

# ATPF-1135: REFRIGERATION APPLICATIONS AND ICE MACHINES

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## Cuyahoga Community College

**Viewing: ATPF-1135 : Refrigeration Applications and Ice Machines**

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**Subject Code**

ATPF - Applied Ind Tech - Pipefitters

**Course Number:**

1135

**Title:**

Refrigeration Applications and Ice Machines

**Catalog Description:**

Refrigeration course discussing various refrigeration types and conditions for proper application. Also included are defrost methods for walk-in equipment, ice machines operation and product harvest and equipment service procedures.

**Credit Hour(s):**

2

**Lecture Hour(s):**

2

## Requisites

**Prerequisite and Corequisite**

Departmental approval: admission to Pipefitter's apprenticeship program.

## Outcomes

**Course Outcome(s):**

Differentiate between the various types of refrigeration equipment and systems and choose the best application for the respective condition.

**Objective(s):**

1. List the different types of refrigeration equipment.
2. Describe various defrost methods.
3. Select the best equipment to use based on operating costs and longevity.
4. Identify different refrigeration conditions.
5. Describe the refrigeration enclosures used for walk-in coolers.
6. Explain how dissipated heat from coolers is recycled to provide auxiliary heat sources.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Describe various refrigeration defrost methods with respect to walk-in applications and discuss vending machines and mullion heat.

**Objective(s):**

1. List various walk-in refrigeration applications.
  2. Differentiate between specialty display cases using cool and freeze cycles.
  3. Describe the different frost cycles.
  4. Describe the operation of vending machines as stand-alone units used for cooling and freezing.
  5. Describe mullion heat and explain the circuitry used with respect to closed display cases.
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**Course Outcome(s):**

Describe the equipment used to manufacture different types of ice and micro-processors that control ice sensors and water levels.

**Objective(s):**

1. Describe the operation of ice making machines and explain how ice is formed.
  2. List the different types of manufactured ice.
  3. Explain how ice shapes are produced.
  4. Explain the operation of ice sensors in the refrigeration process.
  5. List the specific functions of microprocessors.
  6. Explain how water levels are maintained in ice making equipment.
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**Course Outcome(s):**

Demonstrate the ability to service refrigeration enclosures and specialty equipment.

**Objective(s):**

1. Analyze existing conditions with respect to malfunctioning refrigeration equipment.
  2. Identify possible causes for refrigeration equipment failure.
  3. Differentiate between high side and low side pressure circuit problems and electrical malfunctions.
  4. Evaluate refrigeration systems using the respective micro-processor to determine proper sequence of operation.
  5. Connect respective refrigeration gauges to determine proper pressures at low and high side circuits.
  6. Repair or replace defective refrigeration components and confirm the properly charged system.
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**Methods of Evaluation:**

1. Quizzes
2. Tests
3. Final exam

**Course Content Outline:**

1. Refrigeration equipment, systems and conditions
  - a. Equipment types
    - i. Condensers
    - ii. Compressors
    - iii. Evaporators
  - b. Systems
    - i. Low temperature cooling
    - ii. Medium temperature cooling
    - iii. Single evaporator
    - iv. Multiple evaporator
  - c. Conditions
    - i. Frozen applications
    - ii. Low temperature/non-frozen
  - d. Defrost methods
    - i. Electric
    - ii. Air cooled ambient
    - iii. Internal heat
    - iv. External heat
  - e. Longevity and operating costs
  - f. Walk-in coolers
    - i. Purpose
    - ii. Function
    - iii. Insulating components
    - iv. Operation
2. Defrost methods and specialty applications
  - a. Defrost cycles
    - i. Internal heat
    - ii. External heat
    - iii. Coil de-icing
  - b. Vending machines

- i. Stand- alone units
    - ii. Cooling-freezing
  - c. Mullion heat
    - i. Condensation control
    - ii. Controls
      - 1. Electrical
      - 2. Defrost
  - d. Walk-in refrigeration units
    - i. Permanent
    - ii. Knock down
    - iii. Application
      - 1. Storage
      - 2. Temperature control
      - 3. Condensate removal
  - e. Specialty cases
    - i. Cooling cycles
      - 1. Product preservation
      - 2. Temperature maintenance
    - ii. Freeze cycle
    - iii. Types
      - 1. Open
      - 2. Closed
- 3. Ice machines and microprocessors
  - a. Ice machine types
    - i. Size
    - ii. Cube description
  - b. Ice formation
    - i. Water flow
    - ii. Evaporator plate
  - c. Types of ice
    - i. Square
    - ii. Half moon
    - iii. Round
    - iv. Hollow
  - d. Ice production
    - i. Refrigerant cooling
    - ii. Water travel
    - iii. Plate cooling
    - iv. Limit control
    - v. Harvest cycle
  - e. Microprocessor
    - i. Components
      - 1. Set point potentiometer
      - 2. Temperature sensor
      - 3. Voltage controller
      - 4. Circuitry
      - 5. Thermistor
    - ii. Function
      - 1. Temperature control
      - 2. Water pump
      - 3. Defrost cycle
      - 4. Voltage sensor
  - f. Water level
    - i. Controls
    - ii. Floats
    - iii. Maintenance
- 4. Service/troubleshooting

- a. Malfunctioning refrigeration equipment
  - i. Existing conditions
    - 1. Temperature
    - 2. Voltages
    - 3. Equipment rotation
  - ii. Refrigeration equipment
    - 1. Thermostat
    - 2. Connections/wiring
    - 3. Fans/motors
- b. Pressure circuitry
  - i. High side pressure
    - 1. Refrigerant levels
    - 2. Thermo expansion valve
  - ii. Low side pressure
    - 1. Under charged system
    - 2. Refrigerant flow
- c. Microprocessor
  - i. Evaluation
  - ii. Data analysis
  - iii. Sequence of operations
  - iv. Solutions
- d. Refrigeration gages
  - i. Pressures
    - 1. High
    - 2. Low
  - ii. Recharge systems
  - iii. Gage manifold
- e. Charged system
- f. Components
  - i. Repair
  - ii. Replacement
- g. Analysis
  - i. Practical applications
  - ii. Theoretical solutions

## Resources

United Association Training Department. *HVAC/R Training*. Current edition. International Pipe Trades Training Committee, Inc., Washington, D.C., 2006.

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Thomas W. Frankland. *Pipe Trades*. current edition. Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, New York, New York, 1969.

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Althouse, Turnquist and Bracciano. *Modern Refrigeration and Air Conditioning*. 4th edition. Goodheart-Willcox Co., South Holland, Illinois, 1969.

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## Resources Other

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2. <http://physics.about.com/od/glossary/g/heat.htm>
3. <http://www.refrigerationbasics.com/1024x768/definitions1.htm>

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