

# Rotary Twin Screw Compressors

For industrial refrigeration, gas processing and other industries



**Howden manufactures oil injected and oil free rotary twin screw compressors, and supplies bare shaft oil injected screw compressors for use in the refrigeration, gas processing and other industries.**

Rotary twin screw compressor technology was developed in the 1930s by a Swedish company, SRM, in collaboration with Howden. We manufactured the world's first operational screw compressor and further developed the technology in the 1960s with the introduction of the oil injected twin screw compressor. This has revolutionised designs of refrigeration and gas handling plants worldwide.

Today, in thousands of global installations, our oil injected screw compressors provide high integrity, low maintenance solutions for liquid chilling, direct refrigeration and gas compression applications.



## World pioneers of rotary twin screw compressors

### Compressor package systems

Howden is a specialist manufacturer of twin screw compressors. We supply oil injected bare shaft compressor units to independent packagers worldwide, who design and supply gas and refrigeration systems on a local basis.

For the most stringently specified process critical applications, we offer packaging service utilising our global specialists' knowledge and capabilities.



# Manufacturing excellence

We are committed to manufacturing the highest quality compressors in the industry. We employ state of the art machine tools to attain the highest possible accuracy and tolerances so as to produce compressors with high efficiency and outstanding reliability.

## Rotors

All rotors for Howden twin screw compressors are machined from solid bar or forgings utilising high precision cutting machinery. The standard material is carbon steel, but forgings or special alloys can be used for more arduous applications. Following machining and balancing to ISO standards, male and female rotors are paired for assembly to ensure the ideal combination for maximum efficiency.

## Casings

Casings are precision machined from castings using state of the art horizontal machining centres to achieve the essential close tolerances. Cast iron is the most commonly used casing material; alternative casing materials include spheroidal graphite iron or various grades of steel.

The main casing and the inlet and outlet end covers are flanged, bolted and dowelled through flanges to ensure correct alignment. Removal of the end covers provide easy access for maintenance.

## Compressor assembly and testing

All oil injected twin screw compressors are factory assembled by skilled engineers. The casing components are hydraulically tested to a minimum of 1.5 times maximum operating pressure to ensure integrity. Additionally, all oil injected compressors are tested with air under water following final assembly. The compressors are then mechanically run on air test rigs to confirm that volumetric efficiency, absorbed power, oil flow and vibration levels meet the stringent acceptance standards.





# Best practices

Lifetime quality and care

Today in thousands of applications worldwide, Howden screw compressors provide high integrity, low maintenance solutions for liquid chilling, direct refrigeration and gas compression.

### Design specifications

Our twin screw compressors are designed to match the exact specifications required by our customers. They comply with International standards and codes, e.g. API 619. Compressors are generally Lloyds approved, and installations have been accepted by many major authorities such as Lloyds, Bureau Veritas, Norske Veritas, RINA, DSRK, Bureau de Mines, ABS, Germanischer Lloyd and NKK.

### Testing

Howden has extensive testing facilities. Comprehensive analysis ensures the accuracy of performance data, particularly relating to the computer selection programs for standard gases and refrigerants. Project specific tests such as API 619 can be executed to customer requirements. Our thorough testing delivers confidence that the unit will perform reliably throughout its life.

### Aftermarket

We provide a lifelong spare parts and maintenance service through our global network. Spare parts are authenticated with our 'Original Spare Parts' certificate and it is recommended that only these parts are used. Parts are generally supplied in pre-packaged kits that provide all items for particular types of model and maintenance operation.

### Howden Uptime

Our unique and innovative digital solution, Howden Uptime, provides an invaluable insight into the performance of process critical rotating equipment. By gathering the sensor data from your compressor and analysing how it operates and responds to the environment, we are able to deliver energy savings and extend maintenance intervals. This will improve plant reliability and prolong the life of your equipment.





# Twin screw compressors

## Principles of operation

### Design concept

Compression is achieved by the intermeshing of two helical rotors contained in a suitable casing. Figures 1–4 provide details of the compression cycle.

The Howden twin screw compressor is a positive displacement rotary design. As such it has the characteristics and stability of reciprocating compressors and in addition offers particular advantages:

Reduced physical size

Fewer moving parts

Low vibration

Extended operating life cycle

### Options

Our compressors have a range of design options.

### Typical ones are:

Twin wall construction with sleeve bearings

Single wall construction with roller bearings

Slide valve capacity control from 100% to 10% nominal

Inverter speed control

Variable volume ratio

Superfeed

Oil cooling

Liquid refrigeration injection

Specialist sealing systems



### Features and benefits

#### Positive displacement

Cannot surge  
High compression ratios per stage

#### Rotary action

Vibration free running  
Extreme reliability & on-line availability  
Smooth gas flow, low pulsation  
Lightweight foundations

#### Stiff action rotors

Ability to withstand high pressure differences

#### No inlet or outlet valves

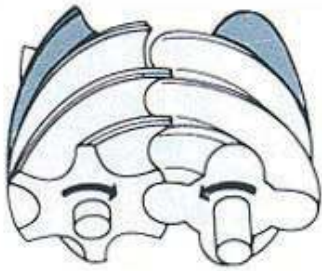
Lower maintenance costs

#### Compact size & light weight

Minimal space and foundation requirement, resulting in low installation costs

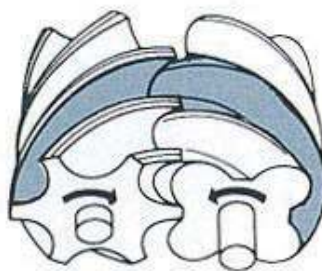
#### Designed for long periods of continuous running

Maximum on-line availability  
Minimal service requirements



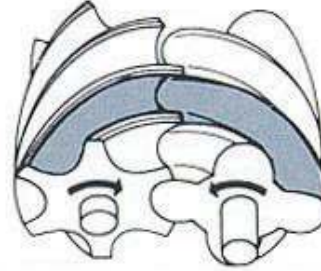
**Figure 1**

Gas is drawn in to fill the interlobe space between adjacent lobes.



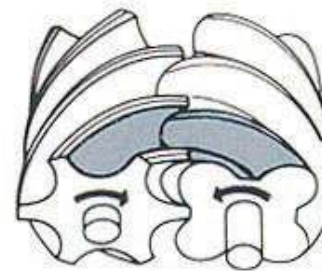
**Figure 2**

As the rotors mesh, the gas is trapped between the rotors and the casing.



**Figure 3**

Continued rotation progressively reduces the space occupied by the gas, causing compression.



**Figure 4**

Compression continues until the interlobe space becomes exposed to the outlet port, through which the gas is discharged.



# WRV compressors

## Versatile process compressors for all applications

WRV compressors set the standard against which industry comparison is made for both gas and refrigeration applications.

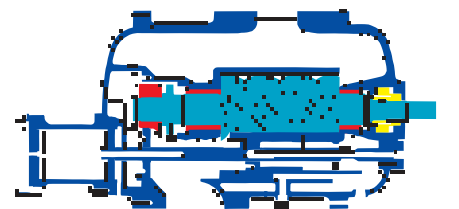
Features and benefits
Plain-shell type journal bearings Long operational life span
Double wall construction Suitable for high pressure application
Optional Material of Construction Flexibility to match project specification (e.g. API 619)
Oil injected seal/bearing construction High quality gas seal from simple construction
Range of capability The most comprehensive range of capacity available
Installed compressors More than 25,000 WRV compressors installed worldwide
Long life span Built to perform in the toughest of conditions with some product installations running for decades



All WRV range compressors are of double wall construction and utilise white metal, sleeve type journal bearings with pressurised shaft seal.

A full range of Vi options from 2.1 to 5.8 is offered for each compressor while slide valve capacity control is a standard feature on all compressors.

**WRVI section:**  
WRV 255, 321 & 365 will incorporate variable Vi as standard.



### Additional design options are available, some of which are indicated below:

<b>Option C:</b> 'Condition controlled' version with reduced oil flow for dense gases and temperature control	<b>Option X:</b> 'Extra high' discharge design
<b>Option M:</b> 'Mirror' version for reverse rotation with double ended motor drive and two stage design	<b>Option T:</b> 'Tilting pad' thrust bearing design, e.g. to comply with API 619
<b>Option H:</b> 'Higher pressure' version for high discharge pressure	<b>Option S:</b> 'Steel casings' for high pressure or to match specification
	<b>Option N:</b> 'Nodular cast iron design' again for project specific specification

Howden oil injected screw compressor range performance envelope		
XRV	Model 127	1 L/D Ratio – direct drive and 3 gears
XRV / WRV	Model 163	2 L/D Ratios
XRV / WRV	Model 204	4 L/D Ratios
WRV	Model 255	6 L/D Ratios
WRV	Model 321	4 L/D Ratios
WRV	Model 365	2 L/D Ratios
WRV	Model 510	3 L/D Ratios
WRV	Model 580	1 L/D Ratio
GTV	Model 228	1 L/D Ratio

# XRV compressors

## Compressors for refrigeration

XRV compressors have been developed specially for the refrigeration market.

Features and benefits
<b>Ease of installation</b> Ideal for horizontal separator applications
<b>Use of roller bearings</b> No oil pump for over 90% of installations
<b>Variable Vi</b> Available with either adjustable or fully automatic vi system
<b>Stepless capacity control</b> Combined with variable vi, gives maximum energy savings
<b>Ease of service</b> Separate end covers provide easy access to rolling elements



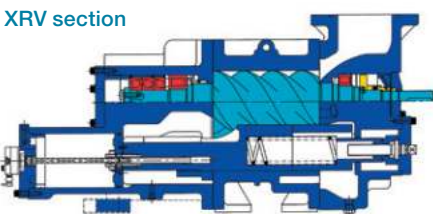
### Variable volume ratio

Two forms of variable volume control are available:

1. Adjustable volume ratio (MVI)
2. Automatic variable volume ratio (AVI)

Compressor selections need to take account of the peak operating conditions likely to be encountered.

However, actual operating conditions may vary, resulting in lower efficiency. Control of capacity and volume ratio can maintain high efficiency levels.

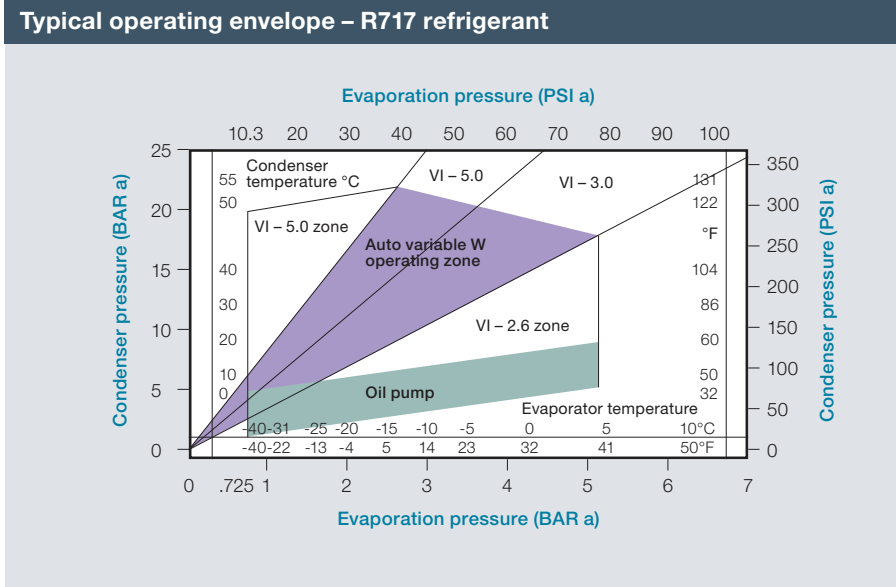


The Howden variable Vi concept, coupled to slide valve capacity control, offers alternative control methods.

Where the pressure ratio across the compressor is consistently high or changes in pressure ratio are infrequent (e.g. the change from winter to

summer conditions) then the MVi manually adjustable system will be entirely satisfactory.

With lower pressure ratios, or where condensing conditions vary frequently, the Howden automatic control AVi system can be offered.

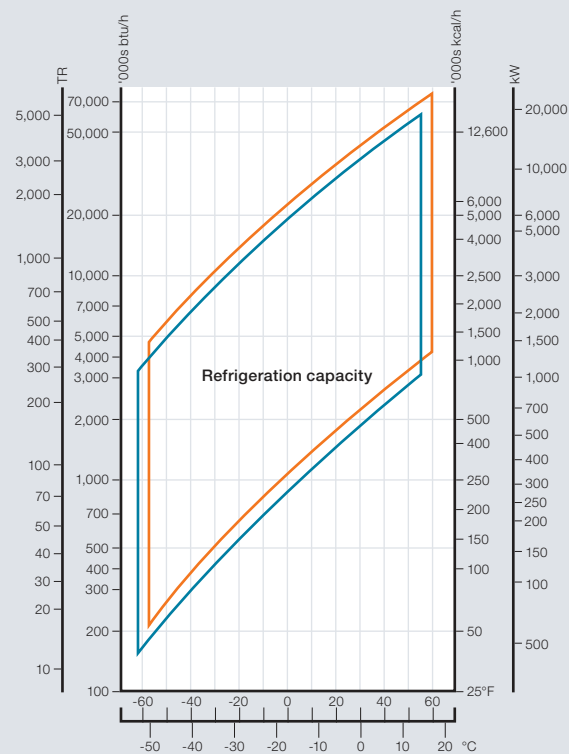




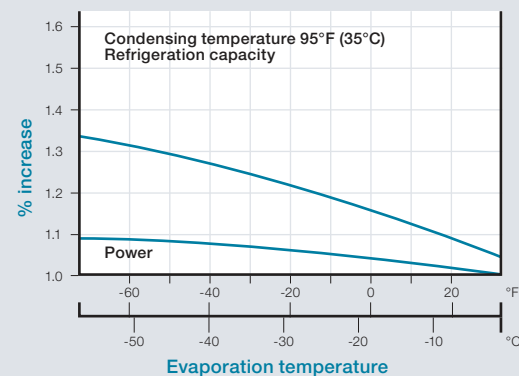
# WRV technical data

## Typical performance

### WRV ammonia



### Typical effect of superfeed



### Typical performance

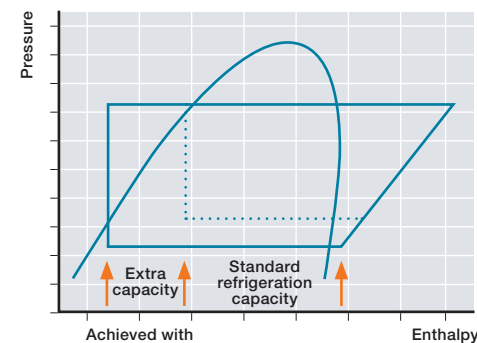
#### Gas handling

Typical gases or refrigerants handled by the Howden range of oil injected screw compressors include:

Refrigerants	Gases	
R717	Ammonia	Hydrogen
R134a	Butane	Methane
R404A	Carbon Dioxide	Natural Gas
R407C	Fuel gas	Nitrogen
R410A	Helium	Propane
R502	Hydrocarbon	Propylene
R507	Ammonia	Town Gas

**Note:** In some cases, for example in refineries, hydrocarbon gases will be used as refrigerants.

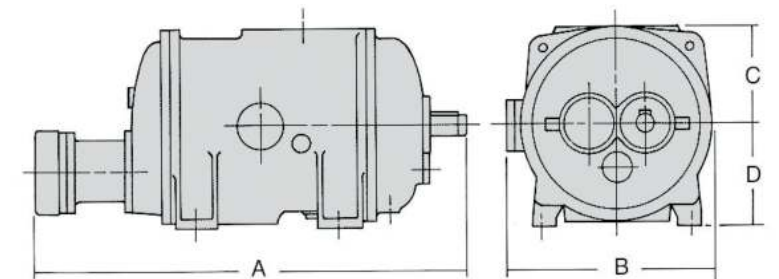
### Superfeed cycle



### Superfeed

The Howden superfeed system is a development of the oil injected screw compressor design. All oil injected compressors are equipped with an additional gas port, located along the length of the compression chamber. Feeding refrigerant to this port from a superfeed/economizer vessel within the refrigeration system offers improved efficiency and the ability to take additional side loads.

The WRV range has 7 frame sizes each with between 1 and 6 L/D ratios (all with clockwise rotation).



Howden compressor specification	*Swept volume 50Hz		*Swept volume 60Hz		Suction port Ø	Discharge port Ø	Dimension A	Dimension B	Dimension C	Dimension D	Weight approx	
	m³/hr	cfm	m³/hr	cfm							kg	lb
WRV 163/1.45	550	325	660	390	125	75	1063	490	248	250	470	1036
WRV 163/1.80	680	400	820	480	125	75	1120	490	248	250	495	1091
WRV 204/1.10	815	480	975	575	150	100	1201	640	310	315	760	1675
WRV 204/1.45	1095	645	1315	775	200	125	1273	640	310	315	850	1874
WRV 204/1.65	1220	720	1465	860	200	125	1314	640	310	315	887	1955
WRV 204/1.93	1340	790	1610	950	200	125	1370	640	310	315	925	2039
WRVi 255/1.10	1590	935	1905	1120	200	150	1493	692	349	362	1200	2645
WRVi 255/1.30	1755	1035	2105	1240	200	150	1544	692	349	362	1270	2799
WRVi 255/1.45	2150	1270	2580	1520	255	200	1583	692	349	362	1325	2921
WRVi 255/1.65	2395	1410	2870	1690	255	200	1633	692	349	362	1422	3134
WRVi 255/1.93	2630	1550	3155	1855	255	200	1705	692	349	362	1540	3395
WRV 255/2.20	3190	1880	3830	2255	255	200	1815	692	349	362	1650	3638
WRVi 321/1.32	3830	2255	4595	2705	255	200	2005	940	471	500	2925	6447
WRVi 321/1.65	4790	2820	5745	3380	300	255	2110	940	471	500	3150	6943
WRVi 321/1.93	5260	3095	6310	3715	300	255	2200	940	471	500	3260	7186
WRV 321/2.20	6385	3760	7660	4510	350	300	2345	940	471	500	3500	7715
WRVi 365/165	6771	3985	8012	4716	350	300	2418	1125	565	590	5500	12125
WRVi 365/193	7920	4662	9372	5516	350	300	2520	1125	565	590	6100	13450
WRV 510/1.32	7660	4510	9190	5410	350	255	2920	1560	750	750	10800	23806
WRV 510/1.65	9575	5640	11490	6760	400	300	3090	1560	750	750	11500	25349
WRV 510/1.93	10510	6190	12615	7425	400	300	3233	1560	750	750	11800	26010
WRV 580/1.93	16396	9650	19630	11555	450	350	3900	1400	700	820	17000	37400

The company operates a policy of continuous product development and reserves the right to alter the data provided without notice.

\*Swept volume at 3000 rpm except WRV510 range which is measured at 1500 rpm \*\*Swept volume at 3600 rpm except WRV510 which is measured at 1800 rpm.

### Key to graphs

- Full duty 50 Hz (excluding Superfeed)  
Condensing temperature 35°C (95°F)
- Full duty 60 Hz (excluding Superfeed)  
Condensing temperature 35°C (95°F)

### Notes

Refrigeration capacity based on 5.6°C (10°F) superheat at compressor suction and no sub-cooling of condensed liquid.

No allowance has been made for pressure losses between the evaporator and the compressor suction flange.



Model range WRV321



VOC emission control



Gas turbine installation

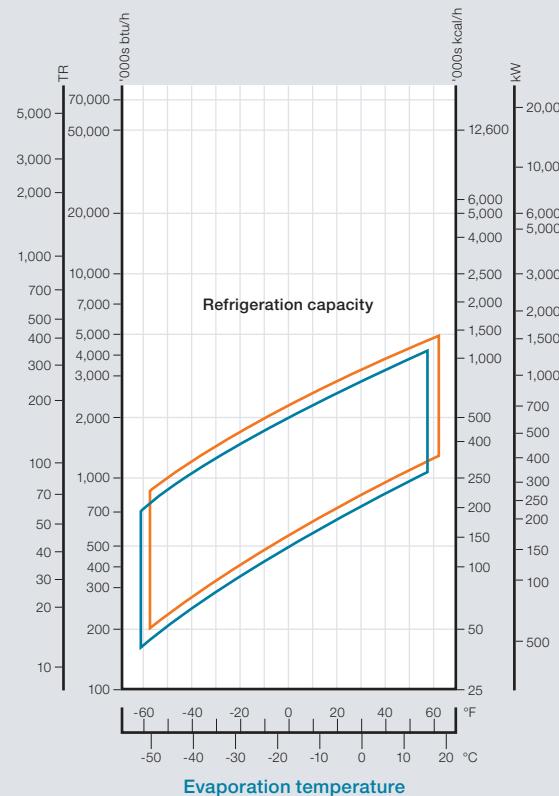


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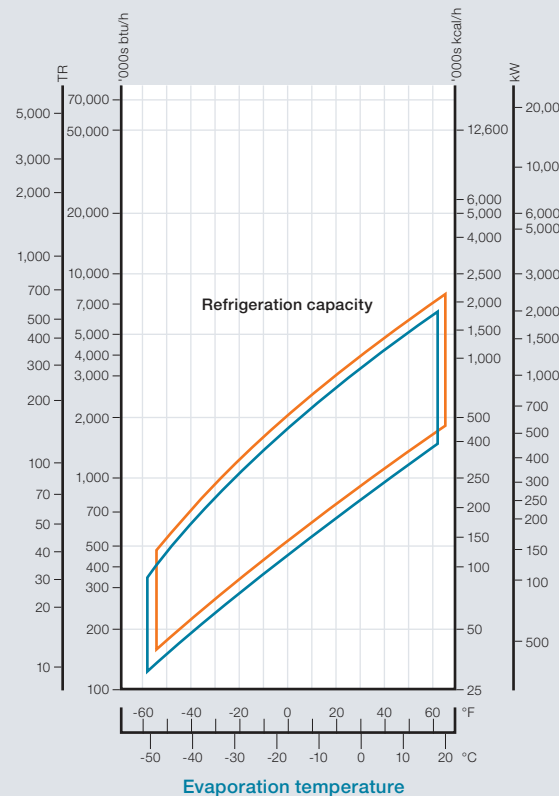
# XRV technical data

Typical performance

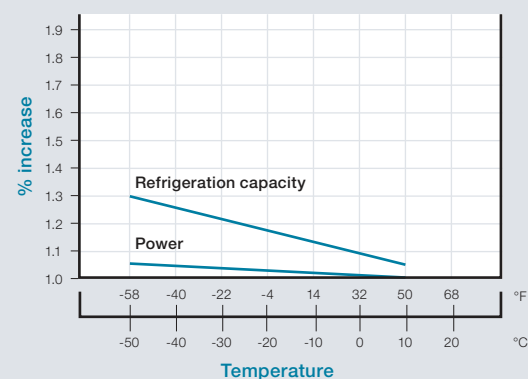
## XRV ammonia



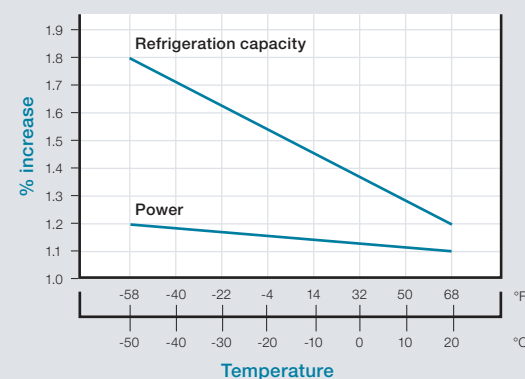
## XRV R404A



## XRV superfeed effect ammonia



## XRV superfeed effect R404A



### Key to graphs

- Full duty 50 Hz (excluding Superfeed)  
Condensing temperature 35°C (95°F)
- Full duty 60 Hz (excluding Superfeed)  
Condensing temperature 35°C (95°F)

### Notes

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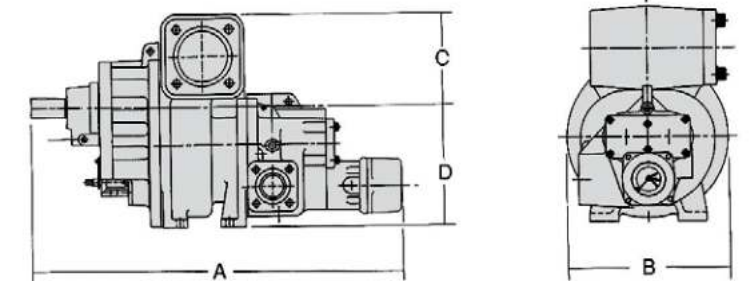


Model range XRV 163

# XRV compressors

## XRV 127/1.65 Compressor

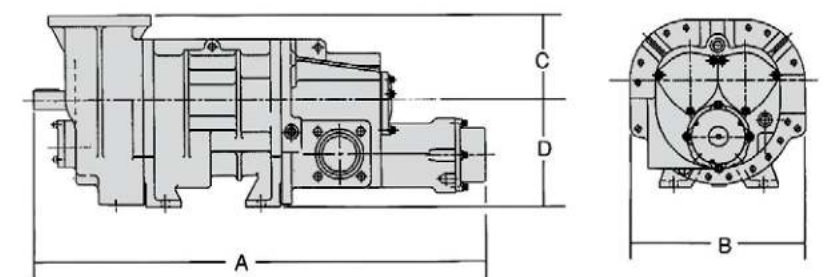
(with anti-clockwise rotation except for XRV 127-R1)



Howden compressor specification	*Swept volume 50Hz		*Swept volume 60Hz		Suction port Ø	Discharge port Ø	Dimension A	Dimension B	Dimension C	Dimension D	Weight approx	
	m³/hr	cfm	m³/hr	cfm							kg	lb
XRV 127-R1	293	172	352	207	100	50	850	390	299	201	250	550
XRV 127-R3	397	234	476	280	100	50	900	390	209	291	250	550
XRV 127-R4	489	288	586	345	100	50	900	390	209	291	250	550
XRV 127-R5	576	340	—	—	100	50	900	390	209	291	250	550

## XRV 163 & XRV 204 Compressors

(all with clockwise rotation)



Howden compressor specification	*Swept volume 50Hz		*Swept volume 60Hz		Suction port Ø	Discharge port Ø	Dimension A	Dimension B	Dimension C	Dimension D	Weight approx	
	m³/hr	cfm	m³/hr	cfm							kg	lb
XRV 163/1.65	593	350	712	420	125	76	1070	430	200	250	364	802
XRV 163/1.93	710	418	852	500	125	76	1116	430	200	250	388	855
XRV 204/1.10	812	478	974	573	150	100	1178	516	240	305	636	1400
XRV 204/1.45	1070	630	1284	756	150	100	1249	516	240	305	660	1454
XRV 204/1.65	1219	717	1463	860	150	100	1255	516	240	305	690	1520
XRV 204/1.93	1348	793	1618	952	150	100	1312	516	240	305	736	1621



Marine freezing unit



Glycol chiller



Ethylene Glycol chiller unit





## At the heart of your operations

Howden people live to improve our products and services and for over 160 years our world has revolved around our customers. This dedication means our air and gas handling equipment adds maximum value to your operations. We have innovation in our hearts and every day we focus on providing you with the best solutions for your vital operations.



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