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Abstract

This invention makes it possible to charge a refrigeration apparatus with the amount of refrigerant that the refrigeration apparatus requires at the time of onsite installation. As a result, the optimum refrigerant charging amount can always be obtained. The refrigeration apparatus is provided with a refrigeration cycle (A) in which an outdoor unit (X) equipped with a compressor (1), a condenser (2), and a receiver (3) and an indoor unit (Y) equipped with an expansion valve (4) and an evaporator (5) are connected together by a liquid pipe (8) and a gas pipe (9). The refrigeration cycle (A) is charged with refrigerant while a refrigerant charging operation state is created in which the liquid pipe (8) connecting the outdoor unit (X) to the indoor unit (Y) is filled with liquid refrigerant having a prescribed density. Refrigerant charging is ended at the point in time when, during said refrigerant charging operation, it is detected that the level (L) of the liquid inside the receiver (3) has reached a prescribed level (L0).