

Conex MaxiPro ACR Press vs the field

First-pass orientation for NIBCO PressACR, ZoomLock Max, Mueller Streamline ACR, and RLS — confirm before bid.

FLAME-FREE ACR

700 psi MaxiPro press for AC, refrigeration, heat-pump refrigerant side — no hot work.

3-POINT PRESS

Patented hook + industry-standard jaws; compact or full-size tools — not proprietary-only.

BROADEST RANGE

1/4"–2-1/8" OD copper; sealed-bag packaging; 15-year guarantee (labor & material).

What to keep straight — from AHS Conex competitive sheets + MaxiPro literature

- MaxiPro is Conex Bänninger ACR/refrigeration copper press — not B-Press plumbing. Keep plumbing tool charts separate.
- Rated 700 psi / -40°F to 250°F continuous; UL 207; HNBR seal; ASTM B280 / B88 K–L tube; sizes through 2-1/8".
- NIBCO PressACR: proprietary jaws only (warranty void with other jaws); typically 1/4"–1-1/8"; 10-year fitting-only warranty.
- Mueller Streamline ACR: DualSeal dual O-ring; proprietary Milwaukee jaws; often 32 kN / wider jaws; range to ~1-3/8"; 10-year warranty.
- ZoomLock Max (Parker): hexagonal press ACR system — often bid head-to-head with MaxiPro on VRF/split jobs.
- RLS: flared HVAC/R press with circular metal-to-metal crimps; specialty jaws/tools; packaging/size talk track vs MaxiPro.
- This leave-behind is AHS sales orientation — not a Conex, NIBCO, Parker, Mueller, or RLS published model table.

MaxiPro vs ACR press competitors — where each one wins

	MaxiPro	Competitors
Warranty	15 yr labor & material	Typically 10 yr fitting-only (NIBCO/Mueller)
Jaw / tool	3-pt press; compact or standard	NIBCO proprietary; Mueller 32 kN / wide jaws
Size range	1/4"–2-1/8" (widest common ACR press)	NIBCO ~1-1/8"; Mueller ~1-3/8"; RLS to 1-5/8"
Fit / lay	Same as brazed; ProPress-like install	Mueller fittings larger; RLS offset-crimp style
Packaging	Air-sealed resealable bags	RLS often loose-in-box (damage risk talk track)
Best fit	Tight spaces, VRF, multifamily, long warranty	Named proprietary jaw / DualSeal / flare specs

BID RULE OF THUMB

- Lead with MaxiPro when tool flexibility, size range to 2-1/8", sealed packaging, and 15-year coverage matter.
- Do not force MaxiPro against a hard-named NIBCO / ZoomLock / Mueller / RLS-only spec without an engineer alternate.
- Never mix jaws across brands — press only with the fitting maker's approved tool/jaw set.

ACR Press competitive matrix (orientation — verify current OEM data)

Sources: AHS MaxiPro vs NIBCO / Mueller sheets, RLS vs MaxiPro comparison, Conex MaxiPro USA range sheet. Confirm refrigerants, jaws, and warranties before submittal.

Topic	MaxiPro	NIBCO	Mueller	ZoomLock / RLS
Product	MaxiPro ACR	PressACR	Streamline ACR	ZL Max / RLS
Max pressure	700 psi	700 psi class	700 psi	700 psi class
Warranty	15 yr L&M	10 yr fitting	10 yr	Per OEM
Jaw story	Industry std 3-pt	Proprietary only	Milwaukee DualSeal	Specialty / hex or flare
Size story	to 2-1/8"	to ~1-1/8"	to ~1-3/8"	ZL/RLS per catalog
Tool access	Compact OK	Klauke/NIBCO	Often 32 kN	Specialty tools
Talk track	Range + warranty	Named NIBCO	DualSeal claim	Flare vs hex debate

MaxiPro size lineup reminders (confirm current Conex literature)

Size (OD)	Common use	Competitive note
1/4"–7/8"	Splits, line sets, light commercial	All four compete; MaxiPro sealed bag + jaws
1"–1-3/8"	VRF / larger suction	NIBCO tops ~1-1/8"; Mueller ~1-3/8"
1-5/8"–2-1/8"	Larger ACR mains	MaxiPro differentiator vs most ACR press

Spec language that kills a swap

- Spec names NIBCO PressACR jaws only.
- Owner standard locked to ZoomLock Max or RLS.
- Submittal requires Mueller DualSeal by name.
- Mixing brands / jaws voids warranties.

How we help you win the job

- Pull MaxiPro submittal + refrigerant list.
- Side-by-side vs named competitor jaws/sizes.
- Lunch-and-learn with Conex / AHS tech.
- Stock + lead-time check for project sizes.

NEXT STEP

Send the named competitor, sizes, refrigerant, and project type to AHS.
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