

Industry major users of cold stores with

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Industry Profile Considering the size of India's population of 1 billion plus, the size of the HVAC industry is relatively modest. Marketing gurus and economists estimate the population of the middle class with disposable income, anywhere in the region of 75 million to 150 million.

These are the people who are buyers of room air conditioners for the residential sector. The " services sector" consisting of retail establishments, restaurants, small offices, banks, software centers is the major buyer of ductable split air conditioners and mini-splits. Industry, nuclear power plants, large hotels, modern hospitals, shopping centers and office complexes are major users of central or " applied" air conditioning equipment including centrifugal, screw, reciprocating chillers and air handling units. The dairy, chemical and pharmaceutical industries are the largest users of refrigeration plants while the growing fruit, vegetable storage, milk chilling and processed food sector are the major users of cold stores with refrigeration equipment. Reliable, industry generated statistics of production volumes for each type of product are difficult to come by and hence each company depends on its sales team to guess what competition has sold, add up the total and determine what per cent of the market share it holds. Market research companies such as Francis Kanoi have carried out their independent surveys but eventually they all have to depend on large manufacturers, their dealers and a large number of small manufacturers and contractors, too numerous and spread out to get an accurate size of the total market. The figures given have been estimated from several sources and there can be small differences with figures estimated by some companies. Market Growth The

room air conditioner segment of the HVAC industry has been growing at a rate of approximately 20 % driven by the growth of the residential sector.

Lower prices, availability of easy finance, higher disposable income and the urge for better living have all combined to help this growth. The central air conditioning and ducted splits market segment is growing at a lower rate of approximately 10% driven by commercial segments such as retail, software, healthcare, hospitality, entertainment, telecom and banking. The commercial and industrial refrigeration segment is also growing at approximately 10%, fuelled by the increase in consumption of dairy products including ice cream, frozen food, carbonated beverages, hygienic and cool drinking water. Cold storages are witnessing a steady growth. Refrigeration for industry is confined to pharmaceutical and chemical plants and modernization of synthetic fiber and textile plants. 3. 2 Company Profile ETA General Pvt. Ltd is a joint venture between ETA-Ascon, Dubai and Fujitsu General Pvt.

Ltd. Japan. Fujitsu General Fujitsu General, Japan is part of US \$ 50 billion Fujitsu group, a Fortune 100 company. Established in 1936, Fujitsu General has business interests in A/Cs, refrigerators, visual products, system, communications and electrical devices. Its credo is to be an attractive and energetic corporation that develops business on a world level, coexists with the people of the world and practices open management. It's a leading player in the global air conditioning market and is known essentially for its quality, technical superiority proven technology and innovative products. It operates in more than 130 countries and is a major player in 22 countries and is among the major three in another 36 countries.

ETA General Pvt. Ltd. In India came into existence on the 18th of September, 2000 when its state of the art factory at Pondicherry was inaugurated by Mr. Yagi, Chairman of Fujitsu General Ltd. In its rather short span of existence it has many creditable achievements. It has set up a world class manufacturing facility at Pondicherry that will now be hub for the entire SAARC region. It had set a record of sorts in the Air-Conditioning industry by virtue of being the company to have sold the highest quantity in the first full year of operations.

In its second year of operations also it has achieved phenomenal growth. It is committed to providing the Indian customer with the latest world class quality products that conforms to international standards. The simultaneous global launch of the world's first ceiling wall A/C stands testimony to this commitment of ours. Some of the high profile projects executed by ETA Group., include: Texas Instruments Warner

Lambert Cisco Intel Ford HSBC Standard Chartered Bank Hotel Leelaventure Limited ITC Limited Trident Hotel City Bank BCCIL Le Royal Meridian Life Style American International Schools Procter & Gamble Reliance Wipro Limited National Stock Exchange Limited General Electric Oracle Tidel Park Limited ICICI MIOT Hospital IGCAR ISRONokia

PRODUCTS Window A/C The Technically superior Window A/C AMG13GAXG18 / AXG24 This machine is engineered to survive all extremes- heat, dust and humidity. Unique super wave technology ensures faster, more efficient cooling unlike other A/Cs.

Its high EER ensures more value for money as power consumption is kept to the bare minimum. Self-lubricated fan motors sealed in aluminium die cast body which will increase the life span of motors. Tropicalised compressors usage ensures high performance at very high ambient conditions serve you efficiently for a really long time. Split A/C The Worlds most powerful Hi-Wall Split A/C ASG18 / ASG24 / ASG30 Superior engineering ensures that this A/C survives all extremes.

Dust, heat, humidity and the roughest climate across the world. With the highest cooling capacity, it is the most energy efficient with an increased airflow. Its unique double auto swing ensures uniform cooling in every corner of the room.

Sturdier fins; ABS plastic, fire retardant components, special Japanese steel sheet metal parts and special Polyurethane coating ensure greater durability. 4 ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION Table 1 Classification of the respondents based on gender Gender No. of

Respondents Percentage Male 15472. 7 Female 5827. 3 Total 212100 (Sources : Primary data) INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 72.

7% of respondents are male and 27. 3% of respondents are female. Chart 1 Chart showing the classification of the respondents based on gender Table 2 Classification of Respondents based on Age group Age No.

of Respondents Percentage 18 – 25 7022. 026 358238. 736 453717. 445 and above 2310. 9 Total 212100 (Sources : Primary data) INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 38. 7% of respondents belongs to 26 – 35 age

group, 22% of the respondents are belongs to 18 – 25 age group, 17. 4% of respondents are 36-45 age and 10. 9% of respondents are above 45 and above age.

Chart 2 Chart showing the age of the respondents
 Table 3 Classification of Respondents based on Marital Status

Marital Status	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Married	124	58. 5
Unmarried	88	41. 5
Total	212	100

(Sources : Primary data)
 INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 58.

5% are married and 41. 5% are unmarried. Chart 3 Chart showing the marital status of the respondents
 Table 4 Classification of Respondents on the basis of Educational Qualification

Education	No. of Respondents	Percentage
School Education	34	16. 1
College Education	178	83. 9
Total	212	100

(Sources : Primary data)
 INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 83. 9% of respondents are having college education 6. 1% are finished only school education. Chart 4 Chart showing the educational qualification of the respondents

Table 5 Classification of Respondents on the basis of Occupational Status

Occupation	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Students	43	22. 2
Employed	68	32. 2
Professional	50	23. 6
Business	31	14. 7
Retired	31	14. 7
Others	17	8. 0
Total	212	100

(Sources : Primary data)
 INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 32% of the respondents are employed, 23. 2% are professional, 22. 2% are students, 14.

Table 5 Classification of Respondents on the basis of Occupational Status
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 Others 17 8. 0
 Total 212 100

7% of them are business, 8% are in the other category, 1. 5% of the respondents are retired persons. Chart 5 Chart showing the occupation of the respondents

Table 6 Classification of Respondents on the basis of Family income per month

Income Level	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Less than 15,000	420	28.34
15,001 to 30,000	723	48.34
30,001 to 45,000	602	39.84
45,001 and above	361	23.66
Total	2121	100

(Sources : Primary data)

INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 34% of the respondents earn between 15,001 to 30,000, 3% of the respondents earn between 30,001 to 45,000, 20.8% of the respondents earn less than 15,000 and 16.9% of the respondents earn more than 45,001. Chart 6 Chart showing the family income level of the respondents per month

Table 7 Classification of Respondents on the basis of Family size

Family Size	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Two	73	3.44
Three	381	17.96
Four	934	43.88
Five	432	20.33
More than 5	311	14.66
Total	2121	100

(Sources : Primary data)

INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 43.8% of the respondents have a family size of four, 20.3% of the respondents have family size of five, 18% of the respondents have the family size of three, 14.6% of the respondents have the family size of more than five and 3.3% of the respondents have the family size of two.

Chart 7 Family size of the respondents

Table 8 Classification of Respondents on the basis of awareness on branded Acs which are available in market

Branded Acs	No. of Respondents	Percentage
General	492	23.19
LG	311	14.66
Samsung	301	14.19
Voltas	271	12.77

7Hitachi219. 9Godrej136. 2Bluestar167.

5Panasonic125. 6Videocon136. 2Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 23. 1% of the respondents are aware of the general brand in market, 14. 6% of the respondents are aware about the LG brand in market and 56% of the respondents are aware of Panosonic brands available in market.

Chart 8Chart showing respondents are ranking awareness of the brandTable 9Classification of Respondents on the basis of currently using brandsBranded AcsNo. of RespondentsPercentageGeneral4119. 3LG3416.

0Samsung2913. 7Voltas188. 5Hitachi188. 5Godrej178. 1Bluestar178.

1Panasonic136. 1Videocon136. 1Others125. 7Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 19. 3% of the respondents using General brand , 16. 0% of the respondents using LG brand and 13. 7% of the respondents using Samsung brandChart 9Chart showing the respondents are currents using a/c brandTable 10Table showing the opinion about the reason which makes them to buy a particular brandFeaturesNo.

of RespondentsPercentageBrand Name12157Price2310. 8After Sales / Service73. 4Better look and style198. 9Price Value for money2210. 4Offers and Scheme115. 2Any others94. 3Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 57% of the respondents say that the brand name makes them to buy a particular brand, 10. 8% of the respondents say that the price of the product makes them to

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buy and 43% of the respondents say that they buy the brand because of other reasons.

Chart 10 Chart showing the opinion about the reason which makes them to buy a particular brand
Table 11 Opinion of the features of the Acs that they are giving more preference/importance

Features	No. of Respondents	Percentage	Brand Name
Price	118	55.8%	After Sales / Service
After Sales / Service	94		

Better look and style	24	11.4%	Price Value for money	22	10.4%
Offers and Scheme	12	5.7%	Easily Maintenance	11	5.2%
Total					

(Sources : Primary data)
INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 55.8% of the respondents say that they give more preference / importance to brand name, 11.4% of the respondents say that they give more preference / importance for the better look & style and 52.

% of the respondents say that they give more preference / importance for the easy maintenance. Chart 11 Chart showing the Respondents ranked his / her features and importance of A/C

Table 12 Opinion the Respondents regarding the selection of the particular brand	Choosing Factors	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Self Option	72	33.9%	
Family Choice	72	33.9%	
Friends Recommendation	24	11.4%	
Dealers Approach	16	7.5%	

Advertisement	24	11.4%	Others	41	19%
Total					

(Sources : Primary data)
INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 33.9% of the respondents say that they select a particular brand regarding family choice , 17.5% of the respondents say that they select a particular brand regarding

the dealers approach¹ and 9% of the respondents say that they select a particular brand regarding other influencing factors

Chart 12 Chart showing the how to choose the Brand by the respondents

Table 13 Respondents distribution on the basis of time period of using the A/c

Period of using	No. of Respondents	Percentage
1 3 months	26	12.24
6 months	55	25.97
7 months 1 year	31	14.71
2 years	39	18.43
More than 2 years	61	28.81
Total	212	100

(Sources : Primary data)

INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that; 28% of the respondents say that they use the A/C for more than 2 years , 25.9% of the respondents say that they use A/C for 7 months 1 year and 18.4% of the respondents say that they use the A/C for 1 2 years. Chart 13 Chart showing the usage period of A/C by the respondents

Table 14 Respondents opinion as on the Performance of A/c that they are currently using

Performance	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Excellent	58	27.4
Very Good	95	44.8
Good	50	23.6
Average	9	4.2
Poor	0	0
Total	212	100

(Sources : Primary data)

INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 44.8% of the respondents say very good about the performance of A/C , 27.4% say excellent about the performance of A/C and 0% of the respondents say poor about the performance of A/C.

Chart 14 Chart showing the respondents option on A/c Performance

Table 15 Respondents opinion as on recommendation of the brand that they are currently using

Recommendation	No. of Respondents	Percentage
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RespondentsPercentageCertainly10951. 5Uncertainly7133. 5Will not recommend3215.

0Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 51. 5% of the respondents say that they certainly recommend their brand and 15% of the respondents say that they will not recommend their brand. Chart 15Chart showing the respondents recommend the brand to his / her friends and relativesTable 16Respondents opinion as on switching over another brandSwitch overNo. of RespondentsPercentageYes8037.

8No13262. 2Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 62. 2% of the respondents say that they won't switch over another brand and 37. 8% of the respondents say that they will switch over to another brand.

Chart 16Chart showing the respondents will change / not change come across new modelTable 17Respondents opinion as on price structure of the branded Acs currently available in marketPrice structureNo. of RespondentsPercentageCostlier8942. 0Reasonable10851. 0Cheaper157.

0Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 51% of the respondents say that the price of the branded A/C are reasonable and 7% of the respondents say it is cheaper. Chart 17Chart showing the respondents option on A/C brand which are currently available in marketTable 18Respondents opinion about mostly attracted the feature among the branded AcsFeatureNo. of

RespondentsPercentageClimate Control8941. 99Freshness7836. 79Chillness Coverage2813. 20Easy Installation136. 13Others41.

88Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 41.

99% of the respondents say that they are mostly attracted by the climate control of A/C, 36. 79% of the respondents say that they are mostly attracted by the Freshness and 1. 9% of the respondents say because of other features. Chart 18Chart showing the respondents Features that mostly attracted to the branded A/CTable 19Respondents opinion about other feature required in AcsInitiated FactorsNo.

of RespondentsPercentageYes3416. 1No17883. 9Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 83.

9% of the respondents say that they do not require other feature in A/Cs and 16.% of the respondents say that they require other features in A/Cs. Chart 19Chart showing any other features in which respondents want more in A/CTable 20Respondents opinion about after sales / serviceInitiated FactorsNo. of RespondentsPercentageExcellent3315.

5Very Good9243. 4Average5325. 0Below Average3416.

1Total212100(Sources : Primary data)INTERPRETATION From the above table, it is inferred that 43. 4% of the respondents say very good opinion about the sales and service , 25% of the respondents say average about the sales and service and 16. 1% of the respondents say below average.

Chart 20 Chart showing the respondents opinion on aftersales / service in A/C brand

WEIGHTED AVERAGE METHOD Table 21 Respondents Opinion about mostly attracted the feature among the branded ACs

Features	No. of Respondents	Total	Weighted Average
Climate Control	89	544	54.1
Chillness Coverage	78	4312	43.12
Easily Installation	28	384	38.4
Others	13	226	22.6

(Sources : Primary data) INTERPRETATION The above table clearly shows the arithmetic calculation value 4.1 lies between 4 and 5.

So the majority of the respondents are mostly attracted the feature is climate control.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE METHOD Table 22 Respondents opinion about after sales / service

Initial Features	No. of Respondents	Total	Weighted Average
Excellent	33	41322	4132.2
Very good	92	3276	327.6
Average	53	2106	210.6
Below Average	34	134548	13454.8

(Sources : Primary data) INTERPRETATION The above table clearly shows the arithmetic calculation value is 2.5 lies between 2 and 3. So the majority of respondents opinion is very good after sales and service.

5 Very good 92 x 3276 Average 53 x 2106 Below Average 34 x 134548 (Sources : Primary data) INTERPRETATION The above table clearly shows the arithmetic calculation value is 2.5 lies between 2 and 3. So the majority of respondents opinion is very good after sales and service.