Consumption guide for Frigoboat 12/24v keel cooler systems

This guide should be used for estimation purposes only. There are many variables involved that will effect consumption & heat-leak calculations, but if you follow the stepby-step process below it will give approximate figures for estimation purposes.

Step one

Measure the box interior dimensions & calculate the volume in cubic feet.

Step two

Measure or estimate the thickness of the insulation.

Step three

Consult the tables below & find the approximate hourly heat-leak into the box for either a refrigerator or freezer. For a spill-over system, calculate the heat leak for both sides of the box & then add them together.

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Cubic volume	2" insulation	3" insulation	4" insulation	6" insulation		
2'	20.7	17.1	13.4	12.2		
3'	26.8	20.7	17.1	14.6		
4'	30.5	24.4	20.7	17.1		
5'	34.2	26.8	23.2	19.5		
6'	37.8	30.5	25.6	20.7		
7'	41.5	34.2	26.8	23.2		
8'	45.1	36.6	29.3	24.4		
9'	50.0	40.3	31.2	25.6		
10'	53.7	43.9	34.2	26.8		
12'	59.8	51.2	36.6	31.2		
14'	70.7	57.3	43.9	36.6		
16'	85.4	62.2	48.8	41.5		
18'	87.8	68.3	59.8	46.4		
20'	102.5	73.2	64.7	51.2		

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Heat leak into box in watts per hour.

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Cubic volume	2" insulation	3" insulation	4" insulation	5" insulation
2'	37.8	29.3	25.6	22.0
3'	46.4	37.8	31.7	26.8
4'	53.7	42.7	37.8	32.9
5'	59.8	48.8	42.7	36.6
6'	63.4	53.7	46.4	40.3
7'	67.1	59.8	50.0	42.7
8'	72.0	65.9	53.7	46.4
9'	79.3	73.2	58.6	51.2
10'	87.8	80.5	63.4	56.1
11'	97.6	87.8	69.5	62.2
12'	109.8	93.9	76.9	69.5

FREEZER Heat leak into box in watts per hour.

<u>Step 4</u>

Divide the figure found in step 3 by either 100 for a freezer, or 132 for a refrigerator to find estimated run time per hour. For a spill-over system, use the freezer figure.

Step 5

Multiply the figure found in step 4 by either 3.5 for a freezer or 4.5 for a refrigerator to find estimated current draw in amp-hours. For a spill-over system use the freezer figure.

<u>Step 6</u>

Multiply the figure found in step 5 by 24 to find approx. amp-hour consumption per 24 hours

Example

12 cu ft refrigerator box with 3" insulation

Step 3 From tables, estimated heat leak is 51.2 watts/hour

Step 4 Estimated run time per hour = 51.2/132 = 0.38 hours/hour

Step 5 Estimated current draw = $0.38 \times 4.5 = 1.74$ amp-hours/hour

Step 6 Estimated daily consumption = $1.74 \times 24 = 41.9$ amp-hours/24 hours

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