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CO₂ as cooling agent: **Economically sound, environmentally brilliant**

Industrial refrigeration with CO₂

90%

reduction in
ammonia charge
when using CO₂
in combination
with NH₃.

You can do that ? Really ?

CO₂ is an excellent choice when it comes to replacing HFCs and glycol based systems in industrial refrigeration plants. Danfoss has the expertise in applied technology as well as the experience to offer the leading components you need to build reliable, cost effective and environmentally friendly refrigeration systems using CO₂ as secondary coolant.

Additional benefits include a compact footprint of the engine room, smaller piping and pumps that consume only 10 % of the power of traditional brine systems.

Both operational and maintenance costs of process and cold storage facilities are reduced considerably in comparison with plants operating with traditional water-based brines.



**Use CO₂
to save CO₂**

by using CO₂ as a secondary coolant you save energy and reduce the total carbon footprint of your system. You also save money on your refrigeration plant.

Sure we can!

Industrial refrigeration with CO₂ is:

- **Reliable technology – tried and well tested**
- **A way to save up to 20 % in energy cost**
- **A more efficient way to build cooling systems**
- **Environmentally friendly**
- **Less costly to operate and service versus traditional cooling systems**



It's no surprise that CO₂ has always been attractive to be used as a secondary coolant. CO₂ is not only abundant and relatively inexpensive but it offers non-toxic and non-flammable properties.

Challenges dealing with high pressures in a cost effective way are over. The technology has achieved a maturity stage where standard 52 bar components are available making CO₂ secondary coolant systems financially and environmentally advantageous.

Danfoss has been and continues to be at the forefront offering solutions designed to operate under the conditions required by CO₂ based systems. Danfoss also offers expertise and know-how in this field.

CO₂ - you just got to love it

- **Superior thermophysical properties**
- **Non-corrosive**
- **Non-toxic**
- **Non-flammable**
- **ODP = 0***
GWP = 1**
- **Low viscosity means smaller pipe dimensions**
- **Allows for downsizing to lower efficiency pumps**
- **Works as cooling agent even with lower energy consumption**

* ODP stands for Ozone Depletion Potential.

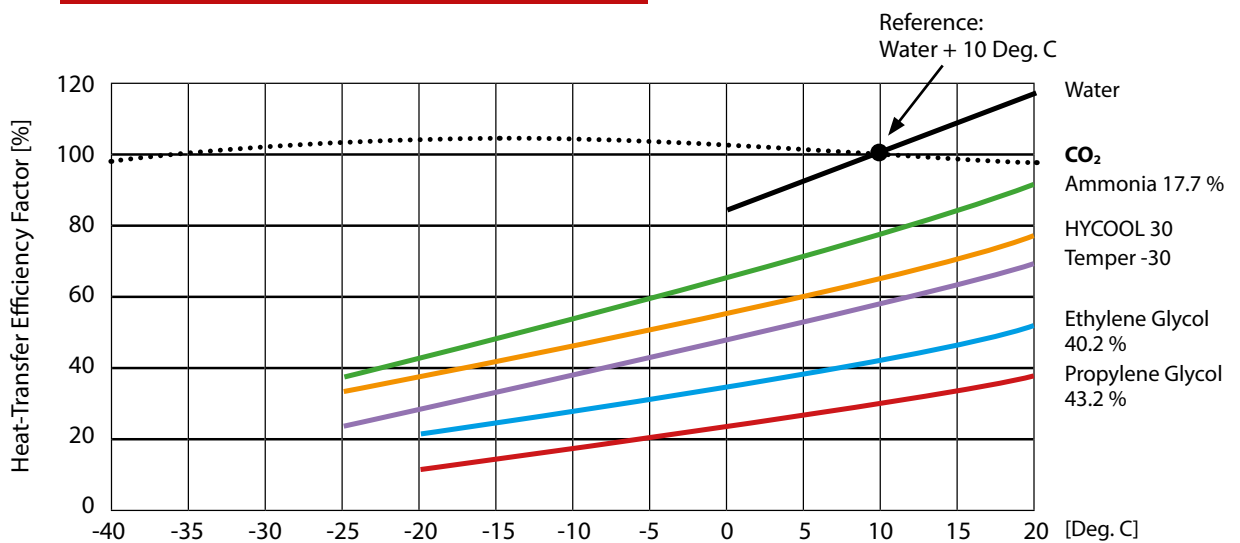
** GWP stands for Global Warming Potential.

CO₂ as cooling agent

CO₂ has a very high heat transfer efficiency coefficient. This, along with its constant evaporation temperature, makes it possible to operate with a lower temperature difference in the evaporators and heat exchangers. The benefit is much lower energy consumption.

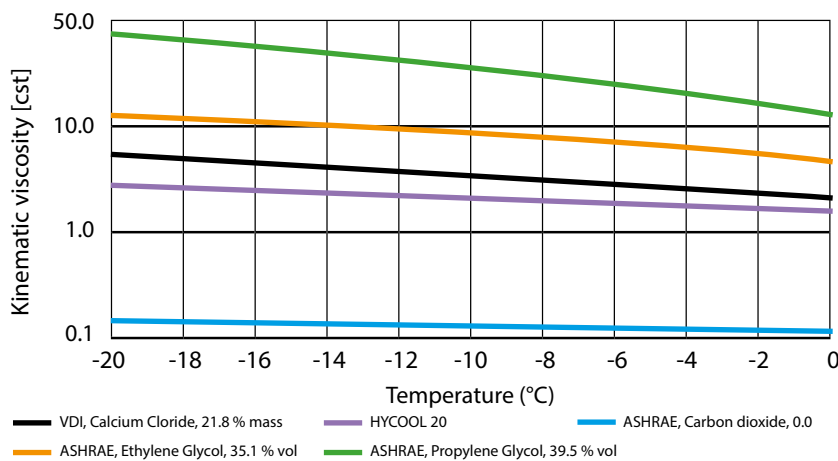
Since CO₂ is significantly less viscous throughout the temperature range, smaller pipe dimensions and pump sizes are required, adding to the cost savings of the system.

High Heat-Transfer Efficiency Factor



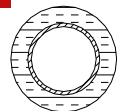
The Heat-Transfer Efficiency Factor expresses the relation between the heat-transfer coefficient and the cooler temperature.

Low viscosity



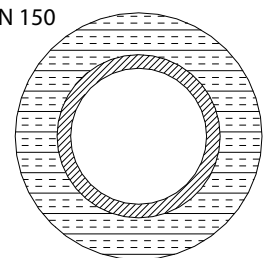
CO₂

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Glycol

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Low installation costs

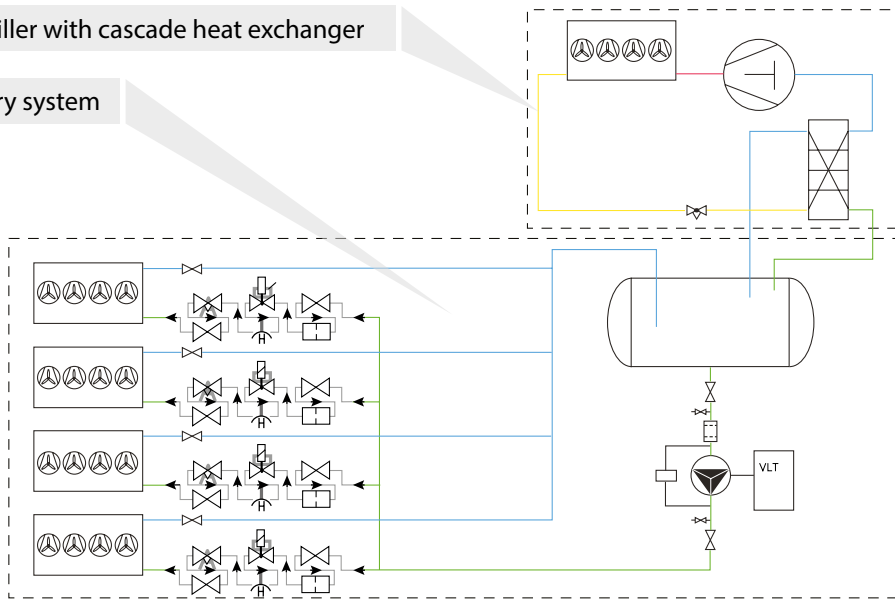
Systems using CO₂ as a cooling agent are relatively less complex compared to more conventional cooling systems. Combined with smaller dimensions for piping and for pumps this means that a refrigeration system

with CO₂ can be up to 12 % less expensive to install than systems using water brine and glycol. You can estimate your potential savings by using our simple calculation tool at www.danfoss.com/COtoo.

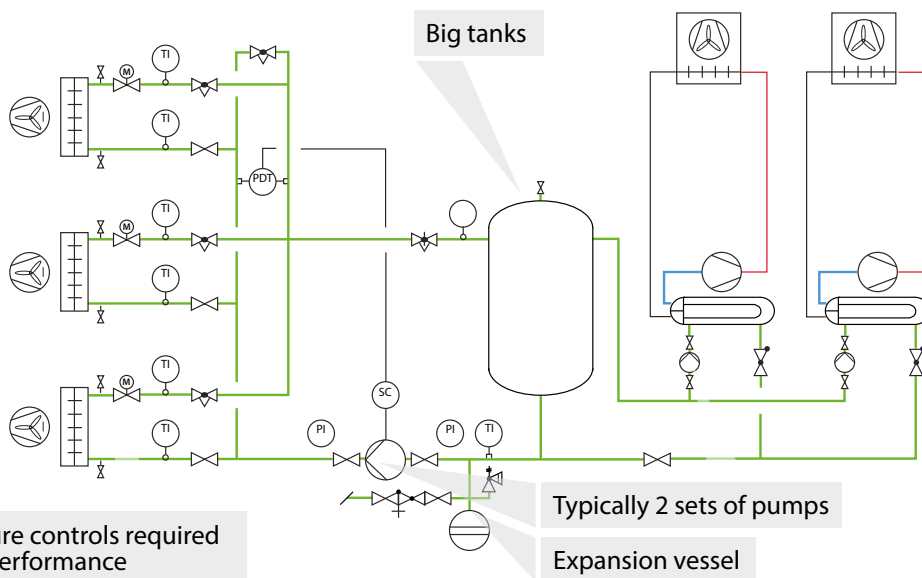
CO₂ brine system

Ammonia chiller with cascade heat exchanger

CO₂ secondary system



Water brine systems



Temperature controls required for good performance

Typically 2 sets of pumps

Expansion vessel

Using CO₂ to save money

CO₂ cooling technology has made significant gains in recent years. Combined NH₃/CO₂ cooling installations are no longer more costly to install. Even in such cases where refrigeration systems require higher installation costs, experience shows

that the average additional 10% installation cost is quickly recovered through considerably lower energy costs. In the diagram below is a comparison in energy expenditure in two systems – one using propylene glycol, the other using CO₂.

CO ₂ brine efficiency calculator	CO ₂	Propylene Glycol	Units
Air temperature, t_{air}		0	°C
Cooling power, Q_o		500	kW
Circulation rate, n	1.1		-
Temp. dif. in evap., dt_{evap}	5.0	7.0	K
Temp. dif. in PHE, dt_{PHE}	3.0	4.0	K
Brine temp. dif., $t_{out} - t_{in}$		4.0	K
Evaporating temp., t_o	-8.0	-11.0	°C
Additional heat gains, k_q	5%	7%	%
Additional heat gains, Q_{add}	25	34	kW
Frequency controllers used?	NO	NO	
Pump head pressure, H_{pump}	2.5	2.5	Bar
Pump power cons., P_{pump}	0.7	11.0	kW
Adjusted cooling power, $Q_{o,adj}$	525.7	543.6	kW
Compr. power cons., P_{comp}	131.0	150.5	kW
Working hours, daily		18.0	h
Total install energy cons.	132	161	kW
Total daily energy cons.	2,375	2,971	kW*h
Energy savings		20%	%

Savings calculation			
kW*h price		0.1	EURO
Life time of the installation		4	years
Discount rate		14%	%
First cost	550,000	500,000	EURO
Energy cost, life time	347,468	434,646	EURO
Total energy savings		87,177	EURO
Annual energy savings		21,794	EURO
NPV		19,645	EURO

Using CO₂ to save CO₂

Whenever CO₂ is used to supplant conventional gases such as HFCs, the environment will draw benefits from it. CO₂ itself is a greenhouse gas - however, studies show that the impact of HFCs on global warming is up to 6,000 times higher than CO₂. Governments worldwide are taking action to reduce the use of HFCs. Therefore the use of CO₂ as your choice for a cooling agent does not only mean that you

help to reduce your carbon footprint through lower energy expenditure and the use of a cooling gas with negligible environmental impact compared to conventional gases. It also means safeguarding your cooling plant from future restrictions. The example above converts to the following environmental benefits:



Minimum energy expenditure, maximum freshness

Danfoss is an experienced and reliable partner in CO₂-based secondary cooling systems. You can benefit from our experience with more than 1,000 transcritical systems installed across the world and a decade of field tests. Our experience

in CO₂ systems design covers all aspects from the design of components such as controls, valves and compressors to support and monitoring.

Country	Size (kW)	Note
CANADA	490	NH ₃ - CO ₂ LT and MT brine system
FINLAND	400	CO ₂ system for the VahterusRing Ski Tunnel
RUSSIA	4,300	Very large CO ₂ installation in Moscow
USA	3,600	US Cold storage warehouse in Pennsylvania
CHINA	3,000	NH ₃ -CO ₂ Production and cold store in Dalian

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In Rotterdam, close to the harbor, sits the sophisticated De Jong Coldstores fruit distribution center, where thousands of tons of fresh fruit are being stored and distributed to consumers all over Europe. Keeping fruit fresh and cool can be a bit of a headache, especially as the cooling chain must never be broken.

In the facility, 12,500 pallets in 15 individually temperature controlled compartments are handled by fully automated cranes and conveyors, removing the need for human handling.

Realizing the need to replace ammonia with a NH₃/CO₂ solution, the De Jong company and their Dutch contractor Cofely designed a unique cooling system using 100 evaporators with Danfoss ICF valves which provide a refrigeration capacity of 3,000 kW.

The demands for working pressure were high, as always when dealing with CO₂-cooled systems, so maximum working pressure was fixed at 52 bar. This means that the installation process was somewhat

complex, mostly because little experience was available. The expertise needed was provided by Danfoss and now allows De Jong Coldstores to keep the fruit fresh at optimum temperatures, to save money on daily operation and to contribute to a cleaner environment.

Key Figures:

- 100,000 m³ storage space
- Capacity 10 – 15,000 pallets
- Refrigeration capacity 3,000 kW
- Maximum working pressure 52 bar
- Estimated energy savings compared to conventional systems: 19 %

Danfoss Industrial Refrigeration

A world of expertise at the click of a button

Turn to Danfoss if you want to combine quality components with expert knowhow and support. Try out these free tools, designed to make your work much easier.



Coolselector® 2 – New calculation software for Industrial Refrigeration

Coolselector®2 is your brand new Danfoss calculation and selection software designed to make selection processes for all industrial refrigeration projects easier and less time consuming. Coolselector® 2 is a unique calculation and support tool for contractors and system designers, offering complete pressure drop calculations, analysis of pipe and valve design and the ability to generate performance reports. It replaces the well-known DIRcalc™ software and offers several new functionalities.



Danfoss IR app

The free IR App gives you a spare parts tool, which makes it easy for you to find the spare part number for a given Danfoss industrial refrigeration valve. It also presents all the products and benefits of the SVL Flexline™ range – with a fun game thrown in as well.



Download 3D CAD symbols

From our online product catalogue on our website, you can download 3D CAD symbols and illustrations to help you when designing refrigeration plants.



IR application tool

With this interactive PowerPoint slideshow, you can explore all the details of a two-stage ammonia plant. You will find detailed cut-away drawings and information on the valves in the installation along with links to videos, literature and product animations.



Application handbook

The Application Handbook is designed to help you every step of the way when working with industrial refrigeration systems. Among many other things, it contains examples of how to select control methods for different refrigeration systems, their design and which components to choose.

Visit www.danfoss.com/IR-tools and find all the tools you need.