How to Use gpd's Tracer Gas Regulator Kit, 5811753, to Detect Leaks in the A/C System with Tracer Gas



Using tracer gas to detect leaks in the automotive A/C system is a cost effective and efficient method of detecting miniscule and hard to reach leaks. Adding tracer gas (non-flammable, 5% hydrogen, 95% nitrogen) to the A/C system increases pressure, releasing gas through any openings in the system that can then be identified with an electronic H2/N2 tracer gas leak detector.

LEAK TESTING WITH REFRIGERANT AND DYE VS. TRACER GAS



Dye/Refrigerant

- Requires refrigerant in the system
- Vehicle and A/C must be on
- Ineffective in late model system



Tracer Gas

- · Refrigerant not required
- Vehicle and A/C do not have to be on
- Effective in any A/C system

EQUIPMENT

Tracer Gas Regulator Kit 5811753 Includes:

a 150psi Rated Regulator (5811749)

b R134a High-Side Coupler with 1/4" Adapter (5811750)

c R1234yf High-Side Coupler with ¼" Adapter (5811751)

d 96" Service Hose (¼"x ¼") (5811317)

e Inline Shutoff Valve (5811637)





Leak Detector • 5811748

Sold Separately



Tracer Gas •8011313

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Refrigerant Gauge Set • 5811258 (R134a) • 5811672 (R1234yf) Sold Separately

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PROCEDURE

- 1. Evacuate refrigerant from the system. If there is any residual refrigerant left in the system, this must be recovered prior to following this procedure.
 - *UNLIKE LEAK DETECTION WITH DYE, THE VEHICLE AND A/C SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE ON.
- 2. Ensure tracer gas cylinder is secure in a position where it cannot fall over.
- 3. Ensure regulator valve is fully wound out (counterclockwise).
- 4. Fit the regulator to the cylinder and fit gauges to the system.
- 5. Attach service hose to tracer gas cylinder and attach appropriate refrigerant coupler adapter to high-side.





- 6. Open the system valves and open the high side manifold valve.
- 7. Open the tracer gas cylinder valve and slowly wind the nitrogen regulator (clockwise) to pressurize the system.
 - Pressurize the system in stages of n more than 45psi at a time; UP TO 150 psi. 100psi is recommended for leak detection with tracer gas.
 - Listen for audible pressure loss and watch the gauges for visual indication of pressure loss at each increment increase.
- 8. Maintain the system at 100psi for the duration of the leak test.
- 9. Close tracer gas valve. Remove the low-side gauge. Remove service hose from high-side.
- 10. Slowly trace all lines in the A/C system using an H2/N2 Tracer Gas Leak Detector
 - Check all joints, service ports, connections, etc. twice.
 - The leak detector will indicate where there is a leak if it detects tracer gas, audibly with a fast paced "beep" and visually with numeric measurement of leak detected.



Tracer Gas (H2/N2) Leak Detector • 5811748

- 11. Evacuate tracer gas and make necessary repairs.*REPAIRS SHOULD NOT BE MADE WHILE SYSTEM IS PRESSURIZED WITH GAS*
- 12. After repairs are made, ensure the system is completely evacuated before charging with refrigerant.

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