/ft³ (1153 kg/m³). The maximum filling density for HFC-227ea super pressurized with nitrogen to 600 psig (42.4 bar) at 70°F shall be 68 lb/ft³. Filling density requirements are specified in Title 49 CFR, 173.304 and Title 49 CFR, 173.305.

5.2.5 Handling of materials should be done in a manner that prevents contamination or comingling of halocarbons other than of HFC-227ea.

5.2.6 Cylinders shall be free of dirt and contamination that would contribute to or would cause deterioration of product

during shipment or storage. Precautions should be taken to prevent the entry of oil, water, or any other foreign matter into containers. Unique coatings or preservatives applied prior to shipment to protect the containers are not considered contamination.

5.3 Transportation:

5.3.1 Transportation shall be as specified in accordance with DOT regulations of Title 49 CFR.

5.3.1.1 Shipment of materials between collectors, recyclers, and reclaimers should be within approved DOT guidelines for Class 2, Division 2.2, regulated materials. Any further provisions for special transportation or packaging should be agreed upon between the collectors, recyclers, and reclaimers.

5.3.1.2 The minimum design pressure requirements shall be as indicated in Title 49 CFR, Part 173.301. The pressure inside the container at 70°F (21°C) shall not exceed the service pressure for which the container is marked. The pressure inside the container at 130°F (54°C) shall not exceed ¾ times the service pressure for which the container is marked. Fig. 1 illustrates the effect of temperature on cylinders filled with HFC-227ea. Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 illustrate the effect of temperature on mixtures of HFC-227ea and nitrogen for the cases of HFC-227ea superpressurized at 70°F with nitrogen to a total pressure of 360 psig (25.8 bar) and 600 psig (42.4 bar), respectively.

5.3.2 Transportation shall be by suitable vehicles to preclude cylinder damage by excessive mechanical vibration, shock, freezing, or deleterious high temperatures throughout the entire transport route.

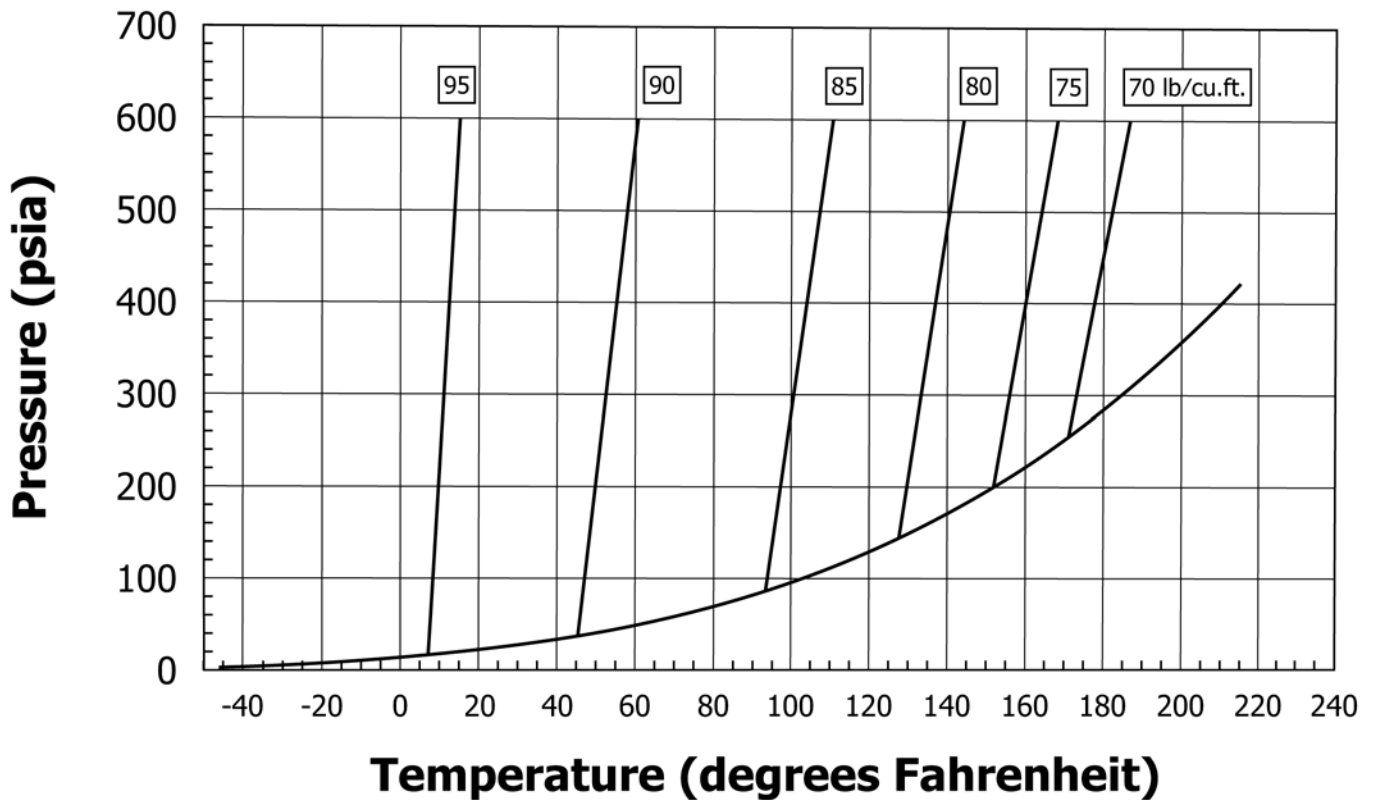


FIG. 1 HFC-227ea Isometric Diagram

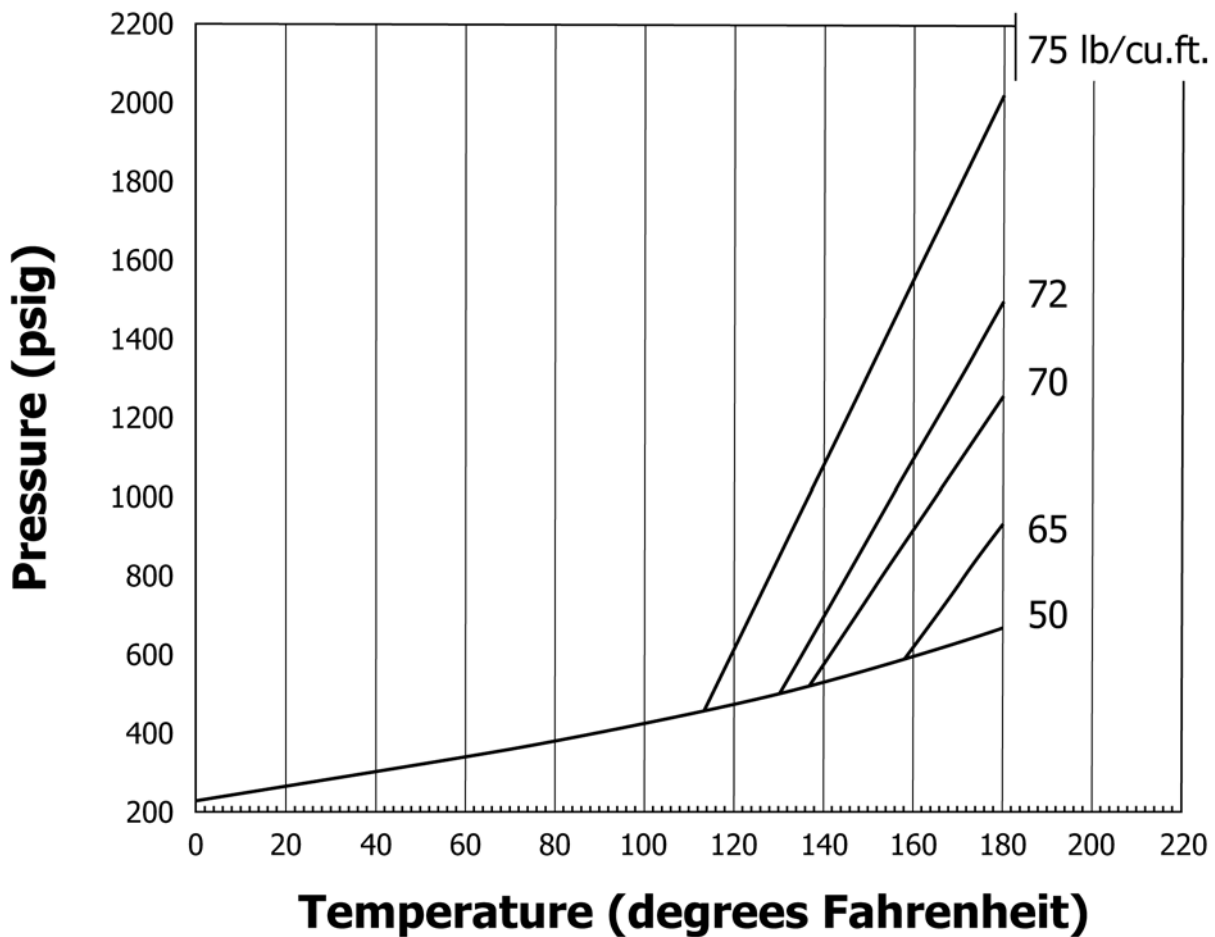


FIG. 2 Isometric Diagram HFC-227ea Pressurized to 360 psig (25.8 bar) With Nitrogen at 70°F (21°C)

5.3.2.1 Should cylinders be expected to be subjected to unacceptable transport conditions, the cylinders should be placed under insulated conditions.

5.3.3 Compressed gas cylinder permanent marking requirements shall be as specified under Part 178 of Title 49 CFR and must be maintained in legible condition as required by Part 173 of Title 49 CFR. Warning labels shall be affixed to cylinders conforming to requirements of Part 82.106 of Title 40 CFR.

5.4 Storage:

5.4.1 Storage shall be in accordance with CGA Publication No. P-1, in qualified cylinders in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Parts 173 and 178.

5.4.2 Cylinders should be stored in areas that will protect vessels from physical and environmental damage and tampering from unauthorized personnel.

5.4.2.1 Facilities should be of construction and orientation so that safety requirements are fulfilled for the storage of pressurized cylinders.

5.4.3 Storage cylinders shall be fitted with pressure release mechanisms to limit vessel pressure to not more than the rated working pressure of the HFC-227ea container in use at any particular time.

5.4.3.1 Periodic hydrostatic testing and reinspection of cylinders used for recycled HFC-227ea shall comply with Title 49 CFR Part 180.

5.4.4 Containers shall be clearly marked and labeled to identify whether the HFC-227ea contained does or does not conform to this specification.

5.4.5 Insulation shall be placed on pallets or shoring, and provisions should be made to prevent excessive shock or thermal fluctuations to cylinders.

5.4.6 Cylinders shall be stored in a manner that will prevent contamination from external sources.

5.4.6.1 If HFC-227ea meeting the standards of this specification is stored in the same area as material not meeting this requirement, storage shall be segregated or clearly identifiable as not being similar.

6. Inspection

6.1 HFC-227ea that is reclaimed using approved HFC-227ea reclamation systems may be released for reissue, provided test examination to validate the material to specification is fulfilled.

6.1.1 Reclaimed HFC-227ea that cannot be proven to comply with this specification shall not be reissued. The material will be processed by environmentally safe methods until conformance to product standard is achieved.

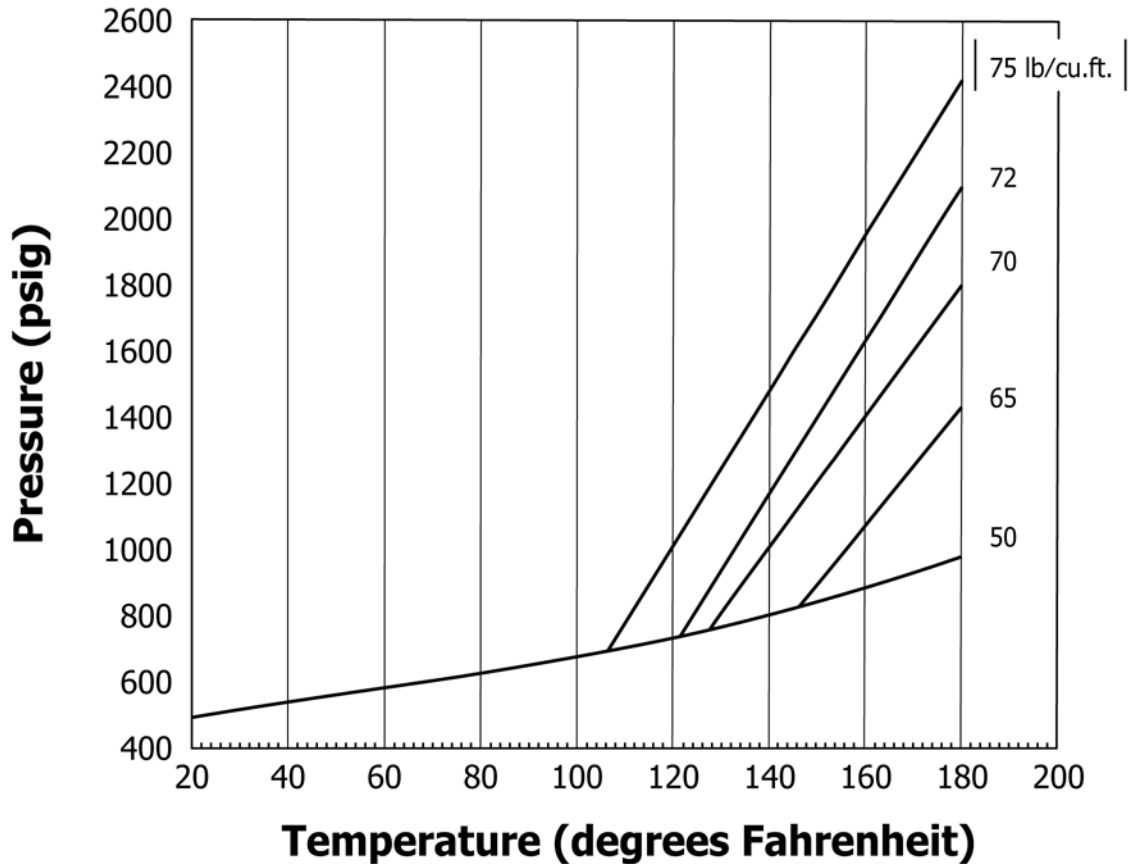


FIG. 3 Isometric Diagram HFC-227ea Pressurized to 600 psig (42.4 bar) With Nitrogen at 70°F (21°C)

7. Keywords

7.1 $\text{CF}_3\text{CHFCF}_3$; compressed gas; cylinders; explosion suppressant; FE-227™; fire suppressant; FM-200®; handling;

heptafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane; HFC-227ea; reclamation; recovery; recycling; storage; transport

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