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REFRIGERANT CHARGING

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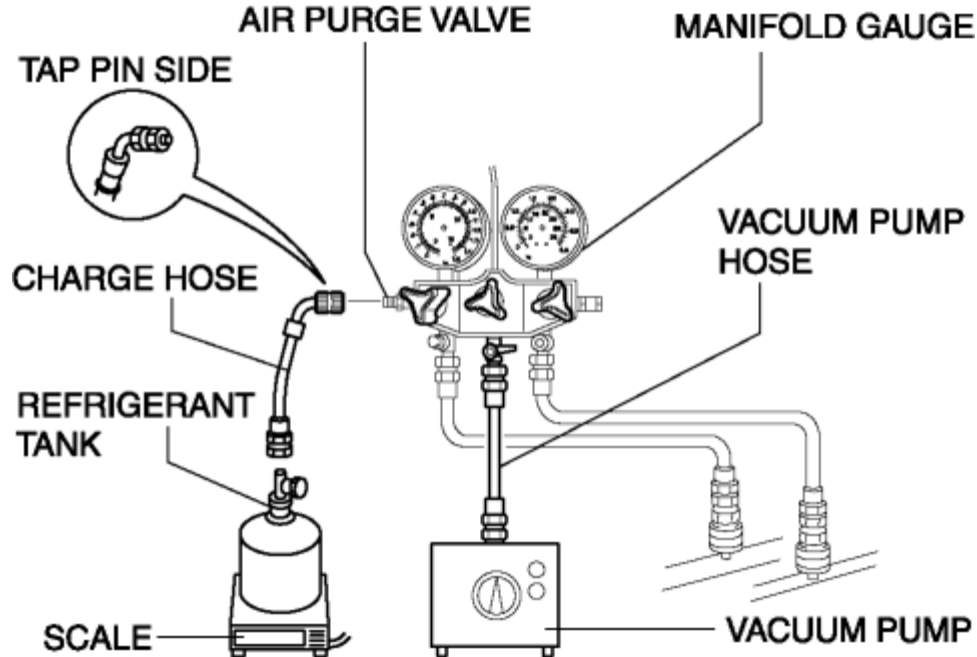
- Do not exceed the specification when charging the system with refrigerant. Doing so will decrease the efficiency of the air conditioner or damage the refrigeration cycle parts.

Charging Recycled R-134a Refrigerant

1. Connect an R-134a recovery/recycling/recharging device to the vehicle and follow the device manufacturer's instructions.

Charging Preparation

1. Install the manifold gauge set.
2. Connect the tap pin side of the charging hose to the air purge valve of the manifold gauge.



3. Connect the vacuum pump hose to the center joint of the manifold gauge.
4. Connect the vacuum pump hose to the vacuum pump.
5. Connect the charging hose to the refrigerant tank.
6. Place the refrigerant tank on the scale.

Regular amount of refrigerant (approx. quantity)

- 500—550 g {17.6—19.4 oz}

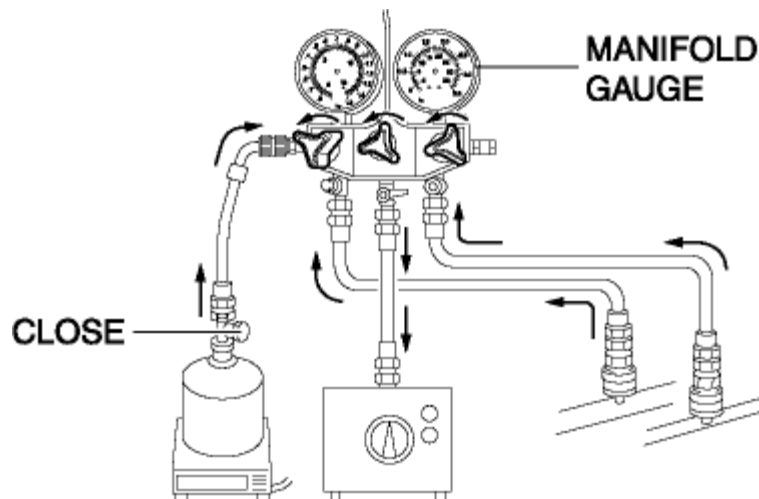
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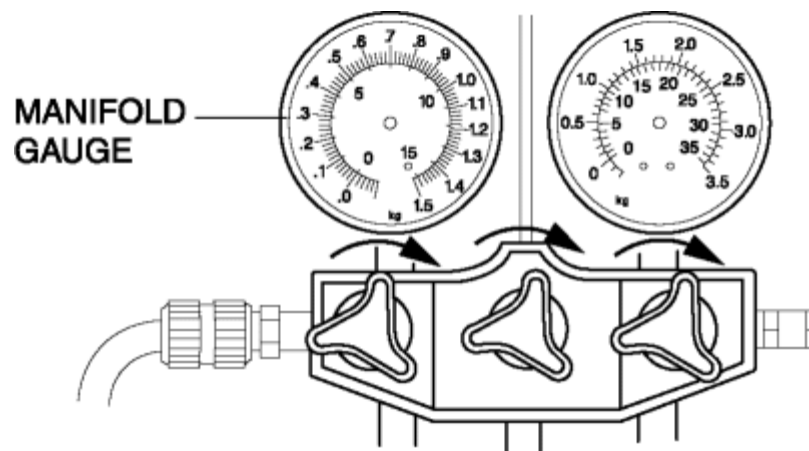
CAUTION:

- Close the manifold gauge valve immediately after stopping the vacuum pump. If the valve is left open, the vacuum pump oil will back flow into the refrigeration cycle and cause a decrease in the efficiency of the air conditioner.

2. Start the vacuum pump and let it operate for **15 min.**



3. Verify that high- and low-pressure side readings of the manifold gauge are at **-101 kPa { -760 mmHg, -29.9 inHg }**. Close each valve of the manifold gauge.



Airtightness Check

1. Stop the vacuum pump and wait for **5 min.**
2. Check the high- and low-pressure side readings of the manifold gauge.
 - If the reading has changed, inspect for leakage and go to Evacuation. (See [Evacuation.](#))

- If the reading has not changed, go to Charging New R-134a Refrigerant. (See [Charging New R-134a Refrigerant.](#))

Charging New R-134a Refrigerant

1. Open the valve of the refrigerant tank.
2. Weigh the refrigerant tank to charge the suitable amount of refrigerant.

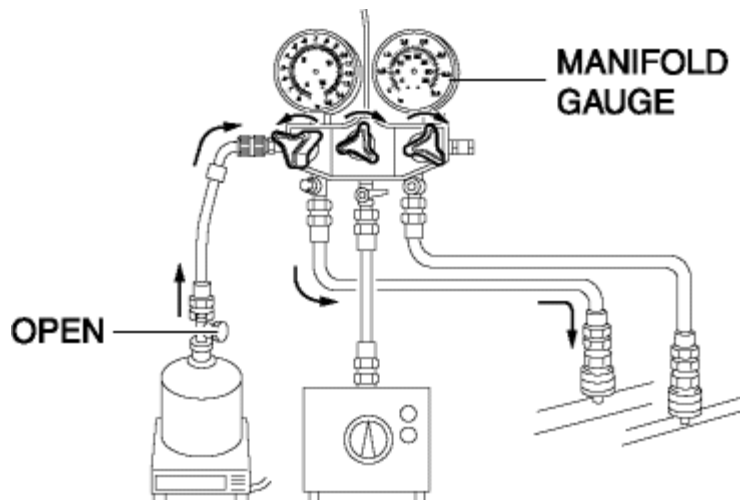
WARNING:

- If the refrigerant system is charged with a large amount of refrigerant when inspecting for gas leakage, and if any leakage should occur, the refrigerant will be released into the atmosphere. In order to prevent the accidental release of refrigerant which can destroy the ozone layer in the stratosphere, follow the proper procedures and charge with only a small amount of refrigerant when inspecting for gas leakage.
- If charging the system with refrigerant using service cans, running the engine with the high-pressure side valve open is dangerous. Pressure within the service cans will increase and the cans could explode, scattering metal fragments and liquid refrigerant that can seriously injure you. Therefore, do not open the high-pressure side valve while the engine is running.

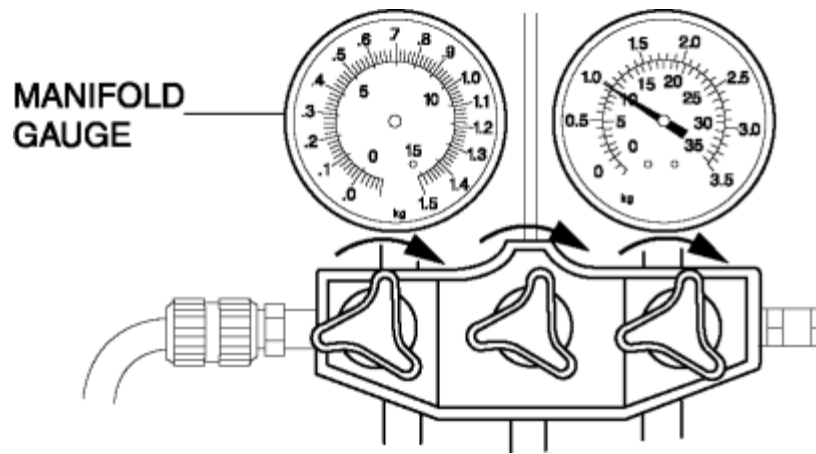
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- Always being charging of refrigerant from the high-pressure side. If changing is begun from the low-pressure side, the vanes of the A/C compressor will not be released and abnormal noise may result.

3. Open the low-pressure side valve of the manifold gauge.



4. When the high-pressure side reading increases to **0.098 MPa { 1.0 kgf/ cm², 14 psi }**, close the low-pressure side valve of the manifold gauge.



5. Inspect for leakage from the cooler pipe/hose connections using the gas leak tester.

- If there is no leakage, go to Step 7.
- If leakage is found at a loose joint, tighten the joint, then go to next step.

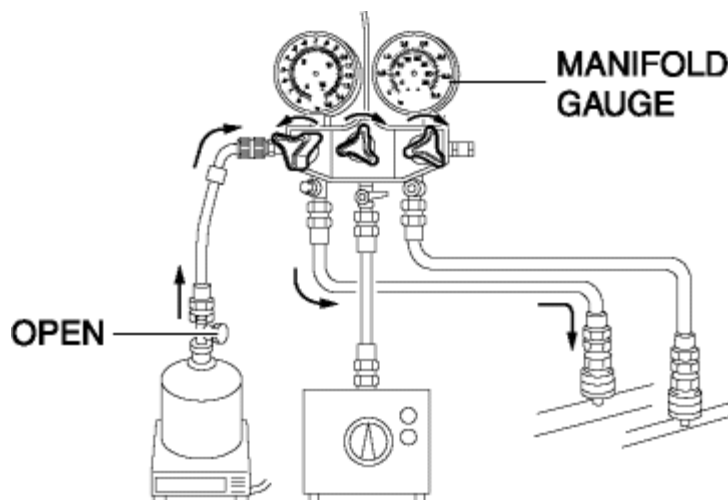
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- If there is no leakage after tightening the joint, go to next step.
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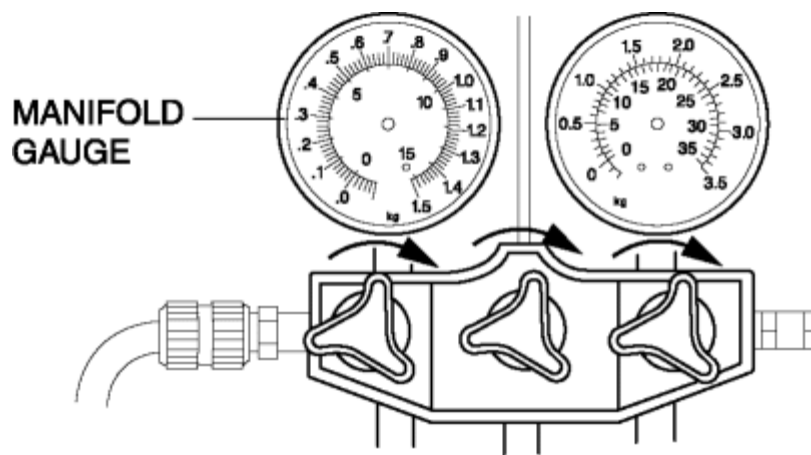
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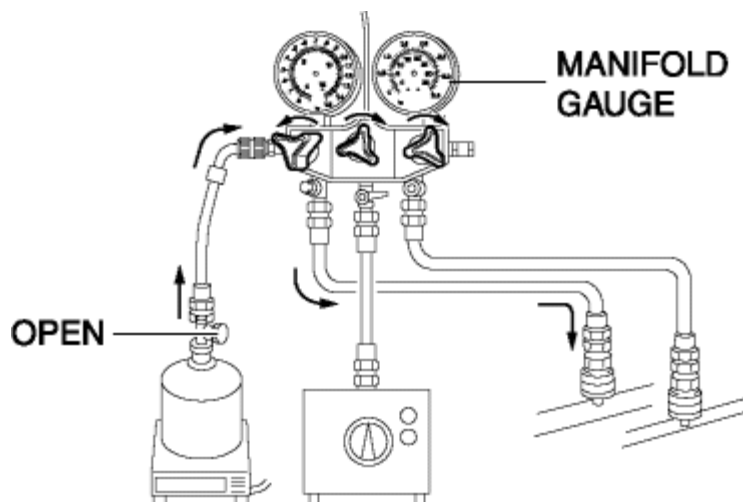


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12. Stop the engine and A/C compressor.

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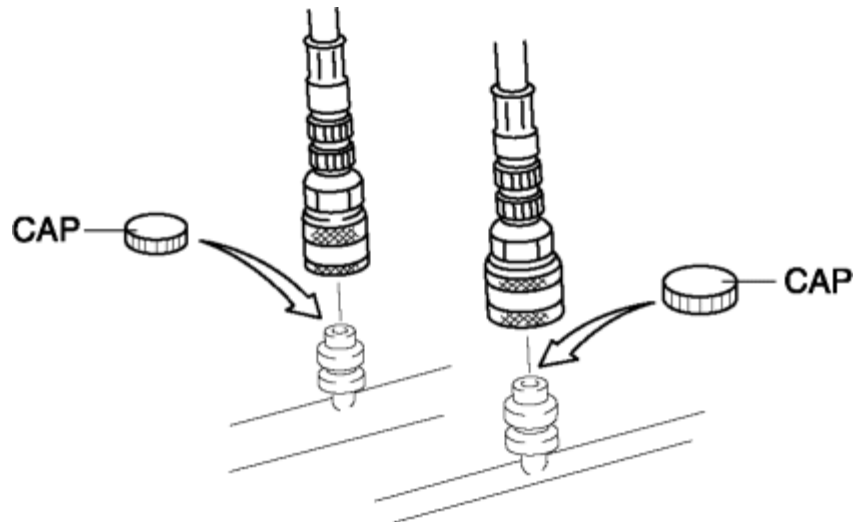
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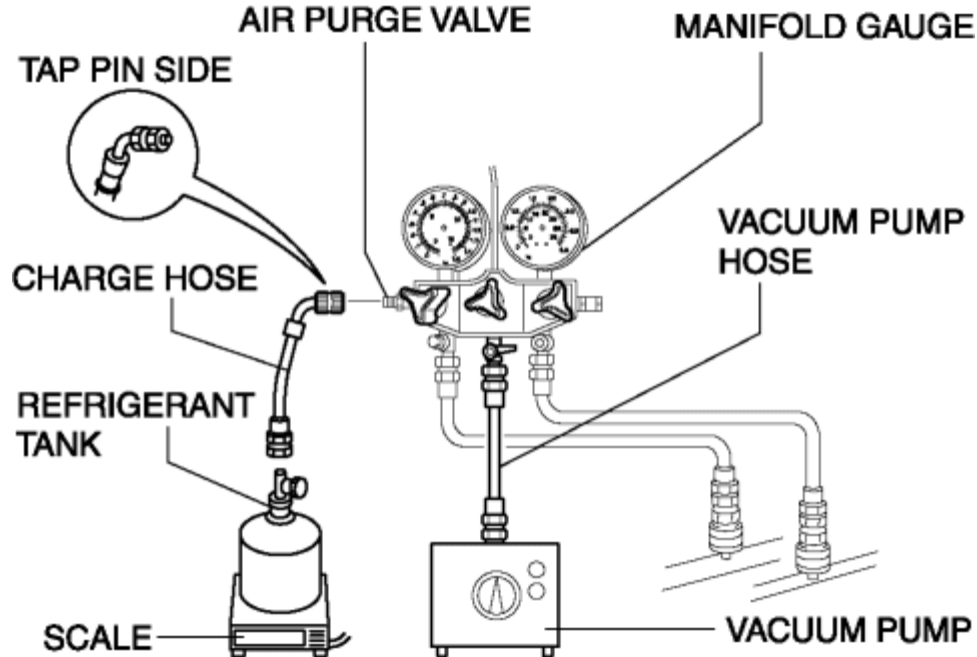
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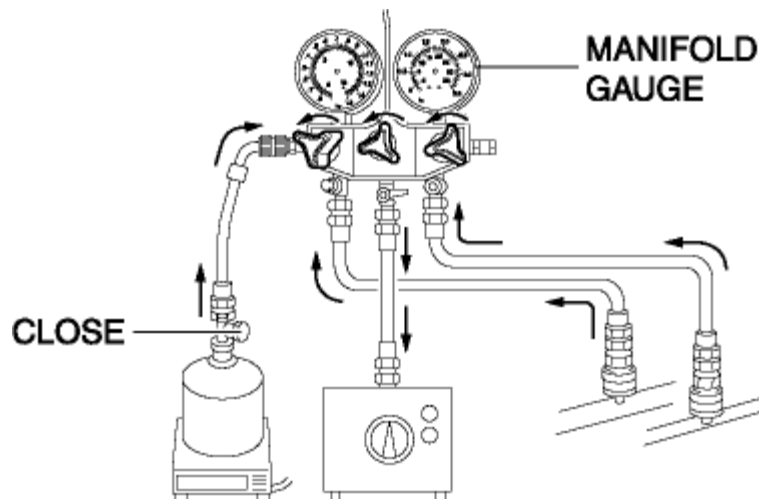
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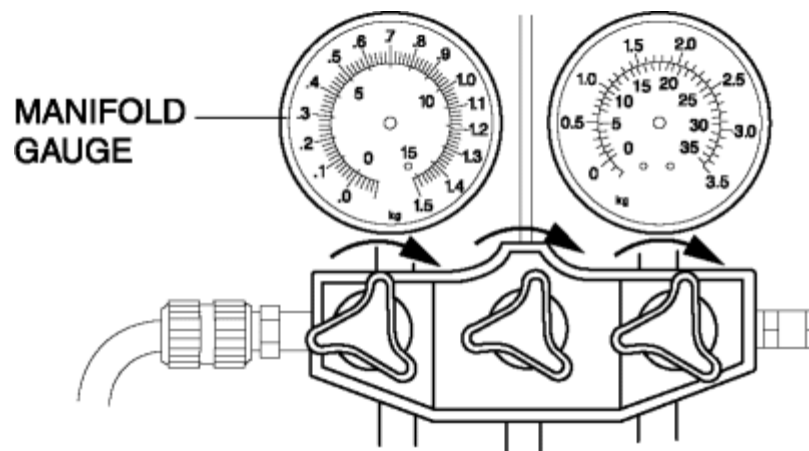
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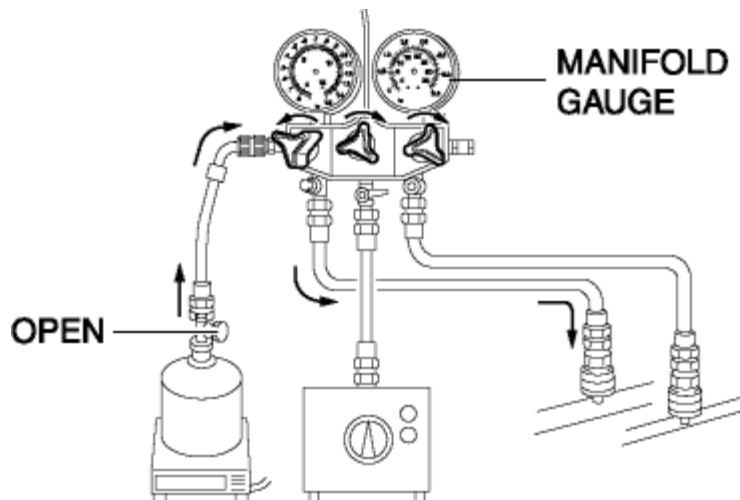
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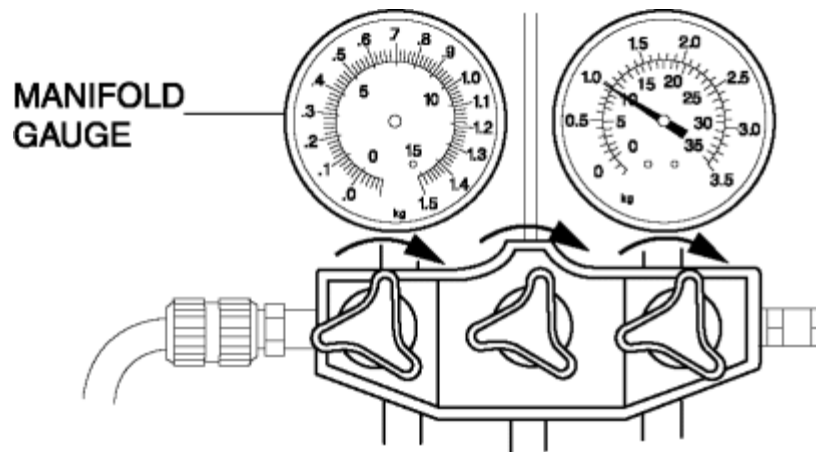
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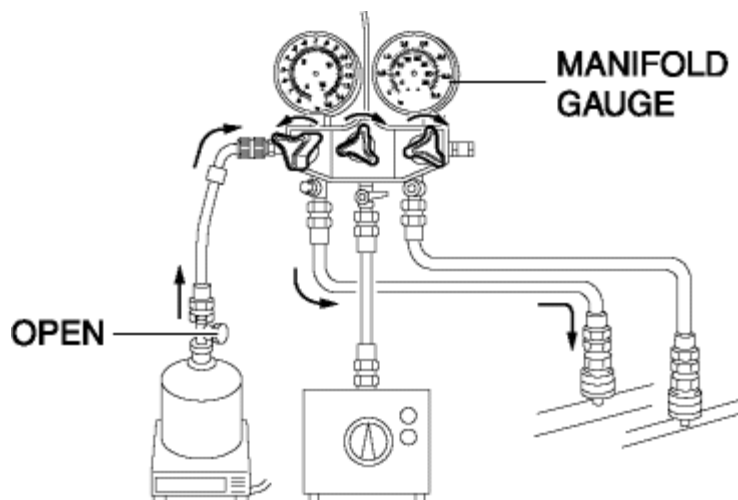
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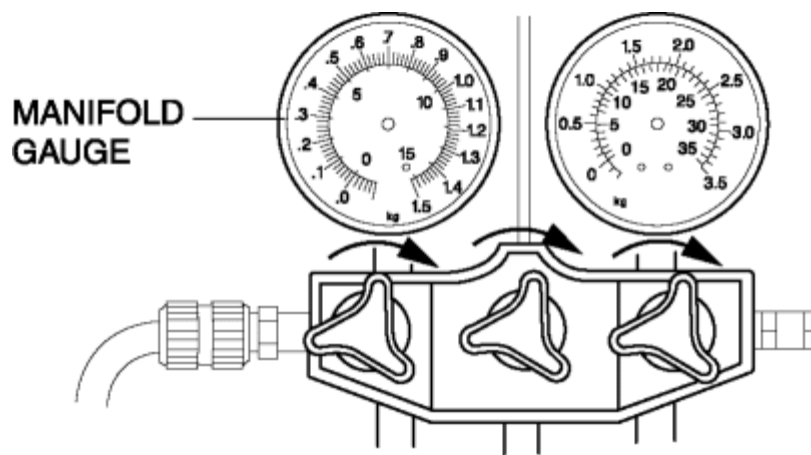
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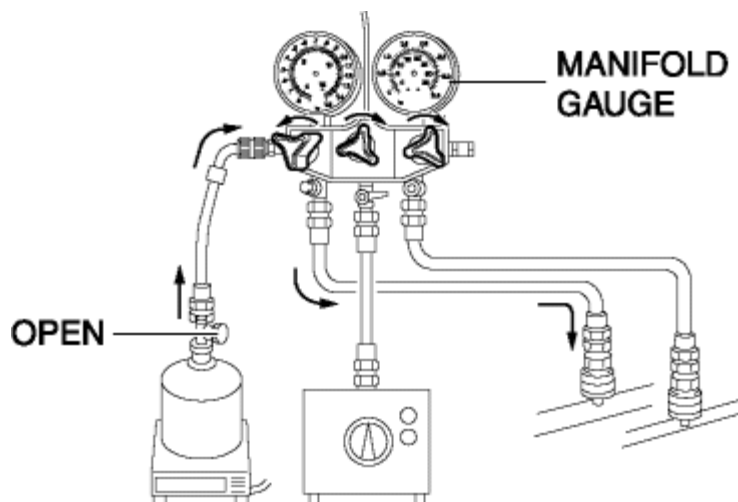


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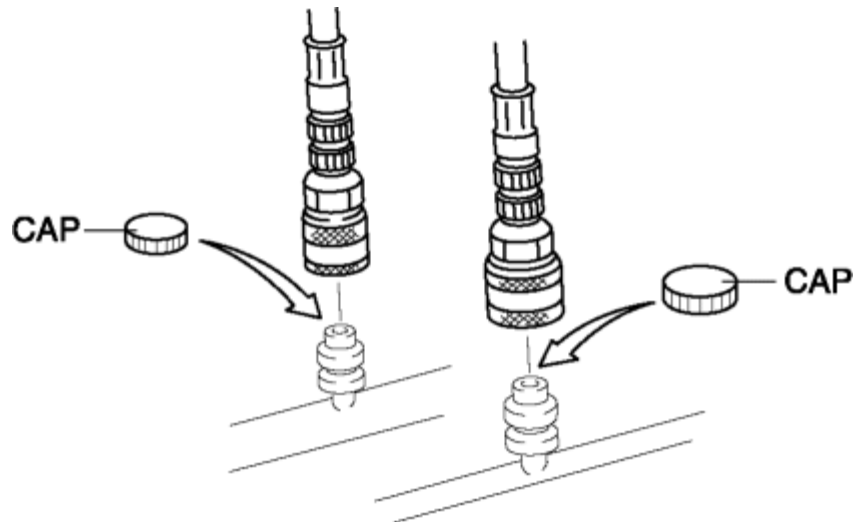
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