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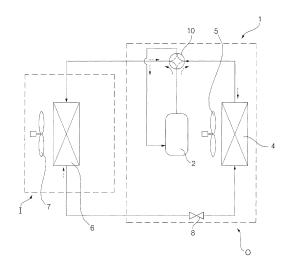
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(54) Heat pump

(57)A heat pump is provided. The heat pump that may include an outdoor heat exchanger, in which a refrigerant may be condensed by being heat-exchanged with outdoor air in a cooling operation, and evaporated by being heat-exchanged with the outdoor air in a heating operation, and an outdoor fan that allows the outdoor air to be moved to the outdoor heat exchanger. The outdoor heat exchanger may include a front-row heat exchange device, through which the outdoor air moved by the outdoor fan may pass, and a rear-row heat exchange device, through which the outdoor air having passed through the front-row heat exchange device may pass; a water-repellent coating layer formed on a surface of the front-row heat exchange device, which the outdoor air contacts; and a hydrophilic coating layer formed on a surface of the rear-row heat exchange device, which the outdoor air contacts. Accordingly, the outdoor heat exchanger may have a longer frost formation time in comparison to a hydrophilic coated double-row heat exchanger, and a high heat exchange performance and lower pressure loss in comparison to a water-repellent coated heat exchanger.

FIG. 1





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