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CTR S.R.L. would like to thank you for buying a product from its range and invites you to read this manual. Inside this manual you will find all the information you need for correctly using the unit; please follow the instructions contained in this manual carefully and read through every section. You should also store the manual carefully to keep it in good readable condition. The content of this manual may be modified without prior notice, nor further obligations, in order to include changes and improvements to the instructions already provided. No part of this manual may be reproduced or translated without prior written consent of the owner. CTR S.R.L. shall be responsible for any manufacturing defect that may arise during the entire warranty period and undertakes to correct any defect as promptly as possible.

WARRANTY

The warranty is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. The warranty covers only the replacement of faulty parts. The warranty shall be invalidated if the equipment is found to have been improperly used or tampered with by people not authorized by us or if nonconforming components or techniques have been used.

Declaration of Conformity_

Directive EEC 2006/42 Machine Directive Directive EEC 2004/108 Low voltage directive Directive EEC 2006/95 Electromagnetic compatibility directive PED European Directive 97/23/EC

We: CTR S.R.L. Via T. ed E. Manzini n° 9, 43126 Parma (Italy) represented by its Legal Representative, declare on our sole responsibility that the product:

Management System for air-conditioning and cooling systems

Model: Artika

complies with the requirements of directive 2006/42, 2006/95/EC and 2004/108/EC and associated implementation provisions; furthermore the pressure circuit complies with directive 97/23 as amended, and it is classified respectively:

• category I for the Artika model.

We hereby specify that the maximum permissible limits for correct operation of the Artika unit are:

Maximum working pressure: 16 bar

• Maximum working temperature: +50°C

• Minimum working temperature: +5°C

We also point out that:

- the year of manufacture is indicated on the label (with CE marking) affixed onto the unit;
- the technical construction file is kept at our company by the legal representative.







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	Artika	
AUTO AIR CONDITIONING PARTS & TOOLS	Œ	
CTR S.R.L. via T. ed E. Manzini,9 43126 - PARMA ITALY	MADE IN ITALY	
Model	Voltage	
Serial N°:	Adsorption A	Absorbed power W
Max pressure.	Min Temperature.	Max temperature.
Refrigerant R134a	Year of manufacture	Risk category under 97/23/CE I

For CTR S.R.L., the legal representative. The label with CE marking (shown in figure) affixed onto the unit proves that it has been duly inspected.

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The unit bears the data explicitly required by the Directive; it may however be subject to changes in appearance for commercial reasons.

This label is merely indicative. The complete data label is affixed onto the unit.





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SYMBOLS

The following is a list of the symbols used with a brief explanation.

	DANGER: draws your attention to situations or problems that may cause injury or risk of death.
\triangle	WARNING: draws your attention to situations or problems connected with the efficiency of the unit that do not involve a risk to the safety of people.
	PROHIBITION: do not perform the operations indicated as they would affect the level of efficiency of the unit
	IMPORTANT: draws your attention to important information of a general nature that does not compromise personal safety or proper functioning of the unit.

1. Introduction

The unit described in this use and maintenance manual is a semi-automatic multifunctional system with digital setting, with a database for first-installation automotive air conditioning systems and performs the following operations: gas recovery, used oil discharge, vacuum phase, leak test, gas recharge. All these operations are controlled by a microprocessor with electronic precision scales.

Listed below are the main components and their functions:

- Electronic control: controls the entire process by means of a microprocessor.
- 1) Electronic gas weighing scale: can weigh up to 25 kg refrigerant, with 5 g resolution and interrupt the RECOVERY and CHARGE functions if the quantities entered or reached during the operation cannot be handled.
- 2) 12cc refrigerant gas recovery compressor.
- 3) Two anti-acid recovery filters and a new-concept dehydrator with reduced environmental impact, featuring low cost and ease of replacement.
- 4) Input gas distiller with automatic flow regulator for separated oil and refrigerant coming from the A/C system with oil discharge.
- 5) Oil separator, located directly behind the compressor, with automatic return during the recovery cycle.
- 6) 12-litre cylinder for refrigerant gas recovery fitted with safety valve.
- 7) Vacuum pump with high vacuum degree.
- 8) Digital control panel.
- 9) Multi-language high-contrast display for use in poor or excessive light conditions.
- 10) 80 mm analogue pressure gauges (Class 1.0) with pulse-free movement for A/C diagnosis.
- 11) Two 2.5 m highly reliable flexible hoses with quick-coupling valves and manual opening (screw fitting) for R134a.

If the length of the hoses supplied is not sufficient for your operating and functional needs, please not and 6 m hoses are available from our point of sale.	te that 3	
• 12) Three 250 cc beakers with raised graduations for new oil, used oil and UV tracers.		
The unit is supplied with two containers for feeding oil and UV tracer and one for oil discharge. If you use different types of oil, you will need to keep a different container for each type of oil.	need to	
Make absolutely sure that different kinds of lubricants are not mixed together. Always check what type need to use in the various A/C systems (depending on compressor type used); oil types can be iden means of specific technical data sheet.	of oil you ntified by	



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1.1 Spare parts

All Artika spare parts are sold by CTR S.R.L. and can be requested from our points of sale.

Spare parts must be installed by your local dealer's specialized technicians.

1.2 List of functions

- **Recovery:** allows the unit to recover both the refrigerant and part of the oil mixed in it, automatically separating and storing them. The polluted oil is recovered in an external graduated container. After regeneration through the filters, the refrigerant is stored in a dedicated cylinder. Quantification is performed automatically by the system's scale.
- **Vacuum:** the A/C system can be brought to the maximum vacuum level within the preset time and kept in this condition. This makes it possible to completely evacuate moisture and check vacuum seal for possible leaks.
- **Recharge to vehicle:** the regenerated refrigerant can be recycled (after adding new oil if needed) using the methods indicated by the operator. You can also add the desired quantity of new refrigerant fluid, new oil and TV tracer.
- Recharge cylinder: this function is used to fill the internal cylinder and is controlled by an electronic process.

• Semi-automatic cycle: performs the sequence of all the operations required to restore the system to the correct levels of refrigerant and oil without operator intervention.

$\underline{\wedge}$	Do not use the unit for purposes other than those for which it was designed. When scrapping the machine, you must comply with current regulations in force locally (bear in mind that the unit contains refrigerant fluids; use the services of specialized firms).
\triangle	The unit is supplied with the type of refrigerant indicated in the CE label. Do not refrigerants other than the one indicated.
	The Artika unit is designed to perform the operations of recovery, vacuum and charge of R134a refrigerant con- tained in automotive air conditioning systems.
	The Artika unit must not be used to transfer fluids and/or recharge other liquids. Do not fluids other than R134a, in particular use with flammable liquids is prohibited.
	In case of improper use of the station with resulting contamination of the R134s refrigerant and/or of the vacuum pump oil (e.g. recovery of gas other than R134a, vacuum on circuits containing oils other than the vacuum pump oil), switch the unit off immediately and contact our technical service department.
	Before using the unit, operators must be suitably trained and assisted by technical staff trained by our com- pany.
	Operator: person trained to use the machine (trained directly/indirectly by CTR staff)
	Specialized technician: person trained and authorized by CTR to perform technical procedures.





2. Technical characteristics

The technical specifications shown below refer to the specific models.

Description	Unit of measure	Artika
Max absorbed power	W	900
Net weight	Kg	60
Overall dimensions (HxWXD)	cm	100X52X46
Weight (fully charged)	kg	68
Vacuum pump flow rate	l/min	72
Final vacuum	mbar	0.1
System recovery capacity	g/min	400
Refrigerant cylinder capacity	1	12
Power supply voltage	V	220/240
Power supply frequency	Hz	50
Max absorbed current	А	4
Vehicle coupling diameter (LP – Low pressure)	mm	11
Vehicle coupling diameter (HP – High pressure)	mm	16
Max operating temperature	°C	50
Min operating temperature °C		5
Maximum pneumatic circuit pressure	bar	16

For the connection voltage value, instructions are provided on the label on the unit.

The sound pressure value measured is less than 70 dBA therefore the operator does not need to take any particular protection measure even in case of continuous use (ISO 3746). Nonetheless, the employer is responsible for evaluating the level of noise the workers are exposed to in accordance with workplace hygiene and safety regulations currently in force.

3. Safety precautions



We recommend you read through every section of this use and maintenance manual carefully before proceeding and to make yourself familiar with the unit's controls.



In case of need, contact only our Technical Service Department (in particular for components repair and replacement).



Do not perform any repair operations. Repair operations performed by inexperienced staff may affect the safety level of the unit.

Do not place any objects on the unit; the unit must not be used as a support surface or means of transport.

Connection hoses (A/C system) and feed hoses should be positioned in a way that will not cause hindrance and prevent them from being damaged.

For refrigerant recovery do not use (pressurised) containers that are unfit for the purpose, in terms of material type and pressure level.



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Current workplace hygiene and safety regulations must be observed at all times. Always refer to the safety data sheet and comply with its instructions. Never leave the unit unattended in the workplace, even in case of automatic operation.

3.1 Work environment



Only responsible adults must be allowed to use the unit. Make sure that the control device is not used by children.



Do not move close to the unit with naked flames or anything else that might cause overheating of the refilling circuit (with consequent fire hazard). Do not use the unit in places where there is a risk of explosion or fire.



Do not smoke in the area where the work phases are performed.



Operate the unit in places with adequate lighting.



Make sure that there is adequate ventilation. Operate and store the unit in a dry place, protected from the weather (in general avoid harsh environmental conditions).

For correct use of the unit, read through the essential safety rules for the operator contained in this manual: Wear safety gloves and goggles. Do not expose to rain or direct sunlight. Before you use the unit, read the car's operation and maintenance manual to identify the type of refrigerant.





3.2 Preliminary checks



If the unit is switched off due to a power failure, wait about 10 seconds before restarting it, so that the electronic part can reset the unit correctly.

The electrical/electronic material must be disposed of separately in accordance with current regulations.

3.3 Disposal of electrical material

When disposing the unit, you must:

1. separate the unit's parts by type (e.g. plastic, dangerous liquids, metal, etc.) in particular, any waste from electrical/electronic parts must not be disposed of as urban waste but is to be collected separately;

2. disposal must be through public or private collection systems as required by local regulations;

3. this unit may contain dangerous substances: improper use or incorrect disposal could have negative effects on human health and on the environment;



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Always allow a few minutes after switch off to enable the system to return to its rest condition (temperature and pressure).

During maintenance procedures, do not discard any residues into the environment, but comply with current disposal regulations.



The cylinder must NEVER be removed unless specifically indicated.

Do not perform any repair or maintenance operations when the unit is running or connected to the mains.



The only maintenance and repair procedures to be performed are the ones indicated in this manual. Operations performed by inexperience staff will affect the overall safety level of the unit and expose the operator to serious risks.

3.6 Power supply

The power supply of the unit must be connected in accordance with the instructions of CTR S.R.L.. However, the company will not be responsible for the connection. The safety of the unit is ensured only when it is correctly connected to a power source that has all the protection features required by current applicable regulations (differential safety switch and earthing).

- The connection to the mains must be made using the plug provided with the unit, and a reduction used if necessary; you must first check that the line voltage corresponds to the one indicated on the label on the rear of the unit.
- In the event of damage, you must contact our Technical Service Department.



If the power plug needs to be replaced, contact our Technical Service Department; do not replace the plug unless you have first obtained written permission by our competent department. Failure to comply with the above requirement will relieve CTR S.R.L. of any responsibility for personal injuries or property damage caused by the power supply.



If using extensions, check that the section of the cable is adequate for its length and that it is positioned so as to prevent every kind of damage (avoid walking areas and wet areas).



Make sure that the point of connection to the power source has all the protection features required by the applicable regulations (earthing and differential switch).

4. Handling and transport



Before moving the unit, check that it is stable (check that the support surface is horizontal). Before moving the unit, we recommend you remove the parts installed after delivery in order to prevent damage.



During this phase, you should:

- correctly position all the accessories provided to prevent them from falling or being damaged during transport;
- move slowly and carefully to prevent possible instability;
- keep at a safe distance.



Be especially careful when handling the unit in the workplace. In particular, avoid humps, steps or similar. Lack of care during transport may affect calibration of the unit.



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Mechanical cylinder retainer 4.1

mechanical retainer on the cylinder.

The mechanical retainer is designed to prevent involuntary movements of the refrigerant's scale.

- Press all the way down to block the cylinder (figure 1)

- Pull all the way to release the retainer. Do not rotate (figure 2) This high-precision mechanical system retains the cylinder lifting its weight of the scale.

When this mechanism is in place, the electronics will prevent all operations and display the message "Remove block". Remove block and press ESC for 2 seconds. Accidental application of the retainer during operation, will be indicated by the message "Remove block" and immediate stopping of the operation under way.







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5. General operating rules

5.1 Main panel

The following is a description of the unit's control panel:

Description

1	I/O Main/emergency switch	9	HP (high pressure) valve
2	2 Control panel 10 Used oil discharge tank		Used oil discharge tank
3	3 Esc button 11 Oil filling tank		Oil filling tank
4	OK/Enter button	12	UV tracer charge tank
5	5 Forward/back/plus/minus buttons 13 High pressure connection		High pressure connection
6	6 High pressure gauge (30 bar) 14 Low pressure connection		Low pressure connection
7	Low pressure gauge 15 Bar	15	Refrigerant filters
8	LP (low pressure) valve 16 Printer (Optional)		Printer (Optional)
		17	Oil-UV tracer feed valve



5.2 Operating phases.

Described below are all the steps that the operator must follow to obtain optimal results in perfectly safe conditions, distinguishing between manual and automatic operation. To check that the unit is operating correctly, an intelligent control device has been provided to signal faults and warn the operator by means of error messages. An acoustic warning at the beginning of an operation indicates that the function entered has started in the correct condition, and a second acoustic warning indicates when the operation has been completed.

Before performing the operations described below, to improve system efficiency (in terms of energy and time) start the vehicle's engine and let the cooling system run for a few minutes so that the A/C system can reach full power, i.e. normal operating conditions.



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Service Dept. or Authorised Dealer.





During refilling operations, some of the refrigerant will be left in the connection pipes. To drain the pipes, follow the instructions provided in the chapter "Pipe draining procedure" (par. **5.8**).

If you have any questions or doubts regarding the unit's operation, please do not hesitate to contact our Technical



At the end of the various phases there will be different residues in the containers. Disposal of these residues must comply with current regulationsi.

The recovery, vacuum and charging operations must be carried out with the vehicle and system off (with compressor power disconnected).

5.3 Use

Please read through every section of this manual carefully to ensure correct unit operation.

Switch on/switch off:

- Connect the cable to the mains as described in the chapter "Power supply"..
- Press the green button to connect power; press the red button to switch the machine off.
- To completely remove power from the unit press the red button and pull the plug out of the unit's power socket.



Display messages:

When the unit is switched on, for a few seconds the display will be as shown in figure 1.

FW indicates the software version of the unit.

DB indicates the database version. Each time the SD card is updated, the version number changes automatically.

Fig. 2 shows the main menu listing the functions and the total quantity of gas in the cylinder.

Fig. 3, below the broken line, shows the data of the unit's sensors during any function. Above the broken line, you have data, times and messages for the current operation (e.g. recovery).





GAS :00.000 Kg > S-AUTOMATIC RECOVERY VACUUM



GasR: t: G : 0001 P : 0001







"S-automatic" operation 5.4

With this function, the system performs the cycle consisting of: recovery, recovered oil discharge, vacuum phase, leak test and refrigerant charge, to restore the car's A/C system with the necessary quantities of fluids, using the database present in the unit's SD Card memory, or with the values entered by the operator. Oil filling and UV tracer charge are manual and are to be carried out before the refrigerant charge.

The semi-automatic cycle can be performed in two ways:

- 1- Database controlled semi-automatic cycle.
- 2- Operator controlled semi-automatic cycle.

The database controlled semi-automatic cycle allows the unit to perform all the operations using the first-installation information contained in the memory card.

The operator controlled semi-automatic cycle makes it possible to perform all the operations with the refrigerant values and vacuum time values selected by the operator.

TO EXECUTE THE DATABASE CONTROLLED CYCLE

- Connect the high and low pressure pipes to the A/C system
- Open the HP and LP valves, or if there is only one service point, open the corresponding valve.
- Select "S-AUTOMATIC" with the "+ ↑" e "- ↓ " buttons. Press OK to start the cycle.

Move in the database using the up "+ ↑" and down "-↓" arrows to select the required model and press the OK button. To go back, press the ESC button for 2 sec.

Select the brand (Fig.1), select the model (Fig.2), select the equipment (Fig.3), view the quantity of fluids and oil viscosity (Fig.4), then press OK to confirm. Press ">" (fig.5) to move cursor to "Vacuum" if you wish to change the vacuum time; move cursor to "Start cycle" to start the operation.



- Once the cycle has been started, if conditions permit, the system performs the cycle and displays all the current phases with values and text messages.
- If an error occurs, the display will show the associated message and give an acoustic signal. To exit, press ESC for 2 sec.
- During operation, press ESC for 2 sec. to return to the main menu.
- Terminato il ciclo, per uscire premere il tasto ESC per 2 sec.

(-When you exit the operation, you will be prompted to print the report, if this feature is present. Press OK to print or ESC to return to the main menu.)







EXECUTING THE OPERATOR-CONTROLLED CYCLE

- Connect the high and low pressure pipes to the A/C system
- Open the HP and LP valves, or if there is only one service point, open the corresponding valve.
- Select "S-AUTOMATIC" with the "+ ↑" e "-↓" buttons. Press OK to start the cycle (Fig.1)



- When the "Manual" mode is selected, the system will directly suggest a fixed quantity of gas, which is 500 g (default Customisation in Service menu), and the grams of oil calculated on the quantity of refrigerant set. You can also change the values suggested for gas and vacuum (fig.5), using the "customisation" function in the SERVICE menu.

- Move the cursor ">" to "Start cycle" and press OK to start the operation. Once the cycle has been started, if conditions permit, the system performs the cycle and displays all the current phases with values and text messages.

Changing gas quantity and vacuum time

To change a quantity, move the cursor ">" to the item involved (Fig.5), press OK to select it and use the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons to change the value. Changes are made in 5 g steps for gas and 5 minute steps for vacuum. To disable an item, set the value to zero.

5.5 "RECOVERY" operation

"RECOVERY" operation

With this function, the system draws all of the refrigerant from the system and makes it reusable by means of a complete filtering and distillation process.

Il ciclo si può eseguire in due modalità:

- 1 Total recovery "AUTO" cycle
- 2 Partial recovery cycle "g to recover"

Executing total recovery "AUTO" cycle

- Connect the high and low pressure pipes to the A/C system
- Open the HP and LP valves, or if there is only one service point, open the corresponding valve.
- Select RECOVERY with the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons.

Press "OK" to enter the "AUTO" cycle and recover refrigerant until there is no pressure. To start the recovery cycle press OK. During this operation, the display shows the general parameters, and "GasR:" indicates the gas recovered and the time taken. There is a pause in the recovery phase when atmospheric pressure is reached. (value controlled by the pressure sensor).

- This period lasts about 4 min , including old oil discharge, in order to allow any refrigerant that has remained blocked in the low pressure and temperature A/C system to expand for recovery. This phase is signalled by an increase in pressure indicated on the display under "P:" (pressure read by the sensor). After the pause, if the pressure has increased, the system repeats the function a maximum of three times, while when there is no pressure it ends the cycle.



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- During operation, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit the phase and return to the main menu. In this case you will not be prompted to print the report (if printer is present).

- Once the cycle has been completed, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit.

- When you exit the operation, you will be prompted to print the report, if the printer is present. Press OK to print or ESC to return to the main menu.

- All the refrigerant recovered in this operation increments a recovery counter to monitor the life of the filters; when a total of 45 kg has been reached, a message will appear on the display informing you that the filters need to be replaced. The counter increases in 5 g steps.

- If an error occurs, the display will show the associated message and give an acoustic signal. To exit, press ESC

- The time available for the operation is 30 min.



The used oil container must always be empty to prevent leaks.

Executing the partial recovery cycle "g to recover""

This function is used to recover a quantity of refrigerant between 10 g and 1000 g in the gaseous state and to quantify it accurately.

If the quantity of refrigerant is excessive, low pressure can be used to draw and weight the actual grams (+5g) of refrigerant removed from the car and fed into the cylinder, without any residues in the unit.

- Connect the low pressure pipe to the A/C system

- Open the LP valve.

- Select RECOVERY with the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons.

Press "OK", the display will read "AUTO"; use the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons to select only the grams to be recovered. To start the recovery cycle press OK. During this operation, the display shows the general parameters, and "GasR:" indicates the gas recovered and the time taken. The recovery phase ends when the amount of "g" entered is reached.

This cycle does not include a used oil discharge phase.

- During operation, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit the phase and return to the main menu. In this case you will not be prompted to print the report (if printer is present).

- Once the cycle has been completed, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit.

- When you exit the operation, you will be prompted to print the report, if the printer is present. Press OK to print or ESC to return to the main menu.

- All the refrigerant recovered in this operation increments a recovery counter to monitor the life of the filters; when a total of 45 kg The counter increases in 5 g steps.

- If an error occurs, the display will show the associated message and give an acoustic signal. To exit, press ESC

- The time available for the operation is 30 min



The used oil container must always be empty to prevent leaks.







5.6 "VACUUM" operation

With this function, the moisture in the system is evaporated by means of a pump that generates a high degree of vacuum.

- Connect the high and low pressure pipes to the A/C system.
- Open the HP and LP valves, or if there is only one service point, open the corresponding valve.
- Select VACUUM with the "+ 1" and "- \downarrow " buttons.
- Press OK to start the cycle. The display will show the vacuum time, currently set at 30 min.

Use the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons buttons to change the value to between 05 and 95 min. You can also change the values suggested for vacuum time, using the "customisation" function in the SERVICE menu.

- Press "OK" to continue with this function. Before starting the vacuum, the unit runs a check of the starting conditions with the "vacuum preparation" phase, the microprocessor briefly opens the solenoid valves, and based on the conditions acquired, it will decide how to proceed. Various combinations may be applied, including activation of recovery and oil discharge; also simultaneously with the vacuum.
- When the vacuum pump has started, the message changes to "Waiting for pressure level" waiting to reach the vacuum pressure (-0.75 bar) to count down the preset time. When the level has been reached, the "Vacuum cycle" starts followed by the remaining time.
- During operation, press ESC for 2 sec. to return to the main menu.
- In the event of an emergency, press the red push button on the control panel to completely turn off the unit; in this case, the function that was in progress will not be saved.
- When the set time has elapsed out, a leak test is run for 5 min., and the progress bar shows the remaining time If a leak is detected (-0.75 bar) the "System leak" error message is shown on the display followed by an acoustic signal.
- When the cycle has been completed, the display read "db"; difference expressed in mBar of the vacuum lost during the leak test. To exit, press ESC for 2 sec.
- When you exit the operation, you will be prompted to print the report, if the printer is present. Press OK to print or ESC to return to the main menu.
- The operation time of the vacuum pump increments a vacuum hour counter used to control oil replacement.

After 100 h of operation the display will inform you that replacement is required. The counter increments in sec. steps.

- If an error occurs, the display will show the associated message and give an acoustic signal. To exit, press ESC for 2 sec.

5.7 "CHARGE TO VEHICLE" operation

This function is designed to charge the system with the correct quantity of refrigerant.



Make absolutely sure that different kinds of lubricants are not mixed together. Always check what type of oil you need to use in the various A/C systems (depending on compressor type used); oil types can be identified by means of specific technical data sheet.

Refrigerant charge is performed at medium pressure to prevent damage to A/C system components caused by the transfer of refrigerant at excessive pressure. With high pressure in the cylinder, charging takes place at intervals regulated by the difference in pressure between the vehicle and the unit.

If the outdoor temperature is low, before proceeding with the charge to vehicle phase, use the function "Cylinder pressure > 7 bar" described in the "SERVICE" menu section.







- Connect the high and low pressure pipes to the A/C system
- Open the HP and LP valves, or if there is only one service point, open the corresponding valve.
- Select "CHARGE TO VEHICLE" with the "+ □" and "- □ " buttons. Press OK to start the cycle (Fig.1)



- Once you have selected "CHARGE TO VEHICLE", you can select to continue in two ways (Fig.2):

- 1 Database controlled charge
- 2 Manual charge

- Database controlled charge allows you to use the first-installation values for gas, oil-type and recharge quantity given by the memory card after selecting the vehicle.

- Manual filling enables you to set the refrigerant value you require. The 500g value given as default can be changed using the " + \uparrow " and " - \downarrow " buttons (fig.5), or you can enter a new value through the "Service-Customisation" menu.

The quantity of oil displayed is the result of the proportion of the gas and oil mix, so that you will know the exact quantity of oil that needs to be charged into the A/C system for the refrigerant alone.

- To disable an item, set the value to zero.

Caution: to fill the system with oil and UV tracer, it must be in vacuum mode, otherwise filling will not be performed. When the vacuum is low, the cycle may be started but then it will be locked when the pressure difference levels out.

- Move the cursor ">" to "Start cycle" and press OK to start the operation. If conditions permit, the system will perform the cycle and display all the current phases with values and text messages.
- "GasC:" indicates the quantity of gas remaining to be charged and the time taken.
- If an error occurs, the display will show the associated message and give an acoustic signal. To exit, press ESC.
- During operation, press ESC for 2 sec. to return to the main menu.
- In case of emergency press the red push button in the panel to switch off the unit completely; in this case the function that was in progress will not be saved.
- Once the cycle has been completed, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit.
- When you exit the operation, you will be prompted to print the report (if the printer is present). Press OK to print or ESC to return to the main menu.
- The unit controls the quantity charged so that it does not go below the minimum level of 1 kg, thus allowing you to fill the system with any quantity greater than 1 kg (e.g. if the display indicates 1300 g, you can charge 300 g).

5.7.1 Oil/UV tracer recharge

Use only PAG or ESTER oils for lubrication of automotive A/C systems containing R134a refrigerant.







In the event of improper use of the unit, with consequent oil contamination, switch the unit off immediately and contact our Technical Service Dept

Do not use solvent based additives. Do not use sealing liquids

- Oil and UV tracer must be charged by means of the "Oil-UV" valve (fig.1), through which they will be drawn up due to the vacuum formed, before pressing the OK button for gas charge.

- Rotate the valve to the left (yellow side OIL) to charge the content of the bottle on the left (fig.2) which is used for oil.

- Rotate the valve to the right (green side UV) to charge the content of the bottle on the right (fig.3) which is used for UV tracer.

Warning! The air present in the oil and UV tracer containers is treated by a drying filter to preserve oil quality from moisture contamination. The filter starts acting during the oil and UV tracer charge to keep the air dehumidified on the surface of the oil/UV tracer.

Avoid pulling out the containers as much as possible to reduce the entry of humid air from the outside.



Changing gas quantity and vacuum time

To change a quantity, move the cursor ">" to the item involved (fig.5), press OK to modify it and use the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons to change the value. Changes are made in 5 g steps for gas and 5 minute steps for vacuum. To disable an item, set the value to zero.

5.8 Pipe draining procedure

1. When the procedure has been completed, keep the high and low pressure pipes connected, close the HP and LP valves, start the vehicle's engine and wait a few minutes for the A/C system to reach full power.

2. If there is only one service point, close the HP or LP valve used and disconnect the pipe from the vehicle.

3. If there are two service points, disconnect the high pressure pipe (HP) from the vehicle and open the HP and LP valves to allow the gas contained in the pipes to return through the low pressure in the vehicle. Wait until the high and low pressures drop to a value of about 2 bar, then also disconnect the low pressure pipe (LP).

4. Stop the engine.



This phase must be performed with the engine on. The other phases strictly with the engine off.







5.9 Refrigerant topping-up

If there is refrigerant in the A/C system, the only way to fill the system with more gas is to perform a TOP-UP operation. To perform this phase, connect the unit to the A/C system, start the vehicle's engine and wait a few minutes for the A/C system to reach full power.

- Connect the low pressure pipe.
- Start the engine and the A/C system
- Partially open the low pressure valve (LP)
- Select the "FILLING" operation and press OK to start the cycle.
- Select $\ensuremath{``\mathsf{GAS}''}$, set the desired quantity and then press OK.
- Select "START CYCLE" and press OK.
- When charging has been completed, close the LP valve, stop the A/C system and the engine.



This phase must be performed with the engine on. The other phases strictly with the engine off.

5.10 "RECHARGE CYLINDER" operation

This function is used to fill the internal cylinder with refrigerant. Filling is set to 7 kg on a total of 10 to ensure there is always a good charge level and sufficient volume to perform the recovery operations.

Use the red high pressure **HP** pipe; connect the pipe to an external cylinder containing refrigerant. **If the external cylinder is not equipped with an internal plunger, it must be turned upside down so that the gas can always flow out in the liquid state**.

- Open the cylinder and HP valve.
- Select " Recharge cylinder" using the "+" and "-" buttons. Press OK to start the cycle.
- The display shows "Estimated charge:" quantity of refrigerant (in grams) required to completely fill the cylinder with 200g approximation. You can also change the maximum filling value as desired using the "Customisation" function in the SERVICE men, or reduce the estimated value with the "- ↓ " button.
- Press "OK" to continue with this function. During this operation, the display shows the general parameters, and "GasR:" indicates the gas recovered and the time taken. The unit adapts its recovery capacity in relation to the pressure coming from the external cylinder. Just before reaching the estimated value, operation is locked, the acoustic signal is activated and the message "Close cylinder and press OK" appears on the display in order to arrive at the calculated value without pressure residues in the unit.
- During operation, press ESC for 2 sec. to return to the main menu.
- In case of emergency press the red push button in the panel to switch off the unit completely; in this case the function that was in progress will not be saved.
- Once the cycle has been completed, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit.
- This cycle does not increment the filter counter.
- If an error occurs, the display will show the associated message and give an acoustic signal. To exit, press ESC. This operation increments the "GASRB" counter in the "SERVICE" menu.





5.11 A/C SYSTEM FLUSHING

This function is designed to remove oil and residues that may be carried over by the refrigerant R134a.

Connect the external flushing KIT (available for purchase at our sale outlets).

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Do not flush the A/C system without first connecting the external flushing kit.

Conditions for starting the operation: Min. 4 kg refrigerant in the cylinder and no pressure in the vehicle.

Press "OK" to start the cycle. The filter life counter included in the external flushing kit used for this function appears. To clear the counter press the "OK" and "-" buttons simultaneously. Press OK to continue and choose whether to perform the kg-based flushing (from Min 5kg to Max 10kg refrigerant flushed into the A/C circuit) or the automatic function by simply choosing the vehicle from the database.

Press OK to start the process, which includes refrigerant charge and discharge cycles followed by recovered oil discharge cycles.

Once the cycle has been completed, press ESC for 2 sec. to exit.

When you exit the operation, you will be prompted to print the report, if the printer is present. Press OK to print or ESC to return to the main menu.

6. "SERVICE" menu

6.1 "Operator" service menu

Operator: person trained to use the machine (trained directly/indirectly by CTR staff)

The basic settings enable immediate operation of the unit in every phase.

- This menu includes all the functions needed to use and customise the unit to best suit your needs.

Use the "+ ↑ " and "- ↓ " buttons to select "SERVICE" in the main menu, then press "OK".

- **"Pressure in cylinder >7 Bar"**. This function is used to increase cylinder pressure through a combination of operations. Close the HP and LP valves, then press "OK" to start the cycle. The letter P. displays cylinder pressure during cycle. When pressure exceeds 7 Bar, the cycle stops.

- "View parameters". This function is used to increase cylinder pressure through a combination of operations. Close the HP and LP valves, then press "OK" to start the cycle. The letter P. displays cylinder pressure during cycle. When pressure exceeds 7 Bar, the cycle stops. To exit, press ESC for 2 sec.

- "Replace filter". Use this function when the cartridge filters need to be replaced (see routine maintenance).

- "Recovery counter". This option shows the kg of refrigerant gas recovered. This is shown by the partial counter, which automatically resets after changing the filters, and the total counter, which follows the life of the unit and cannot be reset. "n" indicates the number of times the filters have been replaced. % indicates the degree of filter wear (100% end of use).

- "Vacuum pump hours". This function shows the hours of operation of the vacuum pump. This is shown by the partial counter, which follows the oil changes, and the total counter, which follows the life of the unit and cannot be reset (see routine maintenance). % indicates pump oil use (100% end of use).

- "Air filter counter". This function displays the quantity of air treated for oil/UV tracer charge.







- "Compressor hours". This function displays the hours of operation of the recovery compressor.

- **Select language**". This function is used to select one of the languages available. Use the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons to move the cursor ">" to the desired language, press OK and wait 10 seconds for the new setting.

- "Customisation". This function allows you to modify the values suggested in the various operations.

- Default: press OK to restore CTR's default values
- Gas quantity: Changes the value of refrigerant charge suggested in the cycles by the operator (S-Automatic + Gas Charge).
- Vacuum time. Changes the vacuum value suggested in the cycles by the operator (S-Automatic + Gas Charge).
- Cylinder full: Changes the maximum filling value desired in the "Cylinder filling" cycle.
- Garage data: enter the garage data you want to be printed on the receipt.

Press "OK" and use the "+ \uparrow " and "- \downarrow " buttons to select the letters/numbers of the text. Press "OK" to confirm character, press "<" to move to the previous character and change it. To save the data, keep the flashing cursor at the end of the text and press "ESC".

• Print report: If the optional printer is connected, set electronic control to "YES".

6.2 Service menu for "Technical staff"



This section of the menu is reserved to technical staff authorized by CTR S.R.L.

Specialized technician: person trained and authorized by CTR S.R.L. to perform technical procedures

- **"Cylinder calibration".** This function allows you to calibrate the gas scales. Read the following information carefully before proceeding:

	- Disconnect the unit from the mains.
	- Remove the front panel.
٨	- Remove the top panel.
	- Remove the mechanical retainer of the cylinder.
	- Connect the unit to the mains. Do not touch anything inside the unit unless specifically requested in this paragraph. Risk of electrocution.
\bigwedge	Do not discharge refrigerant into the atmosphere.
	Keep an external container to transfer refrigerant into. The container must be type-approved for pressure of at least 35 Bar and equipped with safety valve; ensure that the volume of the container is adequate to receive the content of the recovery unit.
\triangle	Do not proceed with the operation if an external container is not available!
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- The phases of this cycle are divided into: discharge of refrigerant from cylinder, vacuum in cylinder and calibration.

- Connect the external cylinder to the service valve located in the upper part of the cylinder (Fig. 1 connection A). Open the valve of the external cylinder, rotate the valve on top of the unit's cylinder towards the outlet connector (Fig. 2 connection A), close the HP/LP valves then press "OK" to start the operation.

- Once the cycle is started, the unit will transfer all of the internal refrigerant into the external cylinder. Wait for "Cylinder calibration" message.

Press OK lightly, scrolling of the progress bar that the procedure is being performed correctly. The new message will ask you to "remove the cylinder and press OK". Loosen the two nuts that secure the cylinder to the load cell and lift the cylinder, making sure that the load cell is free from contacts, wait a few seconds then press OK to confirm. Scrolling of the progress bar indicates that the operation is being performed correctly. If the cycle has not been performed correctly it will not be possible to exit the calibration procedure, therefore it should be repeated. If the operation has been performed correctly press ESC to return to the main menu. Block the cylinder with the mechanical retainer and secure the cylinder to the scale with the nuts you previously removed.

- -"Press calibration". This function allows you to calibrate the pressure sensor. The display will read "Enter atmospheric pressure", remove high and low pressure pipes, open the HP/LP valves, press OK to confirm and ESC to exit. When the progress bar is complete, the message "End of cycle" will be displayed; press ESC to return to the main menu.

6.2.1 Replacing UV/Oil injection air filter



This operation is reserved to a specialized technician: person trained and authorised by CTR to perform technical procedures

The need for replacement of the air drying filter is indicated on the display when the unit is switched on (message will remain for a few sec.) after the counter has reached a value of 5000 g of oil/UV tracer. Before proceeding, a new filter must be obtained through CTR's commercial network.

After the "Replace air filter" message is displayed, ESC and OK will appear in the "Air filter counter" of the SERVICE menu. After replacing the filter, press OK to reset the partial counter.

7. Refrigerant transfer from unit to external container



Use an external container to transfer refrigerant into. The container must be type-approved for pressure of at least 35 Bar and equipped with safety valve; ensure that the volume of the container is adequate to receive the content of the recovery unit.



Do not proceed with the operation if an external container is not available!

To drain the cylinder, perform the following operations:

- Switch the unit on, enter the "SERVICE" menu and perform the "Cylinder pressure >7 Bar" phase. After that, connect the HP pipe to a cylinder or another external container prepared to collect the refrigerant and open the valves on the connection line.

- Select "Charge to vehicle", set the quantity of gas you want to transfer, move the cursor to "start cycle" and press "OK".

- When transfer has been completed, close the valves and recover the residual pressure in the pipe.



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8.1 Refrigerant filter replacement:

The innovative refrigerant cartridge filters have made technological evolution possible also in the maintenance process. This unit is equipped with an electronic system that is capable of automatically performing all the phases required for filter replacement, ensuring full safety for the operator without the help of technical staff.

When the filter counter has reached a calculated value of refrigerant recovered from vehicles, a message prompting the operator to replace the filters is displayed for a few seconds upon activation. Before proceeding, new filters must be obtained through CTR's commercial network.



Always replace both filters each time the "Replace filters" message is displayed.

Use only dedicated original spare parts. There are no compatible filters on the market. The "Replace filters" message warns you when the filters need to be replaced, but does not in any way lock unit operation. If you ignore the "Replace filters" message and continue using the unit, you may irreparably

compromise proper functioning of the unit and invalidate the warranty due to improper use. Ensure that the used oil container is empty.

- Select "SERVICE" in the main menu.
- Move the cursor to "REPLACE FILTERS".
- Close the HP and LP valves as shown on the display.
- Press the "OK" button. The electronic system activates a procedure to release pressure from the filters and, when this has been done, the message "REPLACE FILTERS" will be shown on the display. Do not switch the unit of.
- Insert the special remover and press down firmly. (Fig. 1)







- Remove the snap Seeger rings (Fig. 2).

- Remove the filter caps with the special remover (Fig. 3-4). Check the condition of the O-rings and replace them if necessary.
- Slide the cartridges out using the other end of the special remover (Fig. 5).
- Insert the new cartridges in the proper direction (Fig. 6).
- Reverse the above procedure to close the cartridge compartment.
- Close the caps. Only after you have done that, you can press "OK" to continue the procedure.

The unit automatically performs the dehumidification procedure, a leak test, gas recycling in the cylinder, and finally resets the partial counter (recovery counter) and the service message. If a problem occurs, an error message is displayed and the operation blocked. The time required for the entire operation is approx. 30 min.

8.2 Vacuum pump replacement:

The life of the vacuum pump is monitored by the electronic system in order to always ensure optimal efficiency and a long life in normal operating conditions. When the service message "Change vacuum pump oil" is displayed, proceed as follows:



When topping up or changing the oil in the vacuum pump, use specific oil for vacuum pumps. Use specific oil for high-vacuum pumps available through the commercial network of CTR S.R.L.

To top up (see figure), unscrew the bleeding cap (A) and pour in oil up to the halfway mark on the sightglass (C); when done, screw the bleeding cap (A) back on.

To change the oil:

- run the pump for 10 minutes;
- disconnect the unit from power supply;
- remove the drain plug located in the lower part of the pump (**B**) using the spanner (**D**);
- wait until all of the oil has drained out; refit the drain plug.

- unscrew the bleeding cap (**A**) and pour in new oil up to the halfway mark on the sightglass; screw the bleeding cap (**A**) back on.



When the message "Change pump oil" is displayed, ESC and OK will appear under "Vacuum pump hours" in the SERVICE menu. After replacing the filter, press OK to reset the partial counter.

9 Adhesive labels

The following list describes the main adhesive labels:

	Container for new oil charge.
	Container for used oil discharge.
	Container for UV tracer charge.
	Lightning on yellow (high-voltage parts with risk of electrocution)
<u>@@</u>	Wear safety goggles. Contact with eyes may cause serious damage to eye sight.

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	Operate and store the unit in a dry place protected from the weather and from direct sunlight.
	Before you use the unit, read the car's operation and maintenance manual to identify the type of refrige- rant.
	Wear protective gloves. Contact with the skin (given the extremely low boiling temperature) may cause burns.
ŀ A ŀ-r	Mechanical cylinder retainer system. Pressed=on Released=offo

10. SD card database update

The vehicle database resides on the removable SD card housed in the circuit board of the unit.



This operation must be carried out only by a specialized technician: person trained and authorized by CTR to perform technical procedures. Contact your local dealer

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Start printer through "SERVICE" menu.

- Select "Customisation", scroll to "Print Report", press "OK" with the "+ ↑ " and "- ↓ " buttons, select "YES" to start printer. To

exit, press ESC for 2 sec ".

- 1 Paper outfeed slot
- 2- Status LED
- 3- OPEN button for paper roll compartment
- 4- Paper FEED button
- 5- Paper roll compartment
- 6- Out-of-paper sensor (internal)









The green status LED indicates the hardware status of the printer. In the event of malfunctioning, the LED flashing frequency will change according to the following table.

LED status	Colour	Description	
	OFF	Printer off	
	ON	Printer on: no error	
	FLASHING	RECOVERABLE ERROR	
		Slow	Out of paper
		Fast	Print head overheating Incorrect supply voltage

To change the paper roll, proceed as follows:

- 1- Open the printer cover by pressing the OPEN button (see Fig.1.13).
- 2- Position the paper roll in the compartment, respecting the rotation direction indicated (see Fig.1.14).
- 3- Pull the paper until it comes out of the compartment and close the cover (see Fig.1.15). The cover locks.
- 4- Tear off the excess paper using the serrated edge (see Fig.1.16)
- 5- The printer is now read for printing.







12. Troubleshooting



Repair, maintenance or adjustment operations not described in the above chapters must be performer only by specialized staff. (Failure to do so will relieve CTR S.R.L. of all responsibility for unit malfunction).

The table indicates the skill level needed to perform the operation. It is important to follow these instructions strictly.

1	Operator: person trained to use the machine (trained directly/indirectly by CTR staff)
•	Specialized technician: person trained and authorized by CTR to perform technical procedures.

After you have solved the problem with the instructions given below, you can restart the procedures you were performing from the beginning.

Problem	Causes	Remedies	Operation
Unit not working	 Unit switched on and off repeatedly 	 Switch unit off and wait at least 10 sec. before restarting unit 	1) Operator
	2) External unit fuses blown	2) Replace	2) Operator
	3) Internal unit fuses blown	3) Replace	3) Specialized technician
Unit not recovering	1) Fuse blown	1) Check fuse in recovery compres- sor/solenoid valve on circuit board	1) Specialized technician
	2) Recovery compressor damaged	2) Replace compressor	2) Specialized technician
Vacuum pump not working	1) Gas in the circuit	1) Perform a recovery phase	1) Operator
	2) No power to pump	2) Check power supply and fuses	2) Specialized technician
	3) Vacuum pump damaged	3) Replace the pump	3) Specialized technician
Vacuum timer does not start but pump works and pressure gauges read -1bar	1) pressure sensor out of calibration	1) Calibrate the pressure sensor (see Service menu).	1) Operator
	2) Pump not running	2) Check vacuum pump fuse on cir- cuit board.	2) Specialized technician
Leak test always indicates that there is a leak	1) Leak test always indicates that there is a leak	1) Calibrate the pressure sensor (see Service menu).	1) Operator
	2) Sediment in vacuum solenoid	2) Remove sediment	2) Specialized technician
Unit does not charge refrigerant	1) Charge solenoid does not open	1) Check vacuum pump fuse.	1) Specialized technician
	2) One-way valve is locked	2) Replace valve	2) Specialized technician





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EO	Full cylinder. - Discharge cylinder gas see "Transfer refrigerant from unit to external container".
E2	Recovery time expired. - Repeat operation due to excessive quantity of refrigerant to be recovered.
E3	Refrigerant presence at beginning of vacuum phase. - Repeat recovery operation.
E4	Vacuum time expired. Vacuum timer cannot be started. 0.75 Bar threshold cannot be reached. Check integrity of system and connection pipes.
E5	Leak presence during vacuum control. - Use leak detection system, repeat vacuum and recharge A/C system.
E6	Insufficient quantity of refrigerant in cylinder. - Fill unit with external cylinder using "Cylinder recharge operation".
E7	Refrigerant charge time expired. - Repeat recovery, vacuum and gas charge. If needed, increase cylinder pressure with "Cylinder pressure > 7 Bar" function in Service menu.
E11	There is no refrigerant to recover. - Proceed to vacuum phase.
E20	Faulty refrigerant scale. - Contact CTR's specialized technician.
E23	Faulty pressure sensor. - Contact CTR's specialized technician.

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