Refrigerant System Tests - 3.5L EcoBoost (272kW/370PS)

Inspection

1. NOTE: Procedure 1 — Ambient Temperature below 21°C (70°F).

NOTE: To perform an accurate test make sure the vehicle ambient temperature is 21°C (70°F) or above. Perform the following steps to achieve normal operating pressures.

Drive the vehicle or run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.

- Set the <u>A/C</u> system temperature to the highest possible temperature setting with the dual function disabled (if equipped). Manually set the blower on HI. If the vehicle has a fresh air/recirc button, set it to recirculation. If the vehicle has an <u>A/C</u> switch or compressor on switch, set it to <u>A/C</u> OFF.
- 3. Close all the vehicle windows and doors.
- 4. Allow the vehicle to idle for 5 minutes.
- Confirm the cabin temperature is above 24°C (75°F). Set the <u>A/C</u> switch or compressor on switch to MAX A/C ON.
- 6. Allow the vehicle to idle for 5 minutes.
- 7. Turn engine off and proceed to procedure 2 ambient temperature between 21°C (70°F) and 38°C (100°F).

Inspection

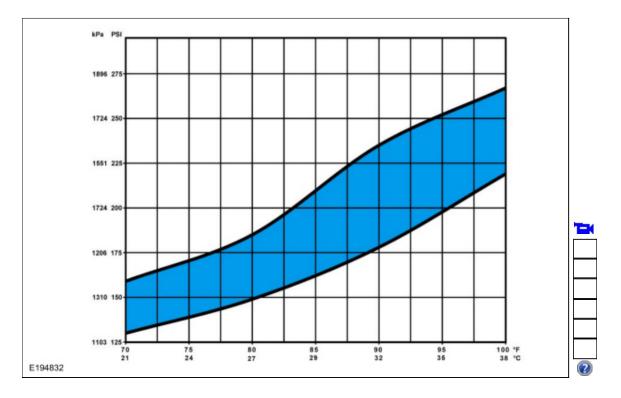
NOTE: To perform an accurate test make sure the vehicle ambient temperature is 21°C (70°F) or above. Perform the following steps to achieve normal operating pressures.

1. NOTE: Procedure 2 — Ambient Temperature between 21°C (70°F) and 38°C (100°F)

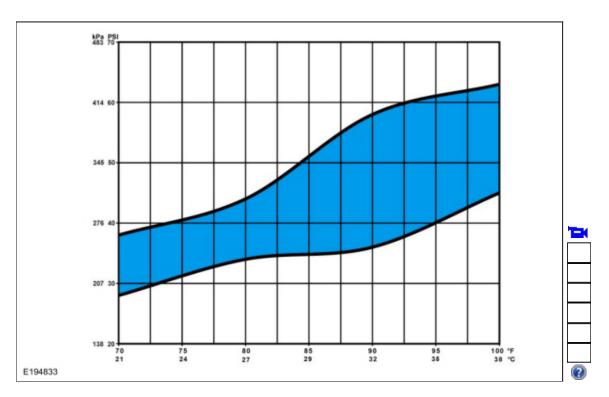
Run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.

- 2. Connect the air conditioning service unit to the refrigerant system.
- Set the <u>A/C</u> system temperature to the lowest possible temperature setting with the dual function disabled (if equipped). Manually set blower on HI. If the vehicle has a fresh air/recirc button, set it to FRESH. If the vehicle has an <u>A/C</u> switch or compressor on switch, set it to <u>A/C</u> ON.
- 4. Open all vehicle windows and leave the hood open for the test. Open the rear doors.
- 5. Confirm the compressor is operating and the engine cooling fan(s) are operating or engaged. Allow the vehicle to idle until the suction (low-side) and discharge (high-side) pressures are stable or fluctuate in a range that repeats.
- 6. Record the ambient (shop) temperature.
- 7. Record the discharge pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.

 <u>A/C</u> system, determine if the discharge pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the Normal Refrigerant Discharge Pressures 21 - 38° C (70 - 100° F) Ambient (30 - 60% Relative Humidity) chart below.



 <u>A/C</u> system, determine if the discharge pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the Normal Refrigerant Suction Pressures 21 - 38° C (70 - 100° F) Ambient (30 - 60% Relative Humidity) chart below.



- 10. Record the suction pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.
- 11. **NOTE:** Use the following table to guide diagnosis of the refrigerant system if operating pressures are outside normal limits.

| High (Discharge) Pressure | Low (Suction) Pressure | Component — Causes | | |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| High | Normal to High | Condenser — inadequate airflow. Engine — overheating. | | |
| Normal to High | Normal | Refrigerant overcharge — air in refrigerant. | | |
| Normal to Low | High | A/C Compressor — low performance. | | |
| Normal to Low | Normal to High | • A/C suction line — partially restricted or plugged. ^a | | |
| Normal to Low | Low | Low refrigerant charge — leak in system. A/C suction line — partially restricted or plugged.^b | | |
| Erratic Operation or Compressor Not Running | | Ambient Air Temperature (AAT) sensor — poor connection. A/C pressure transducer — poor connection. Evaporator temperature sensor — poor connection. Low refrigerant charge — leak in system. | | |
| Additional Possible Components or Causes Associated With Inadequate Compressor Operation | | | | |
| Compressor drive belt — loose Compressor clutch — slipping Clutch coil open — shorted, or loose mounting Control assembly switch — dirty contacts or sticking open Clutch wiring circuit — high resistance, open or blown fuse Compressor operation interrupted by engine computer | | | | |
| Additional Possible Components or Causes Associated With a Damaged Compressor | | | | |
| Incorrect clutch air-gap Suction accumulator — refrigerant oil bleed hose plugged Refrigerant leaks | | | | |

^a Low pressure reading will be normal to high if restriction is downstream of service access valve.

^b Low pressure reading will be low if restriction is upstream of service access valve.

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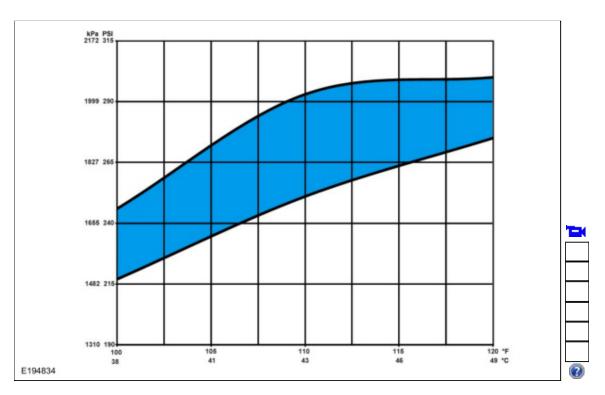
1. **NOTE:** *Procedure 3 — Ambient Temperature Above 38°C (100°F)*

Run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.

- 2. Connect the air conditioning service unit to the refrigerant system.
- Set temperature to the lowest possible temperature setting with the dual function disabled (if equipped). Manually set blower on HI. If the vehicle has a fresh air/recirc button, set it to FRESH. If the vehicle has an <u>A/C</u> switch or compressor on switch, set it to <u>A/C</u> ON.
- 4. Open all vehicle windows and leave the hood open for the test. Open the rear hatch and/or rear doors (if equipped).
- 5. Confirm the compressor is operating and the engine cooling fan(s) are operating or engaged. Allow the vehicle to idle until the suction (low-side) and discharge (high-side) pressures are stable or fluctuate in a

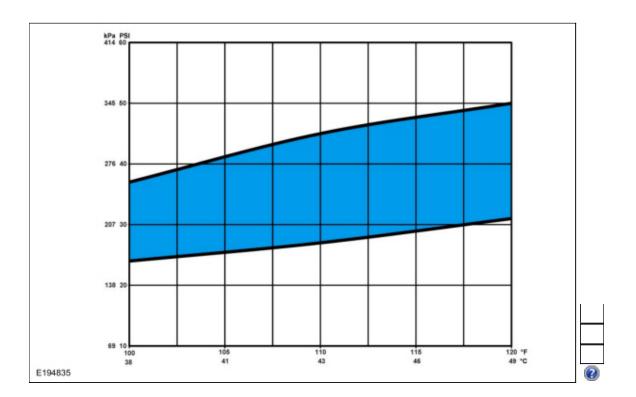
range that repeats.

- 6. Record the ambient (shop) temperature.
- 7. Record the discharge pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.
- <u>A/C</u> system, determine if the discharge pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the Normal Refrigerant Discharge Pressures 38 - 49° C (100 - 120° F) Ambient (15 - 40% Relative Humidity) chart below.



 <u>A/C</u> system, determine if the discharge pressure falls within the normal operating limits using the Normal Refrigerant Suction Pressures 38 - 49° C (100 - 120° F) Ambient (15 - 40% Relative Humidity) chart below.

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- 10. Record the suction pressure. If the pressure is fluctuating, record the average value.
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| Compressor drive belt — loose Compressor clutch — slipping Clutch coil open — shorted, or loose mounting Control assembly switch — dirty contacts or sticking open Clutch wiring circuit — high resistance, open or blown fuse | | | | |

• Compressor operation interrupted by engine computer

Additional Possible Components or Causes Associated With a Damaged Compressor

- Incorrect clutch air-gap
- Suction accumulator refrigerant oil bleed hose plugged
- Refrigerant leaks

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