CLAIMS

1. A method for installing an air conditioner comprising an outdoor unit (20), an indoor unit (30) connected to the outdoor unit (20) through a refrigerant pipe (41), and a refrigerant circuit (40) in which a refrigerant circulates between the outdoor unit (20) and the indoor unit (30), the method comprising:

a planning step (M1) of determining factory-assembled parts and site-assembled parts of the refrigerant circuit (40) based on a construction drawing of a construction (11) in which the air conditioner (10) is going to be installed;

a part fabrication step (M2) of fabricating, in a factory, a plurality of parts (42) of the refrigerant circuit (40) corresponding to the factory-assembled parts determined in the planning step (M1); and

an installation step (M3) of installing and connecting, in the construction, the plurality of parts (42) fabricated in the part fabrication step (M2) and a plurality of devices of the refrigerant circuit (40) corresponding to the site-assembled parts determined in the planning step (M1)~~.~~, wherein

the part fabrication step (M2) includes a fabrication step (M21) of connecting a plurality of pieces (55b, 56) together by brazing to fabricate a pipe body (53),

a gastight test step (M22) of performing a gastight test on the pipe body (53) fabricated in the fabrication step (M21), and

a heat retention step (M23) of providing the pipe body (53) fabricated in the fabrication step (M21) with a heat insulator (54) after the gastight test step (M22).

2. The method of claim 1, wherein

the planning step (M1) includes a piping drawing preparation step (M13) of preparing, based on the construction drawing indicating a piping system of the refrigerant circuit (40), a piping drawing showing the piping system in detail.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein

the piping drawing is prepared in the piping drawing preparation step (M13) based on an on-site survey of the construction (11).

4. The method of claim 2 or 3, wherein

the planning step (M1) includes, subsequent to the piping drawing preparation step (M13), a determination step (M14) of giving distinguishing identifications to connection positions of the plurality of parts (42), and preparing an instruction indicating installation positions of the parts (42) based on the distinguishing identification.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein

in the part fabrication step (M2), the parts (42) are given the distinguishing identifications corresponding to the connection positions of the parts (42) determined in the determination step (M14).

6. The method of any one of claims 1-5, wherein

the installation step (M3) is performed using only a coupling (43) to connect pipes.