
**Water-source heat pumps — Testing
and rating for performance —**

**Part 2:
Water-to-water and brine-to-water
heat pumps**

*Pompes à chaleur à eau — Essais et détermination des
caractéristiques de performance —*

Partie 2: Pompes à chaleur eau-eau et eau glycolée-eau



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13256-2:1998), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Significant updates to the formatting, symbols, and terms and definitions, have been included to more closely align with other pertinent ISO standards and the latest ISO requirements.
- The original water loop heat pump (WLHP), ground water heat pump (GWHP) and ground loop heat pump (GLHP) application rating designations, specifying entering liquid source rating test conditions, have been replaced with High, Medium, and Low source temperature range conditions to represent a wider operating map at both standard and partially loaded application rating conditions. It is now possible, when all three (High, Medium and Low) temperature ranges are specified by the manufacturer for energy modelling programs to interpolate performance at other entering water temperatures than those used in the standard.
- Specific antifreeze solution composition requirements have been removed to eliminate prescriptive language and promote industry innovation of novel and improved antifreeze solutions.
- The standard has been expanded to allow multiple heating capacity ratings at differing load temperature conditions (Very High, High, Medium, and Low). Medium was retained as the original load condition.
- Testing tolerances and uncertainties have been harmonized with other pertinent ISO standards.
- Annexes have been significantly updated and harmonized with other pertinent ISO standards.

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Introduction

This document covers heating and cooling systems which are generally referred to as “water-source heat pumps.” These systems generally include an indoor heat exchanger with means to move the liquid, a compressor, and a refrigerant-to-water or refrigerant-to-brine heat exchanger. A system may provide both heating and cooling, cooling-only, or heating-only functions.

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Part 2:

Water-to-water and brine-to-water heat pumps

1 Scope

1.1 This document establishes performance testing and rating criteria for factory-made residential, commercial and industrial, electrically-driven, mechanical-compression type, water-to-water and brine-to-water heat pumps. The requirements for testing and rating contained in this document are based on the use of matched assemblies.

1.2 Equipment may be designed for rating at one or several source and load side temperature conditions described in this document.

1.3 This document does not apply to the testing and rating of individual assemblies for separate use, nor to the testing and rating of heat pumps covered in ISO 5151, ISO 13253 or ISO 13256-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 817, *Refrigerants — Designation and safety classification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

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water-to-water heat pump

brine-to-water heat pump

heat pump which consists of one or more factory-made assemblies which normally include an indoor side refrigerant to water heat exchanger (load side), compressor(s), and outdoor-side refrigerant-to-water or refrigerant-to-brine heat exchanger(s) (source side), including means to provide both cooling and heating, cooling-only, or heating-only functions

Note 1 to entry: When such equipment is provided in more than one assembly, the separated assemblies should be designed to be used together.

Note 2 to entry: Such equipment may also provide functions of sanitary water heating.