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# **Combination Moisture** & Liquid Indicator

for Refrigerants 134a, 22, 404A, 407C, 407F, 410A or 507





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The Sporlan See•All Moisture and Liquid Indicator combines the two functions of moisture and liquid indication into a single economical product. It takes the guess work out of servicing refrigeration and air conditioning equipment. The See•All assists the technician in determining the state of the circulating refrigerant at a particular location and if a safe moisture level exists in the system. Excessive moisture in

| SPECIFICATIONS            |                   |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Connection<br>Sizes (in.) | Type No.          | Overall<br>Length (in.) | See•All      |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                   |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/4                       | SA-12             | 2.87 (72.9mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13             | 3.37 (85.6mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA-14             | 3.82 (97mm)             |              |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8                       | SA-15             | 4.12 (105mm)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| Fen                       |                   |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/4                       | SA-12FM           | 2.56 (65mm)             |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13FM           | 2.97 (75.4mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA-14FM           | 3.44 (87.4mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| Male                      | ~~~               |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13U            | 3.16 (80.3)             |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA-14U            | 3.74 (95mm)             |              |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8                       | SA-15U            | 3.95 (10mm)             |              |  |  |  |  |
| Swive                     |                   |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13UU           | 2.99 (75.9mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA-14UU           | 3.66 (93mm)             |              |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8                       | SA-15UU           | 3.79 (96.3mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| Femal                     | e Flare X Swiv    | vel Nut                 |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13FU           | 2.83 (71.9mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA014FU           | 3.36 (83.3mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| Swive                     | I Nut X ODF       | Solder                  |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13SU           | 3.83 (97.3mm)           |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA-14SU           | 4.27 (108mm)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8                       | SA-15SU           | 4.33 (110mm)            | -            |  |  |  |  |
|                           | <b>ODF Solder</b> |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/4                       | SA-12S            | 1 62 /110mm             |              |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8                       | SA-13S            | 4.03 (TT8MM)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 12mm                      | SA-M12-S          | 4.63 (118mm)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2                       | SA-14S            | 1 00 (104mm)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8                       | SA-15S            | 4.00 (124ጠጠ)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 22mm                      | SA-M22-S          | 6.32 (161mm)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 7/8                       | SA-17S            | 6 21 /160mm             | $\mathbf{O}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1-1/8                     | SA-19S            | 0.31 (160mm)            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1-3/8                     | SA-211            |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
| 1-5/8                     | SA-213            | 8 (203mm)               |              |  |  |  |  |
| 2-1/8                     | SA-217            | 1                       |              |  |  |  |  |

Most solder connections can be used as male fittings as well as female fittings. The 1/4" ODF is 3/8" ODM, the 3/8" ODF is 1/2" ODM, the 1/2" ODF is 5/8" ODM and the 5/8" ODF is 3/4" ODM. Models with female flare and/or swivel nut connections are supplied with a copper gasket in the fitting.

Overall width is: 1.31" for 1/4" and 3/8" sizes, 1.58" for 1/2" and 5/8" sizes, and 1.38" for 7/8" and 1-1/8" sizes. Shipping weight is: 7 oz. for 1/4" and 3/8" sizes, 10 oz. for 1/2" and 5/8" sizes, 15 oz. for 7/8" and 1-1/8" sizes and 1.5 lbs. for the SA-200 series. UL and ULC Listed - Guide - SEYW - File No. SA-3182. Maximum Rated Pressure is 650 psig.

refrigerant systems can cause unwanted chemistries such as hydrolysis of lubricants and other materials, corrosion of metals, copper plating, ice formation at the meeting device and a chemical change in the motor insulation of a hermetic compressor.

# **8 OUTSTANDING BENEFITS**

**ONE INDICATOR for all REFRIGERANTS** — provides a true moisture indication for Refrigerant 134a, 22, 404A, 407C, 407F, 410A or 507.

## RELIABLE and ACCURATELY CALIBRATED COLOR

**CHANGE POINTS** — in parts per million of moisture for each refrigerant.

**REPLACEABLE INDICATOR ELEMENT** — the color indicator paper can be changed on fused glass models manufactured since 1984 without removing the See•All from the line.

**INDICATOR PROTECTED from DISCOLORATION and DIRT** — by a filter pad and screen. This prevents washing of the indicator by the refrigerant and protects it from system contamination and turbulence.

## COLOR CHANGES ARE EASILY DISTINGUISHED and

**REVERSIBLE** — indicator colors differ so widely between the wet and dry condition, there is no possibility of confusion. Colors reverse as often as moisture concentration in the system changes.

**LARGE FULL VIEW SIGHTGLASS** — extra large crystal clear sightglass for viewing the refrigerant. Bubbles indicate a shortage of refrigerant or a restriction in the liquid line.

**DISASSEMBLY FOR INSTALLATION IS UNNECESSARY** — with extended fittings on small size solder models. See•Alls are easy to braze.

**PLASTIC CAP** — is supplied with See•All to keep the glass free from dust, dirt and grease.

# HOW IT'S MADE

The solid copper fittings are brazed to the plated body. A glass disc is inserted in the body and heated just to the melting point under carefully controlled conditions. This **fuses the glass to the body** in a permanent leak-free joint. The indicator paper (retained in a small brass ferrule) is inserted from the back and held in place with a slotted cylinder. The slotted cylinder and indicator assembly is mounted on a post that screws into the bottom of the body, and seals with a knife-edge joint. This overall construction is highly effective in preventing refrigerant leakage. The unit is painted to protect it from corrosion.

Paper indicator elements are made under the strictest quality control procedures. The indicator is tested for proper color change ability in the laboratory and twice more during assembly.

#### Figure 1



# **HOW IT WORKS**

The indicator is a porous filter paper impregnated with a chemical salt that is sensitive to moisture. The salt changes color according to the moisture content (relative saturation) in the refrigerant. A dark green color indicates the refrigerant is DRY and yellow indicates a WET condition. The indicator is formulated so that it changes color at the moisture levels generally accepted as the safe operating range.

The See•All calibration information in Table 1 is based on detailed experimental data for Refrigerants 134a, 22, 404A, 407C, 407F, 410A, 507, 1234yf or 1234ze. The calibration information on other refrigerants was obtained from a comparison of their properties with these refrigerants. For Refrigerants 123, 401A and 402A; Refrigerant 22 moisture calibration is suggested. For other refrigerants, contact Sporlan Division.

| MOISTURE CONTENT – PPM |                         |             |                  |              |                           |             |                                  |                  |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| SEE • ALL SHOWS        | Refrigerant 22          |             | Refrigerant 134a |              | Refrigerant<br>404A & 507 |             | Refrigerant<br>407A, 407C & 407F | Refrigerant 410A |
|                        | LIQUID LINE TEMPERATURE |             |                  |              |                           |             |                                  |                  |
|                        | 75°F                    | 100°F       | 75°F             | 100°F        | 75°F                      | 100°F       | 75°F                             | 75°F             |
| 🛑 Green - DRY          | ₽30                     | ₽45         | ₽50              | ₽80          | ₽15                       | ₽30         | ₽120                             | ₽75              |
| Chartreuse - CAUTION   | 30-90                   | 45-130      | 50-200           | 80-225       | 15-90                     | 30-140      | 120-280                          | 75-150           |
| Yellow - WET           | <b><b></b> </b>         | <b>압130</b> | 압 <b>200</b>     | <b>û 225</b> | <b> </b>                  | <b>企140</b> | <b>企280</b>                      | <b>①150</b>      |

NOTE: Change or add Catch-All Filter-Drier when paper turns from green to chartreuse.

**FOR AIR** — Tests on air show that the See•All changes color in the range of **0.5% to 2.0% R.H.** In ordinary air lines this means that the See•All will change color at dew points in the range of minus  $40^{\circ}$ F to minus  $60^{\circ}$ F.

## BRAZING

See•Alls with 1/4" through 1-1/8" ODF Solder connections are constructed with long fittings made from either heavily copper plated steel or copper. Both fitting types are suitable for soldering or brazing using any of the common alloys, such as silver solder, soft solder, Sta-Brite, or Sil-Fos or PhosCopper. These See•Alls do not require disassembly in the field for brazing because the extended fittings reduce the possibility of damaging the moisture indicator element when the See•All is brazed into the system. To prevent damaging the See•All ensure ample heat is supplied to the fittings and point the torch tip away from the See•All body. Proper brazing technique ensures proper capillary action of the alloy.

The ODF Solder connections on the See•All are clean when shipped. Polishing the inside of the fittings before brazing is unnecessary.

The larger See•Alls with 1-3/8", 1-5/8", and 2-1/8" ODF Solder connections utilize copper connections and require removal of the cartridge from the brass saddle adaptor before brazing. The cartridge is shipped hand tight for easy removal.

The See•All may be installed anywhere in the the liquid line, but preferably after the Catch-All Filter-Drier and ahead of the metering device.

## APPLICATION

The indicator element of the See•All prior to installation will be yellow, indicating a wet condition. This is a normal situation since the air in contact with the element is above 0.5% Relative Humidity. This does not affect the operation or calibration of the See•All. As soon as it is installed in a system, the indicator element will begin to change according to the moisture content of the refrigerant. Some change may take place rapidly at the start-up of a new system or after replacement of a drier on existing installations. In some cases the See•All will change in as short a time as 15 minutes. However, it is **recommended that the equipment operate for about 12 hours** to allow the moisture in the system and the See•All color to come to complete equilibrium. The action of the indicator element is completely reversible and will change color as often as the moisture content of the system varies.

The drying of the system should be continued until the indicating element changes from chartreuse to green. The actual moisture content of the refrigerant will be in accordance with the above table.

For best results with the nickel plated SAE flare fittings that are used on See•Alls, **lubricate the flare surface** and the back of the flare nut with refrigerant grade oil during assembly. This is particularly necessary to avoid leaks if the See•All is being assembled to another plated steel flare fitting, such as the Catch-All Filter-Drier.

## **BYPASS INSTALLATION**

On systems having liquid lines larger than 2-1/8" O.D., the See-All should be installed in a bypass line. During the operating cycle this will provide sufficient flow to obtain a **satisfactory reading for both moisture and liquid indication**.

Best results will be obtained if the bypass line is parallel to the main

liquid line and the take off and return tubes **project into the main liquid** line at a  $45^{\circ}$  angle.

While satisfactory liquid and moisture indication will generally be obtained in any position, the preferred methods of installation are shown in Figure 2.

#### Figure 2



**Kits of preformed 1/4" or 3/8" tubing** are available as a separate item at a nominal cost; application instructions and a detailed template are included. The kits can be used with either SAE Flare or ODF Solder type See•Alls.

#### Table 2

| Tube Size ODF | Kit No. | SAE Flare | ODF SOLDER |
|---------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| 1/4″          | AC-2    | SA-12     | SA-12S     |
| 3/8″          | AC-3    | SA-13     | SA-13S     |

## SERVICE POINTERS

**REPLACEMENT INDICATOR PAPER** — Sporlan kit K-SA-4 consisting of a slotted cylinder and indicator paper assembly is available for replacing the indicator in the fused glass style Sporlan See•Alls (1/4" thru 1-1/8" sizes). Replacement is through the bottom (see Figure 1). If the indicator becomes damaged, it is generally recommended that the entire See•All be replaced. However, the parts kit can be used in situations where it is difficult to remove the See•All.



**LIQUID WATER** — On occasion it is possible for large quantities of water to enter a refrigeration system. An example would be a broken tube in a water cooled condenser. If this happens and **free water** comes in contact with the indicator element, the element will be damaged.

All moisture indicating elements use a chemical salt (see "How it

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Works"). These salts must be soluble in water in order to change color, **If excessive water is present then the salts will dissolve causing permanent damage to the indicator. The indicator paper may remain yellow or turn white.** 

**HERMETIC MOTOR BURNOUTS** — After a hermetic motor burnout, install a **Catch-All Filter-Drier** to remove the acid and sludge contamination. When the system has operated for 48 hours, replace the Catch-All Filter-Drier and install a See•All.

Since the **acid formed by the burnout** may damage the indicator element of the See•All, it is preferable to install it after most of the contaminants have been removed.

**EXCESS OIL** — When a system is circulating an excessive amount of oil, the See•All indicator paper may become saturated. This causes the **indicator to appear brown** or translucent and lose its ability to change color, but does not permanently damage the See•All. Let the See•All remain in the system. The circulating refrigerant will remove the excess oil, and the indicator element will return to its proper color.

**LEAK DETECTORS** — Certain dye type liquid leak detectors may interfere with the color change of the indicator paper. If desired, many of these leak detectors can be removed by installing a Sporlan HH style **Catch-All** in the liquid line. The See•All can then be installed on the system without risk of damaging the indicator paper.

**ALCOHOL** — Do **NOT** install a See•All in a system that contains methyl alcohol or similar liquid dehydrating agents. Remove the alcohol by using a Catch-All Filter-Drier, and then install the See•All. Otherwise the alcohol will damage the See•All color indicator

# **REMOVABLE CARTRIDGE**

Types SA-211, 213 and 217 have copper connections and feature a removable cartridge containing the moisture indicating element. The cartridge has a **knife edge joint** and is available as a separate unit for field replacement purposes if necessary. It is designated as AC-20 and fits all three sizes.



# **ATEX COMPLIANCE**

The ODF solder models within this Bulletin are designed to be used with A2L and A3 refrigerants (flammable) along with complying with the European Directives (97/23/CE) "Pressure Equipment Directive" and (94/9/CE) "ATEX Directive" for equipment intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres.

Products bearing this mark have been evaluated and tested to the requirements found in the ATEX Directive 94/9/CE. The products will fall under "II 3 G TX Ta -46°C to +65°C" (-50°F to 149°F) and are considered suitable for installation in potentially explosive atmospheres.

**INSTALLATION** — For safety reasons, only authorized persons who are certified in installing and maintaining refrigeration and air conditioning systems containing flammable hydrocarbons must do the installation and maintenance. All local requirements or codes regarding use of hydrocarbons in refrigeration and air conditioning systems must be followed.

The refrigeration or air conditioning system must be designed so no abnormal impact ( e.g. vibration, liquid hammer, pressure pulsations) can create risk for damage to the system.

When replacing parts, ONLY use Sporlan replacement parts.

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**SAFETY** — When used in a zone noted as Hazardous (ATEX), the possibility of Electrostatic charge build up on the external surface has to be prevented either during installation or service of this product. If the Sporlan product must be handled, do so using a damp cloth in order to avoid electrostatic buildup.

Protect the Sporlan product against external impact that may cause a spark.

Personnel handling or working on or with this product must be qualified for that task. In an ATEX zone, the personnel must be educated in the risks of explosion. It is the responsibility of the installer to check the installation so that there is no leakage after it is installed, especially in case of explosive atmospheres. The valve and its control must not undergo any modification without prior approval from the Sporlan Division. Sporlan is not responsible for any damage which may be caused by the misuse or installation of our parts, accessories or controls which are not original parts.

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