**8-135 CD EES** Refrigerant-134a enters an adiabatic compressor with an isentropic efficiency of 0.80 at a specified state with a specified volume flow rate, and leaves at a specified pressure. The compressor exit temperature and power input to the compressor are to be determined.

Assumptions **1** This is a steady-flow process since there is no change with time. **2** Kinetic and potential energy changes are negligible. **3** The device is adiabatic and thus heat transfer is negligible.

Analysis (a) From the refrigerant tables (Tables A-11E through A-13E),

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_1 = 120 \text{ kPa} \\ \text{sat. vapor} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} h_1 = h_{g@120 \text{ kPa}} = 236.97 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ s_1 = s_{g@120 \text{ kPa}} = 0.94779 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \\ v_1 = v_{g@120 \text{ kPa}} = 0.16212 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_2 = 1 \text{ MPa} \\ s_{2s} = s_1 \end{array} \right\} h_{2s} = 281.21 \text{ kJ/kg}$$
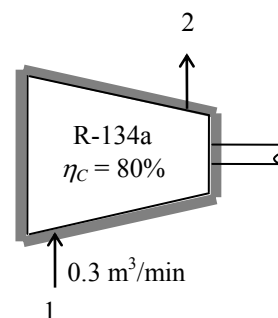
From the isentropic efficiency relation,

$$\eta_C = \frac{h_{2s} - h_1}{h_{2a} - h_1} \longrightarrow h_{2a} = h_1 + (h_{2s} - h_1)/\eta_C = 236.97 + (281.21 - 236.97)/0.80 = 292.26 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Thus,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_{2a} = 1 \text{ MPa} \\ h_{2a} = 292.26 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{array} \right\} T_{2a} = \textbf{58.9°C}$$

(b) The mass flow rate of the refrigerant is determined from

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{V}_1}{v_1} = \frac{0.3/60 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{0.16212 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}} = 0.0308 \text{ kg/s}$$

There is only one inlet and one exit, and thus $\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2 = \dot{m}$. We take the actual compressor as the system, which is a control volume since mass crosses the boundary. The energy balance for this steady-flow system can be expressed as

$$\underbrace{\dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of net energy transfer} \\ \text{by heat, work, and mass}}} = \underbrace{\Delta \dot{E}_{system}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of change in internal, kinetic,} \\ \text{potential, etc. energies}}}{}^{\nearrow 0 \text{ (steady)}} = 0$$

$$\dot{E}_{in} = \dot{E}_{out}$$

$$\dot{W}_{a,in} + \dot{m}h_1 = \dot{m}h_2 \quad (\text{since } \dot{Q} \cong \Delta\text{ke} \cong \Delta\text{pe} \cong 0)$$

$$\dot{W}_{a,in} = \dot{m}(h_2 - h_1)$$

Substituting, the power input to the compressor becomes,

$$\dot{W}_{a,in} = (0.0308 \text{ kg/s})(292.26 - 236.97)\text{kJ/kg} = \textbf{1.70 kW}$$