

Refrigerant System Tests - 5.0L 32V Ti-VCT

Inspection

1. **NOTE:** *Procedure 1 — Ambient Temperature below 21 °C (70 °F).*

NOTE: *Proper A/C system diagnosis on a vehicle's compressor is dependent on correct refrigerant system charge and tested in ambient temperatures above 21°C (70°F). Perform the following steps to achieve normal operating pressures.*

Drive the vehicle or run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.

2. Set the A/C system temperature to the highest possible temperature setting with the dual function disabled (if equipped). Manually set the blower on HI. If the vehicle has a fresh air/recirc button, set it to recirculation. If the vehicle has an A/C switch or compressor on switch, set it to A/C OFF.
3. Close all the vehicle windows and doors.
4. Allow the vehicle to idle for 5 minutes.
5. Confirm the cabin temperature is above 24 °C (75 °F). Set the A/C switch or compressor on switch to MAX A/C ON.
6. Allow the vehicle to idle for 5 minutes.
7. Turn engine off and proceed to procedure 2 — ambient temperature between 21 °C (70 °F) and 38 °C (100 °F).

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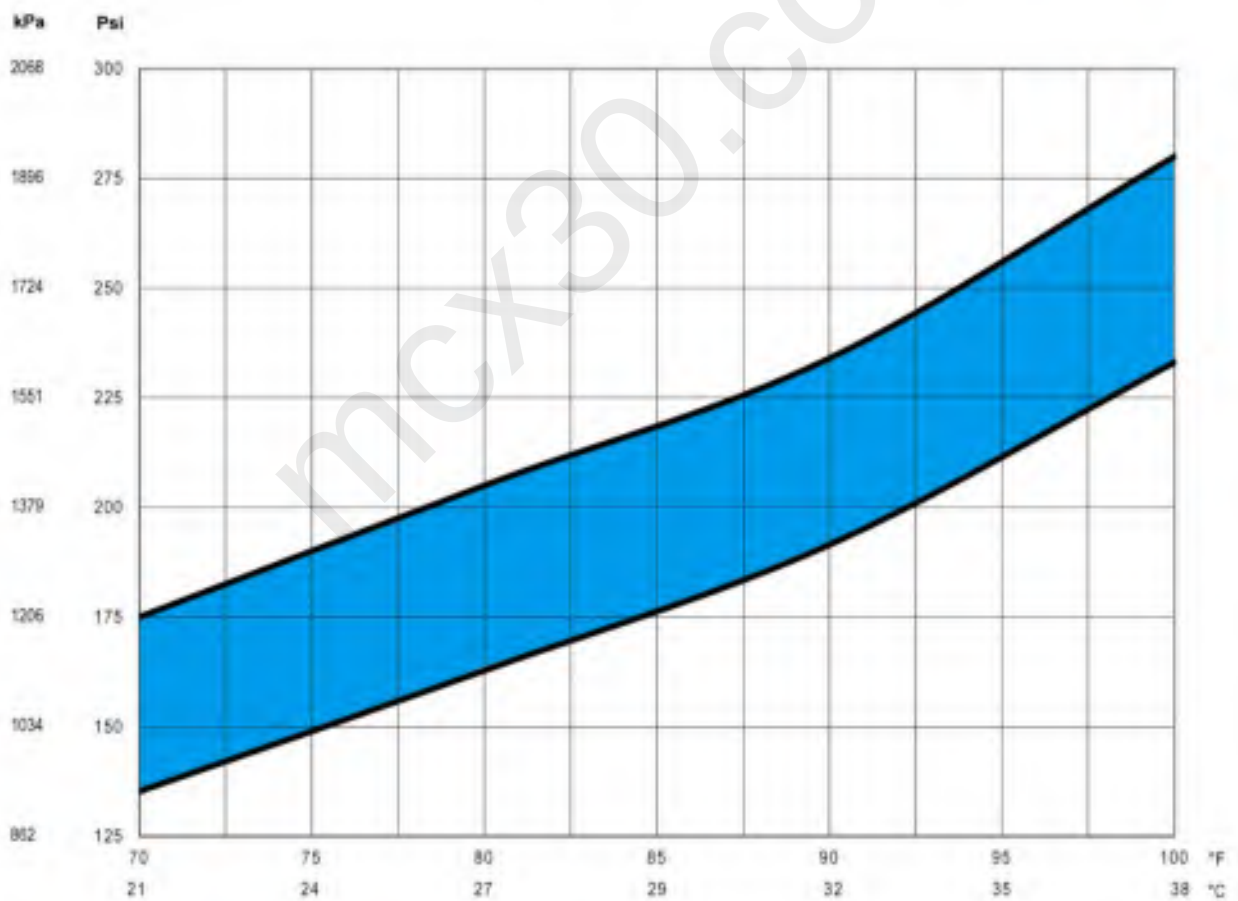
1. **NOTE:** *Procedure 2 — Ambient Temperature between 21 °C (70 °F) and 38 °C (100 °F)*

Run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.

2. Connect the air conditioning service unit to the refrigerant system.
3. Set the A/C system temperature to the lowest possible temperature setting with the dual function

disabled (if equipped). Manually set blower on HI. If the vehicle has a fresh air/recirc button, set it to FRESH. If the vehicle has an A/C switch or compressor on switch, set it to A/C ON.

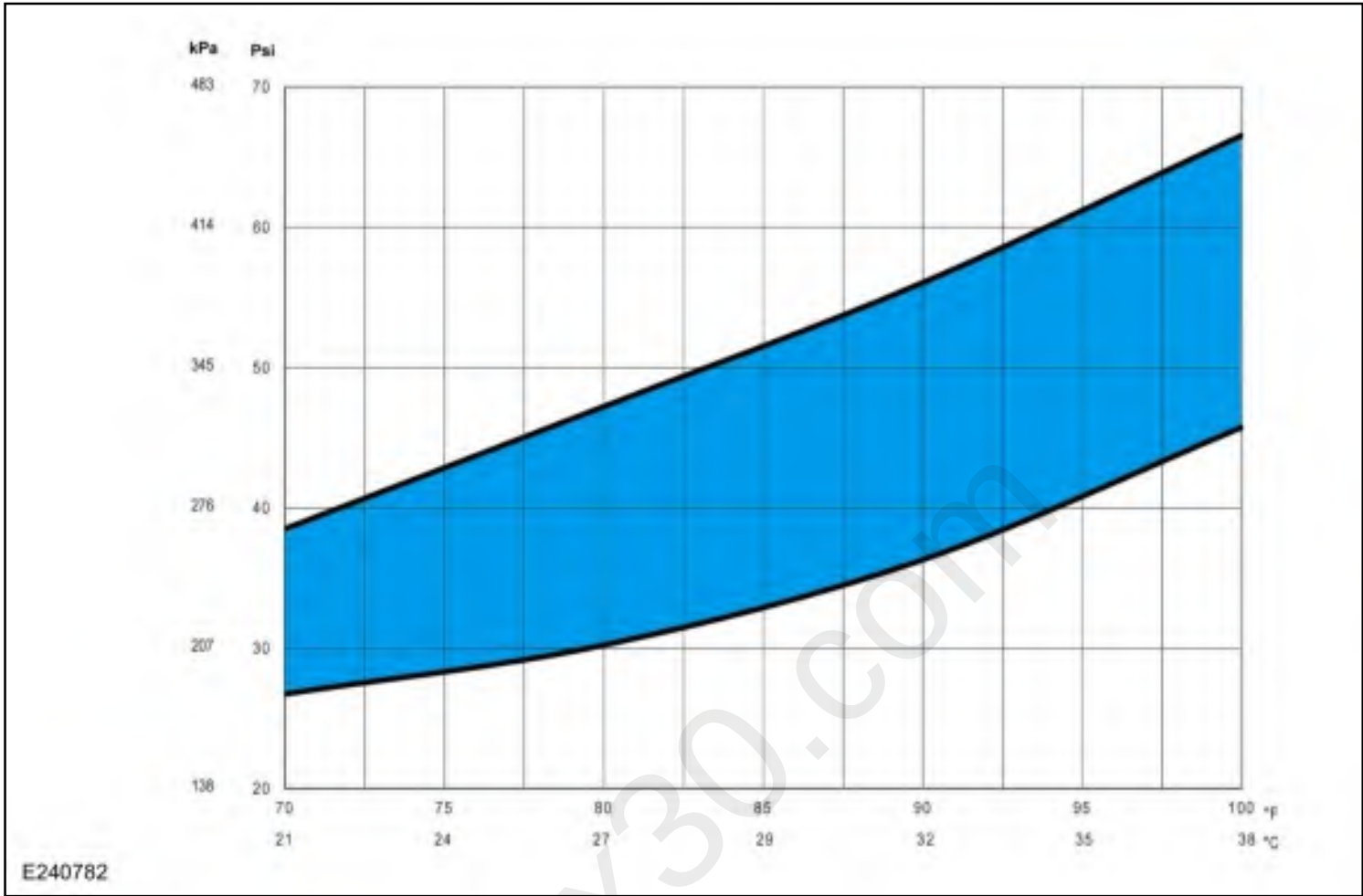
4. Open all vehicle windows and leave the hood open for the test. Open the rear doors.
5. Confirm the compressor is operating and the engine cooling fan(s) are operating or engaged. Allow the vehicle to idle until the suction (low-side) and discharge (high-side) pressures are stable or fluctuate in a range that repeats.
6. Record the ambient (shop) temperature.
7. Record the discharge pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.
8. Determine if the discharge pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the **Normal Refrigerant Discharge Pressures 21 - 38 °C (70 - 100 °F) Ambient (30 - 60% Relative Humidity)** chart below.



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9. Record the suction pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.
10. Determine if the suction pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the **Normal**

Refrigerant Suction Pressures 21 - 38 °C (70 - 100 °F) Ambient (30 - 60% Relative Humidity) chart below.



11. **NOTE:** Use the following table to guide diagnosis of the refrigerant system if operating pressures are outside normal limits.

NOTE: Proper A/C system diagnosis on vehicles with Variable compressors is dependent on correct refrigerant system charge and tested in ambient temperatures above 21°C (70°F). Never replace a Variable compressor without first recovering and recharging the A/C system to vehicle specification and retesting in ambient temperatures above 21°C (70°F).

High (Discharge) Pressure	Low (Suction) Pressure	Component — Causes
High	Normal to High	• Condenser — inadequate airflow • Engine — overheating

Normal to High	Normal	Refrigerant overcharge — air in refrigerant
Normal to Low	High	A/C Compressor — low performance
Normal to Low	Normal to High	A/C suction line — partially restricted or plugged ^a
Normal to Low	Low	- Low refrigerant charge — leak in system. - A/C suction line — partially restricted or plugged ^b
Erratic Operation or Compressor Not Running		- Ambient Air Temperature (AAT) sensor — poor connection - A/C pressure transducer — poor connection - Evaporator temperature sensor — poor connection - Low refrigerant charge — leak in system
Additional Possible Components or Causes Associated With Inadequate Compressor Operation		
- Compressor drive belt — loose - Compressor clutch — slipping - Clutch coil open — shorted, or loose mounting - Control assembly switch — dirty contacts or sticking open - Clutch wiring circuit — high resistance, open or blown fuse - Compressor operation interrupted by engine computer		
Additional Possible Components or Causes Associated With a Damaged Compressor		
- Incorrect clutch air-gap - Suction accumulator — refrigerant oil bleed hose plugged - Refrigerant leaks		

^a Low pressure reading will be normal to high if restriction is downstream of service access valve.

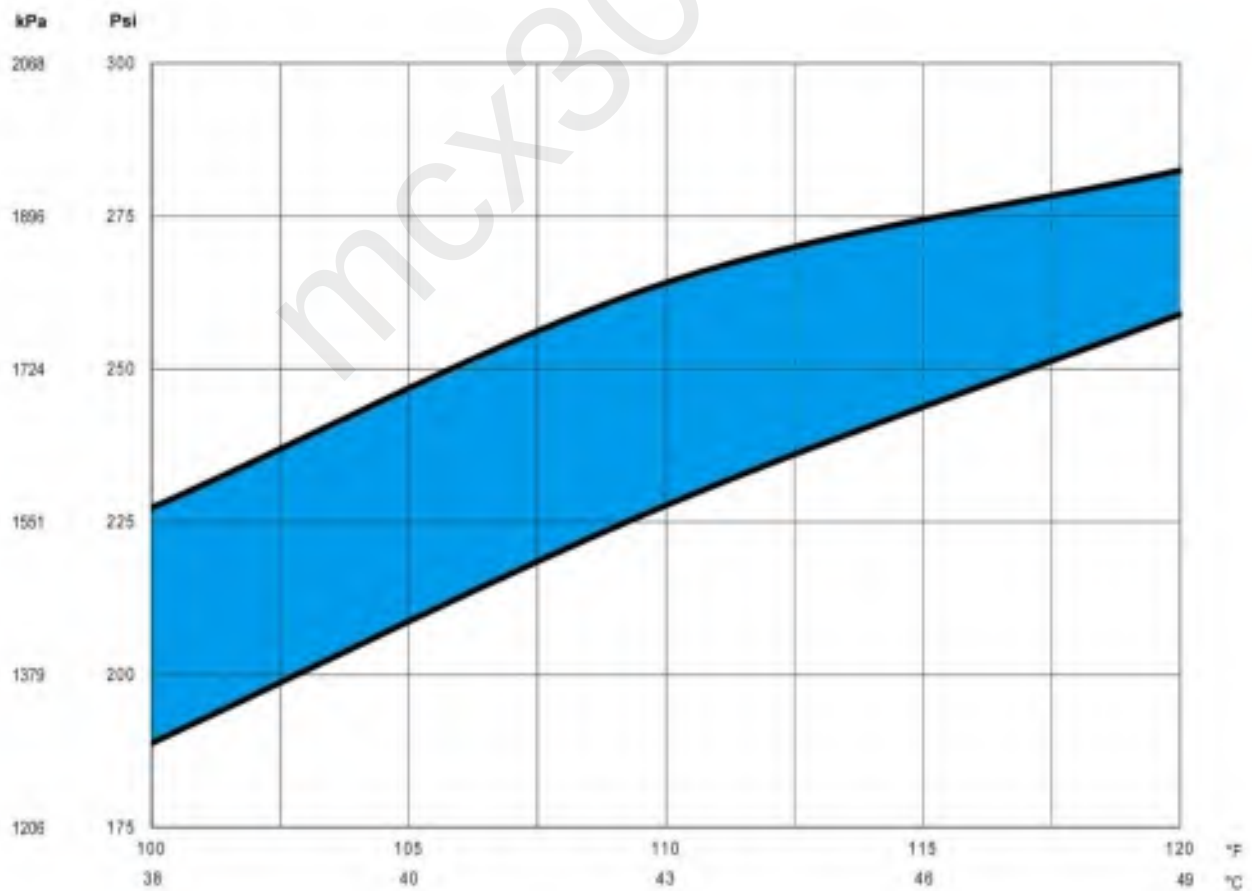
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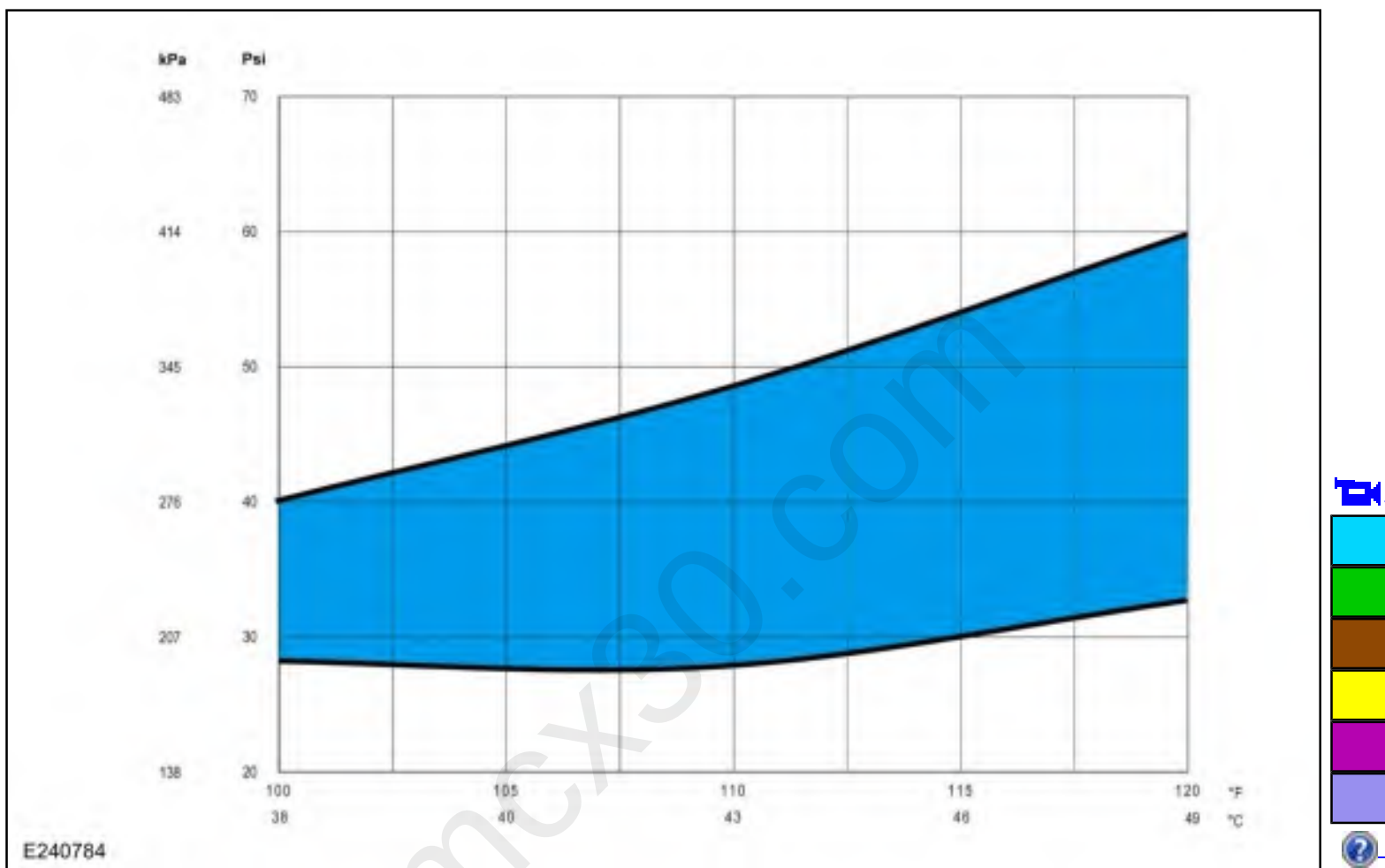
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6. Record the ambient (shop) temperature.
7. Record the discharge pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.
8. Determine if the discharge pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the **Normal Refrigerant Discharge Pressures 38- 49°C (100 - 120 °F) Ambient (15 - 40% Relative Humidity)** chart below.



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