

Active Control Technologies for VRF Heat Pump Cycle



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Introduction VRF System

ODU



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Ref. Piping



Chiller System



VRF Heat Pump Outdoor Unit (Cooling and Heating)	Facilities	Cooling: Chiller + Cooling Tower
		Heating: Boiler
52%	Installation Space	100% (Mechanical Facility Room)
low	Operating Cost	high
Local Control	Control Type	Central Control

VRF System



Introduction Technologies for VRF

Technologies for VRF are as follows.



VRF System

Basic Technologies for VRF

<u>14~20HP</u>





Inverter 1 Comp

<u>8~12HP</u>

Inverter 2 Comps

Introduction Innovative Technologies for Multi V IV

Multi V IV has innovative active control technologies for VRF heat pump cycle.

Active Control Technologies



Customer Values





Higher Efficiency

Powerful Capacity

Highest Comfort

Easy Installation

More Reliable

Active Oil Control HiPOR™ Technology

Oil Return Capillary Bypass Effect (Conventional System)

Oil Discharge Ratio

Calculation of OCR







Oil discharge ratio vs. compressor frequency.



Active Oil Control HiPOR™ Technology

Oil Return Capillary Bypass Effect (Conventional System)

Conventional Oil Return

Demerits of Conventional System





Oil flow in compressor and oil separator.

EER and OCR at various capillary lengths. (Comp 30Hz, ARI condition)



Active Oil Control HiPOR™ Technology

With patent HiPOR[™] technology, fundamental cause of energy loss due to oil circulation has been reduced to maximize efficiency of the compressor.

Conventional

- Volume Loss
- By-pass loss of high pressure refrigerant





- HiPOR[™] method (High Pressure Oil Return)



[※] HiPOR[™]: High Pressure Oil Return



Active Oil Control Real-Time Oil Level Detection



Multi V IV applied Smart Oil Return technology, the real-time oil level detection improved compressor reliability.

Conventional

- No warning during lack of oil state
- Compressor burnt problem due to lack of oil status before oil recovery operation period (8hr)

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- Oil recovery operation carried out only during oil shortage
- Fundamentally prevent risk of compressor burnt out





Active Oil Control **Real-Time Oil Level Detection, Basic Experiment**

Capacitive characteristics changes greatly with oil & refrigerant mixture ratio [1] Difference is distinguishable between 100% vapor refrigerant and 100% oil [2]

Capacitance type detector



Capacitive Characteristics



Length (L)

Oil + Refrigerant

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+ +

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Active Oil Control Real-Time Oil Level Detection, Balancing and Return

Refrigerant Effect inside compressor





Auto Oil Balancing



Auto Oil Balancing and Smart Oil Return

Oil Balancing and Oil return algorithm with Oil level sensor

Active Oil Control Real-Time Oil Level Detection, Smart Oil Return



VRF system is required oil recover for reliability. Multi V IV recover oil when oil level sensor detects low oil level. It can reduce energy consumption and minimize heating operation stop time.

Conventional

- · Periodic oil recovery is performed to secure reliability
- Stop heating operation and energy consumption are reduced due to oil recovery operation



Real Operation Test





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- Apply oil level sensor Reliability up
- Required oil recovery operation Efficiency up
- Oil distribution technology between compressors



Real Operation Test



Active HEX Control Variable Heat Exchanger Circuit



The optimization of heat exchanger's path number has improved in heating and cooling efficiency.



Fixed path number, low efficiency



Variable path number according the operation mode



Active HEX Control Continuous Heating Operation in Defrosting

Multi V IV has split-defrosting cycle control technology for continuous heating.

Conventional

- In case of defrost mode, the unit cannot maintain heating supply
- Customer have to wait until the defrost operation stop



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- Even in defrost mode, it can keep supply heating
- By separating heat exchanger into 2 part, it can defrost without stop



Time



Split-defrosting cycle Sequence

Active HEX Control Continuous Heating Operation in Defrosting

Life's Good

Some amount of hot gas is supplied for defrosting HEX without stopping heating

Low Side HEX Defrosting

High Side HEX Defrosting





Active HEX Control Cooling Operation Range Down

Multi V IV continuous cooling range in low temperature is extended from -5 °C to -10 °C Better solution for low cooling zone like server rooms.

Conventional

Full heat exchanger usage



- Excessive low pressure by Full Heat Exchanger area
- Frequent on / off compressor operation by low pressure protect function

Part heat exchanger usage



- Moderate low pressure by Part Heat exchanger area
- Continuous cooling operation

Cooling operation area



Cooling operation area





Active Refrigerant Control Effect of Active Refrigerant Control



Life's Good

Real time optimal refrigerant control according to change in load maximizes system efficiency.



Active Refrigerant Control Active Refrigerant Control



Conventional









Superior Technologies High Efficiency Inverter Compressor



Multi V IV has high efficiency all inverter scroll compressor with frequency range 15Hz~160Hz.



Superior Technologies Vapor Injection



Improved heating performance and enhanced heating temp. range with new Vapor Injection and HiPOR[™] technology. There is 27% increase in heating capacity and 11% improvement in heating efficiency



ODU heat exchanger

Superior Technologies Fast Heating via Advanced Inverter

World Best Level heating performance by All Inverter Compressor and Optimized Cycle Design. Indoor unit discharge air temperature reaching time is reduced up to 63%.



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Superior Technologies Fast Cooling via Advanced Inverter

World Best Level cooling performance by All Inverter Compressor and Optimized Cycle Design. Indoor unit discharge air temperature reaching time is reduced up to 28%.





Superior Technologies Low Noise Operation

Operation sound level is decreased by New Fan Technology. Low noise operation at night is possible thanks to inverter technology.

New Fan Technology

Cannon Fan

 Due to decrease of vortex and separation close to the blade, the air volume is increased in 50CMM and the noise level is decreased by 4dB(A).



 4dB(A)
 Image: Compressor insulation

 Super cannon Fan
 Compressor insulation

Night Silent Operation

- 3 Time Mode and 3 Step Noise Level
 - 3 time mode : 9 hr, 10.5 hr, 12 hr
 - 3 step noise level : 55 dB(A), 52 dB(A), 49dB(A)





Self Reliability Emergency Operation Function



Emergency Operation Function minimizes the inconvenience that may occur in an emergency and makes servicing very convenient and easy.

Back-up Operation

• Automatic emergency back up function operates the alternate compressor during compressor failure.



Auto Refrigerant Collection Operation

• When an outdoor or indoor unit malfunctions, this function automatically collects its refrigerant before servicing.

PUMP DOWN

- in case indoor fail, refrigerant from indoor unit and pipe is collected to outdoor unit.



- PUMP OUT
 - in case outdoor fail, refrigerant from outdoor unit pipe is pumped to indoor unit and pipe.



Self Reliability Upgraded Fault Detection and Diagnosis



In Multi V IV has improved black box function, auto refrigerant charging and refrigerant recovery operation the reliability and ease of maintenance.

- Failure history storage(black box function)



- Automatic refrigerant charge technology

- There is service port on outdoor unit, refrigerant can be charged even during winter
- Refrigerant calculation is possible even in case of minor refrigerant leakage





Automatic refrigerant leakage and sensor check

- After product installation, refrigerant leakage is checked and then refrigerant charge is judged through start up operation



Auto refrigerant charge check

 Prevent refrigerant leakage due to sensor failure or compressor burnout.



Etc. Smartphone Monitoring and Control



Real time monitoring and management of commissioning, maintenance of central controller site are possible through smartphone and remote control.



LG SAC Control App.



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