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(54) **LIQUID CIRCULATION HEATING SYSTEM**

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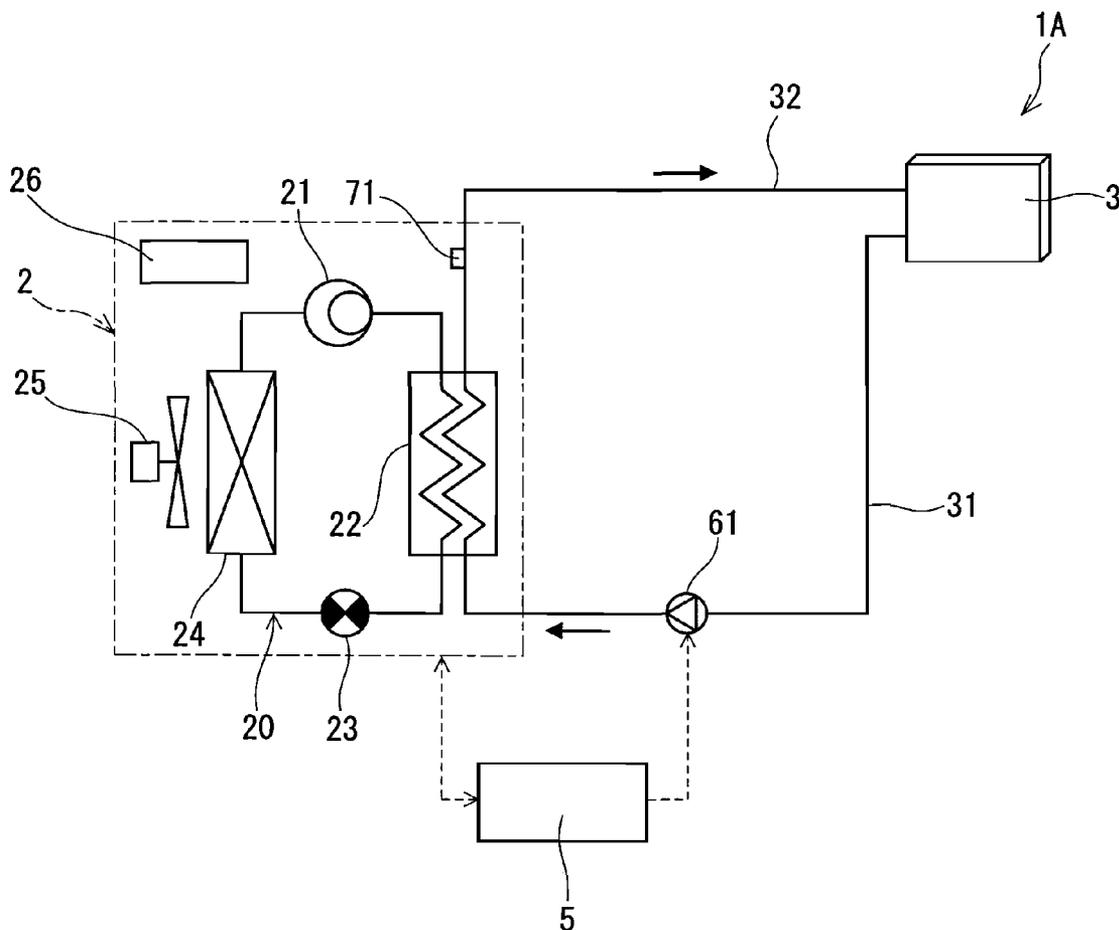
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A liquid circulation heating system includes a heat pump for producing a heated liquid and a heating radiator. The heat pump has a heat pump circuit for circulating a refrigerant to heat a liquid. The refrigerant contains tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane as main components. According to the liquid circulation heating system having such a configuration, a negative impact on global warming can be reduced.

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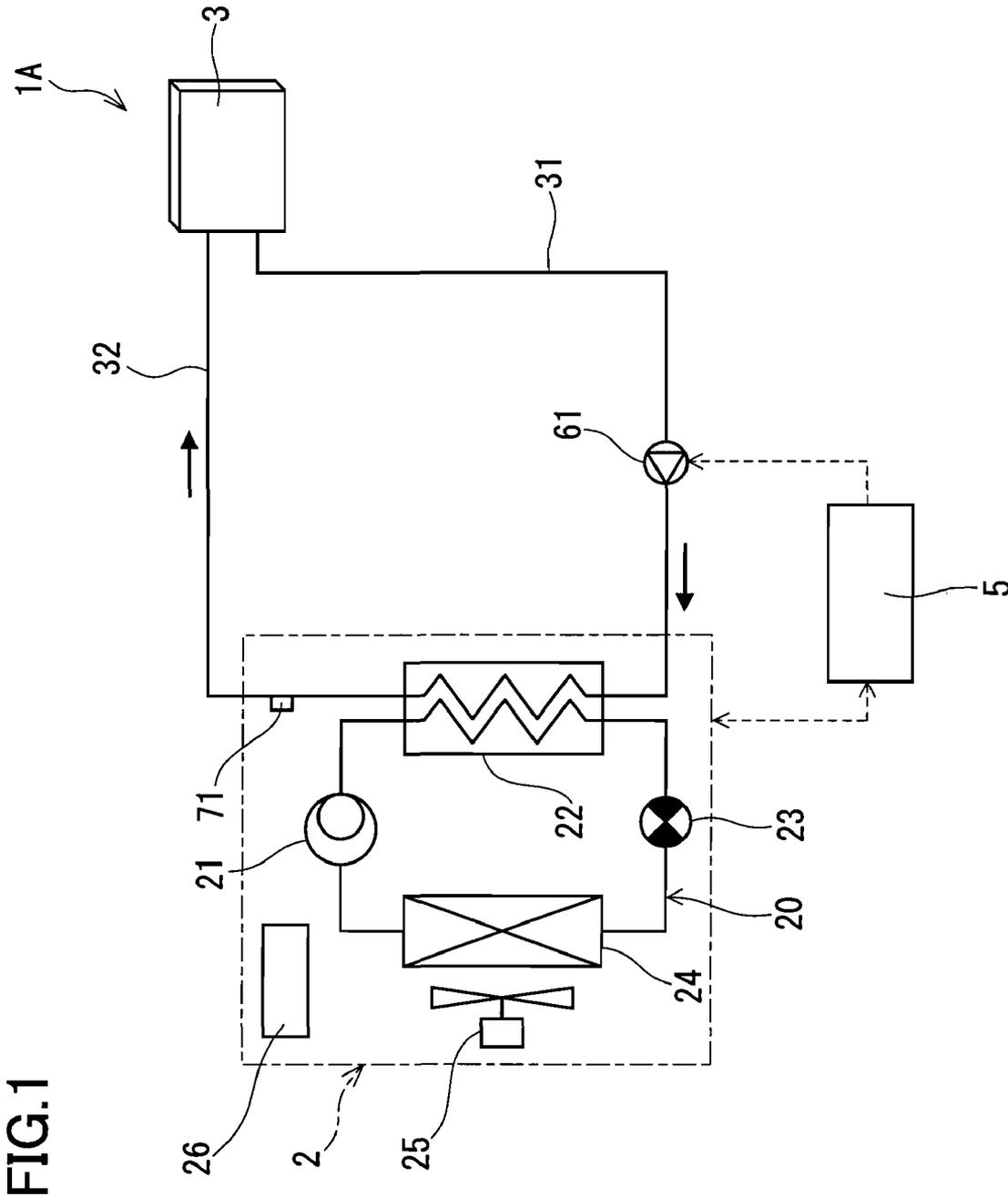


FIG. 1

FIG.2

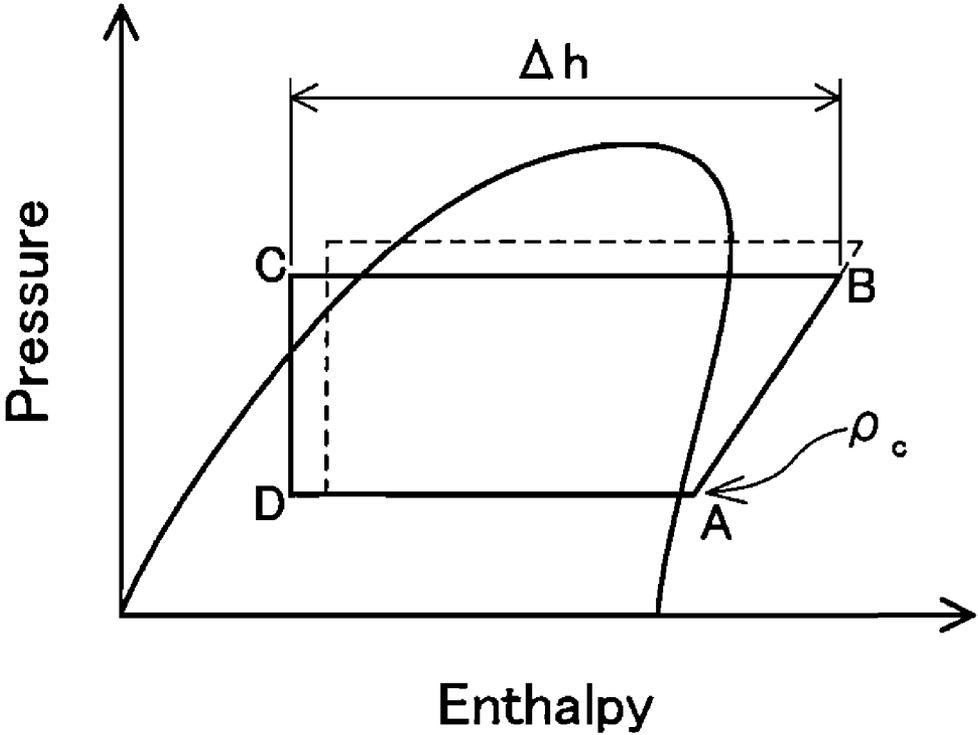


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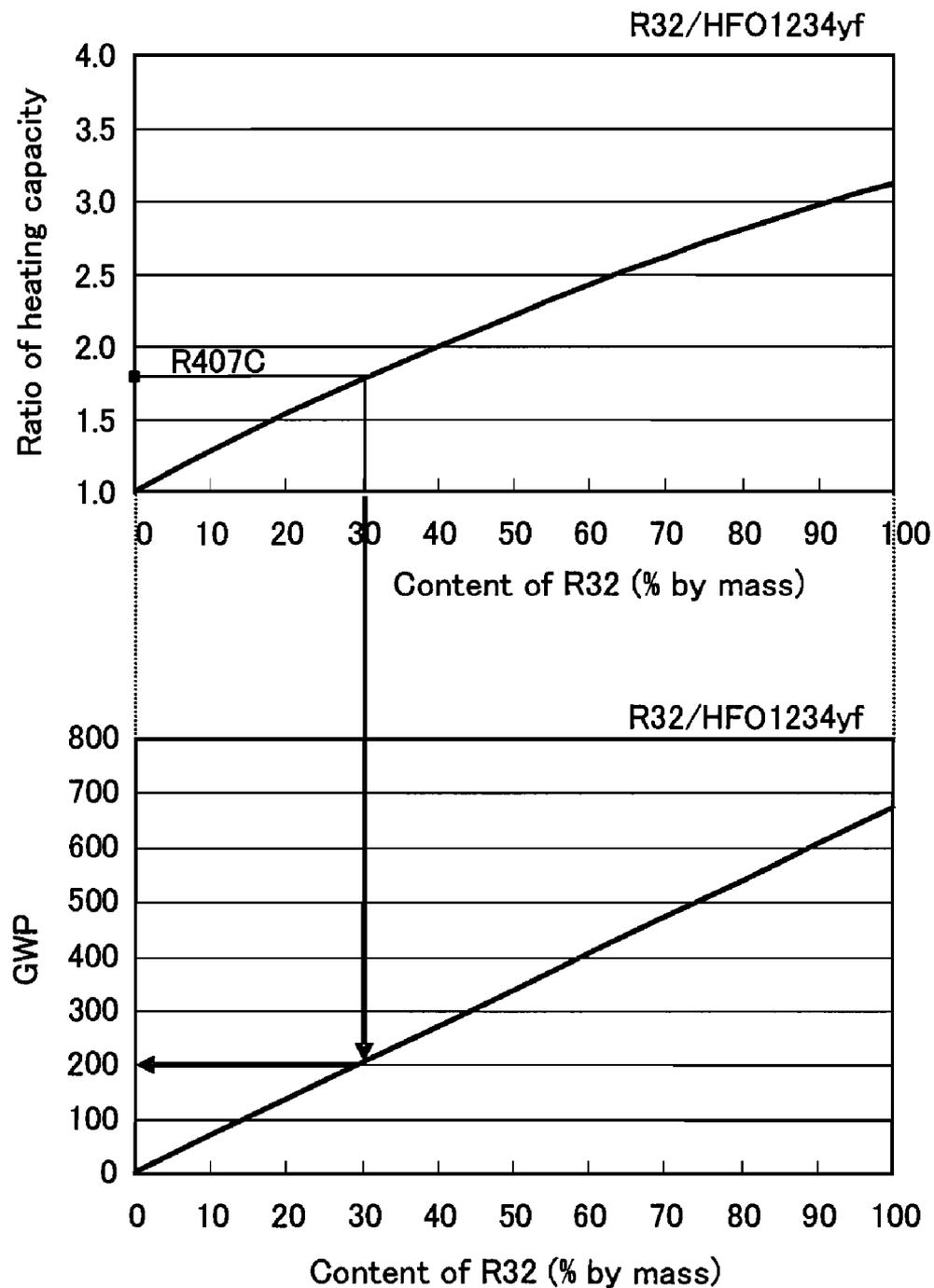
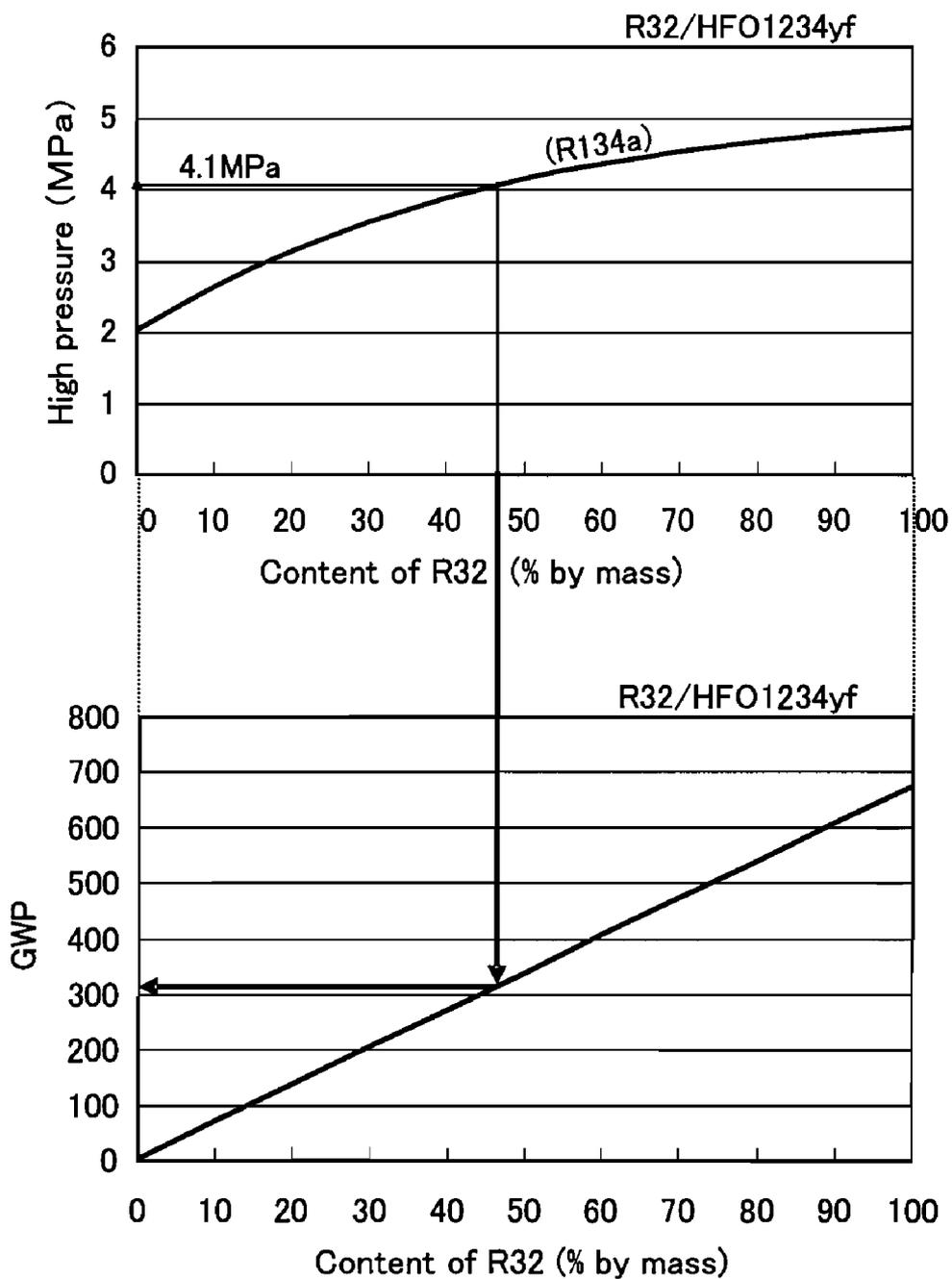


FIG.4



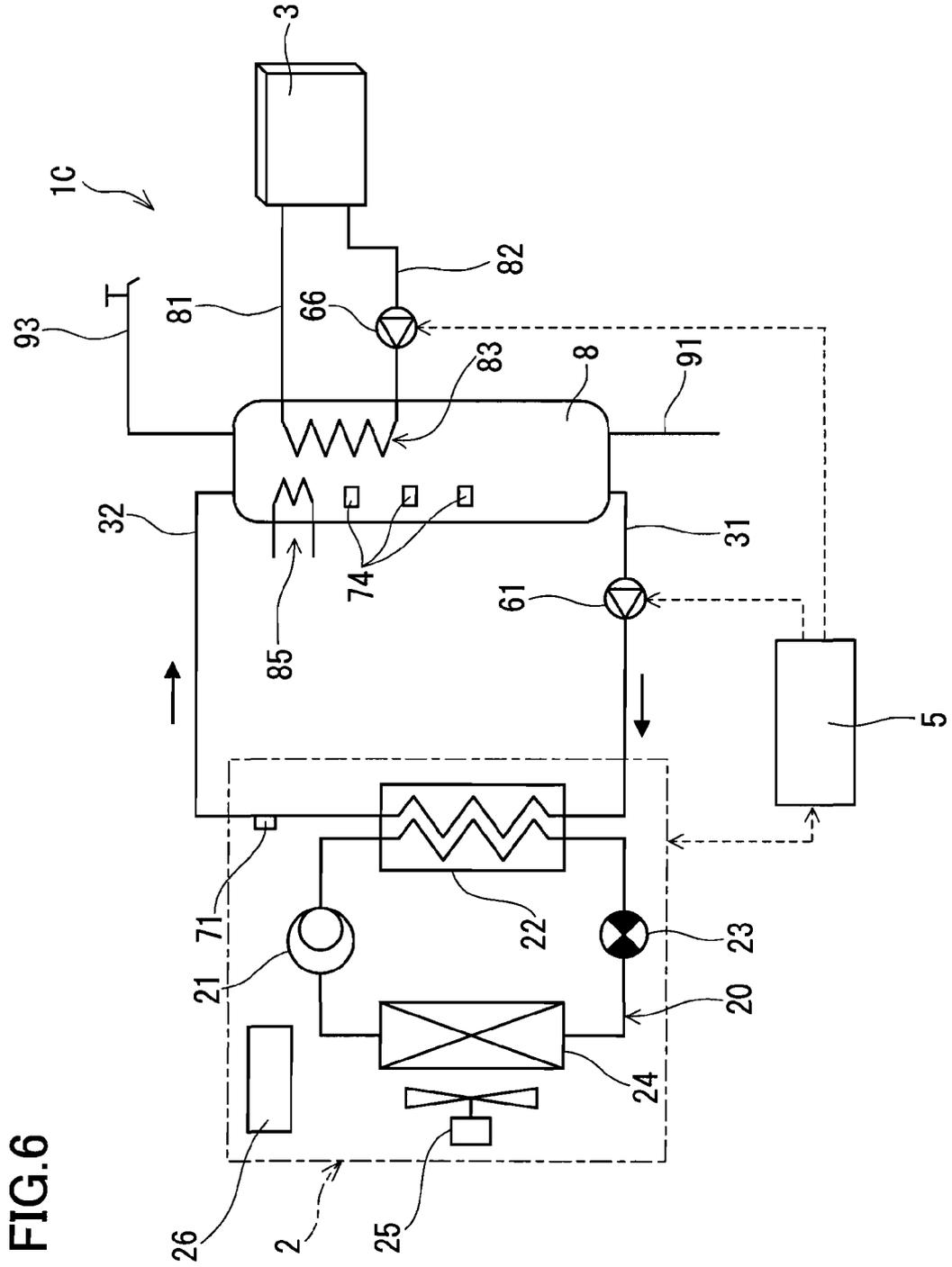


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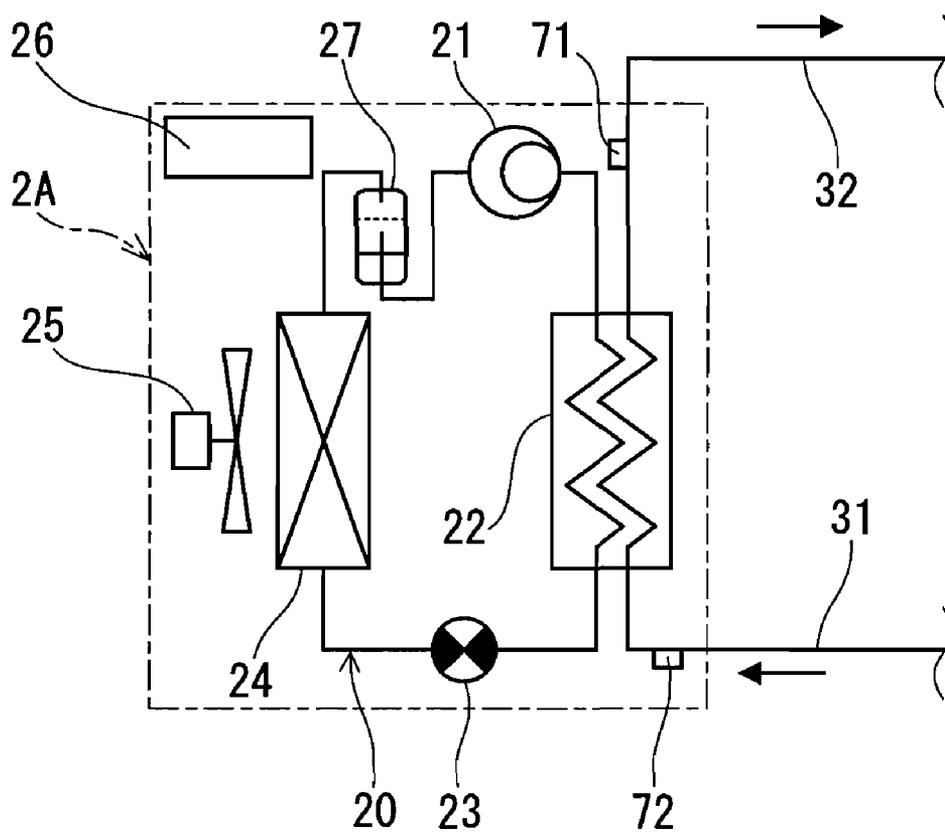
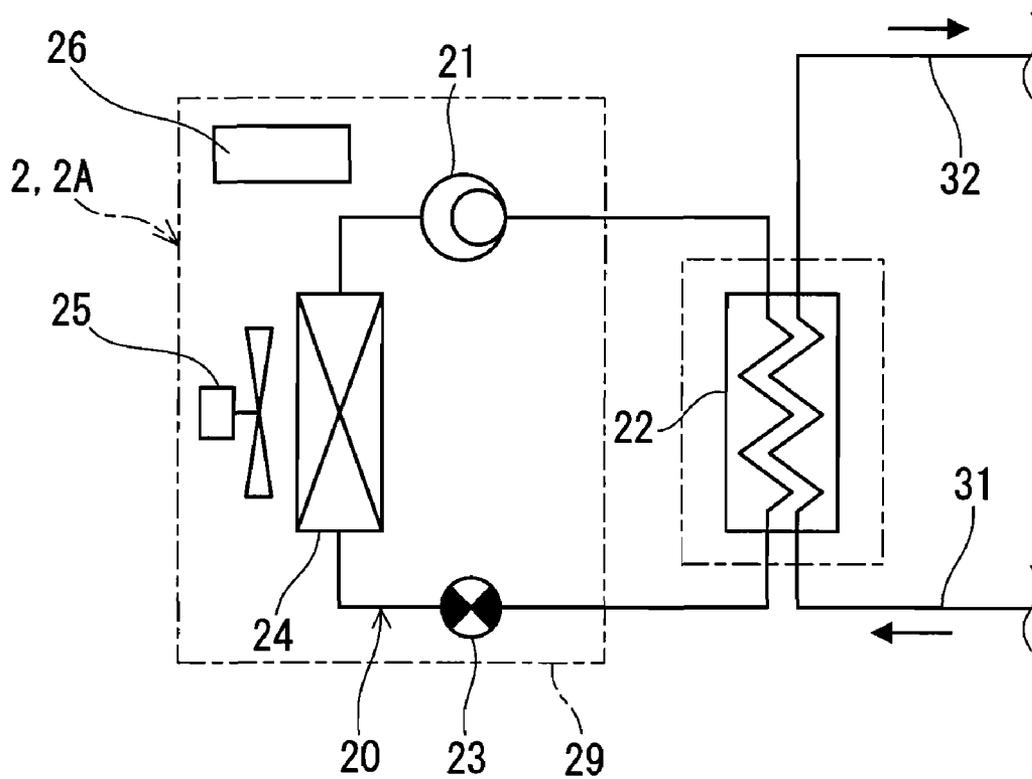


FIG.8



LIQUID CIRCULATION HEATING SYSTEM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to a liquid circulation heating system for performing air-heating using a liquid.

[0003] 2. Description of Related Art

[0004] Conventionally, there has been known a liquid circulation heating system for producing hot water by a boiler or an electric heater and performing air-heating using the hot water produced. In recent years, the use of a heat pump capable of producing hot water with high efficiency has been considered as an alternative heat source to a boiler and an electric heater. For example, JP 2008-39306 A proposes a liquid circulation heating system for producing hot water by a heat pump and storing the produced hot water in a hot water storage tank. In this liquid circulation heating system, the hot water stored in the hot water storage tank is fed to, for example, a heating radiator placed indoors to radiate its heat, and then returned to the hot water storage tank.

[0005] The heat pump has a heat pump circuit for circulating a refrigerant. The heat pump circuit includes, for example, a compressor, a radiator, an expansion valve, and an evaporator, which are connected by pipes. Heat is exchanged between a refrigerant and water in the radiator so as to heat the water, and thereby hot water is produced.

[0006] From the viewpoint of preventing global warming, it is desired to use a refrigerant having a low global warming potential (hereinafter referred to as a "GWP") as a refrigerant to be filled in the heat pump circuit. Recently, low GWP refrigerants such as 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234yf) have been developed. For example, JP 2007-315663 A discloses a refrigeration cycle apparatus in which a refrigerant containing HFO-1234yf and trifluoroiodomethane (CF₃I) is used.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] HFO-1234yf is, however, not suitable for use in heat pumps because of its low heating capability as a heating refrigerant, although it has a low GWP. On the other hand, CF₃I does not act as a refrigerant. Therefore, in JP 2007-315663 A, CF₃I presumably is added to HFO-1234yf in order to stabilize HFO-1234yf.

[0008] In view of the above circumstances, it is an object of the present invention to provide a liquid circulation heating system having less impact on global warming.

[0009] The present invention provides a liquid circulation heating system for performing air-heating by heating a liquid to produce a heated liquid and releasing heat of the heated liquid from a heating radiator. This system includes a heat pump circuit for circulating a refrigerant to heat the liquid, and the refrigerant contains tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane as main components.

[0010] The present invention makes it possible to obtain a liquid circulation heating system having less impact on global warming.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] FIG. 1 is a schematic configuration diagram of a liquid circulation heating system according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

[0012] FIG. 2 is a Mollier diagram of a heat pump.

[0013] FIG. 3 is a graph showing a relationship between the content of difluoromethane in a mixed refrigerant of HFO-1234yf and difluoromethane and the ratio of the heating capacity of a heat pump when using the mixed refrigerant with respect to that when using a HFO-1234yf refrigerant, as well as a relationship between the content of difluoromethane and the GWP of the mixed refrigerant.

[0014] FIG. 4 is a graph showing a relationship between the content of difluoromethane in the mixed refrigerant of HFO-1234yf and difluoromethane and the high pressure at which water of 65° C. is heated to 70° C., as well as a relationship between the content of difluoromethane and the GWP of the mixed refrigerant.

[0015] FIG. 5 is a schematic configuration diagram of a liquid circulation heating system according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

[0016] FIG. 6 is a schematic configuration diagram of a liquid circulation heating system according to a third embodiment of the present invention.

[0017] FIG. 7 is a schematic configuration diagram of a heat pump of a modification.

[0018] FIG. 8 is a schematic configuration diagram of a heat pump of another modification.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0019] Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings. It should be noted, however, that the embodiments described below are merely examples of the present invention, and should not be construed to limit the scope of the present invention.

First Embodiment

[0020] FIG. 1 shows a liquid circulation heating system 1A according to a first embodiment of the present invention. This liquid circulation heating system 1A heats a liquid to produce a heated liquid, releases heat of the heated liquid from a heating radiator 3, and thereby performs air-heating, for example, in a room. Specifically, the liquid circulation heating system 1A includes the heating radiator 3, a heat pump 2 for producing the heated liquid, and an overall controller 5 for controlling the entire system.

[0021] In the present embodiment, the heating radiator 3 is connected directly to the heat pump 2 by a supply pipe 31 and a recovery pipe 32 to be described later, so that the liquid flows without stopping. As the liquid, for example, an anti-freeze liquid containing propylene glycol or the like dissolved in water can be used, but water is preferably used because it is available at low cost and in large quantities. The following description will be made on the assumption that the liquid is water and the heated liquid is hot water.

[0022] The heat pump 2 has a heat pump circuit 20 for circulating a refrigerant. This heat pump circuit 20 includes a compressor 21 for compressing the refrigerant, a radiator (refrigerant radiator) 22 for radiating heat from the compressed refrigerant, an expansion valve 23 for expanding the refrigerant that has radiated heat, and an evaporator 24 for evaporating the expanded refrigerant. These components 21 to 24 are connected in series by pipes. The heat pump 2 includes a heat pump controller 26 for controlling the compressor 21 and the expansion valve 23 according to an instruc-

tion from the overall controller 5. An expander for recovering power from the expanding refrigerant also can be used instead of the expansion valve 23.

[0023] In the radiator 22, heat is exchanged between the refrigerant and the water flowing through the radiator 22 so as to heat the water, and thereby hot water is produced. In the evaporator 24, heat is exchanged between the refrigerant and air blown by a fan 25, and thereby the refrigerant absorbs heat. The refrigerant will be described later in detail.

[0024] The heating radiator 3 is a device for radiating heat from hot water flowing therethrough, and has an inlet for allowing the hot water to flow thereinto, and an outlet for allowing the hot water that has radiated its heat to flow therefrom. As the heating radiator 3, for example, a radiator to be placed in a room of a building may be used. A hot water panel to be laid on a floor also may be used.

[0025] The outlet of the heating radiator 3 is connected to the radiator 22 by the supply pipe 31 for supplying water to the radiator 22. The inlet of the heating radiator 3 is connected to the radiator 22 by the recovery pipe 32 for recovering hot water produced in the radiator 22. The supply pipe 31 is provided with a pump 61, and the recovery pipe 32 is provided with a hot water temperature sensor 71 for detecting the temperature of the hot water produced in the radiator 22. When the pump 61 is rotated, the water is guided from the heating radiator 3 to the radiator 22 by the supply pipe 31, and the hot water produced in the radiator 22 is guided from the radiator 22 to the heating radiator 3 by the recovery pipe 32.

[0026] The overall controller 5 includes a microcomputer, a digital signal processor (DSP), or the like, and is connected to the above-mentioned heat pump controller 26, the hot water temperature sensor 71, and the pump 61, respectively. When a user turns on a heating switch (not shown), the overall controller 5 rotates the pump 61 and sends an operation start signal to the heat pump controller 26. Thereby, water is heated in the radiator 22 to produce hot water, and the produced hot water is fed to the heating radiator 3. Thus, air-heating is performed. The overall controller 5 controls the rotational rate of the pump 61 to regulate the flow rate of the water flowing through the supply pipe 31 so that the temperature of the water detected by the hot water temperature sensor 71 becomes a predetermined temperature (for example, 70° C.).

[0027] In the liquid circulation heating system 1A having such a configuration, the hot water produced can be used directly for air-heating. Therefore, heat radiation loss is reduced, and as a result, energy conservation can be achieved.

[0028] Next, the refrigerant used in the heat pump 2 will be described in detail.

[0029] The refrigerant used in the present embodiment contains tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane (R32) as main components. The phrase "... contains tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane as main components" means that the total content of tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane is at least 80% by mass and their respective contents are at least 10% by mass.

[0030] Examples of the tetrafluoropropene includes 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234yf) and 1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234ze).

[0031] Difluoromethane has a high heating capability as a heating refrigerant. By adding an appropriate amount of difluoromethane to tetrafluoropropene, the heating performance of the refrigerant for heat pumps can be enhanced. From the viewpoint of enhancing the heating performance further, the content of difluoromethane in the refrigerant preferably is at

least 20% by mass. More preferably, the content of difluoromethane is at least 25% by mass, still more particularly at least 30% by mass, particularly preferably at least 35% by mass, and especially preferably at least 40% by mass.

[0032] The heating capacity Q [w] of the heat pump 2 is calculated by the following formula:

$$Q = G_R \times \Delta h$$

where G_R is an amount of the refrigerant circulating in the heat pump circuit 20, and Δh is an enthalpy difference between Point B and Point C (i.e., the high pressure side of the refrigeration cycle) in the Mollier diagram of FIG. 2. The circulation amount of the refrigerant is the product of the volumetric capacity V of the compressor 21 and the density ρ_c of the refrigerant at Point A (i.e., the refrigerant to be drawn into the compressor 21) in the Mollier diagram of FIG. 2. Accordingly, even when a refrigerant having a low heating capability is used, it is possible to achieve the heating capacity Q comparable to that obtained when using a refrigerant having a high heating capability, if the circulation amount G_R of the refrigerant is increased, for example, by increasing the rotational rate of the compressor 21 or increasing the volumetric capacity of the compressor 21.

[0033] Nevertheless, if the heating capability of a refrigerant to be used is high enough to allow the heat pump to achieve a heating capacity Q comparable to that obtained when using a conventional refrigerant under the same conditions, conventional equipment can be used without modification. For example, in order to achieve a heating capacity Q comparable to that obtained when using R407C, which is one of major refrigerants for heat pumps, under the same conditions, the content of difluoromethane in the refrigerant preferably is 26 to 34% by mass, and more preferably 28 to 32% by mass.

[0034] For example, FIG. 3 shows a relationship between the content of difluoromethane in a mixed refrigerant of HFO-1234yf and difluoromethane and the ratio of the heating capacity of a heat pump when using the mixed refrigerant with respect to that when using a HFO-1234yf refrigerant, as well as a relationship between the content of difluoromethane and the GWP of the mixed refrigerant. As shown in FIG. 3, in order to achieve a heating capacity Q comparable to that obtained when using R407C under the same conditions, the content of difluoromethane in the refrigerant preferably is at least 30% by mass. In this case, the GWP of the refrigerant is 200 or more.

[0035] On the other hand, the GWP of difluoromethane itself is 675, which is not so high, but when difluoromethane is added to tetrafluoroethane, the GWP of the resulting mixed refrigerant increases in proportion to the content of difluoromethane. Therefore, from the viewpoint of obtaining a mixed refrigerant having a low GWP, the content of difluoromethane preferably is at most 80% by mass. More preferably, the content of difluoromethane is at most 75% by mass, still more preferably at most 70% by mass, particularly preferably at most 65% by mass, and especially preferably at most 60% by mass.

[0036] In the liquid circulation heating system 1A shown in FIG. 1, when the flow rate of the hot water fed to the heating radiator 3 is high (for example, when a panel heater in which a large amount of hot water flows is used as the heating radiator 3), the temperature of the water that flows from the heating radiator 3 presumably does not drop so much. In this case, the temperature of the water supplied to the radiator 22

rises. When the temperature of the water (hereinafter referred to as an "incoming water temperature") supplied to the radiator 22 rises, the high pressure of the refrigeration cycle increases, as shown by a dotted line in FIG. 2. For example, in the case where only difluoromethane is used as a refrigerant, when the incoming water temperature rises to 65° C. during the process of producing hot water of 70° C., the high pressure of the refrigeration cycle increases to about 5 MPa.

[0037] However, in a conventional compressor for R410A, which is one of the refrigerants commonly used in heat pumps, the upper limit of the pressure is set to approximately 4.1 MPa to ensure the normal operation thereof. Therefore, in order to use such a conventional compressor for R410A, the high pressure preferably is 4.1 MPa or less to heat the water of 65° C. to 70° C. In order to achieve this pressure level, the content of difluoromethane preferably is at most 47% by mass, and more preferably at most 45% by mass. This can be confirmed from FIG. 4 showing the relationship between the content of difluoromethane in a mixed refrigerant of HFO-1234yf and difluoromethane and the high pressure at which water of 65° C. is heated to 70° C., as well as the relationship between the content of difluoromethane and the GWP of the mixed refrigerant. It should be noted that in FIG. 4, the high pressure is calculated by using R134a, which presumably has a heating capability comparable to that of HFO-1234yf. When the content of difluoromethane in the refrigerant is 47% by mass or less, the GWP of the refrigerant is about 310 or less.

[0038] The refrigerant further may contain pentafluoroethane (R125). Both tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane are flammable materials. Therefore, the addition of pentafluoroethane having an effect of suppressing flammability to these materials renders a resulting mixed refrigerant flame-retardant. However, since the GWP of pentafluoroethane is 3500, which is a considerably high value, the content of pentafluoroethane in the mixed refrigerant preferably is at most 10% by mass. More preferably, the content of pentafluoroethane is at most 7% by mass, and still more preferably at most 5% by mass.

[0039] The heating capability of pentafluoroethane as a heating refrigerant is only slightly inferior to that of difluoromethane. Therefore, when pentafluoroethane is added, the content of difluoromethane may be reduced by the amount of pentafluoroethane to be added.

[0040] The above-mentioned refrigerant is filled in the heat pump circuit 20, together with a refrigerating machine oil. It is preferable to use, as a refrigerating machine oil, a synthetic oil containing, as a main component, an oxygen-containing compound selected from polyoxyalkylene glycols, polyvinyl ethers, copolymers of polyvinyl ethers and polyoxyalkylene glycols or monoethers thereof, polyol esters, polycarbonates, or a synthetic oil containing, as a main component, a compound selected from alkylbenzenes and α -olefines. When a synthetic oil containing an oxygen-containing compound as a main component is used among these synthetic oils, the compatibility with the above-mentioned refrigerant is relatively high, and the return of oil to the compressor can be ensured. Thus, the reliability of the heat pump is enhanced. Even if a synthetic oil containing, as a main component, a compound selected from alkylbenzenes and α -olefines, which have poor compatibility with the above refrigerant, is used, the return of oil can be ensured by the optimal design of the pipe diameter, or the like.

Second Embodiment

[0041] FIG. 5 shows a liquid circulation heating system 1B according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

In the present embodiment, the same components as those in the first embodiment are designated by the same reference numerals and no further description is given.

[0042] The liquid circulation heating system 1B of the second embodiment has the same configuration as the liquid circulation heating system 1A of the first embodiment, except that the heating radiator 3 and the radiator 22 are connected via the hot water storage tank 8.

[0043] Furthermore, as a refrigerant for the heat pump 2, the same refrigerant as that described in the first embodiment also can be used in the present embodiment, and therefore the description of the refrigerant is not repeated here. The same description also is not repeated in the following embodiment and modifications.

[0044] The hot water storage tank 8 is a vertically cylindrical closed casing and is filled with water. The lower portion of the hot water storage tank 8 is connected to the radiator 22 by the supply pipe 31, and the upper portion thereof is connected to the radiator 22 by the recovery pipe 32.

[0045] When the pump 61 is rotated, the water is guided from the lower portion of the hot water storage tank 8 to the radiator 22 by the supply pipe 31, and the hot water produced in the radiator 22 is guided from the radiator 22 to the upper portion of the hot water storage tank 8 by the recovery pipe 32. Thereby, the produced hot water is stored in the hot water storage tank 8 from the top thereof. On the peripheral surface of the hot water storage tank 8, hot water temperature sensors 74 for determining how much hot water remains in the tank 8 are provided separately from each other in the vertical direction. The hot water temperature sensors 74 are connected to the overall controller 5.

[0046] In the present embodiment, a heat exchanger 92 for hot water supply is provided at an upper position in the hot water storage tank 8, and a water inlet pipe 91 and a hot water outlet pipe 93 are connected to this heat exchanger 92. That is, in the present embodiment, the produced hot water can be used as a heat source for hot water supply. In addition, a heater 85 for re-heating the hot water also is provided at an upper position in the hot water storage tank 8.

[0047] The inlet of the heating radiator 3 is connected to the upper portion of the hot water storage tank 8 by a feed pipe 81, and the outlet of the heating radiator 3 is connected to the lower portion of the hot water storage tank 8 by a return pipe 82. In the present embodiment, a circulation pump 66 is provided in the return pipe 82, but the circulation pump 66 may be provided in the feed pipe 81. The circulation pump 66 is connected to the overall controller 5. When the circulation pump 66 is rotated, the hot water stored in the hot water storage tank 8 is fed to the heating radiator 3 through the feed pipe 81, and the hot water is returned to the hot water storage tank 8 through the return pipe 82 after radiating heat in the heating radiator 3.

[0048] Next, the control performed by the overall controller 5 is described specifically.

[0049] (Hot Water Storage Operation)

[0050] When the overall controller 5 determines that the amount of hot water remaining in the tank is less than the required amount based on the temperature detected by the hot water temperature sensors 74, for example, during nighttime hours (for example, from 23:00 to 7:00), it rotates the pump 61, and sends an operation start signal to the heat pump controller 26. Thereby, water is heated in the radiator 22 to produce hot water, and the produced hot water is stored in the hot water storage tank 8. The overall controller 5 also controls

the rotational rate of the pump **61** to regulate the flow rate of the water flowing through the supply pipe **31** so that the temperature of the water detected by the hot water temperature sensor **71** becomes a predetermined temperature (for example, 70° C.).

[0051] (Heating Operation)

[0052] When a user turns on a heating switch (not shown), the overall controller **5** rotates the circulation pump **66**. Thereby, the hot water stored in the hot water storage tank **8** is fed to the heating radiator **3**, where heat is radiated from the hot water. Thus, air-heating is performed.

[0053] In the liquid circulation heating system **1B** of the second embodiment described above, high-temperature hot water stored in the hot water storage tank **8** can be fed to the heating radiator **3** even during the early stage of heating operation. Therefore, air-heating can be started immediately after the heating switch is turned on.

Third Embodiment

[0054] FIG. 6 shows a liquid circulation heating system **1C** according to a third embodiment of the present invention. In the present embodiment, the same components as those in the first and second embodiments are designated by the same reference numerals and no further description is given.

[0055] In the liquid circulation heating system **1C** of the third embodiment, hot water stored in the hot water storage tank **8** can be used directly for hot water supply. Specifically, the water inlet pipe **91** is connected to the lower portion of the hot water storage tank **8**, and the hot water outlet pipe **93** is connected to the upper portion of the hot water storage tank **8**. At an upper position in the hot water storage tank **8**, a heat exchanger **83** for exchanging heat between the hot water stored in the hot water storage tank **8** and a heat transfer liquid (secondary liquid) is provided. The heat exchanger **83** is connected to the heating radiator **3** by the feed pipe **81** and the return pipe **82**. When the circulation pump **66** is rotated, the heat transfer liquid heated in the heat exchanger **83** is fed to the heating radiator **3** through the feed pipe **81**, and the heat transfer liquid is returned to the heat exchanger **83** through the return pipe **82** after radiating heat in the heating radiator **3**. As a heat transfer liquid, for example, an antifreeze liquid can be used, but water preferably is used because it is available at low cost and in large quantities.

[0056] Since the overall controller **5** performs control in the same manner as in the second embodiment, the description thereof is not repeated here. It should be noted, however, that during the heating operation, the heat transfer liquid that has exchanged heat with the hot water stored in the hot water storage tank **8** radiates heat, that is, the heat of the hot water is transferred to the heating radiator **3** by the heat transfer liquid, and thereby air-heating is performed.

[0057] In the liquid circulation heating system **1C** having such a configuration, the temperature in the lower portion of the hot water storage tank **8** can be kept low because of the water supplied from the water inlet pipe **91**. Therefore, the low-temperature water can be supplied to the radiator **22**, and thus the efficiency of the heat pump **2** can be enhanced.

(Modifications)

[0058] In each of the above embodiments, a heat pump **2S** as shown in FIG. 7 can be employed. In this heat pump **2A**, an accumulator **27** is provided between the evaporator **24** and the compressor **21** in the heat pump circuit **20**. In the supply pipe

31, an incoming water temperature sensor **72** for detecting the temperature of water (incoming water temperature) to be supplied to the radiator **22** is provided.

[0059] A gas-liquid two phase refrigerant is fed from the evaporator **24** to the accumulator **27**. This refrigerant is a zeotropic refrigerant mixture of tetrafluoropropene having a relatively high boiling point and difluoromethane having a relatively low boiling point. Therefore, a tetrafluoropropene-rich liquid pool is formed in the bottom of the accumulator **27**.

[0060] When the temperature detected by the incoming water temperature sensor **72** is relatively high, the heat pump controller **26** reduces the opening of the expansion valve **23**. Thereby, the refrigerant absorbs heat efficiently in the evaporator **24**, and the amount of liquid-phase refrigerant fed to the accumulator **27** decreases, and the liquid pool in the accumulator **27** decreases accordingly. As a result, the content of tetrafluoropropene in the refrigerant circulating through the heat pump circuit **20** increases and the high pressure of the refrigeration cycle drops.

[0061] A receiver, instead of the accumulator **27**, may be provided between the radiator **22** and the expansion valve **23**. In this case, when the incoming water temperature is high, the high pressure of the refrigeration cycle can be reduced using the same control as described above.

[0062] In each of the above embodiments and modifications, the radiator **22** is placed in the heat pump **2** or **2A**, but the radiator **22** may be placed as a separate member from the main body **29**, as shown in FIG. 8. With such a configuration, it is possible to place the radiator **22** indoors, for example, to prevent water from freezing in or around the radiator **22**.

[0063] The invention may be embodied in other forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The embodiments disclosed in this specification are to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not limiting. The scope of the invention is indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are intended to be embraced therein.

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid circulation heating system for performing air-heating by heating a liquid to produce a heated liquid and releasing heat of the heated liquid from a heating radiator, the system comprising a heat pump circuit for circulating a refrigerant to heat the liquid,

wherein the refrigerant contains tetrafluoropropene and difluoromethane as main components.

2. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein the content of difluoromethane in the refrigerant is at least 20% by mass.

3. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein the content of difluoromethane in the refrigerant is at most 80% by mass.

4. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein the refrigerant further contains pentafluoroethane.

5. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 4, wherein the content of pentafluoroethane in the refrigerant is at most 10% by mass.

6. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein

the heat pump circuit is filled with the refrigerant and a refrigerating machine oil, and

the refrigerating machine oil is a synthetic oil containing, as a main component, an oxygen-containing compound selected from polyoxyalkylene glycols, polyvinyl

ethers, copolymers of polyvinyl ethers and polyoxy-alkylene glycols or monoethers thereof, polyol esters, and polycarbonates; or a synthetic oil containing, as a main component, a compound selected from alkylbenzenes and α -olefines.

7. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein

the heat pump circuit has a refrigerant radiator for radiating heat from the refrigerant and heating the liquid to produce the heated liquid, and

the liquid circulation heating system further comprises:

a supply pipe for guiding the liquid from the heating radiator to the refrigerant radiator; and

a recovery pipe for guiding the heated liquid from the refrigerant radiator to the heating radiator.

8. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein

the heat pump circuit has a refrigerant radiator for radiating heat from the refrigerant and heating the liquid to produce the heated liquid, and

the liquid circulation heating system further comprises:

a tank for storing the produced heated liquid;

a supply pipe for guiding the liquid from a lower portion of the tank to the refrigerant radiator;

a recovery pipe for guiding the heated liquid from the refrigerant radiator to an upper portion of the tank;

a feed pipe for feeding the heated liquid stored in the tank to the heating radiator; and

a return pipe for returning the heated liquid to the tank after the heated liquid radiates heat in the heating radiator.

9. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein

the heat pump circuit has a refrigerant radiator for radiating heat from the refrigerant and heating the liquid to produce the heated liquid, and

the liquid circulation heating system further comprises:

a tank for storing the produced heated liquid;

a supply pipe for guiding the liquid from a lower portion of the tank to the refrigerant radiator;

a recovery pipe for guiding the heated liquid from the refrigerant radiator to an upper portion of the tank;

a heat exchanger, disposed in the tank, for exchanging heat between the heated liquid stored in the tank and a heat transfer liquid;

a feed pipe for feeding the heat transfer liquid to the heating radiator after the heat transfer liquid is heated in the heat exchanger; and

a return pipe for returning the heat transfer liquid to the heat exchanger after the heat transfer liquid radiates heat in the heating radiator.

10. The liquid circulation heating system according to claim 1, wherein the liquid is water, and the heated liquid is hot water.

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