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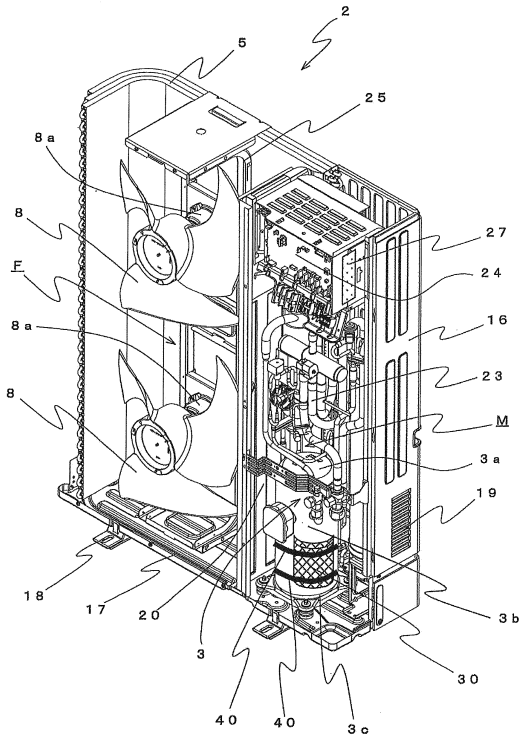
(54) Refrigeration cycle apparatus

(57) From recent study of combustion of an HFC refrigerant that has a low GWP but is flammable, it has been found that the combustion scale tends to increase as the absolute humidity increases. In a refrigeration cycle apparatus using such a refrigerant, it is necessary to increase safety against unexpected refrigerant leakage in consideration of this tendency.

This refrigeration cycle apparatus includes a compressor having a compression mechanism section in an enclosed container and configured to compress and discharge a refrigerant so as to circulate the refrigerant in a refrigerant circuit, and an outdoor unit installed outdoors and having a housing divided by a partition plate into a fan chamber and a machine chamber including the compressor. The refrigerant is a flammable HFC refrigerant. The refrigeration cycle apparatus further includes a desiccant attached in thermal contact with a surface of the enclosed container of the compressor whose temperature is increased by a gas refrigerant compressed by the compression mechanism section during operation of the compressor so that the temperature becomes a high temperature near a temperature of the compressed gas refrigerant, and adsorbs water from air in the machine chamber during non-operation of the outdoor unit.

FIG. 3



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