



NeoCharge Take the shortcut to low-charge

NeoCharge is a game changer in industrial refrigeration. This unique yet simple technology reduces the charge in both new and existing systems. With easy installation in any type of system, NeoCharge gives you a shortcut to low-charge.

Reduce energy costs by up to 20% and increase capacity by up to



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Low-charge your system. Super-charge your business

Introducing NeoCharge: Cut ammonia charge and reduce energy cost



NeoCharge is a complete solution

that gives industrial refrigeration systems low-charge capabilities. This allows refrigeration facilities to either cut energy and refrigerant costs–or increase capacity with the same charge in existing system. In Direct Expansion (DX) systems, NeoCharge eliminates superheat by operating evaporators in a much more stable and controlled way. This means that ammonia returns from evaporators with zero superheat or slightly wet. In recirculating systems, the NeoCharge solution delivers a stable and controllable low recirculating ratio regardless of changing conditions. This reduces the ammonia charge by 30-40% in existing systems or even more in new systems.

In short, NeoCharge is a complete solution that turns the tables when it comes to low-charge.

How NeoCharge works

NeoCharge is a simple solution that takes evaporator control to a new level. In essence, it ensures evaporators are always fed with the exact right refrigerant charge.

The solution includes sensors, electronic control and valves.

Put simply, NeoCharge detects how much liquid is leaving each evaporator to control the injection valve. The heart of the solution is the controller, which runs with just a few parameters.

The system relies on differences in liquid gas heat conductivity to make reliable two-phase measurements; it is equipped with a dual-sensor system that relies on superheat and heat assisted superheat signals.



Figure 2: A stable system

NeoCharge feeds each evaporator with the exact right charge at all times. Even during capacity reduction, the circulation rate remains fixed. With NeoCharge dynamic control, all cooling processes remain stable.



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NeoCharge The new game changer

NeoCharge benefits

- Reduce energy costs by up to 20%
- Increase capacity by up to 40%
- Easy to install in any shape of air cooler: traditionally overfeed or in direct expansion system
- Fully plug-and-play and self-adaptive technology
- Retrofit existing systems or deploy in new-builds
- Smaller system footprint, liquid separator, and piping

Cut costs for refrigerants and energy

NeoCharge drastically improves the performance of both new and existing refrigeration systems.

In traditional overfeed systems, the charge is reduced by up to 45% (CCR), in Direct Expansion systems, evaporator performance is kept at 0K superheat (WDX), and in new systems, energy performance is improved markedly.

Ammonia charge with NeoCharge technology

Ammonia charge (kg/kW)



Figure 3: Charge reduction with NeoCharge

• Charge reduction up to 45%

• 40% extra capacity with the same charge in case of retrofit

NH3 100 KW -35°C	Design r=3	Actual r=4,65	Controlled r=1,5	Saving
Evaporator V=100 I	23 kg	27 kg	16 kg	11 kg
Wet suction pipe DN100 10 m	13 kg	17 kg	7 kg	10 kg
Tot	36 kg	44 kg	23 kg	21 kg

Figure 4: Ammonia savings in systems retrofit with NeoCharge

Energy savings potential

with NeoCharge technology



Based on 100.000 m³ cold storage energy consumption.

Figure 5: Power savings in different systems with NeoCharge



Pressure drop in riser Ammonia 67 [kW]; -38 [Deg.C]; DN 65

Figure 6: Reduction of suction pressure loss

With NeoCharge, suction pressure loss can be reduced by up to 60% for a 5 m riser at -35° C reducing compressor power consumption. This means pump size can be reduced by 30% (1MW cooling capacity @-35°C).



DX energy savings





Performance index for DX / NeoCharge WDX



Figures 7 and 8: Direct Expansion energy savings

Direct Expansion (DX) systems are commonly controlled using the superheat signal. But the used superheat must be compensated. This results in a lower evaporating temperature, which in turn results in a 5-15% higher energy consumption. NeoCharge eliminates this need.

A plug-and-play system for easy installation



Application

NeoCharge can be applied to both NH3 and CO2 air coolers. It is easy to mount on bottom-, top-, or sidefed systems and is suitable for stainless steel pipes as well as carbon-steel galvanized pipes.

Signal required

Minimum signal required is Cooling ON, OFF and defrost ON/OFF (in existing system).

Defrost in new systems

In new systems, the EKE450 Controller can manage defrost in addition to injection control.



NeoCharge Solution

084H1150	NeoCharge Controller 24V 10-12-16 mm	
	NeoCharge Controller EKE450 With display 24V	
	Solid state relay	
	NeoCharge Sensor 14W 24Vdc 10-12-16mm	
	Clamp 10-12-16 mm	
084H1151	NeoCharge Controller 230V 10-12-16 mm	
	NeoCharge Controller EKE450 With display 230V	
	Solid state relay	
	NeoCharge Sensor 14W 24Vdc 10-12-16mm	
	Clamp 10-12-16 mm	
084H1152	NeoCharge Controller 24V 20-22-27 mm	
	NeoCharge Controller EKE450 With display 24V	
	Solid state relay	
	NeoCharge Sensor 14W 24Vdc 20-22-27mm	
	Clamp 20-22-27 mm	
084H1153	NeoCharge Controller 230V 20-22-27mm	
	NeoCharge Controller EKE450 With display 230V	
	Solid state relay	
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NeoCharge New PWM valves for CCR

NeoCharge can also be used with all existing ICM valves and function modules.



	ICFA20C	ICFA20B	ICFA20A	PWM function modules
	MOPD 21 bar	MOPD 3,4 bar	MOPD 21 bar	
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Retrofit

Function modules

Complete valves

PWM retrofit function module		ICFA20A	ICFA20B	ICFA20C	
Existing valve station	n				
ICF 15 EVRAT ICF 20 EVRAT ICF 15-4 ICF 20		027L1258	027L1256	027L1358	
FA15+EVRAT 3-10-15	ICF 15 EVRAT PWM	027L4675	027L4565		
FA20+EVRAT 20	ICF 20 EVRAT PWM		027L4567	027L4566	

New system

Complete valves









Sofrilog Case story

Sofrilog specializes in logistics and refrigerated transport from its headquarters in Normandy, France and throughout Europe and Morocco. A family-run business, Sofrilog delivers tailor-made solutions to the cold storage and food processing industry.

Sofrilog wanted to expand the cold room and freezing capacity of an ammonia-based refrigeration

system servicing a nearby brioche factory. Always willing to test innovative solutions and technology that can improve its systems, Sofrilog was looking for a way to expand the system, while keeping the ammonia charge below 1.5 tons¹. Doing so would keep the cost of expanding capacity to a minimum.



Results

After adopting NeoCharge, Sofrilog's freezer systems now run with 297 kg less ammonia while maintaining performance, allowing the addition of an extra freezer without extra charge. The technology's precise control also means unused ammonia can be applied to boost the cold room's capacity.

Thanks to the consistent 1.5 circulation rate, each evaporator uses just the right amount of charge required. The system improvement leads to cooler air by about 1°C and more efficient night-time cooling, leveraging lower electricity prices and saving energy when costs are higher. "The NeoCharge sensor was easy to install on the existing evaporators and it makes it easy for us to understand how each evaporator is performing," says Simon Caillaud, responsible for refrigeration installations at Sofrilog.

"With the complete system retrofitted to NeoCharge, we can add a new freezer to our daily production and enlarge the cold room running over night. I think this is the most effective way to realize our production expansion plan while using the present charge."





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The passion for technology and our customers has led to a legacy of rising to increasingly complex challenges and delivering exceptional results. With the promise of quality, reliability, and innovation deeply rooted in our DNA, we deliver an extensive range of products and solutions across a multitude of business segments. Our focus on meeting ESG ambitions sets us apart, and we believe it allows us to pioneer decarbonization solutions, best-in-class circular products, transparency, and a better customer experience. Partner with us, and let's engineer the future together.