3. Tools and Equipment

The following section provides information about the tools and equipment that will be necessary to properly service the A/C system.

Since equipment may vary slightly depending on the manufacturer, it is important to always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

CAUTION:

When working on vehicles with the HFC-134a system, only use HFC-134a specified tools and parts. Do not mix with CFC-12 tools and parts. If HFC-134a and CFC-12 refrigerant or com-

pressor oil is mixed, poor lubrication will result and the compressor itself may be destroyed. In order to help prevent mixing HFC-134a and CFC-12 parts and liquid, the tool and screw type and the type of service valves used are different. The gas leak detectors for the HFC-134a and CFC-12 systems must also not be interchanged.

	HFC-134a	CFC-12
Tool & screw type	Millimeter size	Inch size
Valve type	Quick joint type	Screw-in type

Tools and Equipment	Description
• WRENCH Various WRENCHES will be required to service any A/C system. A 7 to 40 N·m (0.7 to 4.1 kg-m, 5 to 30 ft-lb) torque wrench with various crowfoot wrenches will be needed. Open end or flare nut wrenches will be needed for back-up on the tube and hose fittings.	Torque wrench
APPLICATOR BOTTLE	
A small APPLICATOR BOTTLE is recommended to apply refrigerant oil to the various parts. They can be obtained at a hardware or drug store.	
MANIFOLD GAUGE SET	G4M0572
A MANIFOLD GAUGE SET (with hoses) can be obtained from either a commercial refrigeration supply house or from an auto shop equipment supplier.	
	G4M0573

Tools and Equipment	Description
Tools and Equipment • REFRIGERANT RECOVERY SYSTEM	ρεονιμίου
A REFRIGERANT RECOVERY SYSTEM is used for the recovery and reuse of A/C system refrigerant after contaminants and moisture have been removed from the refrigerant.	G4M0574
SYRINGE	
A graduated plastic SYRINGE will be needed to add oil back into the system. The syringe can be found at a pharmacy or drug store.	G4M0575
VACUUM PUMP	O4IW0373
A VACUUM PUMP (in good working condition) is necessary, and may be obtained from either a commercial refrigeration supply house or an automotive equipment supplier.	G4M0576
• CAN TAP A CAN TAP for the 397 g (14 oz) can is available from an auto supply store.	G4M0577

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THERMOMETER Pocket THERMOMETERS are available from either industrial hardware store or commercial refrigeration supply houses.	G4M0578
ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR An ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR can be obtained from either a specialty tool supply or an A/C equipment supplier.	
WEIGHT SCALE A WEIGHT SCALE such as an electronic charging scale or a bathroom scale with digital display will be needed if a 13.6 kg (30 lb) refrigerant container is used.	G4M0579
	G4M0580