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Abstract

Equipment cooling infrastructure solutions have expanded and adapted to meet increasing equipment heat loads and improved energy efficiencies. Infrastructure solutions now include energy efficient Close-coupled cooling (C³) alternatives that bring the cooling (heat transfer) closer to the heat source. One C³ solution utilizes distributed refrigerant as a thermal transfer medium. As the industry adopts and integrates Distributed Refrigerant Cooling (DRC) systems, common infrastructure standards are needed to ensure interoperability and connectivity between manufacturers. This standard outlines design requirements for a standard refrigerant distribution infrastructure.

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1 Scope, Purpose, & Application

1.1 Scope

This standard is part of a suite of standards supporting the installation design and material selection of distributed cooling systems for electronic equipment. More specifically, this standard addresses material and connectivity specifications for the deployment of a universal distributed refrigerant infrastructure. DRC systems are typically comprised of three (3) primary common elements: 1) Thermal transfer system – Refrigerant pumping unit; 2) refrigerant distribution infrastructure; and 3) close-coupled cooling units.

Unless otherwise specifically identified, this standard supports refrigerant systems incorporating R134a/R134a, HFE, and HFO, as the refrigerants utilized in the distribution infrastructures between the pumping unit and close-coupled cooling units.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to provide support for the deployment of a universal application infrastructure for Distributed Refrigerant Cooling (DRC) systems. The universal application allows for the installation of a single, common infrastructure that is adaptable to support multiple vendors of DRC. This infrastructure may be designed and installed within an equipment area prior to the placement of equipment and racking, without specificity of the DRC vendor. This early placement may reduce overall installation costs and provides for more rapid deployment equipment build-outs in the supported space. The standard also provides for a designation of standard-refrigerant infrastructure interface(s) or port(s). This commonality provides manufacturers of equipment-specific standards and specifications for connectivity to the core refrigerant infrastructure. For the purposes of this standard, the primary cooling loop (e.g., chilled water, DX, etc.) is not included.

2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this American National Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

[Ref 1] ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15-2010, *Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems*.¹

[Ref 2] ANSI/ASHRAE Standard H23.5, *Streamline Copper Refrigeration Service Tube*.¹

[Ref 3] ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-2010, *Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants*.¹

[Ref 4] ASME B31, *Power Piping*.²

[Ref 5] ASME B31.8-09, *Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube*.³

[Ref 6] ASTM B 280-08, *Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Field Service*.³

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