Better chillers – from the inside out

Strict regulations, a competitive marketplace, and the need to optimize system costs compel you to update your chiller designs. Building chillers with Danfoss products and solutions enables you to optimize energy efficiency, reduce development time, and obtain reliable performance for multiple chiller platform types and uses.

Smart technology in up to 70% of the chiller value reduces development costs

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Meet the Future Head-on, with Danfoss at your side

Climate change regulations, new demands for energy efficiency, higher expectation of comfort levels, and pressure to reduce overall cost of ownership drive current development in a competitive HVAC marketplace. With Danfoss, you have a business partner who understands the complexity of your business and supports you with the most in-depth expertise of solutions for chiller systems.

A global overview of regulations

In parallel, as building designs and functionalities evolve, chiller systems must adapt to meet these new demands. Examples include modern office architecture with large windows, as well as new development of  and renovations of hospitals, hotels, museums or data centers, where air conditioning is critical. As it stands, 60-80% of current air conditioning systems will not comply with the new standards and need to be redesigned. Original Equipment Manufacturers are increasingly being challenged to provide integrated solutions with superior reliability and efficiency that are easy to install and maintain. Danfoss innovations and technical expertise support you to build better chillers from the inside out and take up the challenge of improving part-load efficiency and maintaining full-load performance, while keeping development time and resulting costs at competitive levels.

Combat Climate Change

Synthetic refrigerants like HFOs and HFCs have a high global warming potential (GWP).

By using climate-friendly Danfoss components that utilize the R513A, R32, and R452B low-GWP refrigerant and the ultra-low GWP R1234ze, you contribute to global efforts to make our planet cleaner.

Maximize Energy Efficiency

The building sector represents about 40% of global energy use in regions like Europe and the USA and heating and comfort cooling a large part of it. To reduce the global warming impact and lower operating costs, you need new technologies that can maximize energy efficiency. Our technologies for chillers help you meet new regulations and achieve the best energy efficiency with your products.

Promote Dependable Infrastructure

As the global population continues to grow, energy use is expected to rise by one third by 2035. The introduction of variable speed technology in air conditioning and heat pump systems presents an opportunity for significant reduction of inrush current and can smartly modulate the electric load to the exact need to limit peaks of demand.

Help Meet Increasing Global Food Demand

An estimated global population of 10 billion people in 2035 means that food needs to be delivered more safely and efficiently. Process chillers provide the support farmers need to grow a greater variety of vegetables in larger quantities, and help them adapt to the different stages of farming to increase quality and turnover.

GWP<7

with chillers featuring Danfoss technologies using R1234ze

Up to 40% lower energy consumption in chillers

70% lower start current with Danfoss variable speed technology enhances grid reliability

+/- 0.3°C temperature and humidity setting guarantees a safe growing and storage process

A revolution in the A/C market …

Driven by the global need to reduce CO2 emissions, new legislation around the world is requiring air conditioning systems with higher energy performance as well as non-ODP (Ozone Depletion Potential) and lower GWP (Global Warming Potential) refrigerants.

In addition to conforming to strict new standards, next-generation systems need to meet the challenges of complex applications, increased energy efficiency, and varied climates, while also providing flexibility and a high level of comfort and reliability.

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(3) Source Danfoss – Simulation based on Eurovent database and European draft for Ecodesign ENTR LOT 21 Tier2 level.
Energy consumption is a key driver for building owners when it comes to chillers. Depending on the building size, type, and use, as well as the surrounding climate, you need different options for your chiller designs to provide the most value to your customers and differentiate yourselves in the market. We have solutions for chiller needs in a multitude of contexts, from mid-size office buildings that are in operation 10 hours per day, 5 days a week, to data centers and large hospitals that operate 24 hours per day, all year long.

Regardless of the building your chiller system is designed to fit, Danfoss has the widest portfolio of products and technology options to help it perform reliably and efficiently.

**Next-generation technology for your next generation of chillers**

Danfoss technology helps you keep up with shifting global regulations and stay competitive with low lifecycle costs. Here’s how:

**Redesign at minimal cost**

By using Danfoss scroll compressors with IDV technology, either fixed-capacity or inverter-driven, in combination with our innovative electric expansion valves and heat exchangers, you will be able to offer a chiller system meeting the latest energy requirements with minimal redesign costs.

**Go oil-free for maximum efficiency**

Oil-free turbo chillers have been proven to deliver the best efficiencies in demanding applications. They also deliver additional benefits for both building owners and end users, which include low maintenance costs, a space-efficient design, and minimal noise levels. After pioneering the oil-free technology with our Turbocor® compressor, Danfoss now offers a wide portfolio of components that have been tested and approved for use in oil-free systems and strengthens reliability of oil-free chillers.

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**Our solutions match the needs of the building owners**

**3 key drivers for chillers:**
- Building Size
- Energy Intensity and number of operating hours over the year
- Energy Cost

Looking for: $0.80
Looking for: $0.70
Looking for: $0.60
Looking for: $0.50
Looking for: $0.40
Looking for: $0.30
Looking for: $0.20
Looking for: $0.10
Looking for: $-

Building size

**Large**

**Small**

**Energy intensity**

**High**

**Low**

**Energy cost ($/kWh)**

Meet minimum energy efficiency at the lowest cost.

Maximize energy efficiency at the best cost.
Building a **higher standard** for energy efficiency

**Smart technology in up to 70% of the chiller configuration to maximize efficiency**

**Electronic Controls**
- AB-QM® pressure independent control valves have a 3-year payback on complete building installation
- Smart technology maximizes efficiency and reduces up to 70%

**Energy Savings**
- Micro Plate Heat Exchangers deliver a hold up volume of 35% less
- Variable frequency drives can deliver up to 30% energy savings

**Part-load Efficiency**
- Intermediate Discharge Valves (IDV) inside the scroll and variable speed fans improve efficiency, and built-in technology adapts to varying pressure ratios and delivers higher part-load efficiency (up to 14%) for maximum part-load efficiency
- Inverter drives optimize condensing temperatures for maximum part-load efficiency

**Water pumping Energy**
- Pressure independent balancing valves save water pumping energy and improve chiller part-load conditions
- AB-QM pressure independent control valves could lead to HVAC energy consumption savings of 20-50%

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### Chillers and low-GWP Refrigerants

One of the most important changes currently facing the HVAC&R industry is how to lower GWP values while also increasing energy efficiency of chiller systems. Regulation changes require equipment and component manufacturers to rethink traditional design options and find the right balance between affordability, safety and environment. Danfoss is actively working on solutions for alternative refrigerants with a pragmatic approach keeping system applied and running costs in mind. Chiller designers will focus on using components that allow for the lowest possible charge and on technologies with the best cost/performance ratio for a given refrigerant type.

Choosing a refrigerant is no simple task; it depends on the timing of regional regulations as well as applied standards and building codes. In the last year, the situation has been further complicated by massive price increases and the decreased availability of fluorinated refrigerants. Depending on their size and the compressor technology they use, chillers operate with low to high pressure refrigerants and are divided into two categories: low/medium (L/M) and medium/high (M/H) pressure. L/M chillers transitioning from R134a can stay non-flammable using HCFO blends R513A and R450A. M/H chillers transitions to R123 are more complicated by massive price increases and the decreased availability of fluorinated refrigerants such as R410A.

We expect industry professionals will adopt this ultra-low GWP refrigerant as a long-term solution for these kinds of systems. For M/H pressure chillers, there is no ideal non-flammable alternative for incumbent refrigerants such as R410A. Instead, industry professionals must accept A2L or even A3 solutions like R290. A2L alternatives are in the 500 – 750 GWP range like R32/R452B/R454B. Their use should be acceptable for systems installed outdoors or in machine rooms, but their placement must always follow local safety standards and building codes. We foresee that the high density/pressure refrigerant choice will fall into two groups: the majority with a GWP around 300 – 500 and a smaller but still significant group applying A3 refrigerants like R290. In the longer term, we may even experience lower GWP levels in the main market. It’s dependent on refrigerant availability and cost. The F-gas phase-down has so far caused high GWP-related price increases.

**GWP level per Chiller size and market development**

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**Capacity (KW)**

- 20-500
- 100+xx

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**Legend**
- A1 – Non-Flammable
- A2 – Mildly Flammable
- A3 – Highly Flammable
- B1 – Toxic Non Flammable
- B2L – Toxic Flammable

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**Figure 1: Carbon Chain Based Refrigerants (HCs, HFCs, HFC), GWP versus Density (pressure) of the main refrigerant groups**
Your source for chiller solutions

With up to 70% of products for chillers in our portfolio, we offer a powerful combination of expertise and product options that will enhance your chiller designs, and increase your bottom line.

Compressors

Danfoss compressor technologies and models are designed to fit a large selection of chiller systems and cooling capacities. You can choose among Danfoss scroll compressors with or without IDVs, Danfoss inverter scrolls, or Danfoss Turbocon® compressors – each one helps you maximize the efficiency of your designs and gives you flexibility to redesign and upgrade as you see fit.

Danfoss compressors range from 3 to 400TR and offer the widest technology options to address new regulations.

AC Drives

Danfoss AC Drives work in combination with chiller compressors, condenser/evaporator fans and water pumps to adapt capacity to actual demand. Variable Speed control enables tremendous energy savings and minimizes Total Cost of Ownership by reducing wear and tear as well as maintenance costs on components and systems.

Danfoss Extensive portfolio of AC Drives dedicated for chiller compressors, fans and pumps incl. low harmonic AFE drives and medium voltage drives ranges from 0.55kW to 7MW

Heat Exchangers

Maximizing the heat transfer in your condenser or evaporator is critical to achieving the highest efficiency possible within your chiller system. We are continuously expanding the range of our heat exchangers and also offer economizers with built-in controls to increase the capacity and energy efficiency of your chillers.

The technology in our Micro Channel and Micro Plate Heat Exchangers helps to make a difference in terms of energy consumption and refrigerant charge.

Electronics and sensors

Danfoss has an extensive range of electronic controls and sensors developed to monitor and optimize the operation of your chiller systems.

Solutions range from a basic valve driver to a complete system controller capable of monitoring and controlling fans, pumps, valves and compressors as needed. Danfoss electronic systems put the power of our components directly in your hands.

Use the Danfoss MCR programmable controller for maximum flexibility and the Danfoss EKE superheat controller with temperature and pressure sensors to fine tune any chiller’s output to your desired specifications.

System Protectors

When your customers purchase one of your chillers, they want to know that their investment is secure. Our line of driers, check valves, ball valves, and other system protectors are designed to perform under the most strenuous operating conditions and protect your equipment from potential failures.

Danfoss system protectors have been thoroughly tested in our labs & in the field in order to guarantee trouble-free operation during your system’s lifetime.

VersaDrive

Choosing the right valve for your system ensures you get the optimal superheat flow just right, meaning your chiller will ensure the desired comfort and cool it’s supposed to.

Danfoss has a wide assortment of valves, giving you the ability to choose the right one for your system’s need.

From our TGE valve to the ETS Colibri line, Danfoss has extensive experience in thermostatic and electric valves with proven track records of performance, quality, and durability.
### Conditions:
- Cooling capacities in Tons @ AHRI 60Hz, in kW @ EN12900

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### Condenser
- MCHE | R410A | 1 | 40 | no limit | 3.5 | 105 | no limit |
- MPHE Condenser* | R410A | 1 | 170 | - | 3.5 | 400 | - |

### Evaporator
- MPHE Evaporator | R410A | 1 | 170 | - | 3.5 | 400 | - |

### Expansion devices
- Thermostatic Expansion Valve TGE | R410A | 3.5 | 52 | 12 | 182 |
- R134a | 1.5 | 29 | 6 | 102 |
- Electric Expansion Valve ETS-1 (Colibri) | R410A | 20 | 141 | - | 70 | 488 |
- R134a | 11 | 91 | - | 45 | 317 |

### Discharge Line
- Check Valves NRV/NRVH | R410A | 0.5 | 54.6 | 1.8 | 191 |
- Check Valves NRV/NRVH | R134a | 0.3 | 34.4 | 1.16 | 121 |

### Liquid Line
- Ball Valves GBC | R410A | 1/4” to 3 1/8” connection for inline version |
- Filter Driers DML, DCR | R410A | 0.9 | 106 | 7 | 370 |
- Filter Driers DML, DCR (Colibri) | R134a | 0.85 | 100 | 3 | 350 |

### Suction Line
- Check Valves NRV/NRVH | R410A | 1/4” connection for inline version |
- Suction Pressure Transducer AKS 32R | R410A | 0.9 | 106 | 7 | 370 |
- Suction Pressure Transducer AKS 32R | R134a | 0.85 | 100 | 3 | 350 |

### Control Panel
- System Controller MCX | 8 Models of Programmable Controllers - Inputs/Outputs (AI/DI/AO/DO): from 4/6/2/6 to 16/22/6/20 |
- EKE 1 Superheat Controller | Drives all Danfoss stepper valves. MSS, LoaApp, fixed superheat control. Models with Modbus, Canbus. Wide sensor selection. Drive function with bus or analog-in input. |
- Power supply AC-PS | Power Supply 370V DC 0.75/1.5/2.5 Amps |
- VLT HVAC & VLT Refrigeration Drive | Supply Voltage Range: 200-690V, Power Range: 1.1-1400kW |
- CDS Drive for VFD | Supply Voltage Range: 200-600V, Power Range: 0.6-180kW |
- VACON 3000 Medium Voltage Drive | Supply Voltage Range 3300V 2430-7025kVA/4160V 2450-7000kVA |

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**Danfoss Application Development Centers**

For Danfoss, designing environmentally conscious products and working towards a more sustainable use of resources are key issues we address through innovation, research, and teamwork. To drive progress in this area, we’ve invested in building Application Development Centers (ADC) all over the globe. Because of our worldwide presence, our engineers are keenly aware of industry trends on both a global and local level. Moreover, another benefit of the ADC is that we get to work hand-in-hand with our customers to find new solutions. When we work together to combine your expert knowledge of chiller systems with our deep understanding of components, we’re able to push the envelope of what can be achieved, resulting in better chiller technology.

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* Danfoss ADCs are today located in:
  - China - Haiyan and Wuqing, Denmark - Nordborg, India - Oragadam, USA - Baltimore and Tallahassee
  - For more information about refrigerant qualification programs and product selection, please contact Danfoss and refer to Coolselector.
Let’s talk

At Danfoss, we believe that long-term business relationships start with a conversation.

- To understand your situation
- To learn how we can meet your needs
- To give you confidence in our solutions

So contact your local Danfoss representative – and let’s talk.

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