



UWX550 and UWX440 Installation Guidelines



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**Note:** This booklet is designed to assist the installing technician to ensure Unicla guidelines and procedures have been followed during the installation and initial commissioning of UWX550 and UWX440 compressors.

Please read carefully and if further information is required please visit: www.unicla.hk where a copy of the Unicla Compressor Fitting Guidelines to New Applications booklet can be found, or contact the nearest Unicla dealer.

#### a) Removing transit gas

Before mounting and when handling a new Unicla UWX compressor for the first time, remove the dust cap from the discharge service valve and gently release the N2 gas as follows.

Take care to not let oil escape.



## **b) Initial lubrication**

Rotate the compressor armature manually for 4-5 revolutions to ensure proper lubrication to the working assembly components. This will avoid damage during initial start up.



#### 2. System Cleanliness

#### a) Contamination

The system must be free of both solid particle and chemical contamination before compressor fitting. Solid particle contamination will cause direct compressor damage and starvation due to blocked system filters and screens (see section 10). Chemical contamination can reduce solubility/miscibility of refrigerants and oils, reduce oil viscosity, and cause acid etching and sludge formation.

### **b) Flushing**

Contaminated systems must be flushed before fitting the new compressor. Individual component flushing is strongly recommended in systems where solid particle contamination has occurred during the system assembly process. The compressor, TX valve, pressure control valves, receiver driers/accumulators and mufflers/pulsation dampers *must not be flushed*.

# 3. Fitting of discharge hose manifold

- Choose either left or right hand discharge port.
- Remove shipping cap from discharge port to be used.









Install the gasket



Install Manifold Valve (this is right hand view) M10 x L60 Bolt Tightening tension 34.3 Nm (355 kg/cm)



Clutch Wire —

Connect the clutch wire with the sensor from Discharge Manifold Valve before operation

Warning: Do not directly connect power to clutch wire.



4. Mounting angle



The limits for mounting Unicla UWX compressors are described in the following diagrams:

## 5. System oil quantity requirement

For the compressor and system, Unicla compressor oil circulation requires that the correct amount of oil must exist in the system to ensure oil and refrigerant flows back to the compressor in the correct mixture ratio. To achieve this, the total oil quantity added to the system is as follows:

Total Refrigerant in system	Oil quantity to add –if suction line < 6 metres in length	Oil quantity to add –if suction line > 6 metres in length
5kg	Nil	500cc
5.5kg	100cc	650cc
6.0kg	200cc	800cc
6.5kg	300cc	950cc
7.0kg	400cc	1100cc
7.5kg	1250cc	1250cc
8.0kg	1400cc	1400cc

**Note:** Oil quantity recommendations are in addition to the oil installed in the compressor. Unicla 440 and 550 series compressors are fitted with 1000cc of oil as standard, and this amount is *excluded* from the quantities recommend above.

**Note:** Oil quantity calculations are contained in the Unicla Service Handbook. Total system oil requirement is based on 20% and 30 % of refrigerant charge for systems with < 6m suction line and > 6m suction line respectively.

Larger capacity systems holding > 7.0 kg of refrigerant are deemed to require the maximum oil quantity (30% of refrigerant charge) due to the potential size of the heat exchangers and hose runs holding extra system oil.

## 6. Oil type and grade

Each Unicla UWX550 or UWX440 is fitted with either PAG oil (Unidap 7) or POE oil (Unidap 6). When adding oil to the system, Unicla oil must be used or alternatively if Unidap oil is not available at the time of installation, then suitable known brand oil can be used as described in the following charts.

Compressor Model	Refrigerant	Oil Type (Unicla)	Viscosity @ 40°C	Viscosity @ 100°C	Application	Low side Saturation	Oil Separator
UWX	R134a	Unidap 7	48.01	10.51	Airconditioning	> 0°C	Optional
UWX	R134a	Unidap 6	65.5	9.3	Airconditioning	>0°C	Optional

**Note:** The correct amount and grade of oil must be maintained in the compressor and the system. Failure to comply with this may result in dramatically reduced oil circulation rates with subsequent starvation of the compressor.

Recommended alternatives for Unicla Lubricant:

Unicla Oil Type	Alternative
Unidap 6	POE 68
Unidap 7	PAG 46

! Warranty is void if these guidelines are not followed.





## 8. Compressor sight glass visualisation and diagnosis

Sight Glass

Operation

Sight Glass

Recommendation

Recommendation

Oil

The following chart and images will assist the technician to check the sight glass of the compressor after commissioning of the system. Different operating conditions will present variable symptoms to appear at the sight glass, and Unicla recommends this must be checked immediately after commissioning and at future regular intervals during service.

To obtain the best possible visual of the sight glass, it is recommend the rear sight glass is back lit with a good quality white light, preferably from a LED torch or leadlight. This will produce good light through the centre of the compressor sump to allow accurate evaluation of the compressor level and quality.

Normal - clean and transparent

Normal > high point

OK

Nil







Sight Glass	Normal > high point
Oil	Slight moisture contamination - orange to brown colour
Operation	ОК
Recommendation	Monitor oil condition and change if necessary

	Sight Glass	Normal > high point	
	Oil	Green colouration - exposure to copper oxidation	
Operation OK			
	Recommendation	Monitor oil condition and change if necessary	



Oil level low < half point













Sight Glass	Oil level < high point
Oil	Black and cloudy - foaming and severely contaminated
Operation	Compressor will fail
Recommendation	Cease system operation - clean and flush system, replace compressor oil

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## 9. Recommended suction line pipe size

The following chart gives the suction pipe size recommendations for 440 and 550 compressors.

Unicla 550 series		3m Pipe Length		6m Pipe Length		10m Pipe Length		12m Pipe Length		18m Pipe Length						
RPM	Rated (kW)	Temp Diff (K)	Press Diff (kpa)	Pipe Size mm (inch)	Temp Diff (K)	Press Diff (kpa)	Pipe Size mm (inch									
1000	12.1	0.55	5.7	22 (7/8)	0.29	3	28 (1 1/8)	0.48	5	28 (1 1/8)	0.58	6	28 (1 1/8)	0.87	8.9	28 (1 1/8)
1500	18	029	3	28 (1 1/8)	0.58	6	28 (1 1/8)	0.98	10	28 (1 1/8)	0.41	4.2	35 (1 3/8)	0.61	6.3	35 (1 3/8)
2000	18	0.29	3	28 (1 1/8)	0.94	9.6	28 (1 1/8)	0.54	5.6	35 (1 3/8)	0.65	6.7	35 (1 3/8)	0.99	10.1	35 (1 3/8)
2500	26.7	0.64	6.5	28 (1 1/8)	0.44	4.5	35 (1 3/8)	0.74	7.6	35 (1 3/8)	0.89	9.1	35 (1 3/8)	0.56	5.7	41 (1 5/8)

These recommendations must be strictly adhered to ensure adequate refrigerant and oil flow back to the compressor. An undersized suction line will cause a pressure drop between the evaporator outlet and the compressor, and create poor refrigerant and oil flow at the compressor. Particularly at high revs and low evaporator temperatures.

#### 10. Compressor speed

The following chart gives the Unicla speed recommendation for UWX440 and UWX 550 compressors. This should be strictly followed at all times.

Compressor series	Ideal operation	Maximum continuous	Maximum momentary
	speed rpm	rpm	rpm
440/550	1200-2500	3000	4500

#### 11. In-line suction mesh screen and filter insert

The Unicla inline mesh screen and filter insert should be used whenever there is risk of debris and fine particles entering the compressor through the suction line.

## Unicla Suction Filter Insert Part no: 43701-000290

Must be used in conjunction with Unicla Suction Mesh Screen, and <u>must</u> be removed after 2-12 hours from initial commissioning. This is ideal for removal of fine particles from a new system.

#### Installation of mesh screen and filter insert



In the case of older systems where the compressor is replacing a previous failure, the system must be flushed and the filter should be strictly monitored to ensure a blockage does not occur. More than one filter maybe required over several hours to properly clean the particles in the suction line.

## Unicla Suction Mesh Screen Part no: 43701-000270

Can be left in place in the suction port to ensure continual removal of heavier particles in the system, however regular inspections of this mesh screen must take place to ensure a permanent blockage does not occur.

#### Installation of mesh screen only



Unicla oil injector can be used to add additional system oil during the evacuation or refrigerant charging process. Or alternatively any similar injection device can be used.



## 13. Discharge line analysis - pressure and temperature

After commissioning a Unicla compressor for the first time, some basic pressure and thermal loading checks will determine if the operating environment for the compressor is within Unicla specifications, and whether compressor durability is being maximised. The following chart should be used as a guide for UWX550 and UWX440 compressors to analyse normally acceptable high side (discharge/head) pressures and discharge line temperatures for given ambient conditions.

Amb	oient	Ideal Dischar	rge Pressure	Disch	arge Line Te	mp °C	Temp °C
°C	۴F	kPa	PSI	1800rpm	2200rpm	3500rpm	Discharge line Superheat range
15	60	600 - 800	90 - 115	37 - 42	42 - 47	50 - 56	7 - 26
18	65	750 - 950	110 - 135	43 - 52	47 - 58	56 - 70	9 - 34
21	70	900 - 1100	130 - 160	50 - 57	55 - 64	66 - 76	10 - 36
24	75	1050 - 1300	155 - 190	58 - 64	66 - 73	77 - 83	12 - 37
27	80	1200 - 1550	185 - 220	65 - 72	73 - 80	75 - 89	13 - 37
30	85	1400 - 1750	200 - 250	68 - 77	75 - 86	79 - 92	14 - 38
33	90	1500 - 1900	215 - 275	72 - 85	80 - 94	89 - 97	14 - 39
35	95	1700 - 2100	245 - 300	77 - 90	86 - 98	93 - 102	15 - 40
38	100	1850 - 2250	265 - 325	85 - 92	94 - 102	• NR	17 > 40
41	105	200 - 2400	290 - 350	88 - 97	97 - 108	• NR	18 > 40
44	110	2250 - 2650	325 - 385	92 - 102	• NR	•• NR	18 > 50
47	115	2500 - 2900	370 - 420	102 - 110	• NR	• •NR	20 > 50

# **Discharge Line Pressure - Temperature Chart - Unicla UWX compressors**

## Note: Allow 20% tolerance for humidity above 60% relative humidity.

If the system high side pressure or discharge line superheat range is not within these parameters, reference to the Unicla Service Manual is required, or reference to additional technical information for specifications and faults regarding condensing to air differentials.

• NR = not recommended as a continuous running phase, superheat may exceed 40°C, however specific system design may allow for higher condensing capacity to maximise compressor durability and performance.

•• NR = not recommended in most instances, superheat may exceed 50°C, however if condensing capacity allows for < 50°C superheat, momentary running in this phase may be considered.

If any further assistance or information is required please go to **www.unicla.hk** or contact your nearest Unicla dealer.

## 14. Refrigerant charging

When charging the air-conditioning system with refrigerant, it is important that oil is not pushed or washed away from the sump of the compressor; otherwise immediate damage to the compressor internal assembly will occur. To avoid this situation, the position of entry for the refrigerant to the compressor and system must be considered as follows;

a) Most bus and coach applications have a system layout with the evaporator on the roof or at least in a position which is higher than the compressor. The preferred procedure for adding refrigerant and oil to the system is at this higher point. This will ensure the correct flow of refrigerant vapour and oil will pass through the compressor without any adverse effects to its initial operation.

**b**) If it is not possible to access the system at the evaporator or roof level, then service points in suction and discharge lines away from the compressor are the next best option.

c) If refrigerant must be added at the compressor, and there is no other alternative, only refrigerant vapour is to be added at the discharge and suction manifold valves at the side and top of the compressor (see diagram).

d) Under no circumstances is refrigerant to be added at the R134a coupling service valves (if fitted) on the rear cap of the compressor. These valves are used for diagnosis only.



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# **15. Compressor Operation Analysis Report**

To determine the performance of a Unicla UWX compressor in a specific application, the following Compressor Operation Analysis Report will assist in the collection of the necessary data.

		Vehicle Det	ails			
Date			Ref			
Owner Name						
Contact Details						
Phone						
AC System Type						
		Compressor D	Details			
Compressor Model			Date Purchase	d		
Clutch Type			Invoice Numbe	r		
Clutch Voltage			Date Installed			
			Vehicle Type			
		System Inform	nation			
Refrigerant	R12 / R134a / C	)ther	UV Dye Added		Yes / No	
Purity		%	Oil Separator F	itted	Yes / No	
Oil Type			Accumulator Fi	tted	Yes / No	
Discharg	e	Suction			Other	
	Operation A	nalysis at 1200 / 1500 / 1	1800 RPM (Ind	icate whic	:h)	
Discharge Pressure		Suct.Pressure at Evap		Duct Tem	np - In	оС
Condensor Temp	oC	Suct.Pressure at Comp		Duct Tem	np - Out	oC
Discharge Temp	oC	Pressure Drop		Temp Dif	ference	oC
Liquid Line Temp	oC	Suct.LineTemp at Comp	oC		Airflows	
Discharge Superheat	oC	Evap Temp	oC	Condense	or	m/s
Subcooling	oC	Suct.LineTemp at Evap	oC	Evap Duc	et - Front	m/s
		Suct.Line Superheat	оC	Evap Duc	et - Rear	m/s
	Operation A	nalysis at 2000 / 2200 / 2	2400 RPM (Indi	icate whic	:h)	
Discharge Pressure		Suct.Pressure at Evap		Duct Tem	ıp - In	оC
Condensor Temp	oC	Suct.Pressure at Comp		Duct Tem	np - Out	оC
Discharge Temp	оC	Pressure Drop		Temp Dif	ference	оC
Liquid Line Temp	oC	Suct.LineTemp at Comp	oC		Airflows	
Discharge Superheat	oC	Evap Temp	oC	Condenso	or	m/s
Subcooling	oC	Suct.LineTemp at Evap	oC	Evap Duc	t - Front	m/s
		Suct.Line Superheat	00	Evap Duc	et - Rear	m/s
	Operation A	nalysis at 2500 / 3000 / 3	3600 RPM (Ind)	icate whic	:h)	-
Discharge Pressure		Suct.Pressure at Evap		Duct Iem	np - In	00
Condensor Temp	00	Suct.Pressure at Comp		Duct Iem	p - Out	00
Discharge Temp	00	Pressure Drop	- 0	Temp Dif	terence	00
Liquid Line Temp	00	Suct.LineTemp at Comp	00	<b>2</b>	Airtiows	
Discharge Superneat	<u> </u>	Evap Temp	<u> </u>	Conaenso	or t Frant	m/s
Subcooling	00	SUCT.LINE LETTIP at Evap		Evap Duc		
		Suci.Line Superneal	00	Ечар Бис	l - Hear	111/3
Other Information						
Ambient Temp	oC	Clutch Cycle (set point)	oC	Comp oil	Level	CC
Note: measure compresso	or oil level by sig	ht glass for models 330, 4	40 & 550.			




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