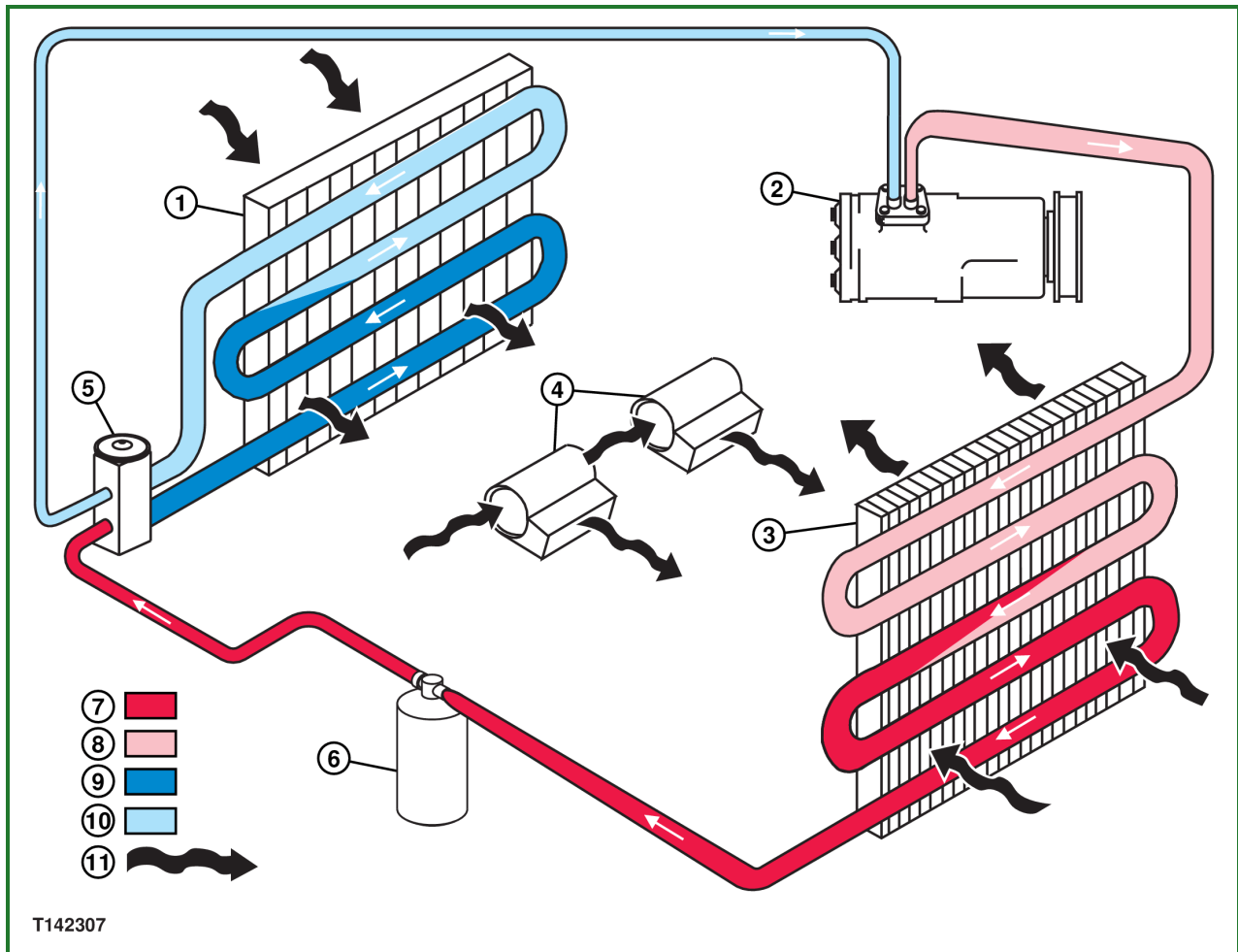


## Air Conditioning System Cycle of Operation



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#### LEGEND:

- 1 - Evaporator
- 2 - Compressor
- 3 - Condenser
- 4 - Circulation Fan Motor
- 5 - Expansion Valve
- 6 - Receiver-Dryer
- 7 - High Pressure Liquid
- 8 - High Pressure Gas
- 9 - Low Pressure Liquid
- 10 - Low Pressure Gas
- 11 - Air Flow

Compressor (2) is belt-driven and engaged by an electro-magnetic clutch. Air conditioner circuit automatically controls compressor engagement or disengagement when system is in operation.

Compressor draws low pressure gas from evaporator (1) and compresses it into high pressure gas. This causes temperature of refrigerant to rise higher than that of outside air.

High pressure gas leaves compressor and flows through condenser (3), where heat is removed and transferred to outside air being drawn through condenser by engine fan. Cooling of refrigerant causes it to condense and leave condenser as high pressure liquid.

High pressure liquid flows into receiver-dryer (6) where moisture and contaminants (acid, solids, etc.) are

removed. If moisture is combined with refrigerant, hydrofluoric and hydrochloric acids are formed. These acids are very corrosive to metal surfaces and leakage will eventually develop. Receiver-dryer also stores refrigerant allowing a longer period of time before additional refrigerant is needed. Refrigerant hoses allow a small amount of refrigerant to migrate through their walls.

Refrigerant flows from receiver-dryer through expansion valve (5) to evaporator. Expansion valve senses refrigerant temperature and pressure to modulate refrigerant flow. Expansion valve changes refrigerant to a low pressure liquid entering evaporator. Actual cooling and drying of cab air takes place at evaporator. Heat absorbed by evaporator and transferred to refrigerant causes refrigerant to vaporize into low pressure gas. Low pressure gas is drawn from evaporator by compressor and cycle is repeated.

A freeze control switch senses temperature of evaporator coil through a sensing probe and electronic switch. This prevents evaporator from becoming cold enough to freeze moisture that condenses on evaporator coil. Condensed moisture is drained away through drain tubes in drain pan under evaporator.

System pressure is monitored by high and low pressure switch, located near receiver-dryer. If pressure becomes too high or too low, switch opens and stops compressor, interrupting the cycle. For location of system components, [see Air Conditioning and Heater System Component Location](#) . (Group 9031-15.)

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