



HVAC Efficiency Specialists Energy conservation and decarbonization have never been so cool.







# What to know about HVAC/R Thermal Transfer Degradation

According to ASHRAE, oil-fouling of the heat transfer surfaces in air conditioning and refrigeration systems results in a 7% efficiency loss in the first year, followed by 5% in the second year, and 2% annually thereafter. (1998 ASHRAE Handbook, Refrigeration, Chapter 2.9)

Here's why... As equipment ages, small amounts of the oil used to lubricate the compressor migrate into the system's heat exchanger coils. This oil-fouling forms a boundary layer that reduces heat transfer efficiency.

Oil-fouling also forces the equipment to work harder which leads to increased repair costs, lower capacity, and premature replacement. Additionally, when equipment runs longer, energy costs rise along with greenhouse gas emissions.

ASHRAE further states that, while mechanical solutions may reduce some problems, even high-tech designs are not efficient enough to remove all the unwanted oil in the heat exchanger coils.

### Summary

In conclusion, oil-fouling is virtually unavoidable and in a very short time, can significantly reduce equipment efficiency, increase energy consumption, decrease system capacity, and increase the likelihood of repairs and premature replacement due to accelerated wear and tear.

To restore efficiency lost resulting from oil-fouling, the oil boundary layer must be removed to increase thermal transfer performance. Until recently, no viable, cost-effective solution has been available to treat oil-fouling.

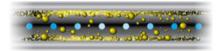








of HVAC Systems experience efficiency loss due to thermal transfer degradation



#### A Closer Look at Oil-fouling

- Oil mixes with the refrigerant.
- The refrigerant and oil are circulated through the heat exchanger coils.
- Oil particles bond to the coil surface, forming growing deposits that impede heat transfer.
- The oil deposits increase drag, making the compressor work harder.
- The oil buildup eventually coats the inside surface of the coil, resulting in ongoing and worsening efficiency loss, along with reduced longevity.

## Oil-fouling can reduce equipment efficiency by up to

30%

or more over the life of the system





# One treatment provides a permanent solution

If oil build-up that forms in the HVAC/R equipment, is like cholesterol in the arteries, then **ThermaClear**<sup>®</sup> is the cholesterol-clearing pill that helps everything run smoothly again.

However, instead of a daily pill, a single treatment of **ThermaClear**<sup>®</sup> lasts for the lifespan of your system.



# ThermaClear®

- Displaces the oil buildup from the metal surfaces of the heat exchangers to restore maximum heat transfer
- Super-lubricates the compressor(s) reducing unnecessary system stress
- Bonds to metal surfaces by establishing a permanent barrier that reduces compressor strain and prevents the formation of future oil deposits

Reduce energy costs - Improve equipment efficiency Improve system longevity – Reduce Emissions

# Award Winning ThermaClear®

ThermaClear® is a proprietary, long-chain, nanomaterial that improves lubrication, removes internal oil-fouling, and prevents it from recurring.



## One easy fix, so many upsides

Helps save on electric bills

Avoid premature repair and replacement costs

Installs in one application with no downtime

Restores HVAC/R system capacity and efficiency







### Savings

- Averages a **12-36 month return on investment** after efficiency is restored
- Achieves, on average, 10% to 20% Annual HVAC/R operational savings
- One treatment protects for the life of the equipment

### **Risk-free**

- Requires no additional hardware and there is no equipment downtime for installation
- Thousands of installations with zero claims against any ThermaClear<sup>®</sup> treatment
- Every treated system is warranted for up to \$1,000,000 for the remaining useful life of that equipment. If a problem ever arises that is determined to be caused by our product, we will pay to have the equipment repaired or replaced

### An industry leader

- Validated HVAC/R thermal degradation treatment solution with proven savings results.
- Recognized by accredited, independent third-party Professional Engineers and Organizations that have verified long-term product efficacy and sustainability
- The only performance-proven product to produce long-term energy cost savings by restoring efficiency in DX/Split and chiller units caused by thermal transfer degradation.









## Over 10+ mil ft<sup>2</sup>

### treated to date

Over

25,000 tons of HVAC equipment treated to-date

Over

2,000 Individual units treated to-date

Up to \$1 Million

Assurance warranty protects equipment for the useful life of the HVAC/R equipment

1,600 Ton water cooled chillers down to

From

1/2 Ton Mini splits





# Backed by data, loved by customers

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The operation of the City's HVAC equipment on its roughly 12 million plus square feet of building space is the single largest use of electricity consumption. The meaningful efficiency improvement /cost savings that ThermaClearTM has demonstrated at the equipment level will contribute to the City's targeted sustainability goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 40 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. This equates to approximately \$1,000,000 in electricity cost and 8,484 metric tons of CO2 saved annually."

#### - Jim Gorombei

Energy Management Specialist, City of Phoenix Public Works

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It is my pleasure to recommend the ECM Technologies electricity savings program to any company that desires to reduce electricity costs. ECM Technologies delivered on the agreed upon objective of achieving a minimum 8% annual reduction in HVAC electric energy use at our automotive dealership. Over the past 12 months, since the electricity savings program was implemented at Schumacher European, we have seen an 11.9% reduction in HVAC electricity use. I hope ECM Technologies is afforded the opportunity to provide any company that desires to save money on electricity costs the same results and level of service as was provided to Penske Automotive groups."

#### - Geoff Burns,

Project Manager, Penske Automotive Group

We found that the data collection and subsequent calculations based on that data was thorough and based on sound engineering and M&V principles to estimate the benefit for the application of the product. We concur with [ECMT'] findings and believe that the installation of this product has a high potential to generate energy and cost savings for Public Works and other City facilities. We would recommend the use of this product as part of a larger ESCP approach to allow for the savings from this measure to help pay for more capital-intensive measures in a bundled offering."

#### - Dave Wyllie PE, CEM, CMVP, LEED AP Sr. Project Manager, Energy Efficiency Services, NV5

ThermaClear® Validation

## **The Numbers**

Average energy reduction in kWh

### JP Morgan Chase

**12%** 

City of Phoenix

## Sky Harbor Airport

10%

### Arizona State University

**10%** 

GoDaddy

**13%** 

### Penske Automotive



\$2.5 Million

contract

Mesa

Chandler

Gilbert

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## **Trusted on a Large Scale**

In September 2022, the City of Phoenix increased its sole source contract to \$2.5 million for full-scale ThermaClear® treatment of the city's roughly 12 million square feet of conditioned space including Sky Harbor International Airport. As of November of 2023, fire, police, libraries, public work facilities, and airport properties have been treated with ThermaClear®

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# Let's work together to decarbonize the planet and save energy with *ThermaClear*®

ECM Technologies has begun its treatment roll-out of the ThermaClear® treatment solution. We're here at the ready to help you save money, restore your systems' efficiency, and help keep your HVAC equipment in peak condition for years to come.

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