## 3. Tools and Equipment

The following section provides information about the tools and equipment that will be necessary to properly service the A/C system.

Since equipment may vary slightly depending on the manufacturer, it is important to always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

## CAUTION:

When working on vehicles with the HFC-134a system, only use HFC-134a specified tools and parts. Do not mix with CFC-12 tools and parts. If HFC-134a and CFC-12 refrigerant or com-

pressor oil is mixed, poor lubrication will result and the compressor itself may be destroyed. In order to help prevent mixing HFC-134a and CFC-12 parts and liquid, the tool and screw type and the type of service valves used are different. The gas leak detectors for the HFC-134a and CFC-12 systems must also not be interchanged.

	HFC-134a	CFC-12
Tool & screw type	Millimeter size	Inch size
Valve type	Quick joint type	Screw-in type

Tools and Equipment	Description
WRENCH Various WRENCHES will be required to service any A/C system. A 7 to 40 N·m (0.7 to 4.1 kg-m, 5 to 30 ft-lb) torque wrench with various crowfoot wrenches will be needed. Open end or flare nut wrenches will be needed for back-up on the tube and hose fittings.	Torque wrench
	G4M0571
APPLICATOR BOTTLE     A small APPLICATOR BOTTLE is recommended to apply refrigerant oil to the various parts. They can be obtained at a hardware or drug store.	
	G4M0572
MANIFOLD GAUGE SET     A MANIFOLD GAUGE SET (with hoses) can be obtained from either a commercial refrigeration supply house or from an auto shop equipment supplier.	
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REFRIGERANT RECOVERY SYSTEM     A REFRIGERANT RECOVERY SYSTEM is used for the recovery and reuse of A/C system refrigerant after contaminants and moisture have been removed from the refrigerant.	
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SYRINGE     A graduated plastic <b>SYRINGE</b> will be needed to add oil back into the system. The syringe can be found at a pharmacy or drug store.	
VACUUM PUMP	G4M0575
A <b>VACUUM PUMP</b> (in good working condition) is necessary, and may be obtained from either a commercial refrigeration supply house or an automotive equipment supplier.	G4M0576
CAN TAP     A CAN TAP for the 397 g (14 oz) can is available from an auto supply store.	G4M0577

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THERMOMETER Pocket THERMOMETERS are available from either industrial hardware store or commercial refrigeration supply houses.	
ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR	G4M0578
An ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR  An ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR can be obtained from either a specially tool supply or an A/C equipment supplier.	
	G4M0579
WEIGHT SCALE     A WEIGHT SCALE such as an electronic charging scale or a bathroom scale with digital display will be needed if a 13.6 kg (30 lb) refrigerant container is used.	
	G4M0580